

2020 Youth Volleyball Season COVID - 19 Guidelines & Rules

1. Practice times are one (1) hour. Please respect the one (1) hour time limit and do not arrive early or stay late for practices.
2. Parents attending Practices/Matches:
 - The Recreation Department recommends parents/guardians do not attend practices; however, we understand this may not be in the best interest of every child. Only two (2) people (parent/guardian/sibling) per child is allowed to observe a practice. The parent/guardian must wear a mask and must social distance. If either of these practices is not followed, the parent/guardian may be asked to leave.
3. Coaches are encouraged to wear masks as much as possible during practices and matches but we understand coaches need to be "heard" by their players. Masks must be worn if not able to maintain a 6ft distance from your players (such as during a drill or explaining a skill).
4. Players are required to wear a mask when entering the building. The player may remove his/her mask once his/her team has begun practice or warm-ups for their game.
5. Only two (2) spectators per player are allowed on game day. Spectators are required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Each court will not exceed a mass gathering of 45 people. The mass gathering limit refers to the spectators who cannot social distance, not the players on the court.
6. All Scorekeepers/Officials/Supervisors are required to wear a mask at all times in the building. While officiating from the stand, the official(s) will not be required to wear a mask but will at all other times.
7. All spectators must exit the building once their child's game has ended. No congregating in the lobby or hallways following the games.
8. All spectators must be seated during games. No spectators will be allowed to stand in open gym areas, along the sidelines or around the walking track.
9. Matches will be scheduled with a 15-minute buffer in between to help prevent the overlapping of participants. Start times will be staggered where no more than half of the facility is changing over at any given time. Teams will be asked to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before their assigned match time, thus helping reduce total number of people inside the facility at once.
10. Each team will be given a two (2) minute serving period for players to practice their serves before their match time.
11. The team benches are for participant use only! They will be disinfected between each match. Time will be made to allow the completion of this task. Chairs will be used instead of benches this season.
12. The volleyball will be disinfected before and after every match.
13. Teams will not switch sides with each set as is the usual protocol for volleyball. Players will not huddle after each point or at any point during, before or after practices or matches. There will be no handshakes/slaps after practices or matches. Sportsmanship will continue in a touchless manner.
14. Hand sanitizer will be available at the score table.
15. There will be no warm up balls available before matches so coaches need to bring your own.
16. Signage will be displayed encouraging hand washing/healthy practices, social distancing and describing what rule adjustments have been made. Staff should be empowered to enforce these rules. One-way signage and/or tape should be used to limit patrons and players interactions.
17. Forming lines around the lobby and restroom areas throughout the facility are discouraged...please practice social distancing. It is recommended that vulnerable populations remain home.