

ERVA Volleyball Washington State COVID-19 Event Guidelines

The ERVA will follow the outlined competition procedures for Washington State in addition to any venue requirements. These are subject to change as the Washington State Reopening Guidelines are updated. [CLICK HERE](#) to view current WA State Guidelines for Youth & Adult Sports.

From Washington' Reopening Guidelines:

School and Non-school Youth Team Sports Indoor and Outdoor and Adult Recreational Team Sports Indoor and Outdoor Sport Risk Category guidance (all phases)

For the purposes of this document, sports are defined using the following risk categories (The list below is not all-encompassing. Some sports are covered in other guidance documents, and if so those guidance documents govern those activities. If a sport does not appear on this list that does not necessarily mean it is prohibited at this time.):

Low risk sports: tennis, swimming, pickleball, golf, gymnastics, climbing, skating, archery, fencing, cross country, track and field, sideline/no-contact cheer and no-contact dance, disc golf.

Moderate risk sports: softball, baseball, t-ball, soccer, futsal, volleyball, lacrosse, flag football, ultimate frisbee, ice hockey, cricket, crew, field hockey, school bowling competitions.

High risk sports: football, rugby, wrestling, cheerleading with contact, dance with contact, basketball, water polo, martial arts competitions, roller derby

Procedures are subject to change if events are hosted in Idaho and/or Montana and will adhere to the local guidance for those events.

- **Pre-Competition:**
 - Teams participating at competitions will be REQUIRED to complete the Health Screening Form.
 - ONE adult representative upon entry into the facility will submit the team screening form AND a team roster to the site director.
 - No coaches meeting will be held. The site director will provide any handouts if available.
 - Play schedule/results will be available online through AES.
- **General Guidelines**
 - **Facial coverings required for ALL coaches, volunteers and athletes at ALL times.**
 - Athletes, coaches, umpires/referees, spectators and any other paid or volunteer staff should be required to stay home if they feel unwell, show any signs of COVID-19, or are a close contact of a confirmed case.
 - Physical distance of 6 feet must be maintained between staff, volunteers, and any spectators at all times with exceptions for training and medical personnel and volunteers performing their medical duties. Six feet of distance must be maintained among athletes when not engaged in sporting activities, huddles and team meetings must be physically distanced.
 - All participants/staff/officials/volunteers will wash/sanitize hands before entering and when exiting the courts.

- **Teams**
 - Teams will be scheduled match/ref assignment times and will not be permitted inside the venue no more than 15 mins before their scheduled match time.
 - Team camp areas will not be allowed.
 - Teams will leave the venue after their scheduled match/ ref assignment.
 - If your court has not finished the match prior please take a seat in the bleachers, with social distancing in mind.
 - Each team is responsible for its own hand sanitizer and its own med kit.
 - Event host will provide hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies but recommend each team have their own supply.
 - Each team is responsible to bring towels to wipe up sweat off the floor.

- **Spectators**
 - Based on allowable capacity as indicated by venue and/or Washington State Guidance.

- **Event Hosts**
 - Each court will be separated by a ‘buffer zone’ such that 6’ physical distancing requirements are met.
 - Nets, standards, and officials stands should be cleaned and sanitized after set-up and before contest.
 - Teams will use the same two balls for the entirety of the match and the balls must be sanitized during time outs and after each match. This process will repeat for each match played on the same court.
 - No-touch Hydration stations may be utilized but must be cleaned after every competition.
 - Responsible for contact tracing requirements (Refer to local L&I guidance)
 - Conduct health screening requirements (Refer to local DOH guidance).
 - Provide a roll of paper towels at the scorer’s table.
 - Provide cleaning supplies on site/at score tables and equipment must be sanitized between use(s).

- **Officiating**
 - Officiating crew/ref teams will consist of no more than an R1, R2, 2 lines people, 1 scorekeeper at table.
 - Officiating crew/ref teams must come dressed to officiate.
 - A separate bathroom should be provided for officials, when possible.
 - Electronic whistles are encouraged.
 - Officiating crew/ref teams maintain 6’ physical distancing, when possible.
 - Officials/ref teams will not be expected to monitor the physical distancing of participants.
 - Scorer’s table will consist of one scorekeeper who will maintain a scoresheet and scoreboard/flip chart. A modified scoresheet may be used if necessary.
 - A sanitized back up ball should be available at the score table.
 - All officials/ref teams will use hand sanitizer before entering and when exiting the court and after touching shared surfaces.

- **Pre-match Conference**
 - No pre-game and post-game handshakes/high-fives/fist bumps.
 - Limit attendees to one adult representative from each team, first and second referee.

- **Substitution Procedures**
 - Maintain physical distancing between the second referee and substitutions.
 - Participants will not touch hands.

- **Deciding Set Procedures**
 - Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches before a deciding set. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all physical distancing protocols. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present.

- **Team Benches**
 - Teams will stand and observe physical distancing or sit in chairs spaced appropriately.
 - Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches between sets. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all physical distancing protocols. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present.

Additional Resources

WA Professional Sports & Other Sporting Activities COVID-19 Requirements

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Sporting%20Activities%20Guidance.pdf>

USAV Guidelines:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/features/usa-volleyball-response-on-coronavirus>