



USA National Beach Tour Junior Championships **Covid Guidelines (Huntsville, AL)** **as of 7/2/20**

Overview

The following guidelines have been prepared as a game-plan for returning to volleyball competition and tournaments in light of the current information and knowledge about Covid-19. We want to work together with our community to safely return to activity and these should be viewed in conjunction with the Safety Guidelines posted by local authorities.

This is a team effort and the actions of one person can impact everyone. As with all game-plans, these guidelines are subject to change as new information becomes available throughout the summer.

If you have registered for an event, you will get a refund if you don't feel well!

Before Attending Any Activity

- Clean and wipe down your backpack, water bottle and any other equipment
 - Absolutely NO sharing water bottles or towels
 - Do not touch other player's backpack/personal items
- For the safety of everyone, face masks are required by everyone at the event while not competing. Please bring a face mask.
- Wash and sanitize your hands prior to arriving
 - Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not on hand or available
 - Bring your own hand sanitizer to the courts with you if possible
- Bring FULL water bottles with you that will supply you with more than enough water for the event. This way there is no need to touch the cooler.
- Bring your own ball for practices or warm-up prior to competition. We will be providing sanitized volleyballs for tournament play only
- Bring your own chair.
 - We cannot guarantee all facility chairs will remain sanitized throughout an event.
- Arrive as close to your start time as possible. If you arrive early do one of the following:
 - Stay in your vehicle
 - Stay outside the fence/gate without touching anything
 - Stay well away from any other person not in your immediate family or household
- Please follow appropriate signs upon arrival.
- After entering the venue, place your personal items:
 - a minimum of 6 feet away from items belonging to other players/coaches
 - if possible, place items near the court the athlete is participating on
- The venue and all equipment, including volleyballs, will be cleaned prior to arrival



During Event/ Play

- Individuals should maximize the physical distance between themselves and others and do their best to remain a minimum of 6 feet away from others
 - Includes warm-ups, shagging balls and cleaning up after play
 - No up-close strategy talks with your partner
- The use of face masks is required by spectators but is not required by individuals engaged in warm-up, competition or cool-down activities.
- All event staff will be required to wear facemasks
- During water breaks, remain a minimum of 6 feet from others
- If a ball from another court comes to you use your foot to kick it back over to them

Match Protocol – Phase 2

- Bring your own hand sanitizer to your court
- Bring your own water bottles to your court
- Chairs will NOT be provided during time-outs
- One member per match should retrieve 2 sanitized balls from the TD
 - Volleyballs will NOT be shared between courts
 - Volleyballs will NOT be shared between MATCHES
- Maintain social distancing to the extent possible
 - No handshakes, high fives, or huddles
 - No coin toss at beginning of match; verbal start with rock, paper, scissors
 - Switch sides of courts by walking clock-wise toward pole creating distance to other players
 - Coaches should keep social distance as you would during practices; must wear masks
- No touching rakes or equipment; contact event staff
- No touching of competition balls with your hands except players on courts
 - If a ball enters your courts, kick it back to the other players
- One member per match finalizes the competition
 - Bring both volleyballs to TD desk to be disinfected between matches
 - Report scores to the tournament director

Referee Protocol – Phase 2

- Cleaning supplies will be located at each referee area for ease of use if desired
 - Use for wiping down your clipboard and pen
 - Use for wiping down the scoreboards
- If you prefer to bring your own pen/pencil or clipboard, that is perfectly acceptable
- Only one referee per court unless the second individual is a member of the same household or the 2 referees are sitting at least 6 ft apart

After Play

- Gather your belongings and leave the court
- Do not hang out and socialize
- If you have won a medal or prize:



- We will provide prizes in a timely fashion
- Provide any awards by setting on a table and allowing athlete to retrieve
- We will still take your picture from a safe social distance
- Go home and shower/clean up
 - Sanitize hands prior to leaving
 - Consider changing shirts/clothes prior to being in presence of other family members
 - Take care of others and don't potentially expose others