

NERVA JUNIORS BOD MEETING COMMISSIONERS REPORT



SAFESPORT 2018-2019

NEW SafeSport Course was released Nov 15 and is valid for 2 years

Most of our Region coaches are required to renew this upcoming season.

SafeSport center is now open handling 49 NGB's

Free Access to Mandatory Training (over 367,000 have been trained)
Access to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Investigation and Resolution Services
Limited Liability for Defamation, Libel, Slander or Reputation.

The Center fielded 20 to 30 cases per month last year after opening in March.

This year, it has fielded 20 to 30 per week.

To date they have issued more than 169 sanctions, including 142 "lifetime bans."

SAFESPORT 2018

PARENT RESOURCES

Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport

- <https://www.athletesafety.org>
- USAV Website

Parent Tool Kits

- Complete Parent Toolkit
- Parents of Preschool Children
- Parents of School-Age Children
- Parents of Middle School Youth
- Parents of High School Aged Adolescents

"<https://resources.safesport.org/toolkits/library.html>

SAFESPORT SURVEY

The U.S. Center for SafeSport, an organization that is independent from USA Volleyball, is inviting you to participate in a research study that only includes one climate survey.

The purpose of this research study is so that the U.S. Center for SafeSport can better understand the experiences of USA Volleyball athletes.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport enlisted the support of the Institute to Promote Athlete Health & Wellness at UNC Greensboro to conduct this climate survey.

The overall goal of the survey is to provide the U.S. Center for SafeSport and USA Volleyball with important information on sexual misconduct prevalence and responses.

SAFESPORT 2016-2017

USA Volleyball junior clubs are strongly recommended to implement a Travel Policy and Social Media Policy.

A model Travel Policy and Social Media Policy with additional suggested items is available on the documents section of NEVolleyball.org.

If a club chooses not to, or is unable to, create a written Travel Policy, the model policy will be the default policy for that club.

TRAVEL POLICY IS A REQUIREMENT IN 2018 FOR QUALIFIERS

SAFESPORT 2018

NERVA Audit – currently ongoing and will be completed this week

GENERAL RULE – If you need a Background Check you need SafeSport

Banned List:

USA Volleyball List is available at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/about-us/safesport/suspended-list>

Safesport List is at: <https://www.safesport.org/userviolations/search>

REPORTING:

Online at: <http://nevolleyball.org/nerva-safesport/>

Direct at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/about-us/safesport/make-a-report>

IMPACT CLASSES FOR 2019 SEASON

NEW

Beginning SEPTEMBER 2018

IMPACT ONLINE WILL BE **FREE**

NERVA INSURANCE SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS

Below is a direct quote from the USA Volleyball insurance carrier:

“We can only cover sanctioned events and activities. If the practices are not sanctioned or if a player is not a USAV member but is participating in the practice, not only is the player not covered but the practice could not meet sanctioning requirements which require all members to be USAV Members.”

This makes it very clear that ALL participants MUST be current USAV members in order to be sanctioned by our Region and thus covered by Esix. **If one participant is not a member then the entire sanction is void and there is NO COVERAGE.**

Anyone running their own in house league or signing up members as AAU/JVA and not USAV must be aware of this situation and realize the liability of these actions.

USA VOLLEYBALL AFFILIATION

USA Volleyball **IS NOT** JVA, AAU, Volley America

These organizations are **NOT SANCTIONED** by USAV and thus safegaurds and coverages are very different

Of the **63** individuals disqualified per USAV policy throughout the 2017 – 2018 screening period, 20 individuals or **32% of the disqualified** registrants would have had a clear search using **a database search only**. *Below are just a few of the crimes that were not sourced using only the national database search:*

- *Willful cruelty to a child*
- *Possession of a controlled substance for sale*
- *Criminal sexual act, endangering welfare of a child*
- *Driving while intoxicated with child endangerment*

NERVA TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR TRAINING

Online on Webpoint under Events

394 Events

49 violations (12.4%)

32 Clubs

End of season 13 still non-compliant (3 SafeSport 13 TD course)

USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONALS

From Kristy Cox, USAV events

Conglomerate teams **are not allowed** at USA volleyball national events. All players must be from the same club and players from other clubs are not allowed to participate on that team regardless if they played a qualifier or not.

All players **MUST** be from the same club.

NERVA INTER-REGIONAL EVENTS

Registration for ALL NERVA Convention Center Events will open
October 1st
ALL event Info on NEVolleyball.org and JVCTournaments.com

Stay and Play requirements for 2019 will be for all teams located 60 miles or more from the playing venue and a minimum of 5 rooms per team must be booked.

New we will introduce NERVA Prime - Pre-booking Loyalty program option for clubs designed in cooperation with THS.

NERVA PRIME LOYALTY PROGRAM

For 2019 includes Winterfest, Boston, and RI Rumble

Entry fees must be pre-paid before contracts can be issued and there will be no refunds.

Guarantee set percentage of rooms (**90%**) per team.

Each team in each event selected must have their own block with a **minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 rooms per team** for each block.

Must be **3 night stay** for 3-day event and **2-night stay** for 2 day event

Can transfer from one team to another team (ie if your 17's team does not form but you now have two 18's you can switch the 17's block to the 2nd 18's team)

First **priority** given based on **Number of Loyalty Events** attending in 2019 **and club travel distance** from playing venue. Second priority number of years attending each Loyalty event applied for.

Applications accepted between October 8 and October 12.

Hotel assignments and contracts through NERVA Prime offered between October 17 and 24.

At least 20% of the rooms in each block at each hotel will be set aside for General Booking for clubs/teams not booking through NERVA Prime.

GENERAL HOTEL BLOCKS

General Hotel Blocks for remaining rooms after those assigned through NERVA Prime will open on:

October 4: NERVA Junior Qs in Springfield

October 30: NE Winterfest in Hartford

November 2: Rhode Island Rumble in Providence

November 6: Mizuno Boston VBF

WINTERFEST

Jan 12 – 13, 2019 Winterfest 1 – 26 courts

Jan 19 – 21, 2019 Winterfest 2 – 26 courts

Jan 11-12, 2020

Jan 18-20, 2020

2021 forward- Winterfest splits into 3 weekends

Jan 9-10 Weekend #1: Boys and MAYBE one older Girls Club
Division,

Jan 16-18 Weekend #2: Older Girls over MLK,

Jan 23-24 Weekend #3: Younger Girls weekend





MIZUNO BOSTON VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL
FEB 22, 23, 24, 2019 (97 COURTS)
MAR 6, 7, 8, 2020 (90 COURTS)

2 WEEKENDS – SPLIT TBD

FEB 26, 27, 28, 2021 & MAR 5, 6, 7, 2021
FEB 25, 26, 27, 2022 & MAR 4, 5, 6, 2022
FEB 24, 25, 26, 2023 & MAR 3, 4, 5, 2023
FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25, 2024 & MAR 1, 2, 3, 2024
FEB 21, 22, 23, 2025 & TBA 2025
FEB 27, 28 MAR 1 2026 & MAR 6, 7, 8, 2026
FEB 19, 20, 21, 2027 & FEB 26, 27, 28, 2027
MAR 3, 4, 5, 2028 & MAR 10, 11, 12 2028

2019 BOSTON VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

97 Courts projected

- -Girls 14-18s divisions will be a full 3-day event starting with an 8am or 3pm wave on Friday.
- -Boys 18's will be a full 3-day event starting with 3-team pools beginning on Friday at 5:30pm
- -The remaining Boys Divisions and Girls 12's and 13's will begin Play on Saturday morning

USA HP National Tryouts

Sitting Volleyball Court

NEW SPECTATOR ADMISSION POLICY

All spectators will use SCAN and GO with license verification

Same system as Big South and Capital Hill

Coaches will have barcodes, players will have key tags



RHODE ISLAND RUMBLE

2018 – 175 teams and 31 Vendors

142 NERVA - 23 GEVA – 4 IREVA – 4 WEVA - 2 Canada

April 12-14, 2019 & April 26 – 28, 2019 (18 courts each weekend no offsite)

RI Rumble options currently are a split by age groups OR All Open divisions on one weekend along with one or two Club Divisions and the remaining Club Divisions on the other weekend

April 10 – 12 & April 24 – 26 2020

April 16 – 18 & April 23 – 25 2021

April 15 – 17 & April 22 -2 4 2022

April 7 – 9 & April 14 – 16 2023

April 12 – 14 & April 19 – 21 2024

April 11 – 13 & April 18 – 20 2025

April 3 – 5 & April 18 – 20 2026

April 9 – 11 & April 16 – 18 2027



NEW NERVA EVENT

Providence RI Presidents Day – 3 day tournament

Begins February 2021

Details TBD

Will give the Region 1 Convention Center event per month

USAV LOGO PROGRAM

NERVA will offer any club that will enter into the contract with USAV a \$2.00 per uniform rebate as an incentive to use the logo.

This rebate will be issued upon receipt of a copy of the original invoice emailed to Dave. We hope you can take advantage of this program and to show our pride of being part of a National program.

Clubs using logo this 2018:

Avidity, Coastal, Dragons, Husky, Gators, Thunderbirds, Walpole



ART OF COACHING VOLLEYBALL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

- The Art of Coaching Volleyball will create premium access codes for the New England Region Volleyball Association (NERVA) that will give all NERVA coaches premium access to all videos, courses and premium benefits on The Art of Coaching Volleyball website. NERVA cost \$8.50 per coach. Upon registration (monthly/ biweekly) coaches will receive login info via email.

All NERVA group members will also receive:

10% discount on all products offered in the Art of Coaching Volleyball On-Line Store (discount excludes Pocket Radar and VERT Items).

\$50.00 discount on any Art of Coaching Volleyball clinic registration.

**About 350 coaches took advantage of FREE Online offer
Clinic hosted 302 Coaches**

MOLTEN PARTNERSHIP

Molten will provide free yearly:

- A. 80 volleyballs
- B. 50 SPB mesh ball bags.
- C. Level 4 Pricing on all molten products

NERVA will provide:

The designation of Molten as the Official Volleyball of NERVA. The designation includes:

1. The use of Molten volleyballs in the NERVA championships;
2. The use of Molten volleyballs in all NERVA hosted camps and clinics; and
3. All NERVA High Performance teams will practice with and travel with Molten equipment including volleyballs, ball bags and ball carts.

The recommendation by the *NERVA* to its membership that Molten volleyballs be used for league play.