



Dear Parents, Players, Coaches & Club Directors,

We hope this message finds you, your families and your teams doing well! The current COVID-19 pandemic has altered many daily activities and routines. Many in our regional basketball community are anxiously watching the government agency policies as they are released concerning our possible return to play. We recognize that policies can change quickly, but we still must plan our lives based on the current information and the gradual re-opening of our society.

With the hopeful goal of returning to some sense of normalcy and with the safety of each and every participant, coach, official and staff member as our top priority, SLAAM, Central PA Dynamite, Legendz Athletics, Western PA Bruins, Erie Irish & Central PA Elite are joining forces to host a series of tournaments from mid-July through the end of August. Please know, that should state guidelines allow a return to the court, all events will have numerous safeguards in place to help protect all involved. The steps we are outlining are taken proactively and based on current information. We will continue to monitor the COVID 19 pandemic as we get closer to July and update each of you throughout the process. It is our hope that the extraordinary measures being taken will insure every participant the most successful experience possible. We are taking these measures without the prodding of any governmental agency. It is our hope that this proactive mindset will set the bar for how youth sporting events in our region are administered during these exceptional times.

See you in July!

Be well and stay safe,

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Mike Reed

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John Tate

Doug Chuzie

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SLAAM

Central PA Dynamite

Legendz Athletics

Western PA Bruins

Erie Irish

Central PA Elite

As the safety of the participants is our highest priority, we will follow the recommendations of the CDC, state, county and local authorities as well as implementing several additional precautionary measures. The steps we are outlining are taken proactively and based on current information.

Spectator Safety

To decrease the number of people waiting in lines and limit the amount of cash changing hands at the event, spectators will be encouraged purchase their admission on-line prior to the event. Due to travel concerns, there will be no international teams. We encourage some type of face covering being worn whenever possible.



Watch Remotely - We are working with several 'live-streaming' providers to help ensure the **safest possible viewing experience** for athletes, parents, relatives and the basketball community.

Extensive Screening Measures - Temperature Check

To ensure the safety of our spectators, parents, players, officials, college coaches and workers: anyone entering the facility will have their temperature taken to eliminate any person(s) who may be running a fever. Any person entering the facility with a temperature over 100.4 degrees will be asked to leave the facility. This will be conducted with a thermal scanner as each person enters the building. This non evasive system is highly accurate and will allow for the safest possible playing conditions.



Social Distancing Measures – All Locations

Doors shall be marked for entrances and exits to assist in limiting interaction.

Limited Interaction

There will be no handshakes before or after games and teams will be responsible for removing all trash from their bench area after each game.



Disinfecting Procedures - Handwashing & Sanitizing - All courts will be disinfected between games. Additional hand washing and sanitizing stations will be available within each facility. There will be additional protective equipment such as masks, gloves and wipes available to the event staff.

We are working on securing gym time for our tournaments and plan to release an events schedule by mid-June. As news continues to update daily on the status of the pandemic, these safety measures are subject to change. In the unfortunate event it is deemed unsafe to hold any tournaments, we will abide by state/federal guidelines, cancel the events, and refund fees to participating teams.



We are aware there will be some who disagree with us. As a country, as a society, we need to reframe our new normal and get back to people working, people interacting and people playing sports. We know this will not happen overnight nor will we go back to the way things used to be. The roll out will be in segments and will come over time. However, we feel strongly we must continue to provide a platform for the players to play as long as it is safe to do so.

Be well and stay safe.