



Florida Region of USA Volleyball

From the Office of the President

To: **FL Region Tournament Directors & Head Officials**

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Date: December 1, 2020

Re: Regional Event Mask Policy for the 2020/2021 Season

This memo is to communicate our regional event mask policy for the upcoming 2020/2021 season. The Florida Region is committed to implementing the highest level of safety measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, we have placed a requirement on all event promoters to have an approved Safety Plan for every event produced and sanctioned by our office. A copy of the approved plan will be on file in the Region Office and must be available at the Championship Tournament Desk for each event.

One of the components that we feel will require additional enforcement is in the area of face masks. These masks must cover the mouth and nose when worn properly and will be required for ALL individuals attending a Florida Region sanctioned event. Individuals that are actively competing on the court, during warm-up or competition, will be exempt from wearing a mask. ALL others in the venue (spectators, coaches, officials, staff, ref teams, or anyone sitting on the team bench) will be required to be properly wearing a face mask.

Officials will be responsible to enforce this policy during competition for the individuals on their court or in the immediate area adjacent to their respective court. Officials are authorized by the Florida Region to use the following penalties to assist with enforcement:

- 1st Offense – Reminder/Verbal Warning & Delay of Start/Resumption of Play
- 2nd Offense – Delay Warning
- 3rd Offense (or any subsequent offense) – Delay Penalty (Point)

Please note that a team cannot lose a match for non-compliance with this policy. If a team is unwilling to comply after multiple reminders and penalties, the Head Official and/or Tournament Director should be called to the court to address the matter and potentially remove the repeat offender from the court.

Thank you for your assistance with enforcing this policy and keeping our members safe at your events!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bishop".

Steve Bishop, Executive Director/President
Florida Region of USA Volleyball, Inc.