

"Control the Controllable"

Thanks to all of the teams, coaches, officials, and communities for another very successful week. The Labor Day weekend is always a difficult time to find helpers, and our communities put on some amazing tournaments! Also, a shout out to Evanston for hosting our first ever outdoor volleyball matches. Don't forget to turn in your officiating Post Season forms to Lana by September 25th! I would like to thank all of the coaches for working with our officials on the rule changes. I would also like to apologize for not revisiting earlier how the teams need to move if they switch benches. Please be sure to review the proper protocol on question #5 listed below. I know that sometimes getting used to new rules and protocols can be stressful, but I really appreciate how everyone is adapting.

Thanks for ALL you do! "It Takes a Village"

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Questions

1. Do all the states interpret the rules in the same way? No, Wyoming is an NFHS (100%) state which means that we follow what is written in the rule book. However, the WHSAA, as is true with all states, is able to institute interpretations/protocols that exceed what is in the rule book to best fit our state. That is why when we have schools that cross the border to play, their state association may work differently and thus some of what we do they may not do or vice-versa. Remember that when they play in Wyoming they follow our rules interpretations/protocols. If you ever have a specific question about our state's rule interpretations/protocols you can contact the WHSAA for further explanation.

2. With the new use of two liberos can one libero serve (2) points and then have the other libero exchange with her to serve the rest of that serving rotation? Yes

3. Are officials only allowed to wear pink shirts during October? Yes, that would be an example of question #1. The rule book states on page (22) the colors of shirts allowed, and they also have a note giving state associations the ability to alter it. The WHSAA has altered it to only include October as we celebrate Cancer Awareness. The rule book doesn't dictate shirt colors to teams, so you may see pink throughout the season.

4. Does an Unnecessary Delay (yellow card) just appear in the comment section? Yes (Officials Manual pg. 47).

5. How do the teams move when they change courts between sets if they are switching benches? (Rule book pg. 25 art. 4B and Officials Manual pages 49-50)) R1 whistles end of set (#21); signals teams to change courts (#22); team on the left of the R1 go around the pole; the team on right of the R1 go in front of the scorers table. Everything goes counter clock-wise. **Both teams don't go in front of the scorer's table.**

What does the R2 do on the deciding set if they have been switching benches? (Officials Manual page 50) . Double-whistle and signal with a "C" on each hand and with coin above your head, for the captains (home team calls the toss); indicate to the R1, with arm extended, which team has serve; signal to the R1 that the teams shall change courts or remain at their current benches. After the R1 signals for the teams to switch or stay then have the timer start the 3:00 clock.

What does the R1 do on the deciding set after the R2 has relayed the results of the coin toss? (Officials Manual page 50). R1 blows their whistle and directs teams to switch benches or stay on their existing benches. If they are switching then the team on the left of the R1 will go around

the pole and the team on the right of the R1 will go in front of the table. Everything goes counter clock-wise. **Both teams don't go in front of the scorer's table.**

6. Does the libero have to sit out one dead ball if they aren't immediately rotating back to serve? Yes, none of those prior libero protocols have changed. There is an excellent Libero Power Point that Heidi Linford, our WHSAA Volleyball Representative, put together for the summer mechanics camp. It is located on our WHSAA volleyball page under NFHS Libero Tracking Rules (PDF).

7. What do I do if a player is injured? First, be sure that the injured player receives proper treatment before you resume play--there is no need to immediately begin the protocol listed below. Remember that coaches are often upset, stressed out, and not sure of what they are supposed to do. You may need to walk them through the protocol.

a. R1 will blow their whistle, at the earliest possible time, to stop play and signal officials time out (#19b).

b. R2 asks the timer to put up (30) seconds but to wait for your instructions to start it (you may want to delay a few minutes to start the clock--every situation is different)--the R2 can also time with their watch.

c. After (30) seconds ends the R2 should go over the options with the coach (these must go in order, they can't just pick one or the other): 1. Will the injured player be returning within the allotted (30) seconds? 2. They can take a time-out if they have one (if they have two they can take them back-to-back) 3. They can make a substitution. 4. They can complete a legal libero exchange.

Mechanics

1. NFHS correction to Case Book page 39 situation 9.6.6--you eliminate "with both hands raised above the head".

2. When do I blow the different warning whistles?

a. During warmups the R2 double-whistles with (15 seconds) remaining--(Officials Manual page 35).

b. Time-outs R2 double-whistles at (45 seconds). If both teams are ready to play prior to the end of the time out then have the timer blow the horn (you don't need to whistle again) . Rule Book page 26. Remember that the HORN always ends a time-out.

c. Between sets the R2 double-whistles at (2:30) New Rule Change

Points to Ponder

What do I call if Team S's back row setter is attempting to play a ball in the space directly above the net, while their hands are above the net, and Team R's blocker attacks or blocks the ball back into the setter? Answer: Illegal back row blocker on Team S's setter (signal #8) Case Book page 35 9.5.1 note situation A. *Good reference is the Pre-Season Guide page 9.