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VIA EMAIL ONLY

RVA Leadership

Dear RVA Leadership:

We are pleased to report that after many rounds of communication with the USOPC, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, and our insurance providers, we have received permission to sanction virtual training/coaching instruction/meetings. We would like to extend this sanctioning immediately, however, any virtual training/coaching/meetings involving minors are subject to requirements of MAAPP, specifically the regulations on electronic communications and one-on-one interactions. These requirements include the following:

1. All virtual trainings/coaching/meetings must be “observable and interruptible,” able to be ended at any time, and have at least two applicable adults on each session, i.e., coach and assistant, coach and club director, etc.
2. All parents/guardians must be provided the code or link to join the virtual session.
3. All parents/guardians must sign a waiver in advance as these sessions could be viewed as individual training. A record of which clubs/coaches have been approved to conduct these sessions should be kept. USAV has created a standardized waiver form if you care to use it, which can be found here <https://fs28.formsite.com/USAVolleyball/MAAPPconsentform/index.html>
4. If a minor athlete ends up emailing a video to a coach for feedback or additional coaching, the coach needs to copy the parent/guardian and/or other applicable adult on all correspondences.

To be clear, the insurance carrier has confirmed that the General Liability policy will provide coverage for bodily injury claims (including participant legal liability and abuse claims) arising out of the virtual training/coaching/meeting SO LONG AS the above requirements are followed.

We are confident you will find this update to be some good news in these unprecedented times. We hope this will allow you and your clubs to provide some additional value-add for your memberships. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally or to reach out to my team should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Stay safe, stay healthy and GO USA!

Sincerely,

Jamie Davis, CEO
USA Volleyball

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