



March 23, 2020

To all OJVA families,

We waited to send out this letter until Monday, as per CEVA's request. I am sure that by now, some of you have already heard this through other communication.

But,

It is with great sadness that we are confirming CEVA's decision to cancel the remaining portion of the CEVA season. This includes all Power League, Platinum League, Club sponsored tournaments and Regionals.

We have since learned that the Willamette Volleyball Classic has also been cancelled. We know that Pacific Northwest Qualifier (PNQ) had already been cancelled.

We have not had a final word on Emerald City Classic (ECC). Since that tournament takes place at the University of Washington, that decision will mostly be based on when or if their campus is open to events again.

We know that Windy City Qualifier has been cancelled and that Red Rock, and Far Westerns Qualifiers are trying to postpone/reschedule their tournaments. Red Rock has been tentatively scheduled for May 8-10. Far Westerns has not announced a date. All of the date changes will be reliant on USAV sanctioning those events.

What does this mean for each of our teams?

For all of our Local teams and most of our Regional teams, the season is over. 12-2 Blue, 12-3 White, 12-4 Red, 14-3 White, 14-4 Red, 14-5 Black, 16-3 White, 16-Red

For our upper Regional and National teams, all of our Gold teams, 14-2 Blue, 16-2 Blue and 18-2 Blue, we will wait for the word from ECC, Far Westerns and Red Rock.

For the 6 teams Qualified for Nationals. We have not heard any specific details yet about those tournaments.

We know that 18's GJNC Nationals was to be held in Reno on May 1-3. The USAV event suspensions are through April 28. We have not heard a definitive decision on this yet, but our best guess is that it could be postponed also.

For the remaining 5 teams who are planning on going to Dallas in June, we are hopeful that GJNC will still occur, even if they do postpone it. We will keep all teams posted in regards to the updates from USAV.

What does this mean financially for each of you?

We will be processing refunds for all families that paid in full and that have officially finished their season. We will put a stop payment on all accounts for families that have been doing a monthly draw whose seasons have completed. We will not be collecting any additional dues past March, for those paying monthly. We will place a pause on monthly draws of teams who could potentially still be playing.

We will have to look at all of our financial obligations, and take into consideration any refunds from tournaments and airlines that we still have coming to us. We will be working to do this in a timely manner, but please understand that this will take some time. A lot of the refunds due back to the club are out of our control, as each event will be dealing with the same time issues.

Steve is still in California, following the death of his father and now spring break. Once he returns, Steve and Marty will be going over all of the budgets and giving you some more specific information and timelines.

Will we be able to get back in the gym at all?

Time will tell. Once we do get the clearance from USAV, CEVA and the state of Oregon, we will come up with the best possible schedule, to get folks who are still competing, back in the gym. We will also try to offer some additional clinics for all players. More details on that as it all develops.

End of the Year Party

We still want to celebrate this fantastic season that OJVA had up until this cancellation. We will be informing all families of when this will take place, as soon as we know that all sanctions on large group gatherings have been lifted. We are hopeful that this can occur in May or June, but who knows!

Last Thoughts

We know that these decisions will be devastating for our players and families. But some perspective is necessary and important for all to keep in mind. Imagine how athletes who have been training for 4 years to attend the Olympics feel. Think about how tough those decisions will be to make, as to whether they hold the Olympics or not. Our small world of volleyball, as important as it is to our daily lives, is but a small piece of this pandemic event.

For the players

So stay healthy, continue your cleaning protocols, and try to stay positive. Reach out to your teammates and club mates through social media, or (gasp!) Call them on the phone!! We see some of your postings about trying to stay focused on volleyball and fitness and we love all of that. Keep it going. Stay as active as you can and use your time wisely. There is a lot of volleyball education online. Take advantage of that. Keep learning. We will try to send you all some ideas and keep you engaged!

We value our OJVA family and miss you all terribly. 2020 was going to be a great year to remember, due to our whole Academy's success. Now it will be remembered for different reasons. But let's not lose sight of all that we accomplished in such a short time.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE INDIVIDUAL GROWTH OF ALL OF OUR PLAYERS AND TEAMS. We appreciate all of the hard work that our coaches have poured into our players. And we want to thank all of the parents and families of OJVA that make us one of (if not THE) top clubs in the REGION!

Your club directors,

Steve Suttich and Marty Mozzochi