

COVID-19 Safety Plan as prepared by the Florida Region of USA Volleyball

The below safety plans is for the Florida Fest Boys Bid/Florida National 18Q taking place January 23-25, 2021. Safety information provided for this event is current as of January 18, 2021 and may change due to updated guidelines or restrictions from various governing authorities.

The purpose of this document is to provide direct information on how the Florida Region of USA Volleyball will operate an event at the Orange County Convention Center within the current infectious disease climate.

Many of these recommendations and practices are based upon current guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA Volleyball, and other local, state, and federal government agencies.

- **PRE-EVENT**

- **GOVERNMENT/ORGANIZATIONAL COMPLIANCE**

- The Florida Region of USA Volleyball will ensure adherence to all Florida and Orange County regulations regarding COVID-19. Phase 3 of the Plan for Florida's Recovery took effect on September 25, 2020 for all Florida counties. This plan states that:
 - Gyms and fitness centers should open to full capacity but should maintain adequate sanitation practices among employees and patrons during all hours of operation.
 - Entertainment businesses should re-open fully with limited social distancing protocols.
 - Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings signed an Emergency Executive Order establishing mask requirements throughout the county. The Florida Region will abide by this proclamation enforcing the following rules:
 - Every tournament staff member and spectator six (6) years of age or older must wear a face mask at all times unless when seated while eating or drinking.
 - Athletes are strongly encouraged to wear a mask unless they are drinking during a match.
 - **Athletes are strongly encouraged to wear a mask during competition!**
 - Officials will be encouraged to utilize hand whistles and will be required to wear a mask over their whistle if using a traditional whistle.
 - The Florida Region will ensure adherence to USA Volleyball's Return to Play guidelines to maintain USAV sanctioning.

- **VENUE & SAFETY**

- Due to the anticipated number of teams participating in the 287,495 square foot facility for this event, **the rostered participants (athletes and coaches) and up to 15 total spectators per team per day cannot exceed the 30 total for the delegation.**
 - We highly DISCOURAGE the following the CDC defined “at risk” categories from attending:
 - 65 years of age or older
 - with moderate to severe asthma
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Serious heart conditions
 - Immunocompromised
 - Severe obesity
 - Diabetes, or liver disease
 - We also DISCOURAGE attendees who may be living in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
 - Tournament staff has the right to clean and sanitize surfaces at any time which may include requiring spectators to temporarily exit the immediate area if requested.
 - Please adhere to the designated markings for entrance and exit into the facility. Any markings in place regarding entrance and exit direction are in place for your safety in an effort to reduce cross-traffic flow.
 - Tournament staff may adjust traditional pool schedules in certain divisions to reduce or limit overall spectator density at one time. Please ensure you are aware of all playing and officiating requirements throughout the day.
 - Staggered start times will be utilized, when able, to reduce overall traffic flow.
 - “Vendors” will be limited to GymRats (our licensed apparel vendor). No other outside vendors will be permitted at this event.
- **COMMUNICATION**
 - Updates to this document, related matters, or format changes will be communicated via the tournament website which will be linked through the AES event site at advancedeventsystems.com. We ask that club directors ensure they are reachable via the email and cell phone numbers provided through their AES accounts for last minute updates.
 - For those teams playing in the PM wave and for the entire day on Monday – after passing the safety screening, they will be directed to the court staging area. The delegation will be staged until their court is ready, the entire delegation will then be led to the top of the escalator and allowed entry into the playing area.
 - Event staff has communicated our event’s occurrence to nearby medical personnel.
 - **GENERAL OPERATIONS**

- Drops due to COVID will be issued a full refund for this event through December 15, 2020. COVID cancelations and drops occurring after December 15, 2020 will be issued a refund less \$100 which helps cover pre-event expenses (sanitization supplies, event supplies, awards, etc.). Credit card fees will not be reimbursed.
 - Spectator weekend passes will go on sale via the Florida Region website and a link will be given to club directors when available. Club directors will purchase up to 15 spectator tickets for each team. All spectator tickets must be purchased no later than 5pm on Monday January 18, 2021.
 - The Florida Region will ensure the event is well-stocked with necessary sanitization supplies to ensure a safe and clean environment.
 - Court books will not be used. Teams are permitted to bring their own writing utensils as needed (pens, pencils, erasers) the tournament will provide writing utensils as needed. Event staff/match officials will bring required lineup and score sheets for each match.
 - Work assignments teams need to provide six people to work each assigned match: **an R2, a score flipper, a scorekeeper, two-line judges, and someone to operate the BallerTV** scoring device. Gloves will be available at the scorers table for those who wish to wear them while working. **A reminder that one of them either at the table or the R2 must be a rostered adult.**
 - Pre-planning measures are put in place to allow officials to room individually, should they request.
 - As always, event staff will conduct thorough planning meetings on a weekly basis leading up to the event to ensure there is a back-up/duplication effort for all staff members in the case of an unplanned illness of a staff member.
- **DURING EVENT**
 - **VENUE & SAFETY**
 - Safety Screening Protocols will be led by the tournament staff in coordination with a medical team.
 - Event staff, venue staff, and match officials, athletes, coaches, and spectators will undergo daily safety screening to include temperature check upon entrance to building. No entry for anyone who meets the medical team’s definition of “symptomatic.”
 - Participants (Athletes & Coaches) and spectators will adhere to the mask requirements listed above and are instructed not to attend if experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 3-5 days, currently diagnosed with COVID-19 and are within 10 days of having symptoms,

within five days of first-hand exposure, or awaiting a COVID-19 test result.

- The medical team/Director will be designated by tournament staff prior to the start of the event.
 - Please adhere to all Designated Entry/Exit Locations throughout the facility.
 - Frequent handwashing is encouraged with soap and water wherever possible.
 - Alcoholic hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the facility.
 - We highly encourage all spectators, coaches, and athletes to bring their own anti-viral hand sanitizer comprised of at least 60% alcohol.
 - Tournament staff will remind individuals to wear masks at all times. If a spectator or participant is reminded more than two times to wear their mask correctly, they will be told to leave the facility.
 - If any attendee has obvious symptoms, they will be required to leave the venue. If other attendees notice symptoms among other attendees, we ask that you please notify event staff.
 - The medical team will designate an individual to evaluate any obviously ill attendee who develops visual COVID-19 symptoms during the event. Medical team will either authorize the individual to continue attendance or refer them for outside examination.
 - Each court will have two game balls assigned to them. After each match, the ball will be sanitized and given time to dry while another ball will be used. The process will repeat itself for all assigned matches on that court.
 - Teams and spectators will NOT switch sides during a match. We require that you support your athlete from the same side in which they are competing to reduce cross-traffic flow. We require that you relocate to a different area inside or outside of the venue if you are unable to maintain social distancing while your athlete's team is "off" or officiating.
 - Pre-match and post-match handshakes/high fives are to be eliminated. Teams will not shag balls for their opponent during warmup. Athletes are encouraged not to high five during substitutions or play.
 - Food will only be consumed outside of the playing area (either outside or in the concourse area)
- **COMMUNICATION**
- Please adhere to all safety signs and message including, but not limited to; mask reminders, hand-washing techniques, traffic flow, and social distancing guidelines.
 - Social distancing and safety reminders will be displayed throughout

the facility.

○ **GENERAL OPERATIONS**

- Scores will only be available online at advancedeventsystems.com. There will not be a visual board or shared computer with posted schedule/results.
- Officials will utilize the large conference room during off times and are encouraged to remain socially distant throughout their break time.
- Lost & found items should be left wherever they are found. Attendees who discover said item are encouraged to notify event staff who will ensure safe measures to locate in our lost & found area.
- Lineup sheets, libero tracker and scoresheets and writing utensil will be brought out by officials for each match.
- Athletes are strongly encouraged to wear a mask during competition.

○ Spectator/Team Staging Areas

- When the entire delegation arrives for the day at the Convention Center, they will report to bus loop South A and await approval to enter the building. (Team entry time will be sent at a later date.)
- For those teams playing in the PM wave and for the entire day on Monday – after passing the safety screening, they will be directed to the court staging area. The delegation will be staged until their court is ready, the entire delegation will then be led to the top of the escalator and allowed entry into the playing area.
- When teams arrive for play, ALL of the up to 15 spectators, FOR THAT DAY, MUST be present.
- All rostered team members and team spectators (ENTIRE delegation) will enter the venue (at a time that will be assigned in a subsequent email.)
- Upon entering the venue, Coaches will present a signed printed team roster and a complete list of all spectators (up to 15) attending for that day.
- Upon entering the venue, if all attendees are not present at that time of entry, those spectator(s) **will be deleted from the list and not be permitted in later in the day.**
- Once the spectators for that day enter the building, those spectators must remain the same for the entirety of the

day. If this guideline is not followed all spectators for that team will be required to leave the venue for the remainder of the day.

- Each spectator will receive a unique color wristband for each specific day only, to verify the safety screen.
- The spectators list will be turned in each day upon entering (they do not have to be the same each day) therefore the coach will present a list of the spectators attending each time they are entering for the first time for THAT DAY.
- All attendees must be wearing a mask at the time of entry. Anyone failing the initial temperature screening, will be escorted to the medical director for a secondary safety check, anyone who is unable to pass the secondary safety check will be required to leave the venue for the duration of the event.

○ Court Density:

- Only three teams will be allowed on a court at one time, this includes the two playing teams and the working team. Any teams not playing or working will be required to exit the playing area immediately upon the conclusion of their match.
- Working team spectators will be required to leave the playing area to decrease density around the court.

● **POST EVENT**

○ **COMMUNICATION**

- If a participant or spectator test positive for COVID-19 during the event, or within 48 hours of the event's conclusion, we ask that you please notify events@floridavolleyball.org.
- Event staff will then contact the club director of any team this individual may have been in contact via direct competition or officiating as a contact tracing effort.