

BASKETBALL COURT RULES

COURT RESERVATIONS/CHECK-IN PROCEDURES:

- Basketball court times are available by reservation only; no walk in/walk up play is allowed.
- Reservations can be made on the day of use only.
- Members must sign in on Motionvibe.com or through the Merritt app. Members cannot report to their court assigned court time until 5 minutes prior. (monitored by Manager on Duty on hourly walk through)
- If more than 2 people are at the same hoop, both must have a court reservation and they must be members of the same family (must be in our club software as a family membership).
- Court reservations are for 45-minute time slots. Members must adhere to the court times allotted to allowed for transition on and off of the courts.

COURT ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE PROCEDURES:

- Members will currently only have of use the back half of the basketball court.
- Arrival no earlier than 5 minutes prior to reservation time.
- Members will wait respectfully for those on the court to finish their court time and to leave the court area before starting their time. No congregating and 6-foot physical distancing must be maintained.
- Members must wear masks when entering and exiting the courts, before, after and if leaving the court area during reservation time. Mask can only be not worn during actual play. (Will be monitored and strictly enforced)
- Players must leave the court area immediately at the end of their court time. Players will not congregate prior to or after reservation time has ended.

DURING PLAY:

- Avoid close contact with any other members/players on the court. Maintain a 6-foot radius between yourself and other members.
- Wipe down any perspiration immediately, sanitation stations and gym wipes in white buckets are available
- Take frequent "towel-off breaks."
- No shaking hands, high fives, or fist bumps.
- NO HALF OR FULL COURT GAME PLAY ALLOWED
- Do not pick up another members basketball with your hands. If a ball rolls or bounces toward you from another member, do not pick it up.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

- The club does not currently offer loaner basketballs. Please bring your own and do not share or borrow from other members.
- No bags allowed in gym or court area.
- Please bring your own towel and water bottle. Any and all items left in the basketball court area will be discarded at the end of each night.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND MASKS:

- Masks are required inside of Merritt Clubs at all times unless engaging in vigorous activity.
- Masks are to be worn entering and exiting the basketball courts as well as in between play time or standing on the side of the court area.
- Players must adhere to 6-foot distancing when not playing.

SPECATATORS AND CHAIRS:

- Individual chairs are not allowed in the basketball court area at this time. Please do not move any chairs from other locations to put on the court floors.
- Children ages 15 and under must have a parent or guardian with them on the basketball court at all times. Both parent and child must make a court reservation prior to entering the court. Children ages 11-15 may use the court without a parent if they have completed the Jr Fitness Certification Program. Junior Fitness Certified members must wear the Junior Fitness completion of certification bracelet at all times.
- Spectators are not allowed on the courts at this time.

PLAYERS NOT ADHERING TO THESE POLICIES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLUB> VIOLATIONS OF THE ABOVE BASKETBALL POLICIES WILL RESULT IN MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION.

Merritt Clubs has created rules based on the guidelines of the CDC, Carroll County Government, Karen Salmon, PhD State School Superintendent, and Maryland Governor, Larry Hogan's announcement on September 2nd that Maryland has moved into stage 3 of the Road to Recovery. We are taking all precautions at Merritt Clubs to continue to provide opportunities for a safe and healthy transition back into court sports for all of our members. We do reserve the right to ask any member to leave the basketball courts at anytime that we feel they are not following the guidelines put in place.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/recreation-parks/volunteer-recreation-councils/return-to-play/>
<http://marylandpublicschools.org/newsroom/Pages/COVID-19/Superintendent.aspx>

