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OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE RECENT ORLANDO TRAGEDY

We are greatly saddened by the tragic events that took place in Orlando this weekend and send our deepest sympathies to those impacted and affected. As always, the safety of our athletes, coaches and fans is our top priority. We will continue to work with public officials and leadership to ensure all our upcoming events are as safe as possible and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Please be aware that security measures are being taken at the venues for the AAU Volleyball Nationals. I have personally met with security officials and our staff has worked to integrate our efforts to provide as safe and secure environment as we can. While we cannot divulge the specifics about security arrangements in order to maintain their effectiveness, law enforcement is being employed for the event.

Below are some items to keep in mind during the event.

- **Arrive Early:** Expect longer entrance lines at the event as well as local theme parks. Arrive to your venues early.
- Traffic & Parking: Large crowds are expected at the Orange County Convention Center. Please be prepared for heavy traffic. Event traffic should use SR 528 Exit #2. If traveling on Sand Lake Blvd, use Universal Blvd to the Convention Center. Please see the links below for detailed parking directions.

North Hall Parking – Courts 19-93 South Hall Parking – Courts 94-177

• **Tickets/Credentials:** All attendees (spectators, athlete, coaches, officials, vendors, etc.) are expected to have their tickets or credentials with them at all times. Please note coaches will receive both a wristband and ticket. The ticket is required to enter the facility and the wristband must be worn on the wrist at all times. Only coaching staff with the wristband will be permitted on the team bench.

Spectators can pre-purchase tickets online until June 16 at 12:00 pm. Click here to purchase. To avoid long lines on the first day of competition on June 19 at the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC), we encourage you to purchase or pick-up your online orders early. Ticket sales and will call pick-up will be available as follows.

Friday, June 17: OCCC, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

ESPN Wide World of Sports, 6:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday, June 18: OCCC, 8:00am to 6:00 pm

ESPN Wide World of Sports, 6:30am to 8:30 pm

For teams starting competition on June 22 or June 23, both facilities will be open during competition hours of the first wave.

- Opening Ceremony: On June 18, the Opening Ceremonies will take place at ESPN Wide World of Sports. The complex will open at 5:00 pm and the team march-ins will begin at 7:00 pm at Champion Stadium. There is a limited capacity for the stadium, so arrive early.
- Water Park Party: A limited number of tickets still remain for the AAU Volleyball Water Park Party to be held on June 22 and June 26 at Disney's Typhoon Lagoon from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. For information, visit www.aauwaterparkparty.com.
- Updates: For the latest updates on the event, please follow us on Facebook (fb.com/RealAAUVolleyball) and Twitter (@AAUVolleyball).

Your cooperation with event officials is appreciated and we look forward to the best ever AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships!

Sincerely,

Dr. Roger J. Goudy President/CEO of the AAU