

ST7 Volleyball Tournament Court Protocols

- Mask requirements: Coaches and players on the sidelines must wear a mask at all times. However, athletes are not obligated to play with a mask on. If players wish or want to play with a mask on they can.
- Teams are required to shag their own volleyballs during warmups.
- The R1 and captains must all stand at a social distance for the coin toss and there will be no pre-match handshakes or high-fives exchanged.
- Only starters will lineup on the end line and do the pre-match wave to the opposing team.
- At the conclusion of the set, players must go directly back to their bench.
- There will be no changing of sides between sets unless a distinct disadvantage is evident and indicated by the R1 prior to the start of the match.
- If changing sides is deemed necessary, players and coaches should maintain social distance and avoid direct contact while switching courts.
- During substitutions players should refrain from contact and stand at a social distance from each other, raising a hand to be recognized by the R1.
- We encourage the elimination of celebration traditions that involve player-to-player contact.
- We encourage coaches to keep social distance when possible during time outs. The R1 will be encouraged to allow players to stand on the playing surfaces during time outs when necessary for social distancing.
- We encourage better court time management by the R1 to eliminate delays.
- We encourage athletes to use labeled personal drinking containers only. Shared water containers are prohibited.
- We prohibit food consumption anywhere on the first floor of the gym to minimize the amount of time that face coverings are not worn.
- All referee duties will be done by ST7 staff and the professional R1.
- Lineup sheets will be shown to R1, R2, and scorekeeper for recording the rotation with no physical contact. They will not be turned in.
- ST7 Volleyballs have been cleaned with a hospital grade cleaner and treated with BioProtect. This product protects the balls from viruses and bacteria for up to 90 days. This eliminates the need to sanitize the balls during the tournament.
- The R1 and tournament director will wipe down commonly used equipment before each match with disinfectant.
- Player warm-ups, coach clipboards, and other personal items should be placed inside their backpack when not in use.
- Officials are required to use personal handheld whistles or whistle under their mask.
- When a team is not participating in one of the matches on the court, they cannot be on the first floor of the gym. They must exit the building or sit in their club's designated area upstairs until it is time for their team to take the court.