## RETURN TO PLAY DISCLAIMER



The Basketball NI Return to Play described and outlined in its document, link with the NI Executive, Sport NI, Basketball Ireland, FIBA and UK Government's guidelines set out to govern the return to social and physical contact during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

However, individuals must remember that there can never be risk-free basketball and any basketball activity will come with inherent COVID-19 risks until there is a proven vaccine or treatment and a significant reduction of the disease in the population. It must also be stated that in the same light that the government risk levels are subject to change at any time, so will the levels of the Basketball NI. The levels may also change per region or local council should there be a local or regional lockdown imposed by the government.

## **REMINDER OF PERSONAL RISK**

- Players should be aware of all signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and should aim to reduce risk of infection as much as possible
- (see COVID-19 symptoms and Hygiene Advice).
- Increased numbers at training will increase risk of exposure to the virus
- Playing sport indoors has a higher risk than playing outdoors.
- Individuals (or members of their household) suffering from other underlying illnesses may have a higher risk than others, if exposed to COVID-19. Underlying medical issues may include:
- Cardiovascular problems
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney or liver disease
- Compromised immunity diseases
- Obesity (BMI 40+)

These individuals have an unquantifiable risk with current research predicting possible risk. Therefore, ALL individuals within the club need to have read the 'For Every Player - Return to Play' Information Sheet of this document prior to re-commencing basketball to understand the associated risks of participating. A club's COVID-19 Officer or Secretary should pass on any documents that should be shared with all members to educate them on the Return to Play. Following this, members should all be aware of the risks of playing basketball with others and that they consent they are happy to play despite the increased risk to their health.

CLUB :	ROLE IN CLUB:
NAME :	DATED:
SIGNATURE :	

\*Clubs should hold a copy of this document signed by all members until directed otherwise - with each Club Chairman sending a signed copy to Basketball NI <a href="mailto:returntoplay@basketballni.com">returntoplay@basketballni.com</a> no later than the clubs first club session on RTP.