

# AAU Junior National Volleyball Championships Protocols

*In conjunction with Orlando Health, Orange County Convention Center and local authorities, the following protocols will be in place for the event. This information is subject to change.*

**If you are experiencing a fever or any symptoms listed below, you should not attend the event. Doing so could greatly impact your team's eligibility.**

*Symptoms: shortness of breath, dry cough, sore throat, headache, runny nose or nasal congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of sense of smell/taste, dizziness, muscle aches, general weakness, fever of 100 or more, chills, shaking, recent unprotected contact with a known positive COVID-19 patient.*

## Pre-Entrance

- 1) Health screenings and temperature checks will take place on the **North side of the building in the bus drop off zone**. No entrance will be permitted on the South concourse. All people entering the building will only be allowed to do so on the NORTH side after they go through their health screening. **The South side of the building will be used as an exit only**. No one will be permitted to exit the building on the North side. There will be signage posted inside the building as a reminder of this policy.
- 2) **All participants must wear a face mask at all times**, except for players while on the court during warm-up and competition.
- 3) Temperature checks will take place each day that you are entering the building.  
*\*Your team representative that attends team check-in the day before competition, will get more information and be walked through the process so they will be able to help their team on their day of arrival. \**
- 4) All teams will need to enter the health screening/temperature checks **together as a team. All athletes, coaches, and up to ten chaperones per team that are entering the building for the day, will need to do so at the same time.**
- 5) Once your entire team is together, you will proceed to a check-in station and will be assigned to a temperature check station.
- 6) At the temperature check station, the head coach or team representative will need to:
  - a. **Answer health screening questionnaire (see below for questionnaire)**
  - b. **Submit a copy of the approved team roster.** This will be provided to each team at check-in on either July 14 or July 18. Your team roster will need to be submitted each day to verify who is entering that day. Reminder: You can have a maximum of 10 chaperones enter per day per the team. All participants must enter together.
- 7) Once all members have passed the health check, you will be given wristbands to signify that you have passed the check for the day. **These wristbands MUST be worn at all times in the building, including during competition. This includes all athletes, coaches and chaperones.** If you are in the building without the appropriate wristband, you may be expelled from the event.
- 8) Officials, event staff, convention center employees, vendors and all others in the building will be subject to the same protocols.

## Inside the Building

### 1) **Face Coverings/Masks**

- All participants (athletes, coaches, chaperones, officials, staff, etc.) must wear a face covering at all times.
  - **Exception:** Athletes on the floor during warm-ups and competition will not be required to wear a face mask.
  - Coaches and other bench personnel must remain wearing a face mask at all times including while on the team bench.
  - Athletes on the team bench must wear a face mask. When athletes come out of the game, they should clean their hands and then place their mask on while on the team bench. Hand sanitizer will be available by each court.
  - [For CDC guidance on face coverings, please click here.](#)
- 2) The courts have been spaced farther apart to increase walkways. A total of 66 courts will be used in nearly one million square feet.
  - 3) There will be no handshakes or gift exchanges between teams this year.
  - 4) Teams should maintain social distancing on the team bench and during timeouts.
  - 5) Chaperones watching the competition should not change sides during the match.
  - 6) Chaperones, coaches and athletes should maintain 6 feet of distance from other participants when not competing during a match.
  - 7) All participants must enter on the North Concourse and exit through the South Concourse.
  - 8) Hand sanitizer is available throughout the facility.
  - 9) Teams are encouraged to bring their own water. Water stations will not be provided this year. There will also be no cooler storage rooms this year; however, coolers will be permitted inside the competition hall and can be kept with the team.
  - 10) Social distance signs and reminders will be placed throughout the facility.
  - 11) Enhanced cleaning measures will take place. This includes sterilizing the courts each night and sterilizing the game balls between sessions.
  - 12) OCCC is implementing its [Recovery and Resiliency Guidelines](#) and receiving its [Global Biorisk Advisory Council \(GBAC\) Star accreditation](#) on outbreak prevention, response and recovery. Recognized as the gold standard of safe venues, GBAC Star provides third-party validation to ensure the implementation of rigorous protocols in response to ensuring a clean, safe and healthy environment.
  - 13) **Officiating:** One referee will be provided. Teams must supply a rostered coach to serve as the second referee, in addition to a scorekeeper, scoreboard operator, libero tracker and line judges. On behalf of Baden, the official volleyball of the AAU, a hand whistle will be provided to each team at check-in. Teams should bring their own pens and pencils for scorekeeping.

## AAU Volleyball COVID FAQ's

<p>What type of screening will be done?</p>	<p>Each attendee will be required to complete a self-assessment to evaluate for symptoms prior to arrival. At the entry point, Orlando Health trained personnel will conduct temperature checks and review self-assessments. Any persons with a fever or COVID-like symptoms will be referred for further evaluation.</p>
<p>If an athlete, coach or chaperone has a temperature, are they and the team prohibited from entering?</p>	<p>Any participant including an athlete, coach or chaperone with a temperature of &gt; 100.5 will be referred to a healthcare provider for further evaluation. Cases will be reviewed individually, but in general, any participant with COVID-like symptoms, including a fever, will be excluded from tournament participation along with the rest of the team.</p>
<p>If an athlete, coach or chaperone tests positive for COVID-19, is the team disqualified?</p>	<p>Yes, for the safety of the rest of the attendees. CDC guidelines recommend that anyone with a known exposure should isolate and monitor for symptoms.</p>
<p>If someone tests positive for COVID-19, is the tournament shut down?</p>	<p>No. However, anyone who has had close contact with the person testing positive will be asked to leave the event in compliance with CDC guidelines. This includes teammates and anyone with shared transportation and/or lodging. Any areas that were potentially contaminated will be cleaned and sanitized per CDC recommendations.</p>
<p>Will everyone need to be tested for COVID-19?</p>	<p>No- tests are only appropriate for those demonstrating symptoms or upon advice from a medical professional. Concerned attendees should discuss risk factors and symptoms with a medical provider.</p>
<p>Are face masks required? Do athletes have to wear them when playing? Do athletes have to wear a mask on the bench?</p>	<p>As a precautionary measure, all attendees must wear a mask unless involved in active tournament play. When an athlete is substituted out of the match, they will be asked to sanitize their hands and then put on their mask. Hand sanitizer will be available near each court.</p>
<p>If someone tests positive for COVID-19, do the individual and team members need to quarantine in Florida for 14 days?</p>	<p>The CDC does not generally issue advisories or restrictions for travel within the United States. Participants should check with their local health departments for any self-quarantine mandates in their local communities.</p>
<p>I have previously tested positive for COVID-19. Can I still come?</p>	<p>Per the CDC recommendations for someone with COVID-19, you can be with others when you have no fever, respiratory symptoms have improved and you receive two negative test results in a row at least 24 hours apart. Please consult your healthcare provider for more information. <a href="#">For additional CDC recommendations, click here.</a></p>

## **AAU/Orlando Health Screening Questionnaire**

Please be prepared to answer these questions for your team each day at the temperature health screening station.

I certify that no players, coaches, or chaperones on my team has any of the symptoms listed below.

- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- GI symptoms (nausea, vomiting or diarrhea)
- New loss of sense of smell or taste
- Disequilibrium (dizziness)
- Unexplained muscle aches
- General weakness
- Fever (temperature of 100° F or greater)
- Chills or shaking
- Recent unprotected contact with a known positive COVID-19 patient

### **REMINDER:**

**Stay home if sick or not feeling well.**

**Wash your hands frequently.**

**Practice social distancing.**

**Wear a face mask.**

**Cover coughs and sneezes.**