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The Arizona Region is offering play because we feel it is important for the health and mental well-being of our players, coaches and officials. The health and safety of our members is the most important part of this discussion. In that light, the following Mask Protocols and Spectator protocols **MUST** be complied with or we won't be able to continue. We are being watched by the city and county governments. We must take this seriously or we can be shut down. **NO ONE** wants to wear masks or restrict spectators – **BUT WE ALL HAVE TO** in order to keep playing.

**MASK PROTOCOL** – This is in effect until notified otherwise – the policy will continually be evaluated against the conditions in the areas in which we have sites to play. The mask should be considered part of the uniform and worn properly. The mask requirement will be in effect at Qualifiers and the JNC as well.

Everyone must be masked at all times inside the building – this includes players on the court. There are no exceptions. The mask must be worn over the nose and mouth. If players need a little extra air after a long or strenuous rally, the player may pull the bottom of the mask away from their chin to take in air. Tucking the mask under the nose or chin at any time is a violation. The coach's mask must remain in place at all times.

The officials have been instructed to make sure the masks are over the nose and mouth before they beckon for serve. A team delay may be given if the players do not get this done. A Yellow card warning will be given for anyone that is not wearing their mask properly in the match. If a 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction, the player/coach will be removed from the match. A 3<sup>rd</sup> infraction will be cause for removal from the building and the tournament.

**SPECTATOR POLICY**

At this time of COVID with occupancy requirements what they are for facilities, the AZ Region has agreed with our facilities to allow up to 3 spectators per team for the day. The names of the spectators are to be written on the roster and they will be checked for id, temperature and their name on the roster at the door. The coach was given wristbands for up to 3 spectators in their score packet at their first tournament. The wristbands should be given back to the coach at the end of the day for use at the next tournament. Wristbands that are lost or stolen will not be replaced.

Parents/spectators that are not the 3 designated spectators should not hang around the parking lot for the day. The team camps also need to be reduced in size for social distancing purposes. The spectators outside that are not written on the roster will not be allowed in the building to go to the restroom or for any other purpose.

We have seen parents use Livestrong wristbands and falsify the AZ Region Spectator wristbands. This may cause the team to lose all spectator privileges. Credentials for any other tournament are not valid for the AZ Region tournaments.

This is an occupancy issue. We look forward to the day all spectators will be allowed in the building to cheer on their team, but that is not now. BallerTV, Sporfie or Profile Sports streaming systems will be available at most, if not all, of our tournament locations for parents that are not able to be part of the designated 3 spectators.

The only people allowed in the building are **ACTIVE** coaches (up to a max of 3 per team), players in uniform and the 3 designated spectators. Chaperones, Team Reps, Directors, excess coaches or anyone else that is not an **ACTIVE** coach/player is considered a spectator **AT THIS TIME**.

Please help us continue to offer play. We will not be able to if we have parents/coaches/club directors that won't respect the hoops we have to jump through to be able to play. We are being watched by the city and county governments as to our ability to keep the spread down and to maintain our occupancy restrictions.

Thanks for your cooperation and help in these difficult times.