



# 2024-25 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULES POWERPOINT



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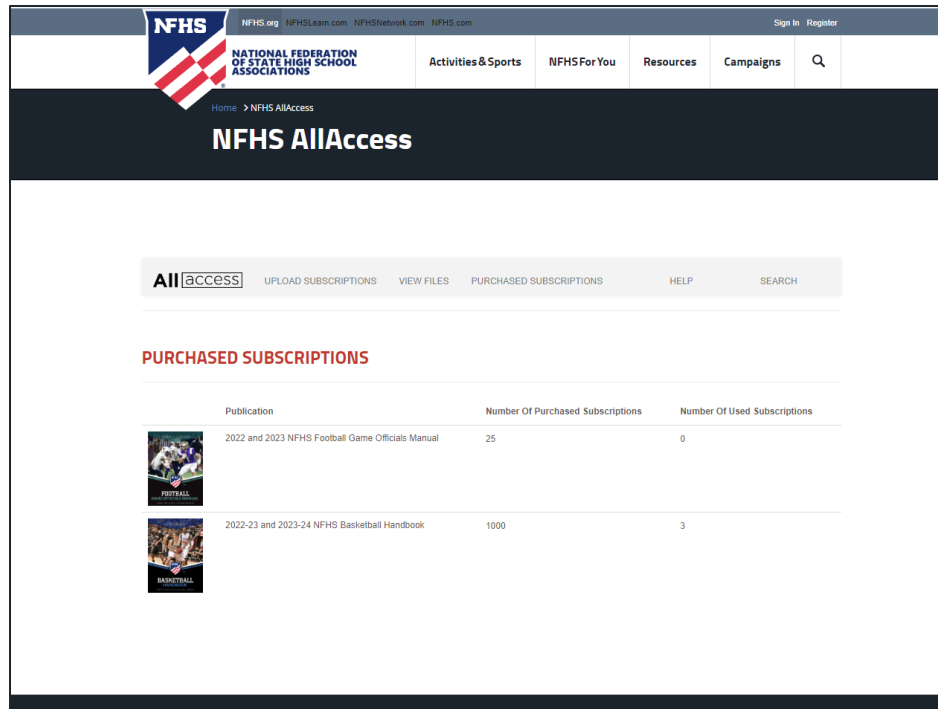
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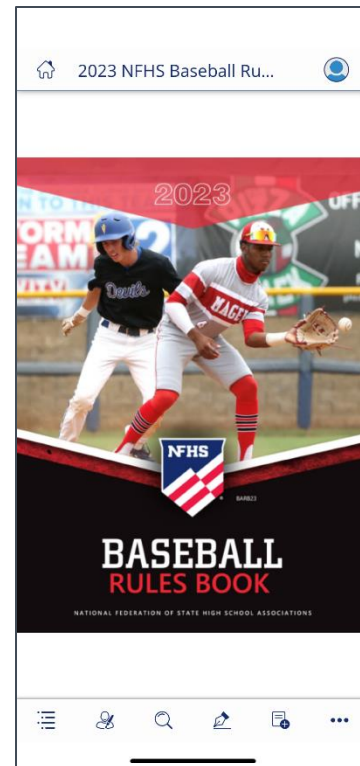
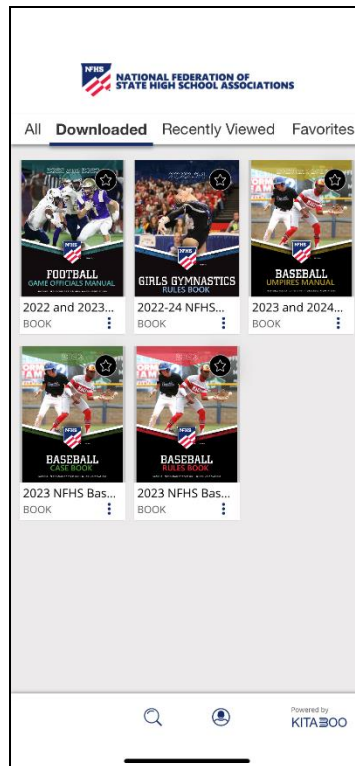


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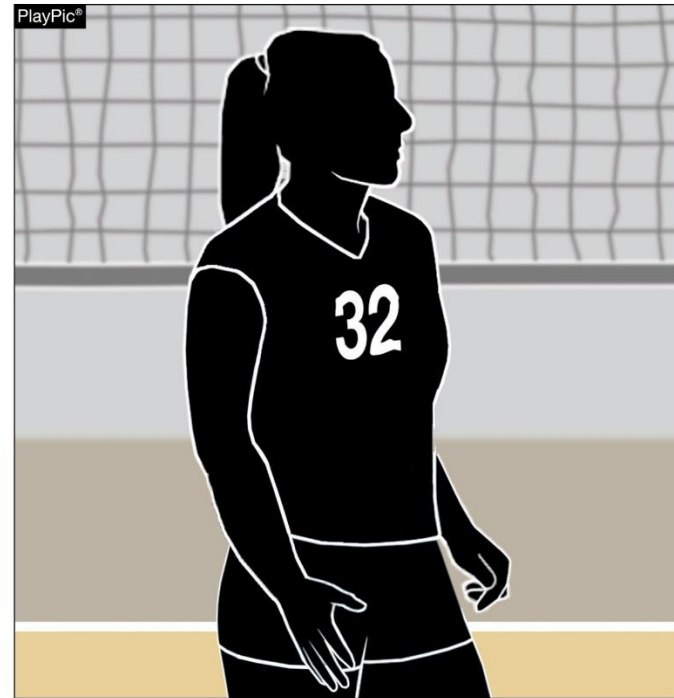
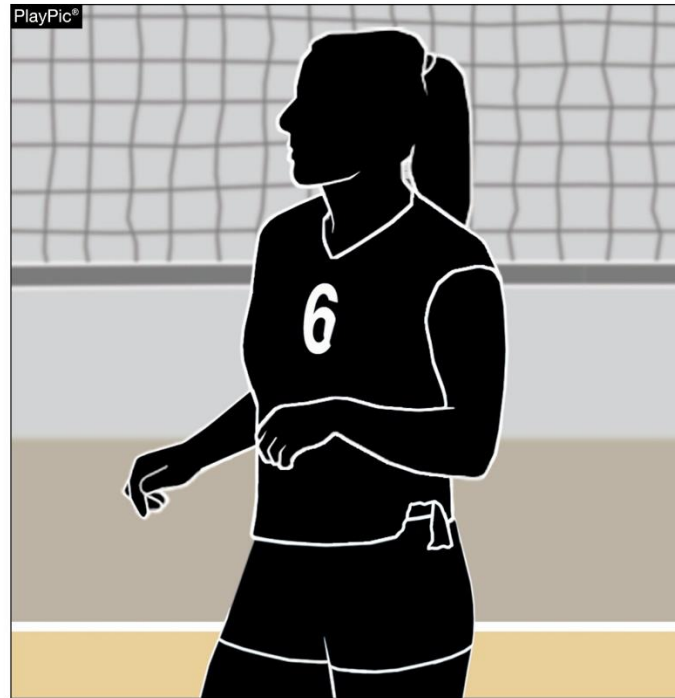
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# LEGAL UNIFORM 4-2-3 NOTE (NEW), 7-1-1 NOTE



- A player may change uniform numbers without penalty when a uniform is damaged, in addition to when a uniform has blood on it.

# FIRST REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

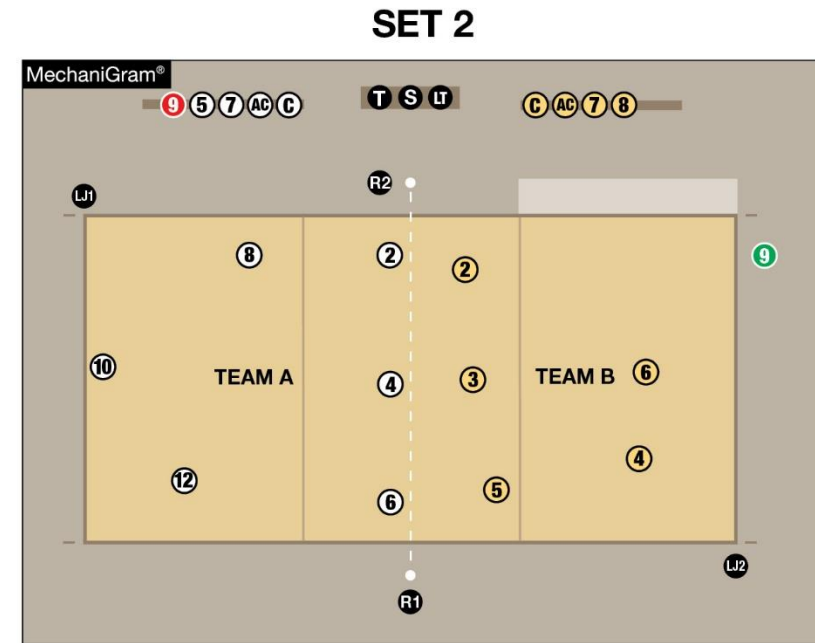
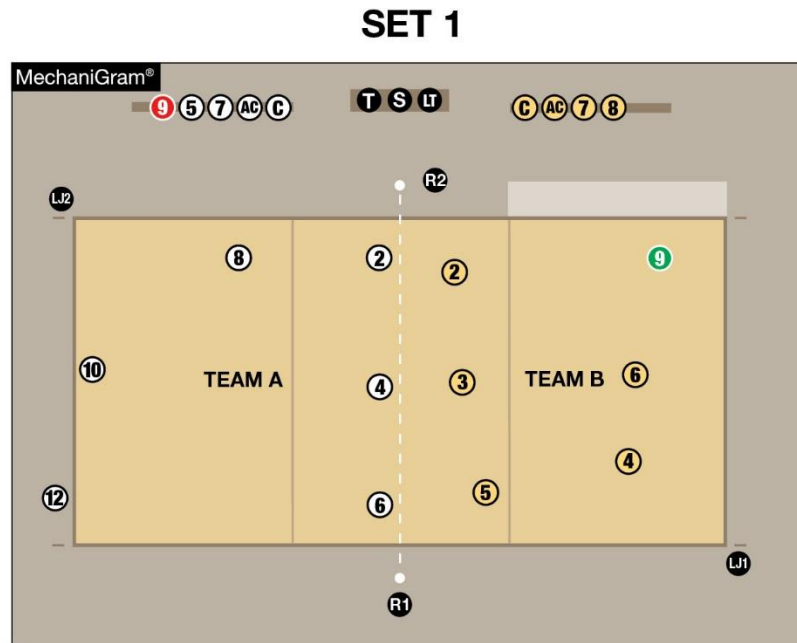
## 5-4-3c(1)



- All players on the roster, not just starting players, may stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set.

# LINE JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES

## 5-9-2b NOTE (NEW), STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION CHART



- Line judges will switch sides of the court between sets when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match.



# INJURY

## 11-4-1b



- Teams may substitute during an injury time-out for the libero replacement if the libero is injured or ill.
  - In the PlayPic, the libero in yellow is injured and cannot continue.
  - The libero replacement, No. 8, must enter as the replacement.
  - Next, the head coach may request a substitution (No. 7 for No. 8).
- Teams no longer must wait until the next completed rally to make the substitution.
- No other substitutions may take place at this time as play resumes with a replay.



Editorial Changes

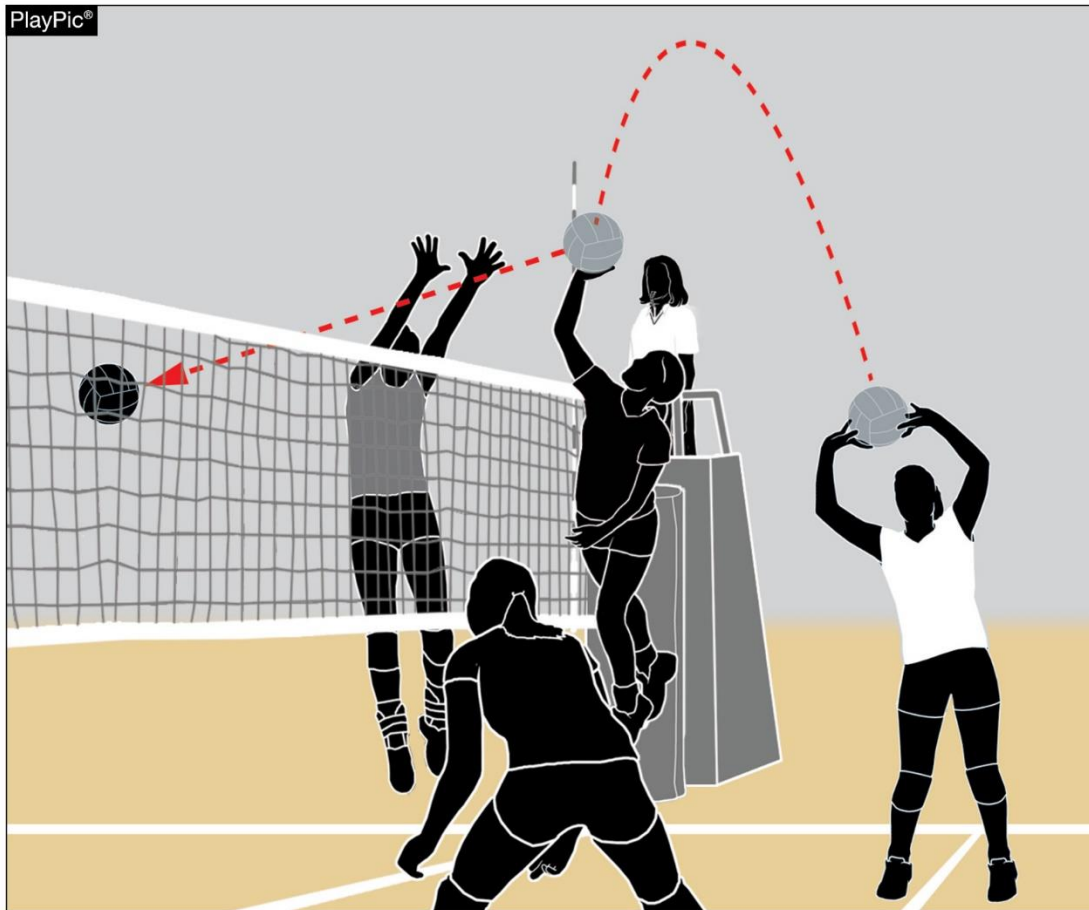
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# PLAYER ACTIONS

9-5-1a(2), 9-5-1a(4), 9-5-1b(4), 9-5-6b



- The term “overhead” has been changed to “overhand” throughout *Rule 9, Section 5 – Player Actions* to align with other volleyball rules codes’ descriptions that focus on hand placement.



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIBERO TRACKER

(S)	TEAM: RED		L: 10
Serve Order	Service	SP	
I		6	L6L <del>6</del> 2L76
II		3	
III		7	
<del>IV</del>		1	L1L1L
V		8	
VI		<del>4</del>	54

Team Substitutions: ~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ ~~4~~ 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

- It is no longer acceptable to cross off the libero or the replacement player's number on the tracking sheet when there is a libero replacement.
- The libero tracker will only cross off the number of the replacement when a substitute enters the set.
- This helps keep the tracking sheet legible and avoids confusion when trying to count the number of substitutions a team has used in a set.



# EDITORIAL CHANGES

- **4-1-7a,b**
  - a. A medical-alert shall be taped to the body and the alert may be visible.
  - b. Religious medals or other religious items shall be taped to the body and worn under the uniform.
  
- **5-4-3c(3 thru 24)** New 6. Mirror the second referee's signal for time-out and substitution.  
(Reorganized items 3-24)
  
- **12 NOTES 1** No participant, team personnel, coach or contest official shall use any form of alcohol or tobacco, or be under the influence of (i.e., impaired by) a controlled or illicit substance(s), beginning with arrival at the competition site until departure following the completion of the match.





Other Changes

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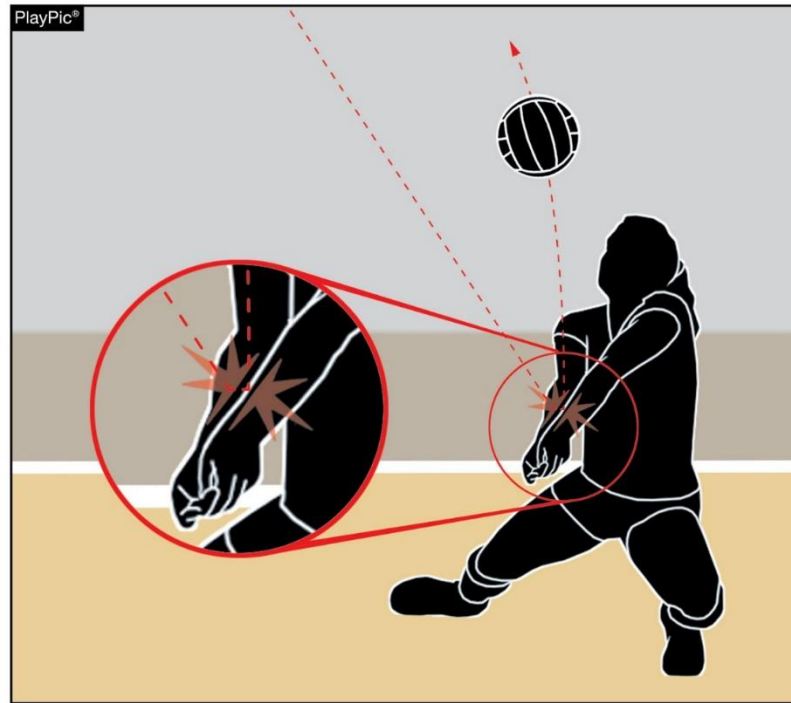
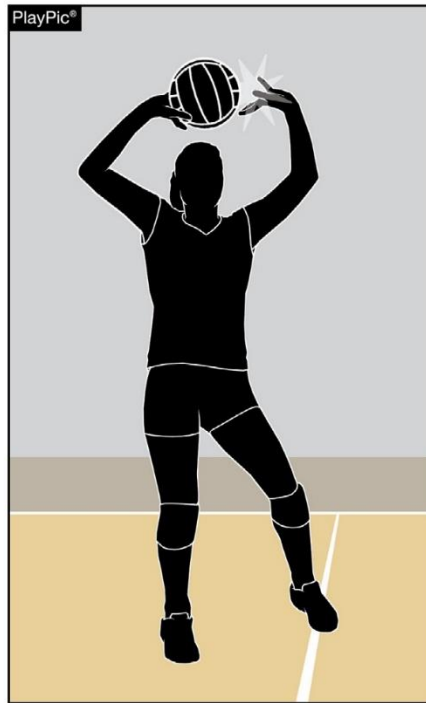
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## BALL HANDLING

- The goal for players is to master ball control; for officials, it is a goal to maintain a consistent level of ball handling from set to set and from match to match.
- Coaches play a role in the consistency equation with their methods of training, the expectations placed on their players, and the desired level of allowance by the officials.
- The goal when officiating ball handling is to increase the continuation of play when judging second ball contacts that are directed to a teammate.
- **NFHS has not yet adopted the NCAA change modifying second ball contacts**

# BALL HANDLING



- A player in good position must play the ball without discernible double contact.
- Less severe judgment is applied to a contact by a player who makes a challenging or spectacular play while maintaining a legal play.
- Mishandled balls resulting in a blatant fault should still be called, regardless of the challenging or spectacular nature of the play.
- Multiple contacts on a third ball must be whistled.





## BALL HANDLING

### ■ Prolonged Contact

- The rule states that the ball is not allowed to come to rest or involve prolonged contact.
- The fact that the contact is an underhand action or done with an open hand is not an automatic call.
- Players can legally take a stab at the ball to keep the ball alive as they pursue an errant contact from their teammate.
- A whistle should accompany prolonged contact.





# BALL HANDLING

## ■ Power Tip and Setter Dump

- Players are utilizing the setter dump effectively, while attackers are tipping the ball deeper into their opponent's court and tipping with more power.
- Officials must determine where the ball contact was initiated in relation to the body and judge how long the player continued the action while in contact with the ball.

# SCORING BEST PRACTICES



The scoring crew is an integral part of the officiating team. The scorer must:

- Arrive no later than 20 minutes before match time.
- Complete the match information in the scorebook/scoresheet or an electronic scoring device.
- Accept the team rosters and lineups and record the lineups.
- Secure each team's lineup by placing them upside down on the table.
- Collaborate with the R2 to ensure each team's lineup is correct on the R2's lineup card and verify teams are in correct starting positions on the court prior to each set.
- Establish a routine with the assistant scorer for handling substitutions and libero replacements.
- Ensure readiness to the R2 after each substitution.
- Use contrasting colors to indicate full rounds of service.
- Notify the R2 if there are any scoring issues.
- Communicate with the R2 during time-outs and between sets.

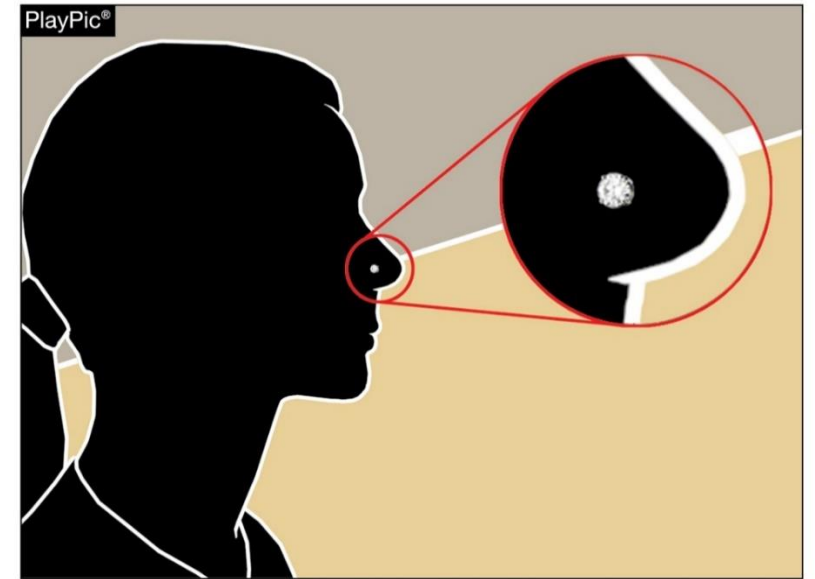
# HOST MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES



The designated administrator on site should introduce themselves to the officials upon arrival at the facility and show them to their locker rooms. Officials and coaches should be able to quickly identify host management should any issues arise. Host management should:

- Ensure the facility is set up properly one hour before the match.
- Ensure the net system is at the correct height and is padded.
- Ensure the referee stand is secure and padded.
- Assist in ensuring teams from both sides do not encircle the entire court.
- Be available throughout the match.
- Post signage for home/visitor and/or student section. Allow fans to stand, but not on the playing surface.
- Ensure that any unsporting conduct by spectators is not tolerated. It needs to be immediately addressed.
- Collaborate with officials to suspend play for fan issues, if necessary.

## JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES



- Small, secured stud or post jewelry may be worn above the chin.
  - No jewelry is permitted below the chin.

## JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES

- Rings such as Nose rings, Eye brow rings, etc. are **ILLEGAL**.





# JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES

- Gauges are legal





## R2/R1 MECHANICS

- The only time the R2/R1 gives the number of a player during a violation is for a net touch.
- The R2/R1 does not give a number of a player for center line violations
- The R2/R1 does not give a number of a player for touches of the ball at the net



## NHIAA/NHVOA POLICIES

**Complete list of NHIAA policies is available on the volleyball link at [www.NHIAA.org](http://www.NHIAA.org)**

## ***NHVOA/NHIAA ADOPTED PROTOCOLS***

- R1 carries lineup card
- R1 reports to table between sets
- Black pealess whistle(Fox) or electronic whistle
- Black lanyard
- Short Sleeve white/**blue** shirt with NHVOA logo
- Black Slacks (NFHS)
- **\*\*Black Shorts with Black socks (length to match partner)\*\***(both officials must agree)
- Black athletic shoes and socks
- Black jacket with NHVOA logo for tournament



## \*\*\*\*\*NEW NHIAA POLICY

- **OFFICIALS' JURISDICTION** begins when the official arrives on the floor. The officials' arrival on the floor shall be at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of the game. The officials' jurisdiction extends through periods when the game may be momentarily stopped for any reason. The jurisdiction of the officials is terminated, and the final score has been approved when all officials leave the visual confines of the playing area. **NOTE:** The officials retain clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualifications, which are responsive to actions occurring while the officials had jurisdiction. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents that occur before, during or after the officials' jurisdiction has ended or in the event that a contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.





## SCORING TABLE

### GAME TABLE SET UP

Per NFHS Volleyball Rule 5-8-2 and 5-7-2 to ensure proper personnel communication throughout the game: Timer, Home/Official Bookkeeper, Libero Tracker, Opponent Bookkeeper.

The following is strongly encouraged at the game table:

- a. Table size should accommodate five people
- b. Five people maximum, per table
- c. Table personnel are required to arrive 20 minutes prior to game start (per NFHS)
- d. Must provide a seat for the away team's bookkeeper
- e. Table personnel should include at least one adult
- f. Do not switch out table personnel during the game
- g. No cell phones at the game table



## \*\*\*\*\*NEW NHIAA POLICY

### JV/Sub-Varsity warmups (**CHANGE**)

- Coin Toss Held
  - 6 (Six) Minutes –JV/Sub-varsity: \***Home Team** Warm-up
  - 6 (Six) Minutes -JV/Sub-varsity: Away Team Warm-up
  - 3 (Three) Minutes - Shared - No Serving
  - While one team is warming up, the other team should be doing no type of warm-ups in the gym where the volleyball court is located.
- \* Note -that the during a JV/sub-varsity match the **HOME** team will have the **first** 6-minute warmup.

## PREMATCH VARSITY WARM UPS:

- **\*3-6-6-3**
- **3-minute transition time (following JV match)\*\*clock starts when jv match finishes.**
- **6- minute visiting team**
- **6- minute home team**
- **3- minute shared time**
- **During the 6-minute warm up time for each team the opposing team may not be warming up (of any kind) in the same gym.**
- **During the 3-minute transition and shared time teams must remain on their own side of the court. No serving is allowed.**
- **Note: The NHIAA Volleyball Committee has voted that if the visiting team is running late the officials may use their discretion to confer with both coaches regarding the order of warm-ups.**



## **PRE-MATCH WARM UPS**

- Jewelry/proper footwear rule is in effect for all (excluding coaches) that are participating in the pregame warm ups on the playing service. This includes student ball shaggers. If illegal jewelry/improper footwear is discovered during the warm ups the coach is to be immediately notified and the situation immediately corrected. Violations during the prematch (excluding a conduct card) do not carry over to the match.



## **LENGTH OF MATCHES:**

- **Varsity:** 3 out of 5 sets to 25 with the 5<sup>th</sup> set, if necessary, to 15
- **JV:** 3 sets(25-25-15) regardless of whether a team wins the first 2 sets. *When the score of a sub-varsity match is 2-0 there will be no coin toss by the official prior to the third set. The teams will return directly to their home bench and will prepare for the third set. Service will go to the team that has lost the previous two sets.*





## **RULE REMINDER**

- **If you encounter an illegal uniform the match should be played and the supervisor of officials should be notified.**

# **STOPPING MATCHES FOR MILESTONE RECOGNITION**

- During a regular season match a set may be stopped to celebrate a milestone (i.e. 500 kills, 1000 assists, etc.) and the celebrating team will not be charged a timeout. Teams will report to the bench areas for a brief ceremony and then return to the court. Post season matches will not be stopped.



## **LATE ARRIVING TEAMS**

- If a visiting team fails to arrive at a contest at its' scheduled start time, without notifying the home school, the officials shall not wait longer than 45 minutes. After the 45 minute wait the game will be called as a “no game.” In the event the visiting team calls ahead to inform the home school they are experiencing difficulties arriving for the start of the contest the officials shall remain in order to start the contest.



## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- Officials will report to the supervisor of officials the issuance of all conduct cards (yellow or red) and all disqualifications of coaches and players.
- Officials will also report any unusual situations at a facility, illegal uniforms, spectator problems, unusual game situations, etc. to the supervisor of officials and/or the rules interpreter.



# TEST IS OPEN FROM 8/1-8/25

- Access the test through your DragonFly account. Test is available online only. It is a randomized test of questions including video questions.
- You can access the test as many times as necessary and your completed questions will be saved.
- You must complete all questions before your test is graded. You will receive an instant score.
- Passing score is 80%
- You will have 2 attempts to achieve a passing score. Make up tests for those who do not pass will be made available after the 25<sup>th</sup>. You must successfully pass the test before you are allowed to officiate games.
- After September 1 you may access your test to review the questions and rule references.





# MID SEASON MECHANICS CLINIC

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**September 22**

**NHTI**

**9AM**

**Topics and details to be announced**





# CHECK THE WEBSITE

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Check the NHIAA website for current policy and procedures for volleyball.



## RERUITING OFFICIALS

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- **As with all officiating organizations we are in need of more officials.**
- **To say we have an aging/experienced group is being kind!**

Program is open and can be accessed through the NHIAA website or the NHVOA website.

Program is tailored to the level of the applicant.



# QUESTIONS DURING THE SEASON

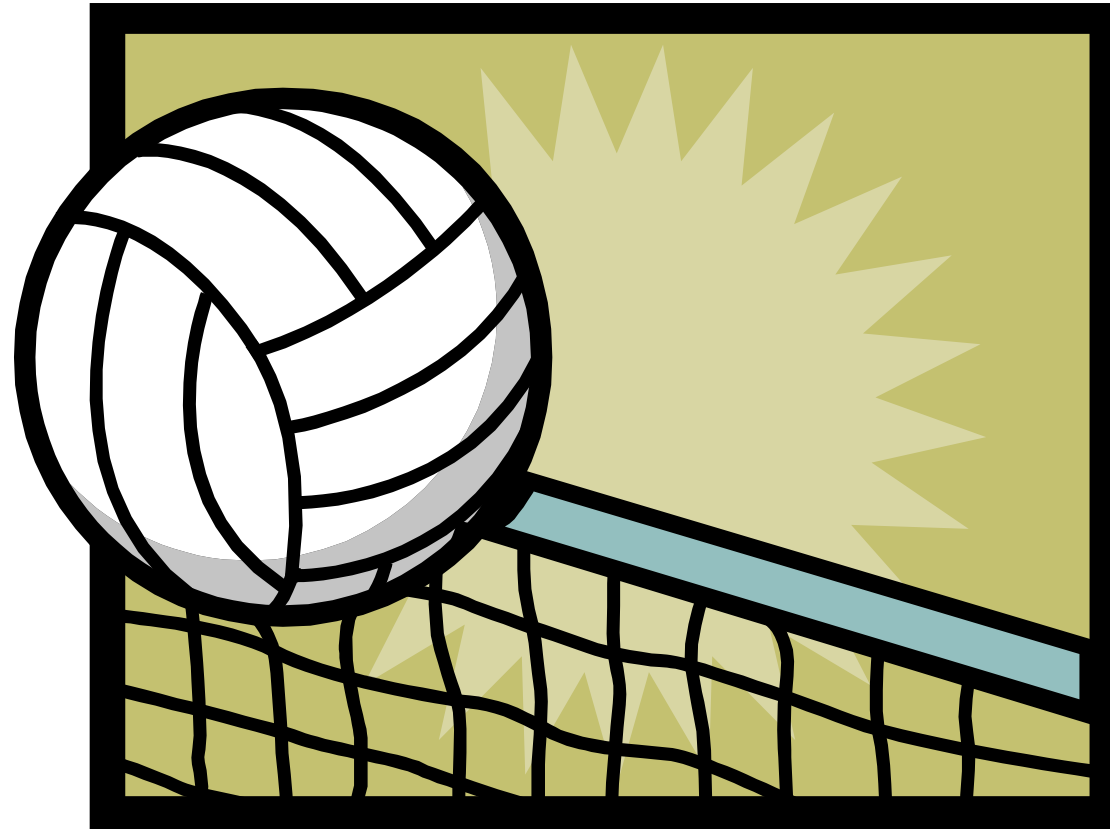
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