

## March 20, 2020 Update From USAV CEO Jamie Davis - 10:00 a.m. Mountain

Dear Regional Leadership -

As previously advised by the USOCP, we informed you that the national Small Business Administration (SBA) loan program is only open to for-profit organizations, however, this is not completely clear at this point and certain SBAs have distributed language that indicates non-profits are actually eligible. This could include USAV as well as the regions. Please check with your respective state SBA for more detailed eligibility and status of your federal disaster area designation. If you believe that you may need financial assistance, we recommend you seek out these opportunities and apply in the meantime just in case.

More information including the application link is available here:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

Note: The website and application will experience unprecedented traffic. If the page will not load, please check back at a later time.

### TIPS FOR APPLYING:

- Include the disaster in your application - specifically name "COVID-19" or "Coronavirus"
- Apply online versus by mail
- Write your password down; neither the system nor any personnel are able to retrieve it
- Save your work at every prompt. The website may go down periodically due to high volume. If this happens, try to login again at a later time.
- Do not rush through the application. Check and recheck the filing requirements to ensure that all the needed information is completed prior to submission. The biggest reason for delays in processing is due to missing information.
- Be sure to use the same contact information (business name and the name of all owners) that you use on your federal tax returns. Double check that they match.
- If your tax returns reference other businesses that you own, you must also submit those tax returns in order to avoid processing delay.
- If more funds are needed, applicants can submit supporting documents and a request for an increase. If less funds are needed, applicants can request a reduction in the loan amount.
- If the loan request is denied, the applicant will be given up to six months in which to provide new information and submit a written request for reconsideration.

USAV will continue to provide you information and resources as they come available to us. Furthermore, if you have items that you believe would be good for the volleyball community, please send them to us so that we can include it on our dedicated COVID-19 webpage which has become a hub for such information.

Thanks, stay safe and GO USA!

Jamie Davis  
USA Volleyball

## March 19, 2020 Update – 3:30 p.m. Mountain

USA Volleyball is announcing the elimination of sanctions for all **USA Volleyball activities (including but not limited to events, practices, team activities, individual training sessions or anything covered by USA Volleyball insurance) through April 30, 2020 (as of March 31<sup>st</sup>)**. USA Volleyball is monitoring the situation daily and will continue to provide updates on a regular basis.

USA Volleyball has been asked by local clubs whether such ban applies to club activities covered under the club's own (non-USA Volleyball) insurance. In these situations, USA Volleyball strongly encourages all member clubs and coaches to adhere to USA Volleyball's policies. However, should a club decide to voluntarily disregard those policies and assume all risks associated therewith, we recommend that the club adhere to CDC; local, state and federal guidelines and recommendations when deciding whether or not to host practices or individual training sessions. If a club does host practice or individual training sessions, those activities would be considered a non-sanctioned activity by USA Volleyball and thus NOT covered by USA Volleyball insurance.

The health and welfare of our membership, volleyball families and fellow citizens is our primary concern in all decisions we are making during these uncharted times.

## March 18, 2020 Update From USAV CEO Jamie Davis - 6:00 p.m. Mountain

Local volleyball clubs and/or facilities:

The Small Business Administration is offering [disaster assistance loans](#) related to the coronavirus/COVID-19. The link takes the user to a page with an additional COVID Aid link at the top of the page. The user should follow the link.

According to the Congressional Research Service, the SBA has defined "Small Business" as ([see page 8](#)):

- organized for profit;
- has a place of business in the United States;
- operates primarily within the United States or makes a significant contribution to the U.S. economy through payment of taxes or use of American products, materials, or labor;
- is independently owned and operated;
- is not dominant in its field on a national basis;
- does not exceed size standards established, and updated periodically, by the SBA

We are providing this information as you may wish to see if you qualify and take advantage of the program.

## March 18, 2020 Update

USA Volleyball announced on March 13 the elimination of sanctions for **all USA Volleyball activities (including but not limited to events, practices, team activities, individual training sessions or anything covered by USA Volleyball insurance) through March 31**. USA Volleyball is monitoring the situation daily and will continue to provide updates on a regular basis.

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### **March 13 Statement:**

As of 7pm ET on Friday, March 13, USA Volleyball has released the following statement, which directly impacts all USAV activities:

**“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.”

This statement means that any individual or entity operating under the USAV-OVR umbrella, including but not limited to a team, club, or facility, will assume all liability associated with that activity; USAV is not providing insurance coverage through March 31.

The cooperation, patience and understanding that our membership has shown is greatly appreciated. As OVR leadership navigates an ever-changing landscape, we will be keeping everyone’s health and well-being a priority!

### **March 12 Statement:**

On Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has issued a state of emergency. The order has restricted mass gatherings to fewer than 100 people with emphasis on the importance of “social distancing.” He has mandated all K-12 public schools will be closed beginning Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for a period of 3 weeks; there may be more restrictive policies implemented in the coming days.

USAV has issued a position statement, and a link to that information is posted on the OVR website. The RECOMMENDATION from USAV on cancellation of events extends to March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Please refer to the USAV website for updates from the National office. I want to encourage all parents, coaches, and club directors to check the OVR website on a regular basis for updates.

With the safety and well-being of our members in mind, the OVR will be suspending/cancelling all OVR-run events and tournaments (such as upcoming Bid Play-ins and the 18s Bid Qualifier this month), until further notice. To clarify this statement – the OVR cannot legally cancel an event that the OVR does not own/manage. That decision is at the discretion of the local tournament host, who must also abide by any orders or mandates from local or state authorities.

I want to strongly encourage all tournament directors to use their best judgement and cancel their events. I cannot emphasize enough how critical the problem is. The OVR wants to be part of the solution that supports the effort to combat this medical emergency.

**The most frequently asked question:** Can the clubs or teams practice?

**Answer:** That is a parent-club-team decision.

**My response to practices:** Are they necessary? Is it defeating the purpose of social distancing?

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