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ASAA Volleyball Provincials, Nov 25-27, 2021 will proceed, with modifications.

Rationale:

The ASAA is committed to providing student-athletes with opportunities to compete at the provincial/inter-zone level, while at the same time, working to limit the spread of Covid-19 through recommended best practice. This best-practice includes attempting to limit the number of teams at the provincial championship tournaments to allow maximum cleaning and ventilation, in addition to masking, limiting the number of spectators and encouraging social distancing where possible.

These changes in past practice are in the best interests of the health and safety of student athletes and coaches, volunteers and spectators during the pandemic. Factors considered in the deliberations include:

Changes to normal tournament practices

Decision of the ASAA

1. All championship tournaments are reduced from 12 teams to 10 teams.
2. Berths: All events except the 1A Boys Volleyball (which acquired a second gym) will be reduced by 2 berths, and this will ensure that every zone will still have access to sending a team to provincials in each classification where they have schools. Here is the breakdown of where teams will be eliminated:
 - a. 2 “Additional Berths” eliminated from: 1A Girls, 2A Girls and Boys, 3A Boys and Girls
 - b. 1 berth from each of Edmonton and Calgary eliminated from: 4A Boys and Girls (leaves 2 berths each for Edmonton and Calgary)
3. The one 10 team championship (1A Boys) that was scheduled to be in a single gym, has obtained a second gym and can therefore maintain the 10 team format.
4. Matches must be scheduled at 2 hr intervals as follows:
 - a. 1 ½ hrs for match time, allowing for some longer matches to be completed
 - b. 30 minutes to ensure facility is cleared of all athletes, coaches and spectators and sanitized
5. Spectators:
 - a. At minimum, the current AHS requirements must be followed
 - b. At minimum, the COVID restrictions in place for the school jurisdiction of the hosting school must be followed. Schools may choose to be more restrictive, but all participating teams must be informed of this via the championship website
 - c. The ASAA is aware that policies on spectators in gyms varies from one school jurisdiction to another. Some allow 1/3 capacity; others no spectators. Local School Jurisdiction policies will apply.

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- d. The host school, following jurisdiction/school policy will determine how many spectators will be permitted into the gym at any one time. 5% of this number will be reserved for attendance by dignitaries, ASAA representatives, coach/bus drivers, staff supervisor, etc., and the rest divided equally between participating teams.
 - b. Participating teams will be informed that **ONLY** school identified spectators will be permitted in the gym, and only when their team is playing.
 - c. Teams will submit all names of possible spectators (which we will call “identified spectators), up to the maximum allowed by the championship host for their team, to the championship host at least 24 hours before the first match of the championship. Hosts will manage the access of identified spectators to the gym; no spectator whose name is not on the school provided list can enter the gym.
 - d. Flow of spectators in/out of the gym will be managed by the host school, following COVID-safe protocols as determined at the school level.
 - e. Spectators must only sit on the side of the gym where their team’s bench is (host to direct spectators accordingly)
 - f. Spectators must be masked at all times when in the school building and physically distanced from those who are outside of their family cohort
 - g. Gym will be cleared of all spectators, coaches, and players between matches. Officials will also be asked to leave the gym during the sanitizing process.
 - h. Where two courts are being used at the same time in the same gym, the above guidelines must be followed as is practical to do so.
6. Sanitization:
- The following must be sanitized between matches:
 - Team bench
 - Officials stand, including all touchable surfaces
 - Bleacher seating
 - Other touchable surfaces – as determined by host
7. Facility Ventilation
- As much as is possible, hosts are asked to follow the Public Health Agency of Canada’s COVID-19 Guidance on indoor ventilation during the pandemic. Amongst other things, the guidance says: *“one way to improve ventilation is by opening exterior doors and windows for a few minutes, ideally with more than one open at a time.”*
- The request to hosts from ASAA is to open at least two gym exterior doors/windows once during each two hour interval while sanitization is taking place.
8. Vaccinations:
- o As AHS/Alberta Education are not requiring vaccines for high school students, vaccine proof will not be required for them. If AHS or Alberta Education policies change to be more restrictive, those policies must be followed.

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- o If a school jurisdiction of a host school requires proof of vaccine for adults entering the school building (coaching staff/spectators), the host school must enforce it and the ASAA will support this.

**Cautions and Preventative Measures
ASAA Volleyball Provincials
November 25-27, 2021**

The ASAA Volleyball Provincial Championships for November 25-27, 2021 will proceed with the following cautions and preventative measures in place in order to reduce the risk of attendees contracting a communicable disease including, but not limited to, COVID-19 and its variants.

Cautions and Preventative Measures	Rationale
Follow Government directives: Adherence to all Government of Alberta (GoA) and Alberta Health Services (AHS) direction and measures.	This is a legal requirement.
Mandatory Acknowledgement Form submission: A form acknowledging the risk of attending/participating in the ASAA Provincials form MUST be signed by the parent/guardian of every student <u>and</u> every coach/volunteer. Any student, coach or volunteer who appears without a signed form will not be permitted to participate.	Ensures that the parent/guardian of every student athlete competing has signed an informed consent form that while mitigation efforts that <u>exceed</u> GoA/AHS requirements will be in place at ASAA provincials, there is a risk of COVID infection occurring at any time, anywhere, and that participation in this event is undertaken with knowledge of the risk of communicable disease spread involved.
No Opening Ceremonies	This reduces a large gathering of all participants from across the Province at one location at one time.
No Championship Banquet	This reduces unnecessary interactions between participants.

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<p>Virtual coach meeting: The coach meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday evening instead of in-person.</p>	<p>This reduces physical interaction between coaches from various Zones.</p>
<p>Adhere to host safety protocols: The safety measures imposed at a host facility or by a host school jurisdiction will be followed. If the safety measures are less restrictive than the protocols of the ASAA, the ASAA protocols will be used.</p>	<p>This is essential for event operation and if a school jurisdiction or school has more restrictive policies/procedures than those of the ASAA, the more restrictive policies/procedures must be followed.</p>
<p>Number of Teams: reduced from 12 to 10</p>	<p>Results in fewer athletes, coaches, spectators and fewer locations from across the province in most cases. Also allows 2 hour time slots between games to allow clearing out gyms, sanitization and air exchange.</p>
<p>Spectators: Allowance for spectators will be determined by each individual host school jurisdiction and administration.</p>	<p>This allows school jurisdictions and hosts to impose the restrictions that best suit their circumstances. Further details earlier in this document (see 5. a-h)</p>
<p>Officials: Officials will adhere to all officiating protocols and regulations imposed on them as members of the AVOA.</p>	<p>This is a requirement of AVOA officiating the events, while ensuring that student-athlete & coach/official interactions remain safe.</p>
<p>Online souvenir apparel orders: Apparel sales will be online only. No items will be available onsite for purchase.</p>	<p>Souvenir apparel will be on display, but cannot be handled. All sales will be completed online, and must be made on the day of the event using Elite Apparel’s store. Apparel will be screened and mailed out post-event.</p>
<p>Face Masks: Face masks must be worn by all individuals: athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, others, at all times except athletes when they are competing. Athletes must wear masks while on the bench. The Liberio must have their mask on if they are not on the court and are within 2 meters of other athletes. Athletes can take their mask off when they are going to the substitution zone.</p>	<p>Reduces risk of droplet/aerosol infection resulting in communicable disease spread</p>

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<p>Hand sanitizer provided: It will be available at the entry and exit points as well as in the team areas.</p>	<p>Additional sanitizing step to reduce risk of communicable disease spread</p>
<p>Avoid athlete to athlete contact outside of games: No handshakes or other physical contact permitted before, during or after competition.</p>	<p>Reduce Physical contact/risk of communicable disease spread</p>
<p>Awards - Award ceremonies will implement proper physical distancing between teams, volunteers and officials. A designated person from each team will retrieve any medals and/or banners and distribute them to the appropriate individuals. Masking is required at all times.</p>	<p>Reduces contact while still being able to present awards.</p>
<p>Pre-Game: Captains will <u>not</u> shake hands and physical distancing will occur between players and officials. Mask must be worn during the captains meeting.</p>	<p>Reduces unnecessary interactions between individuals.</p>
<p>Post-Game: Teams will <u>not</u> shake hands after the game. (consider a brief team cheer as acknowledgement instead). Teams will minimize time on the court following the game and leave the facility in a timely fashion.</p>	<p>Reduces unnecessary interactions between individuals.</p>
<p>Sanitization: The score table must be cleaned and disinfected between each new group of scorers. The benches, referee stands and game equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between each match. Before each match, the game ball(s) will be sanitized.</p>	<p>Increased sanitization measures reduce the risk of droplet transmission.</p>
<p>Side Switching: Teams will remain on their side of the court for the duration of the match. The home team will establish their bench, and the opponent may not select it during the coin toss.</p>	<p>To limit shared surfaces and communal points of contact.</p>

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<p>Hospitality Room: Hospitality rooms will not be available for officials, coaches or volunteers. If a host chooses to offer refreshments for coaches and officials, all items must be single serve items that are individually packaged or prepared and a safe access/distribution process implemented.</p>	<p>This minimizes interactions between individuals.</p>
<p>Team Designated Area: Hosts may choose to assign a designated space to each team.</p> <p>If the host school <u>does</u> provide a designated team area: upon arrival, the host will assign a classroom or separate space to each participating team. This space is restricted to those participants for the duration of the event. When not competing, a team must either be in their designated space or leave the host facility.</p> <p>If the host school <u>does NOT</u> provide a designated team area: teams must wait to enter the building until the host has indicated to the coach that the gym is cleaned and accessible. Teams must arrive changed and proceed to the gym. Teams must leave the school building when they are not playing.</p> <p>The host will provide a separate space for officials.</p>	<p>This minimizes interactions between teams.</p>
<p>Team Practices: No team practices will be available prior to or during the tournament</p>	<p>Minimizes extra use of the gym, and in some cases, eliminates a requirement for teams to come in on Wednesday and stay overnight.</p>
<p>Team Photos: No team photos will be taken onsite and need to be provided by each school.</p>	<p>Teams will be required to submit a team photo to the host for use on the website and in the championship program.</p>