

"Control the Controllable"

This week's Volleygram is early as Lana will not be available next Monday to send it your way. A few reminders regarding post-season play. If you are a current Certified Official and you would like to be eligible to officiate post-season, then you need to do the following: (a) fill out the post-season form that is on the WHSAA website (this is **due by September 25th**); (b) have an evaluation on file with the WHSAA office **due by October 3rd**. If you have not completed these two requirements then you will NOT be on the ballot for post-season! We are headed into the "meat" of the season with lots of conference matches. Many schools are partaking in Homecoming, so be sure to check for glitter in the hair, body paint, and/or any other illegal equipment. Thanks for ALL you do! "It Takes a Village"

Questions

1. How do I know if it is a net fault? This is an area where there are differences between the NFHS and USAV Club and sometimes causes confusion with our players and coaches (below are NFHS rules for various situations).

a. If the player contacts the antenna above the top of the net, is it a fault? Yes (rule 9.6.7 a)

b. If the player contacts the net outside the antenna, is it a fault? Yes (rule 9.6.7 a)

c. If the player contacts the cable connecting the net to the net post, is it a fault? Yes (rule 9.6.7 a)

*It is not a net fault when a player's loose hair, or the force of a ball hit by an opponent pushes the net into the player. Also, it is not a net fault if another fault precedes the net contact and the ball is no longer in play.

2. What do I call if the libero for Team S runs onto the court after I have whistled for serve? Answer: Unnecessary Delay (yellow card). You would do the following: (a) R1 whistle the ball dead; (b) penalize with an Unnecessary Delay (yellow card); (c) issue a replay; (d) allow the libero to enter the court; (e) blow the whistle for the reserve (be sure they are in proper serving order).

3. What do I call if the libero for Team S runs onto the court after the server has contacted the ball? Answer Illegal alignment (signal #1). (a) R1 whistle the ball dead; (b) R1 give the illegal alignment signal and award a loss of rally/point to Team B; (c) allow Team S's libero to enter the court (be sure they are in proper serving order).

4. I need more guidance on how to interpret the WHSAA bench celebrations. This is a difficult issue since it is impossible to have a complete laundry list of legal/ illegal actions. It is also hard because our players watch the college teams celebrate with choreographed actions, and also some club organizations allow it. If you are questioning whether a team's celebration is legal or illegal, please don't be hesitant to visit with the WHSAA office with your concern(s). It is a work in progress!

Here is some "guidance" that I hope helps. I have also attached two videos. Video (1) shows a college celebration by the University of Wisconsin (It is NOT LEGAL by the NFHS or WHSAA rules as it is a choreographed celebration): Video (2A) has two components to their celebration. At the very beginning Part 1, each player gets off the

bench and does a "spontaneous" verbal non-choreographed cheer LEGAL, Part 2 of their celebration makes it ILLEGAL when they add the choreography to the cheer. The NFHS Rule (12.2.8m) outlines "general" guidelines to follow. *Remember that waving a towel is a legal prop as long as it is waved quickly in a spontaneous manner. The WHSAA has also added additional "guidelines", but this is by no means a complete listing of what you may see. This is a judgment call and may need to be determined as it happens. The WHSAA does not want to eliminate bench participation and team spirit, however; it needs to be done in a manner which aligns with our 307-WAY Good Sportsmanship.

a. Listed below are actions that were seen last season that are no longer acceptable. These are now ILLEGAL resulting in an Unsporting Conduct (yellow card--warning) for first offense and can advance to an Unsporting Conduct (red card--loss of rally/point).

diving on the floor, rolling on the floor, turning around in circles, running up and down the bench either clapping or not clapping hands, sitting on the floor and rowing a boat, building pyramids, throwing team mascot items into the air, holding up pre-made signs, etc.

b. What is considered legal? These are legal if they are "**spontaneous**" (by no means a complete list). It is legal for players to sit, jump up, stand while clapping and cheering, wave their fists, putting their arms above their head while cheering (such as ACE-ACE-ACE). stomp their feet while cheering, etc. It becomes ILLEGAL when they add additional "physical" choreography to the cheer such as turning around in circles either individually or as a group. - it becomes a group choreographed event (as seen in video 2A).

Mechanics

1. What is the signal when the ball passes completely under the net (other than a served ball)? Answer: This is a line fault signal (#2).
2. What is the signal if a server has more than one re-serve during one team's term of service? Answer: Illegal Hit (signal #3).

Points to Ponder

The setter on Team R runs down an errant first contact and contacts the ball first with the right hand and then the left hand on an overhand pass the is next contacted: (a) by Team R's LF; (b) simultaneously by Team R's LF and Team S's RF; (c) by Team S's: Ruling (a & b) legal; (c) illegal multiple contact fault. *Simultaneous contact is considered contact by a teammate. (Case Book page 35 9.4.8 e).