

National Senior Games Association
Discussion on COVID-19 and Management Issues
Notes from Call January 12, 2021

1. Contact Becky Sewell, Director Association Relations – the NSGA has eight full time employees and a Board composed of volunteers and several contractors who run their website and other limited commitment functions
2. NSGA supports all State Senior Games and hold a National Senior games annually. At the time of the discussion the NSGA planned to meet on 01/12/21 and decide to hold games in Ft. Lauderdale, FL November 2021. We have since learned they will postpone those games until the spring of 2022.
3. The NSGA has been using published guidelines for many or most decisions on how to manage all COVID issues and enabling the games – CDC , USA Track and Field, National Parks and Recreation, and other governing bodies. See below for links to some of these.
4. Requirement for proof of vaccination for participation – the NSGA has decided not to require proof of vaccination on advice of legal counsel. They believe there are too many issues that make this a non-starter – religious, health and other reasons that many will cause potential participants to resist vaccination and challenge the NSGA using this as a requirement.
5. Waivers – the NSGA is considering a waiver document and/or waiver language in their registration document. It is unclear which path they will take – either a separate waiver of liability document that must be signed as part of registration or waiver passive waiver language in their registration that participants acknowledge the USGA has no liability for COVID infection based on the explicit regulations published and implemented around masking and distancing for events.

Links for further reading

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.aspenprojectplay.org/return-to-play>

<https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/health-wellness/coronavirus-disease-2019/path-to-recovery/>

<https://www.usaswimming.org/home/covid-news>

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/COVID-Resources>

<https://www.usatf.org/covid19/usatf-covid-19-working-group-guidelines-recommendations-and-general-information-on-covid-19>

<https://www.usatf.org/covid19/logistical-information-and-guidance-for-event-directors-and-local-organizing-committees>

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/USA-Volleyball-Response-on-Coronavirus>