

Ohio Valley Region 2020 FRIENDSHIP SEASON Guidelines for Clubs/Facilities

The OVR/USAV Friendship Season proposal is an attempt to provide athletes/parents an opportunity for participation in an OVR/USAV approved activity. The following is a list of requirements and recommendations for clubs and facilities.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Acquire WRITTEN (email acceptable) approval for activity from COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. where activity is located. It is advisable to provide a written proposal/description of the activity when seeking approval. Get clarification on the mass gathering restriction. Please also forward the activity description to Bob Price (price@ovr.org).
- 2) ALL policies/protocols of the HEALTH DEPT. must be observed.
- 3) ALL SANITATION PROCEDURES must follow activity on each court at the conclusion of each session.
- 4) ALL participants MUST be OVR/USAV members.
- 5) Clubs/Facility must require EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION from each participant.
- 6) OHSAA eligibility regulations must be OBSERVED/ENFORCED.
- 7) The friendship season is NOT AN APPROVED OVR TRYOUT! Club information may be distributed, NO CONTRACTUAL OFFERS PERMITTED.

The following is a listing of definitions/recommendations of what clubs can provide during this “friendship season”:

Volleyball activities include:

- 1) Athletic training and/or skill development sessions
- 2) Open gyms – athletes from surrounding area may participate in scheduled volleyball sessions, i.e., development or competitive events
- 3) “open house” to promote club programs & operations, and other similar activities; allow area athletes to preview your facility/program as they evaluate their options for participation in the OVR’s fall “friendship season”, including safety precautions and procedures, etc.

Volleyball Activities and Competitions includes:

- 1) Scrimmages (2,3,4,5 or 6 players per team) “Team” includes, among others, a school team, a grade level team, a group of friends who want to play
- 2) Matches – best 3/5 sets, playing ALL 5 sets regardless of winner (a 90minute time frame is suggested)
- 3) “pick up games/matches during specified time blocks (EX – 4pm-5pm, 5:30-6:30pm, etc.)

Outreach by club and/or facility directors – contact local junior high/high school coaches, players and/or parents to offer your club and/or facility as an alternative opportunity when a school’s fall season has been delayed or canceled.