

NLQ Tournament Director Update

1/24/2026

Tonight, we made the same drive downtown that we did last week.

Starting at the Convention Center, which currently has the Minneapolis Boat Show running. We drove around the Convention Center, then down 3rd Ave to Washington, west over to Hennepin Ave, and South back to 12th Street and the Convention Center.

This area encompasses all of the major hotels in downtown.

There was absolutely no ICE or protesting activity seen in any of the streets we were on, or in any of the cross streets. It looked like a normal night in downtown.

The Tournament is not being cancelled or postponed unless the City of Minneapolis cancels our occupancy permit, which is unlikely.

Northern Lights wants to assure everyone that we have taken added precautions this year at the Convention Center. In addition to the normal security at the Convention Center, we have added additional armed security. We have also talked with the Convention Center concerning their plans should a protest occur outside the building (they cannot enter the building).

While we have no control over ICE agents, they really have no reason to come to Convention Center because they more than likely realize that anyone with questionable immigration status is not going to come to Minneapolis where the enforcement action is taking place.

Northern Lights wants to remind everyone that attendance at this event is 100% voluntary.

Northern Lights also wants to remind everyone that like all major Convention Center tournaments held in other cities around the country, you are in a downtown environment and need to take the normal precautions that you would do in any large city.

Finally, if your team is not going to attend, we need to have you submit a Cancellation Request by Monday afternoon. This will allow us to restructure the schedule to have a minimum impact on the other teams. No-showing or telling us the day before the tournament only hurts the other teams who were scheduled to play you and are now shorted a match.

We hope to see all of you this coming weekend.

Northern Lights Junior Volleyball