



COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols

State of Alabama

Alabama Department of Health

PERSONAL AND GROUP PROTOCOLS

CDC - Questions for site visiting parents and participating child regarding COVID-19 symptoms

- Have you or the child been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Are you or the child experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have you or the child had a fever in the last 48 hours?
- Have you or the child experienced new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you or the child experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- Have you considered the inherent potential for disease transmission associated with the type of sport volleyball is.

Screen for fever:

- Each participant and spectator will be scanned upon arrival into the building. A temperature that exceeds 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted on premises.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS

- All entering parties must read the posted COVID-19 safety requirement signs encouraging social distancing, health screen questions, and proper hygiene.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue. Immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- There will be an ample supply of alcohol-based hand gel and hygiene facilities at multiple locations in the event facility, as well as one dispenser on each scorer's table. Request that visitors wash or sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the facility.
- The tournament will use strict social distancing protocols with a minimum of 6 feet separating parties between the seating. Spectator seating will be designated and marked for social distancing safety in mind. Seating **CANNOT** be altered by teams or spectators.
- There will be NO water fountains or shared coolers allowed. Each player is expected to bring their own water bottle.
- Per **Alabama Department of Health** - Face coverings (mask) are required at all times by spectators/attendees, players, coaches, officials and staff unless a player is directly participating in the match.
- Players and coaches on the sideline **MUST** have a face covering on at all times.
- Match officials, the R1, R2, linespersons and table crew **MUST** wear a face covering at all times.

TICKETING

- Only 22 attendees per team will be admitted for each match. When 8 courts are being utilized only 22 chairs are available for spectators per side. These 22 chairs adhere to social distance guidelines set by the Alabama Department of Health.
- We will be utilizing Baller TV for all courts at the Spring Fling for live streaming for those who cannot be inside the facility.
- At check-in Friday night or Saturday before play, coaches can purchase up to 22 tickets for their team for Saturday and 22 tickets for Sunday to distribute spectators per team. (only buy tickets you need up to 22 per day)

-All children will count as a spectator- exception for **infants** sitting in parents lap. Small children will still count as a spectator as they will require their own seat and count as a human in the building per social distancing guidelines.

-Coaches will present cash/check for both days of tickets at check in. Each coach will be given a packet with purchased tickets for each day to distribute to teams. Coaches will distribute tickets to parents.

-Tickets for each age division will be delineated by color and with a team label to help monitor which spectators should be in the facility.

-Coaches may check in Friday night from 5:00-8:30pm at OWA (look for the Spring Fling check in) or wait until Saturday starting 1 hour before their pool time begins and check in at their site.

-The 22 attendees per team **MUST** use their teams' assigned seating area which is on the same side of the court as their team bench.

ENTRY AND EXIT FOR MATCH PLAY

· ENTRY and EXIT will be through the front doors.

-Teams will be allowed access to their courts 15 minutes before play begins **with exception of 8:00am matches-** doors will open at 7:00am to allow players and parents to enter the facility to avoid all 8 courts waiting at once for entry.

-The remainder of the start times are staggered by age group so all 8 courts will not be entering again at the same time.

-For the officiating team, only four players and their coaches will be allowed in the facility. Parents of officiating team must stay out of the facility.

-At the conclusion of each match, spectators should stay in their seat if their team plays the following match. If their team is off, or officiates, ALL spectators should immediately EXIT the facility.

-Teams may have a tent/chairs outside on DRY GRASS for the PLAYERS only. No food tables allowed under the tents. (Please see the Foley Sports guidelines regarding tents that they have employed for outdoor activities) Tents may not be out in the parking lot due to damage to other vehicles. Chairs in parking lot are allowed- please be socially distant- there is plenty of space to spread out.

Foley Event Center -

Tents, booths, canopies, or other structures are not permitted without prior approval. Unpredictable weather and winds increase the liability of possible injury and damage from tents. If exceptions are made tents must be safely secured. Absolutely no staking permitted. Guest will be expected to remove tents due to inclement or windy weather.

User releases Foley Event Center from any liability and holds Foley Event Center harmless from any claims resulting from the use of tents on premises.

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REMIND APP

(download app on phone or just use as a text message)

Each division will have their own REMIND Message to join. You will be notified when it is time to enter the building for your court to begin warmups and/or spectators to enter.

Valentine 11/12's Division Text @lav-11-12 to the number 81010

Valentine 12's Division Text @lav-12 to the number 81010

Valentine 13's Division Text @lav-13 to the number 81010

Valentine 14's Division Text @lav-14 to the number 81010

Valentine 15's Division Text @lav-15 to the number 81010

Valentine 16's Division Text @lav-16 to the number 81010

Valentine 17/18's Division Text @lav-17-18 to the number 81010

MATCH PROTOCOLS

· Captains meeting will take place to choose serve only. Official will flip coin. All captains meeting will take place as the net as the divider.

· Initial warm ups will be individual side warm ups. Only ball exchanged between teammates will be allowed. Teams should shag own balls during warmup.

- A running 15 minute clock will start between each match to allow team and spectators to exit and the next team and spectators to get on the floor and into seats. The 15 minutes will include shared, hitting, serving time for teams. 2-4-4

· At NO time will teams switch sides.

· Matches will be played best of 3 to 25 points with a 15 point deciding set if necessary

· Work teams are to keep social distancing of 6 feet at the score table while one player keeps the visual scoreboard and the other player keep the Scoresheet. Work teams will furnish their own pencil and pen. Each team will furnish two lines persons who will call lines with hand signals. Flags will not be used

· Officials R1 and coaches R2 **MUST** use an electronic hand whistles. Only 4 working players and the coaches should remain for the work team. All parents and remaining players for the work team must leave the facility.

FOR ALL TEAMS TEAMS

Failure to follow these COVID-19 protocols will result in a team forfeiting out of the Gulf Coast Region Tournament and will lose their entry fee. If a team not following these guidelines is a Gulf Coast Region Team then you will not only forfeit out of the tournament but will lose the privilege to play in the 2021 Regional Championships April 24 & 25.

Gulf Coast Region Volleyball & Lower Alabama Volleyball