

# JVAA and ASC Events Health and Safety Plan

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE JVAA AND ASC EVENTS STAFF  
ADDRESSING COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT EVENTS

### General Statement

JVAA's events are hosted in a variety of Texas cities, including Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston. The Health and Safety Plan addresses generalizations for COVID precautions and prevention to be taken by JVAA event staff that are applicable to any general event venue. JVAA will adhere to, if not exceed, local, state, federal and other governing authorities' recommendations related to COVID to ensure safety for all each event. The plan includes a myriad of efforts by JVAA staff with a focus on actionable steps from our own medical professionals' panel as well as local, state and federal health guidelines in conjunction with municipalities and various host venues. This plan is subject to change given the dynamic aspects of COVID and our event assumes the responsibility of informing participants of the precautions, requirements and actions required of them to contribute to a safer event for all.

For any questions related to this plan, please email [eventstaff@austinsportscenter.com](mailto:eventstaff@austinsportscenter.com).

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### Current Spectator, Masking and Social Distancing Statement

This frequently asked for information will be readily published on our event pages and will serve as the standard for our expectation of all event participants. The statement is subject to change pending guidance from authorities:

#### ***Spectators (as permitted by venue)***

*At this time, up to 1 spectator per athlete is allowed. This will be controlled through ticketing for each team.*

#### ***Masks***

- ***Spectators:*** a mask is required at all times
- ***Athletes playing on the 60' x 30' court area*** – a mask is required at all times
  - *This is subject to change as directed by local authorities*
- ***Athletes NOT playing on the court:*** a mask is required at all times
  - *(Example – a mask is required when a player is in the bench area during a match)*
- ***Coaches, Officials, Staff, any other attendee:*** a mask is required at all times

#### ***Social Distancing and Match Schedule***

- *Current health and safety guidelines will determine the scheduling parameters and social distancing requirements of our event.*

### General Health and Safety Procedures

#### Contact Tracing

Our ticketing and event scheduling platform have the ability for us to know contact information for every participant, such as name, guardian, phone number, email, and hotel. Once we know of a positive individual, we will contact any person(s) the positive individuals were associated with as deemed necessary by the governing authorities over the event.

#### Online Waiver

A waiver will be completed by each attendee that includes acknowledgment and understanding of the following:

- Adherence to event protocol
- The potential of contracting and risks associated with COVID-19
- Attestation that they are not awaiting COVID-19 test results and have not knowingly been in contact with someone who has COVID-19
- Currently are not experiencing or exhibiting the signs and symptoms of COVID-19

#### Event Medical Staff

A medical panel will be available to consult with event staff should a medical emergency arise.

- Events will be staffed with at least 1 Head Athletic Trainer. Additional athletic trainers to provide medical services for the entirety of the event. For convention center events, EMS will be provided.
  - Head Athletic Trainer Responsibilities
    - Verify proper administration of temperature taking prior to entering event (if the event staff are required to take temperatures)
      - If convention center staff are responsible, the Head Athletic Trainer will comply with their recommendations and procedures.
    - Will verify the necessary steps and care are taken by medical staff during this event.
  - Additional Athletic Trainers
    - Oversee the event participant injury care
    - Serve as first-level medical team for the event
    - Will document any care given on Incident Report Form
- Medical staff are not responsible for diagnosing injuries and illnesses based on symptoms. Medical staff are onsite to assist with injury during the event.
- Care will be given to 1 patient at a time per table/chair in the medical area
- Social distancing signage will be present at each trainer station
- Any individual that informs the event medical staff that they are experiencing or exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to leave the event.
- Event and medical staff have the authority to require an individual to leave the event if the individual refuses to comply with health recommendations and is exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

#### Temperature Taking and Elevated Temperature Protocol

- If required by the venue and/or authorities, temperature checks will be conducted for all participants before entry each day. This could be through the use of thermal technology provided by the venue or with digital thermometers and event staff.
- Individuals with an elevated temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be asked to wait 5 minutes at minimum until their temperature can be taken again. We would prefer the individual to exit the venue and wait outside or be sent to an isolation area before reattempting to have their temperature taken.
- A second repeated measurement of elevated temperature of above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will result in the individual being denied entry into the event for that entire day.
- Each day, participants will be given a wristband indicated their temperature has been taken and they are allowed entrance into the event.

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Requirements for PPE usage and mask wearing will be subject to change based upon the current health and safety guidelines imposed by governing authorities.

### Mask Requirement by Participant\*

	While Entering and Exiting Event	During Competition	Off the court or on the Bench
<b>Athlete</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Coach</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Event Staff (or other)</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Official/Referee</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Spectator</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*subject to change as directed by authorities for each event

- Event participants who are not athletes will be required to wear masks at all times. Athletes wearing a mask while playing will be at the discretion of local laws and is subject to change. Once an athlete's game is finished or when they are not playing a game, they must wear a mask at all times. Masks would be required when an athlete is on the bench or off the court during a match while their team participates. Exceptions would only apply when actively eating and drinking or an approved health exemption.
- Signage in the event and pre-function area will be displayed with reminders about social distancing, masks, hand sanitizer, etc.
- JVAA will work with each venue regarding hand sanitizer stations, disinfection and sanitization times, and high-contact touch point cleanings.

### Positive Case Scenario

- **Before Event:** the positive individual will not be allowed entry until they have completed all applicable quarantine, recovery and follow up testing as required by the governing authorities over the event and the individuals' place of residence.
- **During Event:** the positive individual will not be allowed entry for the remainder of the event. Our staff will directly notify the local health authority the event was hosted under. Under that entity's direction, we will notify the individuals that were deemed to be in close contact with the positive individual and provide recommended health and safety actions by the governing authorities over the event.
- **After Event:** based upon a recommended post-event timeline from the governing authorities over the event, our staff will directly notify the local health authority the event was hosted under. Under that entity's direction, we will notify the individuals that were deemed to be in close contact with the positive individual and provide recommended health and safety actions.

### Event Staff, Referee, Coach, Player, and Spectator Protocols and Guidelines

- All individuals attending the event will be communicated with in advance and reminded several times of any current safety procedures and protocols they must follow in order to enter the event. This could include but is not limited to washing of hands, hand sanitizer and no high-fives or handshakes.

- All individuals will adhere to COVID-19 protocol as outlined by local, state and federal authorities. Individuals that pose a health and safety risk to others as deemed by the medical and event staff will be required to leave.

### USA Volleyball

- For the JVAA events that fall under the jurisdiction of the USA Volleyball National Governing Body, the event will also follow USAV guidelines once they are published.

### Participant Guidelines

#### *Event Staff*

- Will clearly communicate the health and safety risks of the event and all protocol to each attendee.
- Will actively monitor the event and pre-function areas to ensure that protocol is followed, including court and chair spacing, social distancing, masks, PPE, etc.
- Will clean equipment, including high-contact items and staff work areas on a regular basis.
- Will follow occupancy restrictions for work areas such as the Tournament Desk.

#### *Referees*

- Are responsible for enforcing event staff policy with the teams on their assigned court.
- Will use electronic hand-held whistles; must bring their own

#### *Rostered Coaches and Players*

- JVAA has the ability to limit the number of athletes, coaches and spectators into a venue. If spectators are restricted, we can also inform teams that they may have no greater than a head count of 15 total athletes and coaches allowed on their registration roster.

#### *Coaches*

- Will use electronic hand-held whistles; must bring their own
- Are responsible for assisting Event Staff with reminding their athletes and team spectators of event protocol.
- Will practice social distancing during any discussions with their team

#### *Players*

- Rosters will be limited to 12 players
- Will be reminded to not share water bottles, food or personal belongings with each other and to follow event protocol at all times.

#### *Spectators(including college coaches and recruiters)*

- If allowed, will be confined to specific standing or seating areas that are 6' or more distanced around their athlete's assigned courts during their assigned ticketing time.
  - Parents and guardians are responsible for their child's safety and adherence to protocol.

## Venue Event Layout

Each venue is unique and will require a separately submitted event layout that complies with advised protocol from governing authorities. JVAA will cooperate with convention center and city authorities for proper event layout and implementation.

For spacious convention center events, pending spectator restrictions, the following may be implemented based upon guidance received from the host venue:

- Court spacing and/or seating arrangements that allow for social distancing and layout changes as needed
- Space between courts for staff, participants and convention center cleaning staff
- Signage with COVID-19 information
- Pipe and drape, divider nets, and/or air walls used to separate areas and participants
- Team bench areas that are spaced out during matches
- Elimination of team handshakes, contact and switching court sides during matches
- Game schedule that allows for waves of teams to ingress and egress with as minimal overlap as possible

## Ingress and Egress

In conjunction with venue staff, the event will organize separate ingress and egress flow through designated entrance and exit doors. The ticketing platform used by JVAA will allow for assigned entrance times for participants and mass communication (via text, email or push notification) as well as social media announcements for any changes to the event. At any time in the event, JVAA will know how many individuals are present in the venue space and their contact information.

When a team's games are finished on their assigned court, they will leave the building immediately through designated locations. Post-game team meetings will not be allowed in the venue and can be conducted outside or elsewhere to allow for the next round of games to begin. Additionally, players will be reminded to change clothes in their hotel room and not in convention center bathrooms.

## Common Areas

Common areas will not be utilized for the event. Beyond ingress and egress procedures, there will not be any queuing in the event and pre-function lobby areas. Lobby areas will include signage stating that congregating is prohibited and that pre-function areas are utilized only for continual ingress and egress flow.

## Purchasing Procedures

### Spectator Ticketing

- Events will be cashless with online or contactless transactions. No exchanges or physical tickets or money.
- Online ticketing will open well in advance of each event. No onsite ticket sales.
- QR code scanning and identification verification (ID or driver's license) by staff for admission into the event. Attendees will present email confirmation or a code on a ticketing app.



- Attendees will be assigned waves and time blocks in which they are allowed to be in the building. This is controlled in the ticketing platform. Entry outside of assigned ticket times will be denied.
- Spectators will ingress and egress through specific hall entrances and court locations.

### Event Sales

If allowed, merchandise booths with limited shopper capacity will be on site. Vendors would be subject to procedures as outlined by governing authorities over the event. If vendors or merchandise is not allowed on site, the event can arrange for an online sales platform. We can offer presale and designated pick up times to also limit queuing in designated areas onsite.

### Hotel Room Precautions (for Stay to Play events in convention centers)

EM2 Housing handles the contracting of hotels for JVAA events. Hotels contracted with this event will be responsible for practicing COVID-19 safety precautions and through the contracting process have committed to thorough cleaning of rooms prior to each guest's arrival. Hotel COVID policies will be published on each event's website and sent to registered guests prior to the event. Athletes are encouraged to share hotel rooms only with their parents or close family members if possible. EM2 and JVAA actively share hotel reservation information that can be used for contact tracing.

### Notes and Sources

JVAA utilized an internal medical panel, local, state, federal, CDC and event hospitality resource guidelines in the creation of this plan. All information is subject to change while COVID-19 is present.

### Orlando AAU Volleyball - Sample Photos and News Article

Below is an article related to the AAU National Volleyball Tournament hosted by Orlando in July of this past year. Their event staff, local venue and authorities went to great lengths to safely host an indoor volleyball tournament. As of today, there have been no COVID-19 cases or outbreaks traced back to this event.

<https://www.sportstravelmagazine.com/case-study-how-aau-hosted-an-indoor-tournament-for-10000-people/?fbclid=IwAR10Z5t3e6yLLJoHLAC5wLJHV7xmWZQNZ0y7ziwjyhgjWHKgucx9a277hM>

