

Hello All-

Thank you for signing your teams up to compete in the NSU Classic on April 17th and 18th. It's been a long year with no volleyball and we are excited to host you guys on campus and watch all your teams compete. With that being said, we do have some guidelines as a university that we will have to follow. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible and because we cannot require testing or vaccination for the tournament we will have guidelines for players, coaches, and spectators to follow. We are a state school and have to abide by the rules set by the Board of Regents. Currently Northern State University is at Level 3 which REQUIRES masks in all public indoor spaces on campus.

Coaches and club directors, we ask for your help when it comes to your players and spectators. We don't have campus security that can walk around the gym all day making sure masks are on and social distancing is taking place. The Northern State players and coaches are willing to put this tournament on and make it run smoothly, but we do not have enough players to run concessions, admissions, reffing, and security. If you could help relay this message onto your players and parents so it's not an issue the day of we would very much appreciate it and the day will go much smoother.

Coaches:

- Coaches need to be in masks the whole time. Please try your best to keep it pulled up covering your mouth and nose as much as possible. We ask that you be the main example for your team.
- If you have handheld whistles you can bring for your down ref that would be much appreciate. (We will supply them to the Up Official)
- You will need to supply 1 down ref, 2 line judges, and a flip score. Northern will supply the Up Official, the book score keeper, and the libero tracker. We will do our best to spread out teams and follow social distancing as much as possible.
- Please have your mask on before entering the building

Players:

- Players MUST be in masks while playing. We understand that you may not have had to practice and play in them before, but that is the requirement for the arena. Northern State players have to wear them during practice and games and it has not been an issue.
 - Because we cannot require testing or vaccination, this is the best way to keep everyone safe.
 - We also understand masks may fall during play. Please be mindful of this and after the play return your mask to cover your mouth and nose
- Players will also be required to wear masks during off-time, reffing, and warm-ups.
- Players may remove their mask when outside or eating/drinking. Please be aware of this and return your mask when possible.
- Please have your mask on before entering the building

NSU Coaches and Players:

- Northern players and coaches will be in masks for the duration of the tournament. This is where these athletes chose to come to school and where they practice. Please remember that and try to keep their space as clean and germ free as possible.
- Northern will supply the Up Official and other positions for each game. We will also supply them with handheld whistles so they are not removing their masks or putting a whistle in their mouths.

Spectators:

- ALL spectators will need to be in masks
- Masks need to be worn at ALL times with the exception of eating and drinking. For the sake of everyone involved in the tournament, please do your best to return your mask in a timely manner when eating and drinking.
- Please have your mask on before you enter the building
- Northern does have a limited capacity due to COVID, so even if you are not sitting directly by someone, your mask still needs to be covering your mouth and nose.
 - Northern State University is currently at Level 3 which requires face masks in all public indoor spaces which includes the arena.

All:

- Masks are NOT optional. They are required for us to hold this event.
- We will be practicing social distance as much as possible. Please respect other people's space.
 - We will have marks on the floor for concessions and at the gate when you enter the Barnett Center
- When in the arena try to practice social distancing as much as possible. We are not the social distancing police, but if you could try to stay with your team or family members that would be greatly appreciated.
- If you are having symptoms or have a known exposure we ask that you do not attend. We want all of you back in the gym with us, but we ask you to put others before yourselves if you are feeling sick so COVID does not spread here.

We want to hold this tournament and give these young players a chance to get back on the court after being off for so long. We know we are asking a lot, but if everyone works together and we are mindful of trying to keep ourselves and others safe we can be successful.

Limited Capacity:

- Northern State University is currently at a 25% capacity for Wach's Arena. We do need to track how many people are coming and the best way we found to do that was with wristbands.
- Each player/coach will get a maximum of 4 spectators. We will have wristbands set aside for each team upon arrival.

- When you come in the doors we will have a player handing out a wristband, another player marking who you are with, and another player handling money.
 - Each person will have to give the name of the player or coach they are with. If you give one of your wristbands away, they will need to give the name of the player who they received the wrist band from.

Again we urge you to share this information with all players, coaches, and parents. We are still fighting this Pandemic and we need everyone to help make this tournament a safe place to play while still getting to be on the court. Thank you all for your cooperation and we look forward to having you on campus!