

2021 FROSTBITE FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT POLICIES, PROCEDURES & COVID-19 PLAN

Welcome to the Frostbite Festival. In preparation for this weekend's event please familiarize your team, coaches and parents with the following Policies, Procedures & Covid-19 Plan.

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PRE-EVENT LIST

Team Check-In

Prior to attending the event, the following items are needed. **Please email items #3 and #4 to Linsy Hoosier, lhoosier@rochestertermsports.org**, by the Friday before the event at 5:00pm.

1. **Rosters**: Must be submitted on Advanced Event Systems before coming to the tournament.
2. **Paperwork**: The below forms need to be filled out and kept on hand during the event by all coaches.
 - a. **JVA Participant Release and Liability**
 - b. **Medical Release/Waiver** - ***USAV/AAU forms are also allowed.*
 - Paperwork may be submitted electronically if you are a JVA team: **[CLICK HERE](#)**
3. **Check-In Form**: Once the above paperwork is completed, please fill out the **JVA Coaches Event Sign-In Form**. If you have multiple teams coming, the Club Director may fill out one form for all teams.
4. **Hotel Information**: Please let us know which hotel(s) you are staying at and how many total rooms are booked. **[Click here](#)** to view the hotel listing tab on the tournament website for lodging needs.

EVENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Tournament Formats:

A variety of schedules/formats are being utilized to maximize the number of teams we could include in this event while staying within all the guidelines/restrictions in place at this time. To keep things on time so we can get people in and out of the facilities on schedule and stay within capacity limits we will have time restrictions during pool play matches. Matches will be called by time 50 minutes from its scheduled start time. If the sets are tied, 1-1 and the 3rd set is still in progress when time expires, teams will continue to compete until one team is ahead by 2 points and declared the match winner. On Sunday during bracket play we will play the entire match out so when arriving you may not be allowed into the facility if your court is running late. This leaves you 10 minutes to get to your next assigned court and get ready. To reduce the amount of times the warm up balls need to be cleaned and to keep things moving, only teams that were not playing the previous match will be allowed to warm up with volleyballs.

16 Gold Division: Consists of all 4 Team pools using a condensed format where all teams will be playing at the same time utilizing two courts. Teams will play 3 matches in a row and leave the facility. Teams will be reassigned to their next pool which will start 4 hours later. Please do not return more than 20 minutes prior to your scheduled start time. When you return you will play 2 more matches per team on Saturday afternoon and then finish that round of pool play on Sunday, Immediately following pool play teams will then be assigned to brackets. There is no assigned work teams for any of these matches so the R1 will keep a visual score were possible otherwise the playing teams will be asked to provide a person to operate the scoreboard. If the operator needs to switch mid set/match be sure to use a disinfectant wipe to sanitize the device.

16 Silver Division: Consists of 7 team pools following a condensed format with 6 of the 7 teams playing on 3 courts at the same time. This leaves one team available to operate the scoreboard for all 3 courts and remaining “ref” team players/coaches must find a spot upstairs to stay socially distanced while waiting to play or leave if you are done for your current session of play. 3 matches will be played on each court then teams will leave the facility and have a break and return 4 hours later to continue with 2 more matches on each court for their pool. This means teams 5 & 6 who did not ref yet will play 5 matches on Saturday while the others will play 4. Then on Sunday while teams 5 & 6 each have one round to “ref” and one to play the others will have two matches left to play. All teams will then immediately start playoff brackets leaving no teams assigned to help “ref”, but the officials will be able to operate them from the ref stand since these matches are all at the NVC.

18's Division: Consists of all 4 team pools. Due to the number of courts at some facilities and space available at each site some are using a condensed format where teams play a couple in a row then leave and come back later. Pools using the condensed format will not have work teams assigned to matches. While others are using a more traditional format where they stay onsite between short breaks between matches, so work teams will be assigned. Please look at your schedules closely so you can prepare yourself for what you should bring with you. For example: teams in the condensed format do not need to bring blankets to set up a “camp” area as you will simply play, play, play and then leave the facility. You will then come back hours later after you have had time to eat someplace and rest. While those in a more traditional format may want to bring a blanket and some snacks or even a meal to eat while staying at the facility on your break. Sunday some teams will need to travel between pool play and brackets so a 30 minute gap has been left on the schedule for teams to change sites.

Officials

Paid "Up" referees will be provided for all matches. To limit paper handling, shared equipment, extra interaction around the courts an official scorebook will not be kept.

Score Keeping: If a team is assigned to work a match then they will provide someone to operate a visual scoreboard. If no team is assigned then the R1 will keep visual score where this is possible otherwise playing teams will be asked to provide someone to do so. Teams will monitor their own rotations best they can and use the honor system. Officials may use a lineup card on the stand for their own personal use but are not going to be tracking serving order. Sanitize the device/controller between users.

Coin Toss: 1 coach from each team and the R1 will conduct a coin toss in a socially distanced manor. If a 3rd set is necessary the floor captains will meet with the R1 at center court for a coin toss.

Warm Up: A 8 min. warm up, the 2-3-3 format will be used for the **1st match of each session/return to the facility**. The first two minutes will be for ball handling, followed by 3 minutes on the court for the serving team and then 3 minutes for the receiving team. The referee will conduct a coin toss for the first set and if necessary, the third set. After the first match of a session there will be a 5-minute warm up for teams that were not playing in the prior match time (1,2,2).

Protest: Only rule interpretations can be protested, not judgment calls made by the officials. A protest must be filed at the time of the infraction and settled before the set continues. A protest will be resolved by a committee of the First Referee, Head Official, and the Site Director. The committee will vote to deny or uphold the protest. Their decision is final.

Tie Breaker Procedures

1. Two-way ties:
 - a. Result of Head-to-Head pool play match
2. 3 or more teams tied:
 - a. Set percentage (Sets won/total sets played)
 - b. Point Differential based on that entire pool play
 - c. Coin Toss

Schedule & Results

The tournament schedule, match results and Team Rosters are available on-line at Advanced Event Systems, www.advancedeventsystems.com For better viewing on your smart phone or tablet, AES Express app is available for iPhones and Android systems. Results and schedule updates are posted on AES as matches finish throughout the event.

COVID-19 Rules & Requirements

Masks

Event participants, players and coaches, will be required to wear face coverings at all times, including during games, in accordance with MDH guidance and Executive Order 20-81.

- Types of face coverings can include a cloth mask, a neck gaiter, a scarf, a bandanna, or a religious face covering.
- A face covering must cover the nose and mouth completely
- People are not permitted to remove their face coverings during activities that involve a high level of exertion.

If a person refuses to wear a face covering, or is unable to wear a face covering due to a disability, medical, or mental health condition:

- If an individual is not wearing a face covering:
 - First, they will be asked by the site-coordinator once to put their face covering on. If they refuse they will be removed from the event. If they will not leave the event, the site-coordinator will call the authorities.
 - If the individual fails to comply with the Executive Order, they may receive a petty misdemeanor citation and a fine of up to \$100
- If an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a disability, medical, or mental health condition:
 - Those individuals seeking a mask/face covering exemption must obtain a written, medical exemption from a licensed medical professional who is registered, licensed, certified, or otherwise statutorily (MN Statute Chapters 147 & 148) authorized by the state to provide medical treatment and is practicing within the person's medical training and scope of practice.
 - The written, medical exemption must be provided to *the Tournament Director, Linsy Hoosier, lhoosier@rochestermnsports.org - by 5:00PM on the Friday prior to the tournament start date.*
 - The Tournament Director will have a list of individuals who have mask exemption and the Coaches should have a list of those athletes who have exemptions. If an individual did not get approval, they will be required to wear a mask, if they refuse they will be asked to leave the event.

Volleyballs

Game balls and warm up balls in carts are provided for your use. *Do not bring warm up balls to the event.* Game balls will be sanitized by the R1 each match or more frequently if they feel necessary. Carts of warm up balls will be sanitized by the court monitors. Please only use the cart provided on your court and only use for warm up if your team did not play the previous match.

Team Benches

The team listed 1st on the schedule will take the bench to the right of the R1. We will not switch sides during the match. Two chairs, socially distanced, will be provided for each team. Remaining bench personal who are on the sidelines must stand and maintain 6 feet between each other at all times. Look for floor markings to assist you.

At the end of each match if chairs were used, coaches are required to sanitize the chairs for the next team. Sanitizer will be provided on the score tables.

Social Distancing

Social distancing of at least six feet will be implemented and maintained between workers, coaches and players. **For teams who will stay onsite between matches**, please go to the designated team pods area at the completion of their match. The team pods will be clearly labeled at each venue. To ensure the social distancing guidelines are maintained and enforced:

- There will be signage hung at all facilities which will clearly indicate the social distancing rules as well as the designated pod areas.
- Designated pods will be marked with gates/barriers or floor tape to indicate where teams must distance themselves.
- Site-coordinators will routinely check that the guidelines are being enforced. We ask that coaches monitor their teams. If an individual refuses to abide by these rules, they will be removed from the event. If they refuse, the site-coordinator is instructed to call the authorities.
- During matches Officials are not expected to monitor physical distancing: each person is responsible to provide space between themselves and others. Coaches should provide direction to their students regarding social distancing and other safety protocols.

Entering & Exiting Facility

National Volleyball Center – 2601 Viola Road NE, Rochester, MN 55906

- Entrance: Main National Volleyball Center doors, use doors with signs on them signifying entrance doors.
- Please utilize the hand sanitizer provided when entering the facility and maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- Follow directional signs and proceed to your assigned court.
- Exit: Main National Volleyball Center Doors, use doors signed as exit doors.

Century High School – 2525 Viola Road NE, Rochester, MN 55906

- Entrance: Use door #27 which is just to the left of the National Volleyball Center entrance.
- Please utilize the hand sanitizer provided when entering the facility and maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- Follow directional signs and proceed to your assigned court.
- Exit: Main Century High School doors, use doors with signs on them signifying exit doors.

RCTC – College Pkwy SE, Rochester, MN 55904

- Entrance/Exit: East doors of RCTC Field House
- Anyone entering the facility must complete the MN State COVID Self-Assessment and provide proof of the “green” screen when entering the facility.
 - Self-Assessment: https://mnscu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3UIFP1J0nZMeLeB.
- For groups with youth/minors as participants, the group/team coordinator will need to collect the approved proof of screening from all the team participants each day prior to arrival.
 - ***A list of participant names for that day*** and statement in email attesting that all participants have provided proof of screening to the group/team coordinator ***should be sent to the Director of Sports Facilities michael.sheggeby@rctc.edu a minimum of 1-hour prior arrival.*** List should only contain the names of those participants that group/team coordinator received the approved proof of screening for that day.
 - The group/team coordinator or adult coaches will be the only ones that need to show proof of screening at the front entrance.
 - Participants should remain outside the front entrance check point until the group/team coordinator arrives to check them in. The group/team coordinator then must remain at the front desk until all participants on the list are checked in.
 - Once all participants are checked in by the group/team coordinator they will leave a signed copy of that check in sheet with the front entrance desk. The signed copy is again a confirmation that only those on that list are entering the facility and that the group/team coordinator is attesting that all participants have provided the approved proof of screening prior to arrival at the facility.
- Once proof of team assessment is shown. Please use the hand sanitizer provided when entering the facility and proceed to your assigned playing court.

Mayo Civic Center – 30 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904

- ***Drop Off: Participants must be dropped off in the Civic Center Parking Ramp - 2nd Floor.*** Parking is free on the weekends and you will not be charged for entering the parking ramp.
- Entrance: You MUST enter through the skyway on the right, that connects the Civic Center Parking Ramp to the Mayo Civic Center. All other doors will be locked.
- Upon entering the Mayo Civic Center, security will do a temperature screening at the check in kiosk. Fever > 100.4° F required to enter.
- Once you have passed the temp screening, please sanitize hands and follow the directional signage that will lead you downstairs and to your assigned court in the Arena.
- Exit: Civic Center Skyway that leads to the Civic Center Parking ramp.

COVID-19 Screening

In addition to the screening policies put in place at each facility (listed above in *Entering & Exiting Facility). Before attending the event, Players, Coaches and Workers must self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The following policies and procedures are being implemented to assess these individuals' health status prior to attending the event.

- Before players, coaches or worker arrive at the tournament, temperatures must be taken at home. If experiencing symptoms (fever >100.4 F, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing), contact your coach and do not arrive at the event facility/tournament.
- If a player, coach or worker has recently been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results to return, they may not attend the event/tournament.
- If a player, coach or worker has recently been clinically diagnosed or has lab confirmation for COVID-19 (within the last 14 days) they may not attend the event/tournament.
- If a player, coach or worker has been exposed to a household member that has lab confirmed COVID-19, they may not attend the event/tournament.

COVID-19 Tracking

If a player, coach or worker attendings the tournament and finds out after the fact that they are positive of COVID-19, someone in their household testing positive or they have been exposed to someone confirmed to have COVID-19 - have a team representative must [contact the Assistant Tournament Director ASAP - Kaleigh Curran, kcurran@rochestermnsports.org](#)

The Assistant Tournament Director will then notify any opponents or teams that practiced with the infected individual over the previous 14 days.

- The Assistant Tournament Director will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns and will help coordinate with local health authorities regarding positive COVID-19 cases. All participating coaches and associations should know who this person is and how to contact them.
- Upon learning of an individual testing positive for COVID-19, notify MDH of confirmed COVID-19 cases among players, coaches and family members (as required by Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4605.7050). An MDH inbox has been established for sport organization COVID-19 case reporting: health.sports.covid19@state.mn.us . The Minnesota Department of Health can also be reached at 651-201-5000.
- Consult with MDH and local health officials and be prepared to communicate to any players, coaches, officials and volunteers who had close contact with that player notifying them of a positive test. Maintain the confidentiality of anyone with a positive test in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Any positive cases should be logged and tracked.

Facility Food & Beverage Rules

Concession stand will not be available at any of the event venues. Participants will be allowed to bring in personal coolers/lunch boxes. Teams will not be allowed to set up team “buffets” or bring in electrical devices to serve warm food.

When Eating or Drinking:

Executive Order 20-81 allows for temporary removal of a face covering when eating or drinking if at least 6 feet of physical distance can be maintained between parties. Once you are done eating and drinking individuals must put their face mask back on right away.

Water Bottles: Due to CDC guidelines, most facilities will not have running water fountains. Please come prepared and bring prefilled water bottles with you.

Spectators

Spectators WILL NOT be allowed to attend this year’s Frostbite Volleyball Tournament. Only participants and background checked coaches who are listed on the approved team roster submitted in AES will be able to enter the facility.

If a participant has an underlying health condition that requires adult supervision, *approval to add this individual to your roster must be sent to the Tournament Director, Linsy Hoosier, lhoosier@rochestermnsport.org by 5:00PM CST the Friday before the event.*

Streaming

All matches will be live streamed using Meridix Streaming. Streaming per device will be \$8/day or \$15/weekend. *Please use Court 1 as the primary court to buy tickets.* You will have access to all courts used for the tournament

You may access the tournament streaming through this link:

<https://www.meridix.com/group/index.php?liveid=SMVolleyball#/>

Video Taping Consent

This event is monitored by video cameras for commercial purposes, including the online broadcast of events herein. All participants and patrons waive any claim relating to the capture of public transmission of his/her participation while at the venue.

Mayo Sports Medicine

A certified Sports Medicine Trainer from Mayo Sports Medicine will be available at the National Volleyball Center to treat and advise on sport injuries. Tape, wrap and treatment is provided to players at no cost.

The Mayo Sports Medicine trainer will be on call for all other facilities. In case of an injury, inform your Site Director asap. The Site Director will then contact Mayo Sports Medicine as needed.