

SURVA FACILITY SAFETY CHECKLIST

Facility hosts and tournament directors must ensure their competition area and the overall facility are in good working order and free from SAFETY risks to the extent possible. Below is a safety checklist for both indoor and outdoor facilities to consider prior to allowing play.

- **REQUIRED for play:** Ensure that all court equipment meets or exceeds all safety requirements as outlined in the Indoor and Outdoor rule books including padding for posts, cables, stands, etc.
- Conduct a walkthrough of the facility prior to players, coaches, or spectators being admitted. Post signage and block off any areas if necessary. Ensure the facility is suitable for practice or tournament play.
- **REQUIRED for play:** Check floor surfaces for defects, trip/fall hazards. For outdoor facilities, clear the playing area of any large objects or debris, such as wood, glass, rocks, etc. Have a sand sifter or rake available.
- Check for low hanging lights, heating units, plumbing units, basketball backboards, etc. Familiarize yourself with USAV rules pertaining to these obstructions. Lights should be covered.
- **REQUIRED for play:** For both indoor and outdoor facilities, ensure spectator seating areas allow enough clearance around the court for serving and pursuit (consult rule book), seating is in good repair & block off any areas where access should be denied.
- Make sure restrooms are clean, sanitary, and in good repair with plenty of supplies.
- Limit access to the balance of the school or facility. Do not allow access to non-volleyball sporting equipment, such as wrestling mats or weights.
- **REQUIRED for play:** Immovable objects such as posts, walls, or other hard surface barriers in near proximity of courts must be padded if there is a possibility of injury. Any removable objects, such as signs, pictures, ladders, or other objects should be removed if there is a possibility they may cause a safety hazard during pursuit of a ball.
- Know which person to contact regarding facility issues, emergencies, or issues with unruly spectators. Know who has access to any keys or storage areas necessary.
- Exits should be marked and kept clear— ensure compliance with fire codes.
- Parking areas should be well-lit and monitored to the extent possible.
- Ensure clear pathways, particularly in case of needing to summon emergency services.
- Post all relevant policies and procedures relating to the event, including the SURVA & USAV Parent/Spectator Codes of Conduct & the SURVA Zero Tolerance Policy
- For outdoor facilities, know how to access local weather forecasts, heat index data, and air quality data.
- Have access to basic first aid supplies and an AED, and ensure you are familiar with their usage (Red Cross Basic First Aid / Red Cross AED).
- Consult with the facility to develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) if needed.

The region encourages the use of Certified Athletic Trainers at events when/where possible.