

GARDEN EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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From the Commissioner's Desk

I wanted to take a minute to let you all know how GEVA is operating, communicating and generating the updates released to you, our membership. Because this pandemic is so fluid, we have set-up a separate web page exclusively for [Coronavirus](#) updates to assist with publishing the most recent information.

This part of the year is the heaviest in terms of membership participation in the areas of practices, tournament play (in region and out), [HP tryouts](#), and education (players, coaches, and officials). Clearly these areas have been impacted severely by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Adults](#), [juniors](#), [officials](#), clubs, practice and competition facilities, and parents have all seen an exciting, fun filled, and competitive environment come to a complete standstill. And for how long, we still do not know.

The [Junior Competition Committee](#) and the [Adult Competition Committee](#) in conjunction with the [Officials Chair](#) and the [Commissioner](#) have consistently convened to discuss the suspensions of play as new information from our local, state and federal governments is released. Each of these committees comes up with suggestions to present to the [Executive Committee](#) for review and suggested action items. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Executive Committee convenes as often as necessary to discuss the suggestions and actions items from the various committees and decides the course of action that is in the best interest of our membership.

The decisions made are made in consideration of; 1) The alignment of local, state, and federal bans/mandates as they relate to the safety of our membership, 2) The alignment with USAV current sanctions, and 3) The alignment with our [Mission](#).

As a benefit to our membership, USA Volleyball has established a COVID-19 [Family Resources page](#) providing resources to our families on a variety of topics including:

- Talking to Your Kids about COVID-19
- Activities for Kids During Quarantine
- General COVID-19 Resources
- Tips For Adults
- Volleyball Training/Tips/Fun Stuff on Social Media
- Digital Security

Please be safe during these unprecedented times.

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