

Southwest Boys Classic Club Directors,

We would like to provide an update with important information for the SWBC Qualifier. ***Please thoroughly read the entire email below to ensure you and your athletes have a positive experience at our event. Forward this PDF to the athletes and families.*** The safety of the athletes, coaches and attendees is at the forefront of our decisions. In order for the boys to have the best chance of a season, the following protocols must be followed.

Due to COVID, the Austin Convention Center has informed us that the convention center is no longer a viable option for the tournament.

Venue Date and Location Updates

Below is the plan for the updated SWBC. Moving a tournament of this size is a logistical challenge. Please be patient with the tournament staff as they work to reconfigure the entire schedule. The schedule will be posted on AES the week of the tournament and is subject to change if teams drop due to COVID. For additional tournament updates, please see the [SWBC website](#).

Playing Locations and Dates*

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February 5th – 7th *new location*

- **16s – 18s: Central Texas Fieldhouse**

February 6th – 7th *new location*

- **12s – 15s: Central Texas Fieldhouse**

Central Texas Fieldhouse: 2610 Main St Ste. 106, Buda, TX 78610

Central Texas Fieldhouse is located in Buda, just south of Austin. The venue is 15 minutes from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Venue Parking

Parking is free at the Central Texas Fieldhouse.

Hotel Reservations

Your current hotel reservations will be handled by EM2. We are working with outlying hotels to offer rooms near the venues we will be using. Please hold all calls and emails regarding questions or requests until communication is received **tomorrow** from EM2. They are working quickly to get housing blocks loaded in AES to ensure attendees have everything they need.

EM2 Housing will reach out with more information regarding hotels and next steps **tomorrow**. Until then, we appreciate your patience.

Spectator Limitations

We will only allow **1 spectator per player each day** at the tournament, no exceptions. **Different spectators can attend each day if desired.** **Club directors will be sent a code and instructions for each team to use for purchasing soon.** Tickets will only be sold online – no walk ups. Parents will not be allowed to purchase walk up tickets on-site, but purchases can be made on a computer or mobile device.

Roster Validation & USAV Requirements

AES, Sport Engine, and the USAV Membership Dept are still working to fix issues related to roster verification. This process is very time consuming for club directors and region membership staff – it can take weeks to get this done. Start working on your rosters now if you have not done so already, do not put this off.

It is pretty much a guarantee that if you attempt to submit your roster a few days before the event there will be a problem that will prevent a player, or coach from being on the roster.

Rosters with 18-Year-Old Athletes

All players who are 18 years old, or who will turn 18 before or during the event must complete the USAV SafeSport course. Those athletes in your club that are affected by this need to start this now. If this is not completed in time, you will have roster verification issues. Do not wait to start this training.

Rules of Play

USAV rules of play are still in effect this year. A few changes are in place given the COVID situation:

- Teams and Spectators will not switch sides of the court during matches.
- No tie breaker games. Please see the updated USAV Tie Breaking Procedures that rank teams based upon Match %, Set % and then Point % to determine finishes.
- The work team must have the same 2 lines people, the same 2 score table people (not 3), and 1 rostered coach as the 2nd referee **for the entire match. Do not switch out athletes in the middle of officiating a match. If athletes will be using the match for scorekeeping certification, please inform the R1 official prior to the match.**

Weather and Force Majeure Refund Policy

If weather conditions or extenuating circumstances related to the event become a concern, updates will be sent out and published on the event website. Should the event be canceled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, terrorism, a health risk alert, or other extenuating force majeure circumstances, a team will be refunded their respective full entry fee less \$75 for fixed event expenses and less any paid late registration or division move fees. Event policies are tied to those established by the respective governing bodies such as, but not limited to, USA Volleyball, the host venue, and local and federal authorities and guidelines.

Warm Up Balls

Teams must provide their own warm up balls. We cannot share volleyballs amongst teams due to COVID.

Live Stream

BallerTV will cover all courts and matches at all locations. More live stream information will be released closer to the event. Use the code **AJVTV** when creating an account to associate with the event.

Masks Are Required

COVID precautions must be taken at all times for the event to occur. **Masks will be required at all times for all attendees at the event, even when athletes are warming up or playing on the court.** This will reduce any confusion and provide a standard of expectation for everyone in attendance. With teams from a variety of cities and potentially states attending the event, it is for the safety of all that we take this conservative approach.

If you do not want to wear a mask properly, feel uncomfortable wearing a mask, or have a condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, do not attend. We will remove individuals that refuse to comply with tournament policy and/or local and state orders. Depending on the city in which the event is hosted, a citation may be given by law enforcement if needed. The tournament is a private event and attendance is voluntary. By choosing to attend, you are agreeing to follow all policies. There are no exceptions to our rules or policies.



Social Distancing

When a team is not playing, the athletes, coaches and spectators associated with that team should not be around the court. **Please leave** the playing area and seek out more space to social distance, such as your **outside the venue**. If a team is officiating, the “off” players and spectators should not be congregating and need to leave the area so that social distancing can occur at all times. On the final day of the tournament, teams that lose need to fulfill their reffing duty (as assigned) but have as many athletes and parents leave as soon as possible. Keep the building and event safe for all.

Congregating

Congregating to watch another team’s match is not allowed. Parents need to stay at their child’s court and leave when their athlete is done playing. Coaches should not be wandering between courts to watch teams from their own or another club. We cannot have any congregating or wandering. Staff will be onsite enforcing this, we would hate to force an individual to leave the tournament for not adhering to policy.

COVID Liability

By agreeing to attend the event as a coach, athlete, spectator, or any other role, you are attending voluntarily and assuming your risks of exposure to COVID-19. The event operators and facility are released of all liability claims by attendees related to the COVID-19 virus.

Transportation

Visit Austin has continued to support our event and has partnered with several transportation services to support your teams. In addition to many hotels offering shuttle service between the airport and their property, these transportation services can help your team travel to Central Texas Fieldhouse if needed.

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