

The season will soon be upon us! As you venture out to work matches this upcoming week, please let me know of any questions and/or situations that we can discuss in future Volleygrams. This year's NFHS Casebook doesn't include the Officials' Manual. If you have the 2024-25 Casebook it is included in that publication. It is a good source of information and a valuable reference for many of our situations and questions. The NFHS Learn Center now has a video available to help train the libero tracker. It is called Officiating Volleyball: Libero Tracking, and it is found at <http://nfhslearn.com/library/videos/officiating-libero-tracking>

The NFHS has sent out an updated scenario on the double-hit on second contact.

Situation: Team A's back-row setter jumps to set a second ball above the height of the net and double contacts the ball directly into the hands of a Team B blocker after the ball has entered the plane of the net. **Ruling:** Illegal attack fault on Team A's setter. **Comment:** Team A's setter commits an illegal attack as soon as the ball is legally contacted by the opponent, and the fault takes precedence over the double-contact fault (Rule 9-5-4 says that a back-row player (on or in front of the attack line) cannot contact the ball completely above the height of the net and complete an attack).

Here is the information for two weekly zoom meetings that will take place throughout the season. Please let these officials know if you would like to be added to their zoom link.

Monday's (starting September 8th) at 8:00 p.m.

Heidi Linford from Mountain View: heidilinford5@yahoo.com

Wednesday's (starting September 3rd) at 6:00 p.m.

Sue James from Cheyenne: runtoto@hotmail.com

We are still getting questions in regard to arm/leg sleeves. These are not considered undergarments since they are sleeves and don't go over the entire body part like a shirt sleeve or shorts/pants. Therefore, they may be of any style, color, padded, non-padded, and players don't all have to match.

Please check your "Nuts/Bolts" information included in Volleygram #1. The more consistency that we can have right from the start of the season will go a long way toward a successful season! The Volleygrams, along with other information, are now posted on the WHSAA website in our volleyball official's section. Also, look for acts of Good Sportsmanship and fill out the form that is posted on the WHSAA website.

Week #1 Points to Ponder:

A. Situation: As the R2 is checking lineups, Team A has #22 on the lineup sheet but #12 is on the court. The R2 tells the coach #22 must take the court and the coach may: (a) leave #22 in for at least one rally and then substitute; or (b) request a substitution of #12 for #22 prior to the start of the set. **Ruling:** Correct procedure.

Comment: If the substitution occurs prior to the start of the set, the R2 will follow the regular substitution procedure to allow #12 to enter the set. (Casebook page 26 7.1.2 B)

B. Situation: Team S coach submits a lineup; while checking the lineup, the R2 notices that Team S has player #7 listed on the lineup starting in the RF position. Player #12 is on the court. (a) Team S doesn't have a player #7. The R2 allows Team S to make the change and count #12's entry as a substitution. (b) Team S doesn't have a player #7. The R2 informs the coach that there

is a loss of rally/point for having submitted an inaccurate lineup, but #12 can remain in the set and it is not counted towards the 18 allowed substitutions. (c) Team S has a player #7. The coach put #7 on the court for the lineup check and they substitute #12 prior to the start of the set, which counts as one of the 18 allowed substitutions. Ruling: (b) incorrect procedure; (a) and (c) correct procedure. **Comment:** Legal substitutions may take place prior to the set, if a player is listed on the lineup and that number doesn't exist, the team shall substitute a player with a legal number into that position. The team is charged a substitution. (Casebook page 29 7.1.2 C).

I hope that your opening week of competition goes well. Without all your tireless time, travel, and love for the sport this upcoming season would not be possible! Please travel safely!!
"It Takes a Village"--We cannot do it without you!

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