



# 2021 Sunshine Classic Safety Protocols

Due to the current circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic, our priority at the Sunshine Classic is to take the appropriate steps to provide a safe return to the court for all participants. We have been in constant contact with the Orange County Convention Center, Visit Orlando, and health authorities to make sure all appropriate precautions are set into place for the 2021 Sunshine Classic. Our main goal is to provide a safe environment for all attending and to do so the following guidelines will be put into place.

We ask that all participants and attendees read through the following protocols carefully to understand the new guidelines and best practices. As we work to limit touch points and provide a safe environment, please be patient as we implement new procedures to the 2021 Sunshine Classic. These procedures are put into place for your safety as well as others and that is why it is important that we all comply with the following protocols. These safety protocols do not in any way guarantee or prevent an attendee against the possible exposure to COVID-19 during the attendance of this event. All those in attendance voluntarily assume all the risks of exposure. Attached is a letter from our Medical Provider with important information on attending the Sunshine Classic as well as tips to keep in mind throughout the event. We are closely monitoring COVID-19 as we progress toward the event dates. Please visit our website to get more up to date information and available resources.

The following safety protocols are subject to change and are based on the most current guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), facility and local authorities.

- **FACILITY ONSITE PLANS:**

- Keep 6 ft of distance from those not in your household.
- Please adhere to the designated markings for entrances and exits to alleviate the areas of high traffic.
- Please adhere to the directional signage in walkways.
- Courts are distanced 6 ft – 12 ft apart.
- Aisles are over 20ft apart.
- Spectator seats will be available every other 2 seats, please do not remove signage or sit where it is not allowed.
- There will be no water stations.
- Additional hand sanitizer and hand washing stations will be available throughout the facility.
  - We encourage attendees to bring their own hand sanitizer.
- The courts and facility will be sanitized each evening.
- All tournament staff are being monitored and making sure they are symptom free before the start of their shift and throughout the event.

- **ATTENDEE GUIDELINES:**

- It is **MANDATED** that all attendees over the age of 2 years old must wear a face masks to enter the facility and throughout their entire attendance at the event.
  - Attendees will not be allowed to attend the event without a Face Mask and must wear it at all times.



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- Nose and Mouth must be fully covered by a face covering.
  - NOT PERMITTED: Mesh material, scarves, neck gaiters, face shields without a mask, and masks with holes
- USAV reserves the right to remove anyone from the facility and event for not wearing a mask.
  - **NO EXCEPTIONS**, if you are unable to wear a mask for health reasons, please do not attend.
  - Those who are vaccinated are still required to wear a mask.
  - USAV authorizes officials to use the following penalties to help enforce the above policy:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Reminder/Verbal Warning
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Delay Warning (Yellow Card)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Delay Penalty (Red Card & Point)
- USAV highly recommends athletes continue to wear masks while playing on the court, but it is not required.
- Please do not attend if you are showing symptoms or feel sick.
- All attendees that show symptoms will be asked to leave the event.
- Teams may be subject to disqualification for the rest of the event if a player or rostered staff show symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
  - Our medical personnel onsite will make the final decision if a participant or attendee is not cleared to return to the facility due to COVID symptoms.
- No food (eating/drinking) will be allowed in the exhibit halls.
  - Active participants are allowed to drink water (i.e players, coaches, officials, staff)
  - There will be designated lounges for teams and spectators outside the exhibit halls.
- Wash and sanitize your hands often.
- When in line to enter the facility, maintain a social distance from those around you.
- Refrain from contacting other participants and attendees (high fives and huddles).
- Properly dispose of your personal drinking cups, bottles, or utensils used.
- USAV request that those meeting the CDC's definition of "at risk" reconsider their attendance.
  - 65 year of age or older
  - Cancer
  - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
  - Down Syndrome
  - Heart Conditions
  - Pregnancy
  - Sickle Cell Disease
  - Smoking
  - Chronic Kidney Disease
  - Immunocompromised
  - Severe obesity



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- Diabetes or liver disease

## **TICKETS:**

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- This will be a cashless event – tickets will be purchased online. Tickets will not be available onsite.

- We are limiting 15 spectators per team.
  - Ticket will only be available as a Daily Pass – no weekend passes.
  - Daily Pass is \$15
  - Each team will receive a code for each day of the event for a limit of 15 spectators per day.
  - Closer to the event, Head Coaches will be given team codes to share with their families where they will be able to purchase tickets, *no more than 15 per team*.
    - Tickets will not be transferrable between parents once they are scanned for the day.
- Upon entrance, spectators' picture will be taken to go along with their QR code.
- When entering please have your QR code ready to be scanned.
- Live Streaming will be available for every court with a BallerTV subscription.
- Teams and spectators will have each of their own designated entrances.

## **SPECIFIC TEAM GUIDELINES:**

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- There will be no handshaking before or after matches between participants.
- Teams and spectators will not switch sides during the match.
- Only 1 representative from each team will participate in the coin toss.
  - Coin toss will be conducted with each representative on their respective 10ft. line.
  - The winner of the coin toss will only have the decision of serve or receive.
  - The higher seed in the pool will choose side before warmups begin.
- Teams are responsible to bring their own warm up balls.
- Game balls will be provided and disinfected before each game.
- No gatherings of teams in walkways – you will be asked to leave the exhibit halls if you are not playing.
- A team rep can stay at a court for teams who are waiting for their next match, teams are **MANDATED** to leave the exhibit halls when not playing.
- Officials will wipe down game balls, worktables, and official stand after each match.
- There will be no tie breakers played for the 2021 Sunshine Classic.
- Teams are **mandated** to leave the exhibit halls once their play and work schedule is completed for the day.

## **WORK TEAMS:**

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- Teams will provide a rostered adult for R2, 2-line judges, a score keeper/flip scorer and a libero tracker/operate BallerTV score for work team assignments.
  - Parents who help with work team assignments count toward the 15 spectators per team.
- There will be no flags for the line judges.
- Teams must provide their own writing utensils.
- The same people will need to work the entire match, no changing in between sets.



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- Only 2 people are allowed at the scores table, any additional personnel at the table will be asked to leave.
- R2s are highly encouraged to use an electric/handheld whistle, if you do not have one, you will use hand signals and/or use a traditional whistle under your mask – R2s are still required to wear their mask the entire match.

- **TEAM REGISTRATION:**

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- This event's team registration will be done *all* online.
  - By checking your team online, you are acknowledging your team understands the current circumstances and choosing to participate.
    - **COACHES:** By signing your online roster you are signing on behalf of all on your roster and taking responsibility that your team will comply with these Safety Protocols.
  - For any teams that have last minute changes that need to be done after online check-in has been completed, will be allowed to make those changes onsite on **Friday, March 5th** for weekend 1 and on **Thursday, March 11th** for weekend 2, from 2 pm – 9 pm in room S220C.
    - Changes onsite are subject to a Late Roster Change Fee.
- Rostered Staff will receive a QR code in replace of a physical credential for their entrance.

- **AWARDS:**

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- Awards will be pre-packaged and will be picked up in room S220B.
  - Teams who won a bid will sign their acceptance form here.

- **RESOURCES:**

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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** <https://usavolleyball.org/event/sunshine-volleyball-classic-girls-qualifier/>

- **POST EVENT:**

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If a participant or spectator test positive for COVID-19 during the event or within 48 hours of the event's conclusion, we ask that you please notify [sunshine@usav.org](mailto:sunshine@usav.org)