



## **EVENTS CANCELLED or POSTPONED through MARCH 31, 2020 – from USA VOLLEYBALL**

### **STATEMENT from USA VOLLEYBALL – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm MT**

The below information was shared with club leadership and tournament directors via email on March 13, from North Country Region. The Region also posted this update on the front page of the [North Country Region website](#) and social media.

*We are continuing to monitor the status of COVID-19 coronavirus. In the interest of welfare and safety of our membership, USA Volleyball is eliminating the sanctioning for all USA Volleyball activities (including but not limited to events, practices, individual training sessions or anything covered by USA Volleyball insurance) effective 11:59 p.m., Friday, March 13. This ban on all USA Volleyball sanctioned activities extends through March 31. We are monitoring the situation on a daily basis and will provide periodic updates as information becomes more apparent. Please refer to this page for the latest updated information. <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/features/usa-volleyball-response-on-coronavirus>*

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

Should an active USA Volleyball club or team choose to practice, schedule lessons, host a tournament, participate in a tournament, etc... between March 14 – March 31 please be aware that the activities are not sanctioned events and therefore do not fall under the safety net of USA Volleyball – North Country Region. Should an injury or illness occur while participating in an unsanctioned event(s), USA Volleyball secondary liability insurance is not available for the participants (e.g., club director, coaches, players, other personnel).

### **USA VOLLEYBALL 18s GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – RENO, NV (May 1-3)**

The Regions have received no updates on the status of the 18s GJNC. We will update you via email and social media when information is shared with the Regions.

### **USA VOLLEYBALL ADULT NATIONALS – MINNEAPOLIS, MN (May 22-27)**

The Regions have received no updates on the status of Adult Nationals. We will update you via email and social media when information is shared with the Regions.

### **USA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – DALLAS, TX (June 24-July)**

The Regions have received no updates on the status of the GJNC. We will update you via email and social media when information is shared with the Regions.

### **USA VOLLEYBALL BOYS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – RENO, NV (June 27-July 4)**

The Regions have received no updates on the status of the GJNC. We will update you via email and social media when information is shared with the Regions.

## **NORTH COUNTRY REGION HOSTED EVENTS – RAN BY THE REGION and BY REGION PERSONNEL**

- NCR hosted/run events are cancelled through March 31st
- Area Championships (April 18-19 and April 25-26) are postponed/suspended. The Region is looking at future dates and locations.
- HP tryouts are cancelled but HP camp is not cancelled. We are being creative in how to provide this opportunity to all who are interested
- Beach Programming is scheduled to occur
- Adult Showdown Tournament is in a holding pattern
- The Region will comply with USA Volleyball as well as local/state/federal government(s)
- The Region will continuously monitor developments and provide updates in a timely manner as possible

## **PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

- Thank you for your understanding our rationale of event cancellation in an attempt to decrease the potential exposure to COVID -19 and spread of the virus
- Thank you for working with us as we manage tournament expenses and potential refunds to registered teams
- We will continue to be fair and transparent should future events be cancelled
- We are committed to our partnership with our North Country Region clubs
- Earning and keeping your trust is paramount to our partnership

## **NON NCR HOSTED EVENTS SANCTIONED THROUGH USA VOLLEYBALL – NORTH COUNTRY REGION**

### **Club Practices, Club Hosted Tournaments, Individual Lessons, In Person Officiating Clinics, etc..**

- We understand the potential economic implications should a club need to suspend practices, cancel practices, and/or attendance at tournaments
- We also understand the potential economic impact for tournaments that decide to cancel, postpone, or have teams cancel
- We recommend that club and tournament leadership consider all facts and all potential implications of hosting practices, attending events, and/or hosting events
- Please communicate with your club coaches, players and parents early and regularly on your action plan for the next few weeks and months (e.g., institute a 48 hour fever free before attending practice, attendance at your events are limited, re-scheduling of events)
- Support – continue to reach out to the Region office. We are working closely with USA Volleyball, surrounding Regions and health organizations
- Refund Policy – ensure that it is clear, that it is communicated, and fairly administered

## **OTHER POINTS of EMPHASIS – PRECAUTIONARY ACTIONS**

- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- **STAY HOME** if sick
- Limit your exposure to large crowds
- Remained informed on updated best practices and behaviors that increase risks for yourself and others

## **UPDATED INFORMATION**

- [USA Volleyball – Response to Coronavirus](#) (Event Updates, Advice on Cleaning Volleyballs, Proactive Precautions)
- [Minnesota Department of Health](#)
- [North Dakota Department of Health](#)
- [South Dakota Department of Health](#)
- [Michigan Department of Health](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Center for Disease Control -](#)
- Check Local Government websites for more specific information on locations living in or traveling to