

Weeks #2 & #3 – August 28, 2023**Consistency and Knowledge**

When asked, the top two things coaches expect from officials are: 1) Consistency and 2) Knowledge of the rules/game. What officials look for in coaches is: 1) Knowledge of the rules and 2) Appropriate sporting conduct. It is important that consistency and sporting conduct start now and last throughout the season. As for knowledge of the rules and the game, that is a continual learning process. We are never done learning!

Team Benches

Teams will go back to switching benches. This practice will begin with the August 25 competition start date and will continue throughout the season and sub-state. See NFHS Rule 1-2-4.

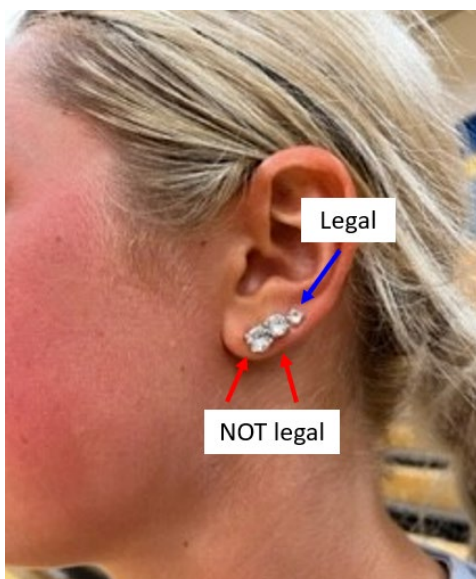
- The home team will choose their bench.
- After the first set and subsequent sets (that are not deciding sets), teams will switch benches.
- For a deciding set, a home captain shall call the toss. The winner shall choose to serve/receive or the playing area. The team that does not win the coin toss shall be given the remaining choice.

At state, teams will NOT switch benches. The home team will choose their bench and teams will remain at their respective benches throughout the match.

Jewelry

Athletes are allowed to wear SMALL, secured stud or post jewelry above the chin. Rules below the chin have not changed apart from medical alerts (must be taped to the body and the alert may be visible) or religious medals (shall be worn under the uniform and taped to the body).

There is some ambiguity regarding what is considered “small.” Coaches – Please do not allow your athletes to wear studs and/or posts with large stones, spheres, etc. If jewelry is too large and could pose a safety risk, the jewelry will need to be removed. If you must ask, “is it too big,” it is. See the example below of what would be considered NOT legal and legal.



What is small? Adornments on secured studs or posts should be no larger than a pencil eraser.

Hair Adornments

Rule 4-1-6a – Allows hair adornments provided they are securely fastened and do not increase risk to the athlete, teammates, and opponents while eliminating the length restriction of two inches for bobby pins, flat clips, and flat barrettes.

Many athletes are wearing tinsel extensions in their hair. These extensions are legal if there is no loose glitter and are securely placed in the hair. Glitter is not allowed; therefore, if extensions have loose glitter, those must be removed.

Volleyball Official Shirts

Varsity officials must wear the KSHSAA approved cyan blue shirt (no black piping, no piping). The patch must be sublimated in the proper location (left sleeve).

These shirts are available through our Smitty's vendors: <https://smittyapparel.com/pages/kansas-preferred-dealers> (be sure to scroll down to the KSHSAA approved vendors). These are the only shirts permitted as they have the KSHSAA patch sublimated in the proper location. Officials may not just buy a bright blue shirt and put a patch on it.

Officials may wear either the KSHSAA-approved cyan blue shirt or white shirt for sub varsity contests. Officials MUST match. Please communicate with your partners and bring both color of shirt to every match.

The required uniform for volleyball officials includes:

1. Collared polo-style shirt, short or long sleeve, that may be white or bright blue. Officials must dress in like colors. Shirt must have KSHSAA official patch sublimated on the left sleeve.
2. Black slacks (no sweats, tights, or yoga pants)
3. Black athletic shoes and black socks.

If other vendors become available, we will notify officials. White volleyball shirts are still available at these vendors. Shirts are available in long sleeve, short sleeve and with or without the American Flag on the right sleeve.

Any undershirt worn must match the color of the official shirt. If wearing a white shirt, the undershirt needs to be white and if wearing blue, the undershirt needs to be blue. If you want to wear long sleeves, the undershirt must match the color of your shirt, the blue color will be extremely difficult to match and white under blue is not permitted. Long-sleeved volleyball polo shirts are available to order if needed.