

# NCAA DIVISION I BASKETBALL TEAM TRAVEL PROTOCOL

Basketball championship team travel participants are required to adhere to the following protocols. Members of the travel party are required to comply with these requirements, including travel to the championship city, when using hotels, commercial and charter air, motor coach companies, etc.

## **SCREENING/TESTING**

- Each Tier 1 travel party member must have seven consecutive, daily, negative tests prior to the trip.
  - One test must be PCR and the other tests may be antigen or PCR.
  - On the day they travel to Indianapolis or San Antonio, all 34 will be tested in Indianapolis and San Antonio and daily thereafter.
  - Participants who are at least two weeks after confirmed COVID-19 infection and within 90 days of first day of infection are excluded from testing protocol.
- Team will only travel with the max official travel party of 34.
- Schools are responsible for overseeing COVID-19 screening for all travelers prior to departure.
- Teams must stay in the Tier 1 zones and adhere to the return-to-championship and specific Division I basketball protocol.
- If a traveler tests positive for COVID-19, onsite, follow these [guidelines](#).

## **FLIGHTS**

- The NCAA will pay for one charter flight. If someone tests positive or has an inconclusive test prior to departure delaying the official traveler from traveling, it is the school's responsibility to secure travel to the championship for that traveler.
- Only Tier 1 travel party of 34 are permitted to travel on charter aircraft.
- Utilize assigned, distanced, seating practices on board motor coaches and aircraft in accordance with Marion County (Indianapolis) and San Antonio Health Departments' pre-approved seat map supplied by the NCAA.
  - Teams must assign seats on the pre-approved seat maps and must email to TEAMWORKS ([ncaambbtw@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaambbtw@ncaa.org) for men's basketball and [ncaawbbtw@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaawbbtw@ncaa.org) for the women's).
- When boarding, passengers must go directly to their assigned seat and remain seated for the duration of the flight (included but not limited to taxi, takeoff, and landing).
- It is recommended that teams board from the back of the plane first and the front of plane last to minimize contact. Seats should not be reclined during flight to maintain the social distancing requirements.
- Bring disinfecting wipes for contact surfaces and hand sanitizer to use before and after any boarding processes.

- Upon arrival, travelers must stay in their seats until the flight crew tells them it is safe to stand up and exit the plane.
- Carriers are required to deep clean overnight and surface clean high-touch points in accordance with the CDC and NCAA protocol.
- Meals and beverages are not allowed during transportation.
  - If a drink is required for medical reasons, it must be consumed with a straw under a mask if such drinking is necessary.
  - The only exception to the rule is on the return flight. A team can supply food and drinks planeside. An airline carrier will not provide or serve food and/or beverage.
  - If an institution decides to provide food on a return flight, food should be grab and go prior to arriving to screening and carried onto the plane. If drinks are provided, they will need to arrive 90 minutes prior for screening.
- Travelers should handle their own luggage and equipment as much as possible.

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION (BUS)**

- When on the road, individuals in the school's travel party shall adhere to the NCAA, state, and local public health regulations of the championship city where competition is held.
- Teams who travel by bus to Indianapolis or San Antonio, must adhere to the same Tier 1 travel protocols for the official travel party and Tier 3 travel protocols for their drivers.
  - Including pre-trip testing for team and driver.
  - Three (3) buses for travel party of 34.
  - Safety and testing protocol must be met.
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  - Teams must assign seats on the pre-approved seat maps and must email to TEAMWORKS ([ncaambbtw@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaambbtw@ncaa.org) for men's basketball and [ncaawbbtw@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaawbbtw@ncaa.org) for the women's).
- Bring disinfecting wipes for contact surfaces and hand sanitizer to use before and after any boarding processes.
- Carriers are required to deep clean overnight and surface clean high-touch points in accordance with the CDC and NCAA protocol.
- Meals and beverages are not allowed during transportation.
  - If a drink is required for medical reasons, it must be consumed with a straw under a mask if such drinking is necessary.
  - Beverages can be consumed through a straw under a mask for bus trips to and from Bloomington and West Lafayette.
- Travelers should handle their own luggage and equipment as much as possible.
- Attached is the bus seat map to be used for travel to Indianapolis or San Antonio as well as onsite for the duration of the tournament.

## **MASKING PROTOCOLS AND GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION**

- Teams will agree to facilitate safe, clean, and hygienic travel, reduce interactions and maintain appropriate distancing between members of the travel party.
- Face Masks – aligning with best practice guidelines from the CDC, travelers are required to wear a face mask. Face masks/coverings must also be worn at all touchpoints: check-in, security, boarding areas, jet bridges, and on board the aircraft for the duration of the flight. Face masks must also be worn during the duration of a bus trip.
- N95 masks must be worn on the aircrafts arriving and departing in and out of Indianapolis and San Antonio.
  - Charter air: the NCAA-contracted carriers will have N95 masks available.
- On bus trips to and from campus and conference tournaments to Indianapolis or San Antonio, everyone should wear N95 masks, KN95 or double mask.
  - The NCAA will overnight N95 masks to automatic-qualifying drives. At-large teams should be prepared to have N95 masks for the drive to Indianapolis or San Antonio.
- While in Indianapolis or San Antonio, N95, KN95, or double masking plus goggles or face shields are recommended.
  - The NCAA will supply a reasonable number of masks while onsite. Any extra masks will need to be provided by the school.
  - Goggles and face shields will not be provided by the NCAA.
  - Schools who wish to use goggles or face shields will need to provide them.

Please reference the NCAA travel policies as the NCAA travel policy is updated annually [here](#), as the travel policies supersede all other documents.

*The NCAA will continue to update this travel protocol as circumstances warrant and as the science and events continue to evolve.*

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● ▶ Traveling Party Member (Tier 1)

■ ▶ Cannot be used  
~▶ Divider/Partition (If Possible)

