**PICKLE BALL COVID-19 OUTDOOR PROTOCOLS**

**5/27/2021**

**Branch Common Protocols**

**A-** **Adherence to State SIR and State and County COVID-19 Guidelines**

SIR Branch 116 shall continue to require all Attendees participating in SIR activities to comply with all then-current state and county and/or municipality requirements related to COVID-19 protection, such as wearing masks and social distancing.

This activity must not be prohibited by an applicable order of the State, County or Municipal public health department.

**B- Vaccination Requirement**

**Beginning May 1, 2021 and until further notice to the contrary, SIR Branch 116 shall require branch members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, spouses/significant others (“Attendees”) to be fully vaccinated (2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine  ) as a condition of being allowed to attend any or all branch activities.**

**To ensure compliance with the requirements of item above, SIR Branch 116 shall require Attendees to show the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of their vaccination record cards.**

SIR Branch 116 shall maintain an updated list of members who have submitted proof of vaccination and use it to check them in for branch activities involving any indoor components. **SIR Branch 116 will not require members who are on the vaccinated list to show proof of vaccination thereafter.**

**C- Waiver Requirement**

Branch 116 shall require all Attendees attending SIR indoor or outdoor activities, to execute the attached waiver prior to allowing them to attend such activities. **Such waiver need only be executed once by a member and the waiver shall then apply to all branch activities henceforth**. The branch shall maintain the originals of executed waivers for inspection by State SIR representatives.

**SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

**Branch Name and Number: SIR Las Trampas Branch 116**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above (“Branch”) is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated (“State Sir”) to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.

2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.

3 Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.

4. The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.**

Attendee’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attendee’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**D-** **Transportation**

SIR participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from events.

**E- No participation if member may be sick**

If a participant or their partner has: a) tested positive for Covid 19 within the past 14 days; b) a known exposure to a person with recent (14 day) Covid 19 diagnosis; or c) believes that he or she has or may have a fever, abnormal recurring cough, loss of taste or smell or other possible Covid 19 symptoms, he or she must stay home.

**F- Notification of illness after an event**

If a participant in a SIR event becomes ill or tests positive for Covid 19 after the event, he or she must immediately contact the Chair of the event. The Chair should in turn inform all who participated in the event of this issue. Those participants who were in the group with the ill member should be contacted directly. To assure privacy no names should be mentioned. The Chair should also inform the following individuals, Branch Big Sir and Activities Chair, and Area Governor.

**Specific Branch Pickle Ball Protocols**

{ **These guidelines should be continually monitored because the health orders can be constantly changing week to week one way or another which will affect the suggested safety of the event. }**

1. When possible use a hand sanitizer during and after your games, consider bringing one to the courts.
2. Players shall maintain a minimum 6 foot separation from each other at all times prior to, during and after play.
3. Mask/facial coverings must be worn until the players are on the courts.
4. Do not pick up a fellow player’s equipment to return it to them.
5. You must wear a mask when checking in.