

OVR Club Directors Conference Call Notes & Recap

Thursday, May 28, 2020

OVR Commissioner Bob Price participated in the Ohio State Task Force for sports today. His recommendations to that committee address most concerns that have been presented to him from our volleyball constituents. We are still waiting on more direct guidance from the Governor's office.

The OHSAA has released their guidelines for returning to play, which has caused some confusion. This is due, in part, because local school districts and local health departments will determine what activities are approved.

Regarding OVR volleyball and our return to play, this will be accomplished in four phases. We are in Phase 1 now. Two items are crucial to this process: 1) Masks are vital. They should be worn whenever appropriate. 2) Social distancing must be maintained by any participants.

Phase 1 for Volleyball:

- * "Rule of 10" – 10 people are approved per COURT. This includes the coach and 9 (nine) players, aka "Control Group". The coach must wear a mask (per Health Department); players may also wear a mask if appropriate.

- * Anyone who enters the building/facility should wear a mask. Consider posting a sign such as, "A mask must be worn to enter this facility."

- * Scrimmages, intra-club or otherwise, are NOT permitted (in Phase 1).

- * Phase 1 is for training and skill development.

- * Also, it is highly recommended and encouraged that each club/team maintain a record of WHO is on each court for each session. This is for contact tracing purposes.

- * If you are running any training/skill development session, it is recommended that you establish an "injury protocol." This will outline how athlete injuries will be handled on site. Physical contact should be avoided as much as possible during this protocol.

- * For multiple sessions on the same day, designate a traffic pattern if possible, which will have people in the facility exit through a different door than the new group coming in. OR, establish a schedule that allows for a break between sessions so that the same door can be used.

- * Athletes must bring their own water – facilities do NOT provide this; drinking fountains must be turned off/not used.

- * Clean equipment with sanitizer between sessions. Clean floors between sessions when possible.

NOTE – the Ohio Governor could change any of this! He is expected to review these items tomorrow.

When there are conflicting guidelines between the OHSAA, the State of Ohio, or local health departments, it is recommended that you abide by the most restrictive policy to ensure no coach or athlete jeopardizes OHSAA eligibility.

Any club director or facility owner can send “return to play protocol” suggestions to Bob Price (price@ovr.org), and he can provide those suggestions to the Ohio Task Force.

OTHER TOPICS:

Commissioner Price recommends that club directors consider including a statement in their early signing contracts to cover the possibility of the high school (OH, WV, PA) season is canceled. If the HS season is canceled, the USAV season may be able to start earlier. That circumstance may require additional fees to cover a club’s extended involvement with an athlete (i.e., starting before late November/December). Please contact Bob Price with questions in this regard.

Beach VB. Certain areas/counties of the state are allowing beach/sand VB facilities to open and run their leagues. The OVR will promote opportunities for juniors to play, when appropriate.

From Al Herbert – we have a “summer” membership for \$15, which covers both indoor and Beach participation. Anyone NOT currently registered as a USAV member can join for \$15. Contact Al with questions.

Running summer clinics and camps – depends on OHSAA’s fall sports season/schedule. We will provide information when it becomes available.

From Tom Kohl/Bob Price: Any club director who is still owed money (entry fees) from a tournament director, fill out an Incident Report Form and send to Bob Price. The form is on the OVR website: https://www.ovr.org/forms/OVR_Incident_Report.pdf