

How's the NBA Bubble going so far? Will it work for the rest of the season? What could go wrong?

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NBA has been the most consistent and trusting sports organization in the United States during the COVID-19 period. From very early on, Adam Silver and the NBA executives took the pandemic very seriously and has become the first American organization to hold the games and postpone the season.

Because of their successful handling of the pandemic before, many believe that in terms of reopening the NBA also came up with, considerably, the safest and the most optimal solution at the moment.

Waiting for the season games to start on 3 August, 22 teams are in a bubble in Disney compound, Orlando with incredible security and lots of rules to make it safe for the players and the staff.

It is also not mandatory to participate in the bubble, but there is no guarantee of payment for those months for the players. For anyone who participated and wants to leave, later on, everyone is free to leave, but the coming back is not as easy as going out.

The person who wants to go inside the compound must have two negative tests before allowed to go inside. Therefore there are also no visitors allowed in the bubble, including family members.

The most recent example is that Houston Rockets Guard, Russell Westbrook has tested positive before joining his team in Orlando and excluded from the training and the bubble for a while.

[After he recovered from COVID-19, he tested multiple times and passed many procedures before he allowed to join his team in the bubble.](#)

But, regardless of the precautions and rules, will the NBA bubble work till the end of the season, and what could go wrong?

This week nearly every player and the staff have arrived at the compound and the teams have started to play with pre-season games.

On the surface, there are no problems at the moment, and like many argued the system is working, and even though some problems along the road, the season will finish in the bubble.

What is not seen on the surface however is the human element. After the first couple of weeks, players are mostly complying with the rules and adjusting the life in the bubble.

However, there is also some dissent from some players and while it is not a huge problem now, it can be in the future.

Rajon Rondo is one of the players who were dissatisfied with the conditions in the bubble. [The veteran lakers player mocked his room on his Instagram with a comparison to Motel 6.](#)

On the other hand, Ja Morant criticized the veterans who complained about the conditions saying "I'm not a silver spoon guy".

While the players are divided about the conditions, the NBA is doing everything they can and provide many services inside the bubble and there is constant security roaming around to make sure everyone is abiding the rules.

However, this strictness should be consistent. While everyone is abiding the rules and the protocols are done perfectly at the beginning the key for this bubble to work is consistency.

There are still questions about some characters in the NBA and if they can behave and follow the rules in the bubble consistently.

To make sure everyone behaves all the time, the NBA has also established a phone line, which is labeled as "the snitch-line" by the players, inside the compound for any breach of protocols to be reported anonymously.

In a way, Adam Silver and the executives are doing everything in their power to provide the optimal environment for the season to continue and end, but it also depends on how the players and the team executives will behave during this period.

One of the strong commitment was from the [Toronto Raptors organization as the President Masai Ujiri and General Manager of the teams have joined the team in the bubble.](#)

Raptors are the only team that has the executive staff along with the players and coaches in Orlando.

Apart from the teams and the staff of the teams, there is also the staff of the compound. From cleaning to security, from maintenance to catering there are a lot of workers who live in Orlando outside of the bubble.

In terms of COVID-19 cases, Florida is one of the states that is struggling with the rising numbers of cases.

In a case of any one of the staff test positive NBA is strict will restrict that person to enter the bubble, yet the transparency is key for NBA to react.

The same goes for the teams, many of the players occasionally leave the bubble for family reasons and expect to come back, yet there were also rumors around that the teams send players who can be a risk to get negative test results away with "family matters".

One of the claims was Zion Williamson.

As a response, however, [the NBA announced that Zion is getting tested daily while attending family matters.](#)

NBA has committed to bubble and shows in every way that they are taking this very seriously and determined to continue all the way.

[The NBA has also announced that since 13 July results, all NBA players have tested negative.](#)

According to Malika Andrews from ESPN, an NBA executive said "What the league is working to pull off is just f---ing epic, I do feel really good about how things are going thus far."

Will it work till the end? Well NBA as an organization doing it's part and it seems that the majority of the players and organizations trusting the NBA and committed to the bubble to finish the season.

Especially the teams that have a championship chance are committed, focused on playing, and abiding the rules.

It seems that other than a major breach of the protocol or a major number of negative tests, the rest of the NBA season will finish in the Disney compound in Orlando.