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Badger Region Volleyball Association precautionary measures in response to COVID-19

In recent days we have received inquiries asking the status of the Badger Region Championships and other Badger Region-sanctioned events as a result of the Coronavirus COVID-19. We are monitoring the situation very closely, including local, state and national health agency information, but as of this time, no changes or cancellations are being made to upcoming events. We will comply with any instructions levied by such authorities, but in the meantime, we will be implementing the following match procedures, effective immediately:

The match will begin with both teams lined up on their respective endlines. The first referee will beckon the teams to the court. The teams will proceed to their respective 3-meter (10-foot) attack lines (not the centerline). Once there, they will wave to the opposing team, exchange verbal good wishes, wave to the crowd and proceed to their positions on the court for the line-up check.

At the conclusion of the match, the first referee will send teams, players and coaches to the end lines. He or she will then beckon them again to the attack line where they will exchange greetings and congratulations there.

This is coming at the request of USA Volleyball and CEO Jamie Davis who on March 9 made the request that all handshakes/high-fives/etc. be suspended. For a link to USA Volleyball's response to COVID-19, click here: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/USA-Volleyball-Response-on-Coronavirus>

Others points of emphasis:

- Players should be conscious of their hands during team huddles and timeouts
- During substitutions, players should not touch hands
- Players should consider alternatives to high-fives or any celebration that involves touching
- All individuals should avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Everyone should wash their hands regularly throughout the day, especially before eating
- If you (or anyone you know) are feeling sick please stay home and do not attend

At Badger Region Championships:

The three weekends of the Badger Region Championships (March 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29) will have additional procedures in place to help prevent the spread of germs and illness among players, coaches, officials, workers and fans.

Those include:

- Sanitizing wipes will be on hand near the scorer's tables to wipe down the volleyball before each match begins. Please note that we have been informed that due to the porous leather surface, cleaning volleyballs is very difficult, but we will still take this precaution in the event that it will help.
- Wipes should also be used to disinfect any pens or pencils being used at the scorer's table (which also should be wiped down frequently). Badger Region encourages scorers and assistant scorers (libero trackers) to bring their own writing utensils if they can.

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- Whistles. Do not share whistles with any players, coaches or officials. For a small donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a limited quantity of whistles may be available at the tournament desk while supplies last. All participants (coaches and players) should come prepared with their own whistle.
 - Efforts to increase the number of trash cans will be in place to discard of disposable water bottles, sanitizing wipes and other garbage. All participants should make a more concerted effort to keep their bench and work areas as clean as possible.
 - Badger Region staff will be taking additional steps to clean the courts, official's stands and other volleyball-specific areas throughout the event center.
- Due to the nationwide shortage of hand sanitizer, the Badger Region encourages participants and spectators to bring their own hand sanitizer and wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

From the Wisconsin Center District:

The Wisconsin Center District (WCD) has invested in new hand-sanitizing stations which are being installed in restrooms, outside of meeting rooms and at each entrance to the building. The building facility team is monitoring the status of air filters in the building.

Additionally, the cleaning and housekeeping staff is cleaning hard surfaces three times per day. Those surfaces include door handles, escalator railings, drinking fountains, stage railings, tables/counter, vending machines, elevator buttons, trash cans and chairs.

Other resources:

The Badger Region is pointing to many health organizations for teams, officials and spectators to find additional information on COVID-19. These experts, who we monitor for their expert analysis of the situation, include:

The World Health Organization (WHO):

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Wisconsin Department of Health (Information specific to Wisconsin):

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>

Milwaukee City Health Department:

<https://city.milwaukee.gov/Health/#.XmfjCqhKiUk>

Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS>

Visit Milwaukee (General information specific to Wisconsin and Milwaukee):

<https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/coronavirus/>

Statement from USA Volleyball:

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/USA-Volleyball-Response-on-Coronavirus>

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We will continue to actively monitor information from experts and updates, if any, will be posted on the main Badger Region Volleyball website (www.BadgerVolleyball.org).

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