

Ladies and gentlemen, the successes of the past 2021 OVR-USAV club season are directly related to the efforts you made in promoting a safe environment for athlete participation. To guarantee that continued success for the 2021/2022 season, our efforts must continue to be promoting athlete safety as the priority!

The new season will require all of us to do what is required by the State of Ohio, County and city health departments. Vaccines and masking policies have played a vital role in our efforts to establish an event schedule and provide you the opportunity to promote your club experience to athletes. Once again the LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS and CITY policies will govern/control/determine, OVR policies.

State of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania

Individual organizations (OVR/clubs/facilities) have the authority to determine if/what restrictions they will implement in regard to Covid protocols.

Local health departments (county):

Please contact your local health department to determine possible Covid restrictions and protocols.

It is not possible for the OVR to “create” protocols that comply with all county guidelines; EXCEPT – CONTACT TRACING LIST must be compiled when hosting any type of activity, that responsibility falls on the activity host/manager. The list must include full names, address, phone number/email address of EACH INDIVIDUAL in attendance! There is a contact tracing form on the OVR website (https://www.ovr.org/docs/Contact_Tracing.pdf). If an outbreak is reported, we must be ready to respond appropriately.

City government:

Does the city in which you are providing the activity have any restrictions/guidelines/protocols that are being utilized?

Ex – the City of Columbus requires ALL indoor activities to utilize masking!

Facilities:

Individual facilities are permitted to implement Covid protocols that are “more restrictive” than the local policies.

Conclusion - ALL participants/spectators in the OVR-USAV program are REQUIRED to comply with the above policies. We must do exactly what we were asked to do last season, only do it better, to guarantee a safe and successful 2021/2022 season!

When in doubt, ASK FIRST!

Bob Price

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