



NERVA Junior Assembly Meeting
June 7, 2020
Commissioners Report



CDC - Considerations for Youth Sports

The risk of COVID-19 spread increases in youth sports settings as follows:

Lowest Risk: Performing skill-building drills or conditioning at home, alone or with family members.

Increasing Risk: Team-based practice.

More Risk: Within-team competition.

Even More Risk: Full competition between teams from the same local geographic area.

Highest Risk: Full competition between teams from different geographic areas.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>



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USA Volleyball

USA Volleyball Return to Play Task Force

USAV resumed sanctioning of activities on May 15, 2020.

All USAV sanctioned activities will be required to adhere to the most stringent federal, state or local guideline for their respective areas.

USAV insurance coverage will only be provided for activities that are allowed under such government directives.

Full report is at:

<https://nevolleyball.org/coronavirus-statement/>



Return to Play Risk Analysis

	<u>LOW RISK</u>	<u>MEDIUM RISK</u>	<u>HIGH RISK</u>
Factor 1: Type of Training	Individual	Individual	Team/Group
Factor 2: Relationship of the People Involved	Household Members	Non-Household Members	Non-Household Members
Factor 3: Spacing of the People Involved	Social Distancing	Social Distancing	Not Social Distancing
Factor 4: Location of the Activity	At Home	Public Spaces	Public Spaces
Factor 5: Equipment Being Used	Owned	Owned	Not Owned
Factor 6: Sanitization Practices Being Followed	Sanitizing	Sanitizing	Not Sanitizing

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New England States

State Guidelines:

- Connecticut: Phase 2 June 17, plan release next week
- Maine: <https://www.maine.gov/decd/sites/maine.gov.decd/files/inline-files/COVID%20Checklist%20for%20ME%20Phase%202%20Community%20Sports.pdf>
- Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/outdoor-adult-sports-supervised-youth-sports-leagues-summer-sports-camps/download>
- Rhode Island: Source: https://www.reopeningri.com/resource_pdfs/Phase-II/Phase-II-summer-youth-sports-05.28.20.pdf
- New Hampshire: No Youth Sports plan yet
- Vermont: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business/stay-home-stay-safe-sector-specific-guidance>



Planning Unknowns 2021

6 States 6 different possibilities

Considerations for planning:

- Vaccine – When available and how long to distribute to the population
- Herd Immunity - When most of a population is immune thru antibodies and vaccine. (estimates 70% of population)
- Second Pandemic – If, When, Where
- Travel restrictions – State, Federal
- High School Season – Will it happen, Will it be moved
- Will facility rentals be available to clubs
- Insurance Coverages for 2021 – unknown restrictions

Too early to tell where we will end up.

Need to be flexible and adaptable

Plan for the worst case and hope for the best case



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Some Best Practices

Individuals

- Refrain from contacting other participants and attendees (high fives and huddles).
- Practice social distancing as often as possible.
- Wear a face mask while at the venue.
- Bring hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.
- Properly dispose of your personal drinking cups, bottles, or utensils used.
- Keep a list of people you were in contact with during the activity.
- Transportation to and from sports activities require attention to physical distancing. Carpooling with individuals from different households is not recommended.

Clubs / Venues

- Continue to clean and disinfect the venue and equipment, including volleyballs, where the club activities will take place.
- Regularly sanitize commonly touched surfaces during the club activity.
- Modify drills or activities to limit/reduce potential violations of social distancing requirements including but not limited to: high fives, huddles, and team meetings.
- Practice “Stable groups” The term “stable groups” means the same individuals, including children, staff and any adult leaders, remain in the same group over the course of the entire program.



Final Thoughts

There have been numerous complaints in other regions that are ahead of us in re-opening, parents in those regions are feeling pressured by clubs to attend practices or events. Please take the time to reassure parents that if they are not comfortable they should not let their child attend.

NERVA Sanction Form: is also located on www.nevolleyball.org under Documents then Club Directors ONLY Page. **MUST BE FILLED OUT TO HAVE A SANCTIONED EVENT THIS SUMMER**



Member Management System (MMS)

Will be live 9/1/2020

Schedule for Clubs:

Step 1: Clubs are to get their SportsEngine HQ accounts.

2 types of accounts -

Individual - Free, required for membership purchase, can have SubProfiles (Family Accounts)

HQ - organization account, Free or Subscribed, Clubs and Regions, can have numerous admin accounts



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Step 2: Communicate training and transition information to clubs directly

- USAV clubs (regardless of whether they've claimed their HQ or not) will receive transition newsletters sent each month with help resources, updates, free tools, optional Premium tools
- Once a club claims their HQ, training videos and "how to" guides can open automatically in their account. Club Admin Manual is being finalized and will be available for regions and clubs
- Once in their HQ, club has access to the training videos and help articles created specifically for clubs



Member Management System (MMS)

Training Tools and Schedule

Direct Contact from SportsEngine account manager (ongoing)

USAV Club Director Video Training (July)

Regional or USAV direct video meetings



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Changes:

Phone membership cards for each member

Membership Purchase - Individual or Indirect Purchase OBO (On Behalf of) - Clubs can pay for memberships of players or coaches

OBO- Individual must exist in club directory and member must create SportsEngine account and sign waivers

Club Members – can tryout for several clubs but must accept email offer to be placed on your directory. Your members can be uploaded via spreadsheet.



NERVA Convention Center Events

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

Stay and Play requirements for 2021 will be the same as 2020 with a minimum of 5 rooms required for teams located more than 60 miles from the playing venue.

Clubs will again have the option to pre-book hotel rooms for convention center events through NERVA Prime. Information for the 2020-21 program will be posted by August 1st at jvctournaments.com



NERVA Convention Center Events

2021 season dates:

Wicked Good Challenge- Dec 19-20, 2020 Providence RI (Boys, Adults)

Winterfest 1- Jan. 9-10, 2021 (Girls 18 Club and Boys 18 Open/Club, 17 Club, 16 Club, 15 Club)

Winterfest 2 - Jan. 16-18, 2021 (Girls 18 Open/USA, 17 Open/USA/Club, 16 Open/USA)

Winterfest 3 - Jan. 23-24, 2021 (Girls 16 Club, 15 Open/USA/Club, 14 Open/USA/Club, 13 USA, 12 USA)

SpikeFest Providence - Feb. 13-15, 2021 (Girls 18's, 17's, 16 Open, 16 USA)

SpikeFest Springfield - Feb. 13-15, 2021 (Girls 16 Club, 15's, 14's, 13's, 12's)

Boston Volleyball Festival 1 – Feb. 26-28, 2021 (Girls 15 Open, 16 USA/Open, 17 Open/USA/Club, 18 Open/USA/American/Club, Boys 17 Club and 18 Open/Club)

Boston Volleyball Festival 2 – Mar. 5-7, 2021 (Girls 12 USA, 13 USA, 14 Open/USA/Club, 15 USA/Club, 16 Club, Boys 15 Club and 16 Club)

RI Rumble 1 – Apr. 17-18, 2021 (Girls 14-18 Club)

RI Rumble 2 - Apr. 24-25, 2021 (Girls 12-13 Club and 14-18 Open)



LEGAL Issues/info

GEVA waived an 11 year old boy to play on a 12U girls team. NERVA informed team waiver is not allowed in NERVA events. Team participated in Winterfest and BVF and boy did not play.

Charge: NERVA excluded XXX from playing in the tournament solely on the basis of his sex, because he is a boy. USAV then ratified NERVA's decision and informed the family that XXX would also be excluded from any future USAV events, again, because he is a boy.

Charges filed under
NEW YORK STATE, DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS –scheduled for 6/8
MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION - Case delayed due to COVID-19



MIAA- Rule Change potential

Another impact change to Girls Volleyball

The MIAA Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) met with the Volleyball Sub Committee on Thursday morning, May 28th to eliminate:

Rule 83.5.1 states: *"It is a fault for a male player on a mixed gender girls' team to attack a ball, if, on contact, the ball is both completely above the height of the net and in the 'front zone.' The play becomes illegal when the ball has completely crossed the net untouched or is legally blocked by an opponent.*

Rule 83.5. 2 states, *"Only female players are permitted to participate in a completed block." Girls net height (7 feet, 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches) and boys net height (7-11 $\frac{5}{8}$)*

MGVCA's concerns if this proposal is adopted by the MIAA:

- The potential negative impact on the integrity of both the girls' and boys' volleyball programs
 - Safety and health implications for all athletes if boys' are allowed to play front row on a girls' net height
 - Resulting competitive disparity
- MOTION HAS BEEN TABLED FOR THIS SEASON**



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CIAC Transgender Case

The U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issues this Letter of Impending Enforcement Action

OCR determined that the participation of Cromwell in athletic events sponsored by the CIAC, consistent with the CIAC's Revised Transgender Participation Policy, which resulted in Student B's participating in events against Students 1, 2, and 3, and against other female student-athletes, denied athletic benefits and opportunities to Students 1, 2, and 3, and other female student-athletes, in violate on of the regulation implementing Title IX, at 34 C.F.R. § 106.41(a).

Case due in court Fall of 2020 (COVID delay)



QUESTIONS???

THANK YOU !!!