

2020 Tri-County Volleyball Return to Play Guidelines

Spring Hill Eudora DeSoto Gardner Wellsville

Effective August 14th the following protocols & recommendations will be in place for the Fall 2020 youth volleyball season. The purpose of this information is to provide as best as possible, a safe environment at all our league Sports Complexes and to comply with local government recommendations. Every attempt was made to uphold the integrity of the game in its original form as much as possible.

***Disclaimer: These guidelines can change before or during the season and are contingent on the Kansas Recreation and Park Association's and KSHSAA Guidelines.**

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- 1) Face coverings are **required** by everyone entering and exiting the building. **Face coverings must be worn the entire time** by everyone that is not physically participating in an activity. Coaches are **required** to wear a mask when in contact with their team. Players are exempt from wearing a mask when they are actively participating in the activity. It is recommended that players on the bench wear a mask when not actively participating.
- 2) Equipment – League towns will provide volleyballs during games. On gamedays volleyballs will be sanitized before and after each game.
- 3) Team benches will be for participant use only and substitutes should sit 6 feet apart on their bench.
- 4) Huddles - Communication with the team needs to follow social distancing guidelines.
- 5) At the conclusion of the game, no handshakes. Instead, teams should line up on their respective side of the court and use an appropriate sign of respect. This act of sportsmanship should be initiated by the coaches and officials.
- 6) There will be no serving or hitting the volleyball over the net during warm-ups.
- 7) Bathrooms will be open and cleaned frequently. Water fountains will not be available unless they have the water bottle fill up option.
- 8) Water – The sharing of water bottles and team water coolers is not allowed.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Players may wear face coverings if they choose. Face coverings may be homemade, or store bought.
- 2) Participants and coaches should wash/sanitize their hands and equipment after each game.
- 3) Teams are encouraged to provide hand sanitizer for use before, during and after the game.
- 4) Social distancing is recommended whenever possible. Teams are encouraged not to gather as a group within close proximity of one another for pre or post game meetings.
- 5) Once your games have concluded, please leave the Recreation Facility. Do not remain to watch other games.
- 6) We strongly encourage those individuals who are at high risk (Senior Citizens and those with underlying medical requirements) to avoid the recreation facility.
- 7) All participants, fans and staff are encouraged to look for any signs of illness and do not come to the Recreation Facility if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.
- 8) Try to limit the number of spectators to two per player.
- 9) Spectators should be 6 ft socially distanced in the bleachers.

RULE CHANGES:

- 1) Pre-game meeting with officials should be held with 6 ft social distancing guidelines.
- 2) Teams will not switch sides with each set and will remain on their side for the entire match.
- 3) In the event of an injury only the coach or parent may attend to the player unless medical attention is required.
- 4) A minimum of 1 official will be provided per game.