

# Carolina Regional Volleyball Association

## COVID Return To Play Guidance

### 2022 Season



Until COVID-19 is either eradicated or a cure is found, there is no way to completely eliminate the risk of infection. After a season and a half without volleyball in the Region, we are all ready to get back to the courts. As a result, the Carolina Region currently plans on holding sanctioned events this season (subject to change based on any required directives from federal or state entities). The Carolina Region strongly encourages all participants to follow the recommendations of the CDC as well as state and local health departments on how to mitigate the risks of catching and transmitting COVID. Each individual attending a Carolina Region-sanctioned event assumes all risks with attending an event in a public/private facility where proper social distancing and hygiene may not be possible.

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.

#### **CURRENT PLANS FOR 2022 SEASON (Subject to Change):**

- There will not be any global mask requirements to start the season from the Region
- Each facility where a tournament is hosted will be governed by their local government or health department requirements for their area:
  - If the local entities have a mask requirement for indoor facilities, the Tournament Host will have to have a mask requirement for spectators.
  - We are not aware of any vaccine mandates that would affect facilities/teams but if any are instituted by a local entity that covers our tournament situation, then they would have to be enforced.
  - If a local entity has a limit on indoor spectator capacities, the tournament host will need to enforce it.
  - If there are any other safety-related requirements concerning COVID precautions issued at the local level, the tournament host will need to enforce them.
- USA Volleyball rules have already been changed for this season to not require side switches between sets or a deciding set.
- We will continue to forgo the pre-match and post-match handshakes between teams (friendly waves are encouraged).
- Tournament hosts are encouraged to have plenty of hand sanitizer available for work-tables and common areas.

The Carolina Region has asked all tournament hosts to send any COVID-related requirements or safety precautions to our office. We will post all requirements and announcements about a particular facility in their Facility/Site Info section on the Tournament System. When you look at your Tournament Site assignments on the Tournament System, be sure to expand the Site Info section to review all the requirements before attending the tournament.

These have been unprecedented times for all of us. We're excited we can finally get back to a schedule that resembles pre-pandemic times. Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe at all our events. Enjoy the season!

Review [USAV's Return to Play Guidelines](#) for additional ways to stay safe