

2009 VOLLEYBALL NEWSLETTER

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UNIFORMS – LET’S NOT FORGET...

- All players on a team shall wear uniform as intended by the manufacturer (i.e., no rolling short waist bands down with tags exposed)
- Uniform tops must hang below or be tucked into the waist band of the short when the player is standing upright (i.e., no rolling short waist bands down)
- Uniforms must be worn in the playing area. Removal of any part of the uniform (shirt, shorts) is unsporting conduct (acceptable areas to change uniforms = locker rooms & restrooms)
- The libero uniform top must be in clear contrast from teammates. Attention must be given to avoid to similar dark colors (i.e., saturation/intensity of a color). Officials must not allow 2 dark colors to be worn.

PIERCED AREA MUST BE FREE OF OBJECT

Players may not warm-up or play with any object in a pierced part of their body. Earrings, studs, clear/colorless spacers, string, etc. – nothing is permitted. Remember: If you weren’t born with it, you can’t wear it!

EQUIPMENT PADDING REQUIRED (3-1-3)

The standards and fronts and sides of the official’s platform must be padded to a minimum height of 5 ½ feet with at least 1 inch thick, resilient, shock absorbing material. It must also encase all tensioning devices.

Officials: please make sure your pre-match check includes these important safety requirements. Areas often overlooked that must be padded are the steps of the official stand on systems where the steps are on the side.

COIN FLIP

When teams split sets (and after the R2 signals it is a completed 2nd set), the captains will be called to the net for the coin flip by the R1 giving a “C” signal with both hands. That signal is to be followed by the R1 blowing their whistle and directing the remaining players to their team benches. The coin flip is to take place at the net in the third of the area near the officials stand. The R1 may flip the coin or direct the R2 to do so. The “home team captain” will call the toss. The winner has the choice of side, serve or receive. Once the choice has been made, the R1 will direct the teams to their appropriate bench for the final set and then instruct the timer to begin the 3 minutes between sets. Results of the coin flip are final and may not be changed.



MULTIPLE SUBSTITUTIONS

Remember, there are 2 new procedures this year for substitutions. 1: The R2 is to stand near the score table (not at the attack line/sideline intersection) to administer substitutions. If the score table is not located between team benches, please work with players to turn their backs to the score keeper so they may record the substitution. 2: When there are multiple substitutions, those “next to be subbed in” are to be in the immediate area but not directly behind those being subbed in as this will block the visual path of the score keeper.

END OF MATCH PROTOCOL

The new procedure at the end of the match now directs the teams to shake hands at the net. Bench personnel (players, managers, coaches) are to join the 6 players when they come up the right sideline on the way to the net. They are to not join the team on the end line until after the R1 has signaled that the match is over.



PLAYER SUPPORTS/BRACES

Rule 4-1-1: A guard, cast or brace made of hard and unyielding leather, plaster, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even though padded, is not permitted on the finger, hand, wrist or forearm. Coaches, it is your responsibility to make sure your players are properly equipped per Rule 4-1-1. If a brace is not approved by rule, players should not wear it another night or on another court.

LIBERO REPLACEMENTS

Anytime 2 players from the same team exchange places on/off the court in the libero exchange zone, the libero must be in position to be the server. Remember: In other replacement situations, the libero must come off the court for one dead ball before returning to the set.

OVERLAPPING

The important point to remember when watching for overlapping is the position of ADJACENT players: side-to-side and back-to-front. An official must consider the foot only touching the floor when judging an overlap.



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION IMPORTANT

Official communication is critical in volleyball. ●Only NFHS signals are to be used to communicate the results of a play. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE UP OR USE DIFFERENT SIGNALS** as this confuses everyone. ●An official's body language is also a form of communication. Slouching, leaning, etc. convey an official that is tired, bored, & not interested in the match. Remember: while parents may be watching their child and coaches their team – everyone watches the official!

SERIES 2 MEETINGS

Officials, please check the schedule and mark your calendar to attend a KSHSAA Area Supervisor Series 2 meeting. These meetings are extremely important as a variety of topics are discussed in addition to the sharing of actual situations that have taken place. The 2 weeks of meetings begin today so don't miss this opportunity to stay on top of the game!

