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Although the COVID vaccination rates are increasing, there is no way to completely eliminate the risk of infection. Thus, the SCVA strongly encourages all participants to follow these recommendations and the USAV guidelines as safety precautions. The SCVA encourages all club directors, officials, staff, chaperones, coaches, and athletes to be vaccinated against COVID. The SCVA asks that club directors manage the health and safety of their staff, coaches, athletes, and families. The SCVA, however, will not be mandating vaccinations or negative testing for regional events. The information in this document is not intended, or implied, to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Nor does USAV, or its forty regions, assume any liability or responsibility for the recommendations provided herein.

If an individual does not agree or comply with these guidelines for participation or attendance, then the SCVA asks that he/she not enter the event or the facility. The SCVA asks that each person understand the risk of contracting COVID 19 and take responsibility for their own personal care by following these guidelines for the safety of themselves, their family, their teammates, and all those participating in, or attending, the event.

The SCVA will follow the recommendations of the CDC, federal, state, local authorities, and USAV in regards to infectious diseases. As in all circumstances, the following should be adhered to:

1. Wash hands with soap and water often, especially after using the restroom, prior to and after handling food and/or drink.
2. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers in the absences of wash facilities.
3. Refrain from touching face (eyes, nose, and mouth) with hands.
4. Cough into your elbow or a tissue that is immediately disposed.
5. If you are not feeling well, feeling sick, or have a fever, stay home.
6. Individuals in vulnerable age groups or with underlying medical conditions should protect themselves and not attend an event until the COVID 19 threat has passed.

Club Events (Practices, personal training, team bonding)

1. The club is required to be SafeSport compliant with all policies and practices regarding athlete and coach interaction. At least one non-participating adult should be present at the location to maintain SafeSport compliance for events to be interruptible and free from any form of abuse.
2. If a coach or athlete is sick, he/she should stay home until the symptoms have passed.
3. Individuals should take their temperature prior to attending an event. If the individual has a fever, then he/she should stay home.

4. If a coach or athlete, has an underlying medical condition, he/she should refrain from club participation until the immediate COVID 19 threat has passed.
5. If a coach or athlete has a parent or grandparent that lives with them that has an underlying medical condition, then he/she should refrain from club participation until the threat of COVID 19 has passed.
6. Anyone that begins to feel sick during an activity should be removed from the facility.
7. The occupancy of the facility should be limited to comply with local guidelines.
8. Hand sanitizers should be present for use during all activities.
9. Hands should be washed with soap and water following bathroom breaks.
10. Athletes should refrain from spitting on the floor for shoe traction.
11. Athletes should bring their own water bottles, and not rely on drinking fountains or share water bottles.
12. Athletes should bring their own towels to absorb perspiration and keep them separate from others.
13. Spectators and coaches should wear facial coverings while in the facilities, however based on the location of the facility, masks made be mandated. Individuals should check with their local health agency.
14. Athletes not currently playing should wear facial coverings in the facilities however based on the location of the facility, masks made be mandated. Individuals should check with their local health agency.

Facilities

1. It is recommended that, if possible, contact-free ticketing be utilized.
2. Facilities will install signage concerning hygiene, physical separation, and facial coverings.
3. Hand sanitizers should be available at designated locations throughout the facility.
4. Frequent cleaning of high-touch areas.
5. Follow protocol for cleaning the venue.
6. Each facility will follow the guidelines and protocols set forth by their local agencies.
7. Each facility will designate Compliance Officer responsible for the facility remaining in compliance with guidelines

Indoor Tournaments

1. If a coach, official, staff member, trainer, or athlete is sick, he/she should stay home until the symptoms have passed.
2. Individuals should take their temperature prior to attending an event. If the individual has a fever, then he/she should stay home.
3. If a coach, athlete, official, trainer, or staff member has an underlying medical condition, he/she should refrain from club participation until the immediate COVID 19 threat has passed.

4. If a coach, official, staff member, trainer, or athlete has a parent or grandparent that lives with them that has an underlying medical condition, then he/she should refrain from club participation until the threat of COVID 19 has passed.
5. It is encouraged that tournament staff and personnel wear masks, however based on the location of the facility, masks made be mandated. Individuals should check with their local health agency.
6. It is encouraged that trainers wear masks, however based on the location of the facility, masks made be mandated. Individuals should check with their local health agency.
7. It is encouraged that officials will wear facial coverings, and they will have the option on using hand held whistles, however based on the location of the facility, masks made be mandated. Individuals should check with their local health agency.
8. It is encouraged that coaches wear facial coverings, however based on the location of the facility, masks made be mandated. Individuals should check with their local health agency.
9. It is encouraged that players wear facial coverings when not actively participating on the court. Players on the court, will have the option to wear facial coverings or not.
10. Teams should bring their own pencils and whistles for each individual that will be part of the officiating crew.
11. The SCVA will revert back to 4 team pools on one court; with officiating crews being supplied by the designated team.
12. The SCVA will require USAV verified rosters at events. Rosters will be verified by the official on the court.
13. Hand sanitizers should be available at designated locations throughout the facility.
14. Athletes should bring their own water bottles and refill water from their own source. All water bottles should be removed by the individual bringing it to the court.
15. No handshakes prior to or after the match.
16. Teams will not switch sides in between games.
17. Occupancy should be limited and comply with local guidelines.
18. At least one non-participating adults should be present at the court to maintain SafeSport compliance.