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To All Club Directors, Officials, Coaches, Parents, Families, and Athletes

COVID-19 has changed many lives over the past year, and has completely redefined what is considered “normal.” The continued closures of schools and youth athletics have drastically affected many of our athletes, with the increased numbers of diagnosed cases of anxiety and depression. Many of us had hoped that 2021 would bring some long awaited relief from the numerous closures and restrictions. Although many areas are reopened and operating, other states, cities, and counties are slower on their return to open operations.

In November, the Governor of Nevada issued a state wide, 3 week “Pause” to help reduce the spread of the virus, and attempt to assist the overwhelmed health care system. The Governor then extended that Pause through January 15th. Again last week, he extended the Pause once again through February 15th. The Pause contains the following restrictions:

1. Restaurants and bars can continue operations under strict social distancing at 25% capacity (indoors and outdoors) with no more than four people per table.
2. Gyms, fitness, and dance studios must operate at 25% occupancy, and masks must be worn at all times.
3. Casinos and other gaming establishments will be restricted to 25% occupancy and must follow the Nevada Gaming Control Board guidelines.
4. Public gatherings are limited to no more than 50 individuals or 25% of occupancy, whichever is less.
5. No large gathering plans are approved during this time.

Anticipating potential obstacles, the SCVA, KC Sports Housing, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, and MGM Properties presented to the Governor an action plan for hosting the 35th Annual Las Vegas Classic. However, the ruling will not be issued until February 10th, which is dangerously close to the competition dates. Thus, the SCVA, KC Sports Housing, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, and MGM Properties have decided that the event cannot be hosted on February 13th – 15th. All parties involved are working diligently to reschedule the event in April. The SCVA and Mandalay Bay are finalizing move-in and competition dates, while the MGM and KC Sports Housing are working on recreating room blocks with all of the MGM properties. As soon as the dates and contracts are finalized, we will release the dates.

We recognize that this postponement may cause a variety of reactions; from disappointment, to frustration, to the inconvenience of rescheduling travel plans. The SCVA and KC Sports Housing will do our best to reduce the amount of obstacles and assist in any way we can. We also understand, unfortunately, that some of our clubs and teams may not be able to attend the event. We appreciate all of your understanding and patience while we continue to work on hosting an event for all of those wishing to attend. We also apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Stay safe.

Thank you,

SCVA Staff