

Volleyball Contingency Group Notes- Meeting #3- June 1, 2020

The meeting began with each member summarizing what they can or cannot do right now.

- Wait and see in Eastern Oregon. Waiting for Phase 2 to come out to decide if it is worth trying to begin bringing kids in. With all of the restrictions, our administration believes it is not worth it just yet to bring the kids in and risk exposure. The management of facilities is a huge challenge.
- Focused on finishing up the school year and coming to a consensus in league about next steps. Very cautious on opening up because of liability issues.
- Coaches are working with athletes via zoom for workouts. Too difficult to bring all athletes on campus even in small groups.
- One current issue a lot of people are facing is how to decide which athletes get to come on campus to participate in the workouts? How do you choose the pods/groups of kids to attend? Do you allow them to just sign up? How do you choose times for volleyball and basketball to share the gym(s)?

Phase 2 possibilities: If you are able to share balls, but have to remain in pods, what does that look like?

- Easy to do physical distancing with the phase 2 possibilities of sharing a ball amongst a pod of athletes. The only question will be in live play- will the girls be able to stop themselves from running for a ball in their teammate's space to save it? That is what they are trained to do.

Competition considerations:

- Some leagues have been discussing lower level teams not traveling to maintain social distancing on buses. Lower level teams will stay in town and compete- possibly with getting rides from family members.
- Very important to ensure lower levels get a change to compete! It is important that even if they cannot travel, they are given the opportunities to have the competition experiences.
- Tournaments- Concerns with crowd size- meaning with just multiple teams there, not even spectators?
 - o Officials have expressed their concerns about doing tournaments.
 - o Mini- tournaments/double duals? Would those be more acceptable? Just 3 teams competing at a time?
- Benches- would they have to physically distance themselves?
- Table workers- would they have to physically distance themselves?
- Ball rotations with sanitization efforts during matches?

Rule changes that may help to mitigate the concerns:

- Pregame meeting protocols.
- Remain on the same side of the net to avoid sharing benches?
- NFHS is looking at the possibility of rule modifications that could be put in place that would not allow for any disadvantages.