



## Florida Region of USA Volleyball

From the Office of the President

March 16, 2020

Dear Florida Region Members,

I write to you during this time of uncertainty when many events are being suspended, postponed, and cancelled. This leaves us all with many unanswered questions about how the remainder of the 2020 volleyball season (indoor & beach) will play out. Our current directive from USA Volleyball in Colorado Springs is that ALL USAV sanctioned events are suspended through March 31, 2020. Updates on USAV events (regional & national) can be found at the following links:

- USAV Florida Region Events - <https://www.floridavolleyball.org/covid-19.html>
- USAV National Events - <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/features/usa-volleyball-response-on-coronavirus>

We do not currently have answers on anything past the March 31<sup>st</sup> date, but I suspect that with the recent CDC guidance that many events in April 2020 and beyond may be impacted. This seems likely, but only time will tell at this point. We're using this initial downtime this week to coordinate with USAV, clubs, promoters, venues, sponsors, vendors, and event partners to determine what can actually be done so that we will be ready when and if the restrictions are lifted.

We've received many calls from club directors and parents asking about what will happen with bids, nationals, practices, tournaments, hotels, and the like. We do not have answers on many of these questions, but we will be providing them as new information is made available to our office. In times of uncertainty we must remember to respond with a calm and systematic approach. We'll tackle each event and activity in the order that it will happen on the calendar. That is our current plan!

Please refrain from individually or collectively contacting the USAV National Office directly for answers that we will ultimately be providing you here in the Florida Region. They are not equipped to manage the increase in calls from region clubs and members as many of their employees are working remotely to help reduce the risk of community spread. Please regularly check the website links provided above for updates as they are made available.

Attached you will find a letter from our Commissioner & Board Chair Mary Andrew. She wanted to share her thoughts and encourage our members during this difficult time.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Together we will walk through this challenge!

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