

# SRVA Coronavirus Participation Guidelines

## and Match Protocol 12/21/2020

The safety of our members, spectators, staff and athletes are of utmost concern.

**All USAV sanctioned activities will be required to adhere to the most stringent federal, state or local regulations for their respective areas. USAV insurance coverage will only be provided for activities that are permitted under such government directives.**

The novel corona virus, COVID-19, is an infectious disease that is extremely contagious and believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact, including by individuals without symptoms. This disease has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and various activities have been curtailed or restricted across the country. As a result, federal, state and local governments and health agencies recommend the following guidelines:

- Wash hand with soap and water often and especially after using the restroom, prior to and after handling food and/or drink.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers in the absence of wash facilities.
- Refrain from touching face – eyes, nose and mouth – with hands.
- Cough into your elbow or a tissue – then throw the tissue away.
- If you are not feeling well or are sick, stay home.
- Keep at least 6 feet away from others to maintain social distance.
- Those in the vulnerable age groups or with underlying medical conditions should protect themselves and not attend an event until the COVID 19 threat has passed.

In addition to those general guidelines, the Southern Region of USA Volleyball has established the following Region guidelines in connection with voluntary participation in sanctioned programs and activities:

- Each individual is to bring their own towels, water and water bottles and keep their bags and items separate from any other participants' items.
- Each spectator and player should respect the distancing requirements set up by the event, in accordance with State and Local rules and not violate other's space.
- All Spectators should wear masks / facial coverings and distance themselves from unmasked participants.
- Each event Host can set their own mask policy, in accordance with State and Local rules which may be more strict than those guidelines.
- Each event Host can set their own spectator attendance policy, in accordance with State and Local rules which may be more strict than those guidelines.
- If you cannot abide by the policies of the event please do not attend the event, **you are a guest and guests can be asked to leave.**

□ Remember that the main goal of an event Host is, to **provide opportunities for athletes to compete**. That is what you signed your athlete up for training and competition. If they only have room for limited spectators or even no spectators that is up to the host and current State and Local rules.

### **MATCH PROTOCOL CHANGES:**

- At the start or conclusion of a match there will be no high-fives or hand shaking with opposing teams.
- Team Captains will stand at their respective ten foot line for the coin toss.
- The R1 will go to the stand and beckon the **starting players** to the end line.
- Only the **six starting players** will go to the end line.
- Players and Coaches on the bench should wear masks / facial coverings.
- It is recommended that the R1 & R2 use an electronic whistle, if that is not possible a mouth whistle may be used **only under a mask**.
- All members of the work team (R1, R2, Line Judges, Score table) should wear masks / facial coverings.
- The R1 beckons for the players to go to their **starting positions not the net**.
- R2 checks line-ups, gives the court back to the R1 and the match starts.
- Substitutions, there is no need for players to touch to complete this action.
- No handshakes, high fives, hand slaps during the match.
- **Side Changes are not required in any set, and it is strongly recommended that they not be used.** If they are used, players and coaches should avoid direct contact.
- When the game ends, R1 releases players directly to their respective benches.
- Scorers should bring their own pens and pencils.
- Athletes and coaches acting as an R2 should clean their hands before popping their whistle (which also needs cleaning) into their mouth.
- Please remember that while all efforts are made to sanitize the volleyballs, which are made of a porous leather surface and do not react well to spray and gels. It's another reason for players to keep their hands away from their face. We can only control what we can control.
- For further information please reference the [USAV Return to Play Guidelines](#).

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