



## **2021 SAFETY PLAN OF ACTION**

Effective February 8, 2021

Event management places the highest regard to your experience in Atlanta during the 2021 Capitol Hill Classic. As such, it is the responsibility of all participants to understand and adhere to the safety protocols determined by the event. It is important to understand best practices are being put in place for your safety as well as others.

CHVC will follow guidelines set in place by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the state of Georgia, the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), as well as other local regulations regarding COVID19 safety practices. It is important to note the CHVC Safety Plan of Action will be modified up till the dates of the event if guidelines set in place by the above entities change.

### **IMPORTANT!**

The information listed below is not intended or implied in any way to be a guarantee against possible exposure to COVID-19 or any other infectious diseases during attendance at the event. All those in attendance voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

## **GENERAL POLICIES**

### **Face Mask Protocol:**

- All attendees over age 2 are required to wear a mask at all times. This includes spectators, coaches, players, ref teams and officials – anyone who enters the facility.
- Everyone should bring their own masks.
- CHVC recommends players wear a mask during active play on the court, but it is not mandatory.
- Coaches and players on the bench are required to wear a mask at all times.
- Attendees who have received a vaccination are still required to wear a mask.
- An acceptable mask is:
  - made of at least 2 layers of breathable fabric or hospital grade material

- fully covers the nose and mouth and is secured under the chin
- secured with ear loops to allow for hands free movement
- Not allowed at this time: neck gators, open chin bandanas, face masks with valves, mesh material or materials with holes.
- Officials are authorized to delay match play for team or spectator non-compliance.
- NO EXCEPTIONS will be accommodated. If you cannot wear a mask for personal or other health reasons, please do not attend.
- Non-compliance with event Safety Plan will result in being escorted out of the venue, revocation of tournament ticket, and possible match forfeiture.

**Decision to Attend:**

- Anyone with risk factors should not attend
- Those exhibiting symptoms or signs of sickness or have been in contact with known positive cases should not attend.
- Be willing to abide by all event policies and procedures in the Safety Plan of Action

**Personal Care:**

- Wash and sanitize hands frequently
- Bring own individual hand sanitizer with refills.
- Recommend the use of labeled personal drink containers only
- Properly dispose of your own trash including water bottles, cups, and utensils.

**Attendance Limits:**

- Team rosters are limited to only 3 staff members
- USAV roster standard for 15 athletes is currently in place
- A limit of 30 Spectators per team will be allowed in the facility

**Medical Evaluations:**

- Anyone who presents signs of illness will be asked to leave the venue immediately
- If a player or coach is determined to be a person of concern by our medical staff, the associated team will be disqualified from further participation.
- If a spectator is determined to be a person of concern by our medical staff, they and their party will be asked to leave and not return to the venue.

**Hotels:**

- Recommend that athletes share hotel rooms with their family members rather than teammates, if at all possible.
- CHVC hotels have committed to a comprehensive and thorough cleaning and sanitizing process of rooms and common areas to meet the latest guidance on hygiene and cleaning.
- Anyone exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness at the hotel should separate from their team and not enter the playing facility.
- Visit your individual hotels website to get more specific information

**Ticket Sales:**

- Will be limited to on-line purchase option only, no cash accepted at the venue
- Individual email/phone will be required for each adult ticket holder
- No paper or printed tickets – only digital formats will be utilized

**Admission Process:**

- Plexiglass barriers between staff and attendees for entry scanning
- Dedicated entry and exit zones
- Separate entry zones and times for
  - Coaches & Teams
  - Spectators
  - Officials
- Social distance of 6' required in all lines
- Spectator entry limited to start 30 minutes before scheduled wave. Your ticket will be directly tied to your daughter's team and play schedule.
- Upon first entry into the event, a paper copy of the COVID questionnaire must be submitted to CHVC staff at the Spectator Entrance
- Teams and spectators must leave the venue after the completion of their wave.

**Tournament Desk**

- Limited to one desk location
- Single dedicated zone for attendee interaction with our helpful staff
- Lost & found collection for all non-valuables will be eliminated

**Spectator Seating & Behavior**

- Approved areas for seating will be marked for social distance
- Number of chairs will be relative to the number of spectators allowed per team
- Tradition of changing sides for each set will be eliminated
- Spectators are
  - Required to sit or stand only on their side of their own team
  - Not allowed on or behind the players bench
  - Must be seated when on the end lines, no standing allowed
  - Expected to vacate chairs between matches
  - Should leave the court unless their daughter's team is playing
  - Encouraged to clap or use noise makers instead of yelling
- Personal chairs are not allowed in the venue
- Consumption of food not allowed courtside to maintain mask protocols, however a designated Food Court area will be set up in Hall C3

## Match Protocol

- Face masks required at socially distanced coin toss, no handshakes
- Tradition of changing sides for each set will be eliminated
- Only starters line up on end lines, and when beckoned on the court player go directly to starting position
- End of match handshakes between opponents will be eliminated and replaced by 'good game' wave from their respective side of the court
- Teams shag their own volleyballs during warm up
- Sanitize hands frequently, especially before/after huddles
- All teams are required to have a rostered adult for R2 work team responsibilities
- Officiating team must provide their own pens and pencils for scorekeeping
- Officiating team limited to the same 2 players at score desk for the duration of the match
- Libero tracker will also flip the score
- Officials (R1 & R2) required to use handheld whistles only. If a mouth whistle is used it must be used under a mask.
- Officials will sanitize common use items between matches
- Warmups, clipboards, and personal items should be placed inside backpacks when not in use
- Teams should bring sanitizing and cleaning products for team equipment
- No tie-break sets will be played
- Staggered match ties within a wave may be implemented
- Extra space in between courts
- Consumption of food not allowed on bench or score table to maintain mask protocols

## Awards Protocol

- Elimination of awards ceremony on final day
- Coach or Team Rep will pick up pre-packaged awards at the awards table located near the Tournament Desk.
- Photo-op space will be provided for teams to take their own pictures in the lobby area

## Medical Plans

- Coordinated medical plan between trainers, doctors, and EMT's
- Create safe zones for treating multiple athletes with social distancing
- Create separate areas to evaluate and treat 'sick' versus 'injured'
- Plan an isolation room for infectious patients
- Protocols will be in place for someone determined as a person of concern with possible COVID like symptoms
- Establish clear paths for exiting the injured or ill safely
- **NEW POLICY:** Ice will only be distributed to athletes for acute, on-site injuries as determined by our athletic trainers
- Players should have a contingency plan if they need ice for chronic injuries (hotel ice machines, bring from home, or reusable ice packs)

**Contact Tracing**

- Mandatory phone/email for each ticketed adult attendee
- Developed emergency communication plan to reach all attendees
- Team roster required to include unique phone/email for each adult
- Contact tracing plan with secure and limited access to data, along with a plan for timely and proper disposal of data.
- If anyone in attendance at the event tests positive within 72 hours of the conclusion of the event, please notify us at [info@capitolhillvolleyball.com](mailto:info@capitolhillvolleyball.com)

**GWCC Services**

- Complete controls for safe implementation of Alternate Care Facility in A Building
- Levy has implemented a plan for safe preparation and delivery of food & beverage
- Separate Food Court to be located in C3 for attendees
- Extensive cleaning plan implemented during the event participations days
- Signage and social distance reminders around the building
- Adequate hand sanitizing stations at entrances/exits and throughout the facility
- Adequate supplies of soap and towels in restrooms
- More frequent rounds by facility staff

**Marketplace: Exhibitors & Sponsors**

- Social distance required in exhibit booths
- Number of exhibit booth workers will be limited
- Negative COVID test results are required in order to exhibit at the event
- Dedicated location socially distanced from playing courts