

January 7, 2022

Good afternoon,

As we enter 2022, we thank you for your patience as we work through the revised COVID-19 guidelines now impacting the District of Columbia. We have two important announcements to make today.

First, the DC Mayor has implemented a citywide vaccine requirement in Washington, DC due to the rise in COVID-19 infections. This certainly impacts Capitol Hill Volleyball Classic, so we wanted to update everyone quickly and thoroughly to move forward and do our best to provide a great experience for the girls and boys that just want to play the sport they love.

As tenants of the Washington Convention Center, we are obligated to comply with City law, including guidelines set in place by the DC Department of Health and orders from the Office of the Mayor. While we agree that there is a wide spectrum of beliefs and opinions on the pandemic and the various mitigation measures put in place, our focus continues to be giving athletes every opportunity to return to play.

Please know that we worked diligently with city officials and Convention Center representatives to identify alternatives for players (e.g., PCR testing); however, at this time, the District of Columbia is requiring *all attendees* to be vaccinated to enter the Convention Center. Please understand that these decisions are outside of our control and come directly from the Office of the Mayor.

#### Vaccine requirements

January 15, 2022: One dose for ages 12+

February 15, 2022: Fully vaccinated for ages 12+

Acceptable types of proof of vaccination will include:

- CDC-issued vaccination card: original or photocopy or photo
- Immunization record print out from the patient portal of their vaccine/healthcare provider
- A COVID-19 Verification App such as VaxYes or CLEAR

#### Exemptions for providing proof of vaccination

- Only briefly entering (i.e., to use the restroom, pick up an order to go)
- Medically exempt or unable to take the vaccine out of a sincerely held religious belief

***Patrons who have and show documentation of medical or religious exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccine must provide a negative PCR or antigen test within the last 24 hours.***

- ***Documentation of a medical exemption, such as a note from a medical provider.***
- ***Documentation of a religious exemption, such as an attestation from the patron that they have a sincerely held religious belief.***

The SportWrench ticketing system enables us to verify a vaccine card upon initial entry into the event, thereby giving CHVC patrons, once verified, a 'green pass' for the weekend. All staff, vendors, and officials working the event will verify vaccination status with event management prior to the start of the event.

We are committed to continuing to work with DC officials and the Washington Convention Center and remain hopeful that we will see a significant decline in infections prior to the event over President's Day Weekend (Feb. 19-21).

We set out 15 years ago to provide an amazing opportunity for athletes to play the sport of volleyball in the nation's capital. As teams from all over the country plan their travel to this event, we are committed to providing a tournament for these athletes to rightfully take their spots back on the court in Washington, DC.

We thank all of you for your continued trust, support, and patience as we navigate the 2022 club volleyball season together.

Sincerely,  
CHVC Tournament Management