



UPDATE – MAY 13, 2020 at 3:15PM CST

As many of you know, the Mizuno Lone Star Classic family has been holding on tight to the hope that we would be able to host the 33rd Annual Mizuno Lone Star Classic National Qualifier. Unfortunately, after a recent update from the City of Dallas and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center (KBHCCD), we are heartbroken to have to announce the cancellation of the 2020 event. The cancellation of LSC also includes the cancellation of the SWBT Finals and Tour Finals 18s events that were scheduled to be hosted in conjunction with the LSC. While it was extremely difficult to hear the decision, we understand and agree that this is in the best interest of all those involved with the event.

We want to thank all of our partners that have hung in there with us, including the KBHCCD and the Dallas Sports Commission; our sponsors including Mizuno, Molten and Courts Galore; our staff who has worked tirelessly these last two months to try to find ways to make the LSC happen; the North Texas Region and USA Volleyball; and most importantly, the clubs that have supported our event over the last 30+ years. Like you, our Austin Junior Volleyball players and coaches are among the many looking forward to the competition and camaraderie at the event. While the historical records of the LSC will show an asterisk next to 2020 - the year that wasn't - rest assured that in the years to come, the Lone Star Classic will continue to provide a world-class event, whatever that iteration might look like.

At this time, here is what we know:

1. **ENTRY FEES** - Teams will have the option to either receive a refund or to take credits for the 2021 season.
 - **Credits** - Mizuno LSC will be offering credits to teams who wish to receive hotel VIP status, spectator wristbands priority, and full entry fee credit towards the 2021 LSC event. If interested in taking advantage of this, please email events@austinsportscenter.com.
 - **Refunds**- We will begin processing refunds on June 15th. We appreciate your patience as we work through the logistics of this. Please note we will be processing all refunds via e-check to eliminate additional transaction fees to be withheld from the refund amount.
2. **HOTELS** - EM2 Housing will cancel all of the hotel reservations setup through their blocks for this event. There is no further action required on your part and there will be no cancellation penalties. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, feel free to contact EM2 Housing at em2housing@em2housing.com or 800-603-0917.
3. **ON THE HORIZON** - We will be looking at opportunities to host small summer series tournaments catered to local/regional teams and will announce more details early next week.

We were able to contact over 1,000 teams by phone in the last week and we sincerely appreciate the clubs who were able to commit to leaving their 2020 entry fees as credits for 2021. We also received exceptional feedback and suggestions that we will use to make the 2021 Lone Star Classic event the best ever. More on those exciting announcements in the coming months.

More importantly, we appreciate the overwhelming support from the entire volleyball community that has helped make the Lone Star Classic a premier event that we take great pride in hosting. Hosting volleyball events is part of who we are and we are already counting down the days until we hear the whistles signaling the start of play at next year's event!

We hope you all stay safe and stay healthy.
LSC Staff