

COVID-19 Safety Plan as prepared by Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association

The below safety guidelines plan for the Tropical Ice Open/USA Challenge taking place January 16-18, 2021. Safety information provided for this event is current as of December 7, 2020 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 Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association (JJVA)/Sports Edge will operate an event at JJVA's Volleyball Training Facility and the Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex 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

- Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association (JJVA) will ensure adherence to all Florida and Duval 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.
- Duval County Mayor Lenny Curry signed Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-009 to extend the Jacksonville Ordinance Code establishing mask requirements throughout the county. JJVA 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 required to wear masks at all times unless they are playing on a court in a match or warmup, drinking during a match or warmup, or seated while eating or drinking inside the facility.
 - Officials will be encouraged to utilize hand whistles and will be required to wear a mask over their whistle if using a traditional whistle.
- JJVA will ensure adherence to USA Volleyball's Return to Play guidelines in cooperation with the Florida Region's approval to maintain USAV sanctioning.

○ VENUE & SAFETY

- Due to the anticipated number of teams participating in our nearly 80,000 square foot facility for this event, **we will limit each team to 15 rostered participants (athletes and coaches) and 15 total spectators.**
- We highly DISCOURAGE the following the CDC defined "at risk" categories from attending: Those 65 years of age or older, those with moderate to severe asthma, chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised,

severe obesity, diabetes, or liver disease from attending. We also DISCOURAGE attendees who may be living in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

- Courts will be sanitized, at a minimum, between waves. Extra time will be given between waves to ensure adequate time to clean and sanitize all touch surfaces on each court prior to any teams warming up for any second wave. 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.
 - Teams and spectators will NOT switch sides during a match. We ask that you support your athlete from the same side in which they are competing to reduce cross-traffic flow. We ask 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.
 - 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 the Center Court Café (our permanent concession area), the Pro Shop (our permanent equipment and apparel store), and a t-shirt 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 SportWrench event site at sportwrench.com. We ask that club directors ensure they are reachable via the email and cell phone numbers provided through their SportWrench accounts for last minute updates.
 - There will be no team check-in on site as coaches and teams will report directly to their playing or officiating court. All participants (athletes and coaches) will be required to complete a waiver prior to stepping on the court. Waivers will be sent a week before the start date to all participating directors/coaches.
 - Event staff has communicated our event's occurrence to nearby medical personnel including Ascension St. Vincent's.
 - There are a number of COVID-19 testing sites in the nearby area which include:
 - CareSpot Urgent Care, 8705 Perimeter Park Blvd #2, 904-248-3910
 - CareNow Urgent Care, 4888 Town Center Pkwy Suite, 904-800-1735
 - **GENERAL OPERATIONS**
 - Drops due to COVID will be issued a full refund for this event through December 15, 2020. Cancellations and drops occurring after December 15, 2020 will be issued a refund less \$50 which helps cover pre-event expenses (sanitization supplies, event supplies, awards, etc.). Credit card fees will not be reimbursed.
 - Tickets will go on sale via SportWrench and a link will be given to club directors when available. Coupon codes limiting each team to no more than 15 spectators

will be given and must be used to complete purchase. We ask that all spectators purchase their tickets by Thursday, January 14, 11:59 PM.

- Facilities management 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 encouraged to bring their own writing equipment (pens, pencils, erasers). Event staff/match officials will bring required lineup and score sheets for each match.
- Officiating teams will be required to wear a mask at all times. Officiating teams must supply an R2 (with a whistle under their mask in the absence of a hand whistle), two line judges, an official scorekeeper, and a visual scorekeeper (“Flipper”). These guidelines are subject to change at tournament director/head referee discretion.
- Pre-planning measures are put in place to ensure visiting referees and officials are not sharing hotel rooms with non-household members.
- 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**

- Ticketing will be online through SportWrench and sold via a personal device prior to or during the event.
- Safety Screening Protocols will be led by the tournament staff in coordination with a medical team.
 - Event staff, venue staff, and match officials will undergo daily health 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.
 - Spectators and participants are also asked not to attend if they are currently diagnosed with COVID-19 and are within 10 days since having symptoms.
 - Spectators and participants are also asked not to attend if they are within five days of first hand exposure and asked not to attend if they are awaiting a COVID-19 test result.
 - The tournament medical team may require certain individuals to undergo a health screening and **will be** required to do so if showing visual symptoms.
- 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, we ask that they 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 one ball is used it 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 ask that you support your athlete from the same side in which they are competing to reduce cross-traffic flow. We ask 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 are asked not to shag balls for their opponent during warmup. Athletes are encouraged not to high five during substitutions or play.
 - Food will only be consumed in the designated concession area. Spectators and athletes are asked not to consume food in the bleacher seating.
- **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 SportWrench.com. There will not be a visual board or shared computer with posted schedule/results.
 - No awards will be given at this event due to its pool play structure.
 - 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 and scoresheets will be brought out by event staff or officials for each match.
- **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@jjva.com.
- 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.