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THE COMPLIMENTARY
ONLINE VOLLEYBALL
RULES MEETING HAS
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Online Resources

NFHS Learning Center:

<http://nfhslearn.com/>

OHSAA General Sports' Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

OHSAA Volleyball

Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/VB.pdf>

Volleyball Manual:

<http://ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbmanual.pdf>

NFHS Volleyball Correction Slides:

<http://www.nfhs.org/mygroup/groupview/Download?file=Files/Volleyball/Information of Interest/2015 Volleyball Correction Slides.pptx&file=2015 Volleyball Correction Slides.pptx>

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WARM-UP WHISTLE

The OHSAA expects the second referee (R2) to be responsible to whistle an upcoming change of court regardless of whether the new 2-6-6-3-3 warm-up is being used. The referees are expected to monitor warm-ups for safety and to ensure no interference with the on-court team. This is not a change. During ALL warm-ups, the R2's 15-second whistle indicates that a change is coming where one team will leave the court and the other will assume full use of the court. When the R2 blows the whistle, we expect all hitting, serving or whatever activity the on-court team is engaged in to cease. The remainder of the time should be used to gather the warm-up balls and exit the court to allow the other team to enter safely at the horn. There is no more one big hit or serve as may be the norm. OHSAA Director of Development for Volleyball Officiating, Diane Plas, asks for everyone to consider common sense and safety as primary factors in team warm-ups. While warm-ups are not to be micro-managed by the referees, obvious activity after the 15-second whistle constitutes unacceptable behavior. This should be addressed with a warning unless there is obvious intent to ignore the rule, and something that compromises safety occurs. Everyone must do what is required to avoid having a team/player deliberately hitting after the warning whistle and starting the match with an unsporting conduct card which, if issued to a coach, would remove the head coach's privilege to stand and coach during the match. A set or attack that is in the air when the whistle is blown can probably be completed but activity clearly after a warning whistle deserves a verbal warning at least. Coaches and referees are both asked to maintain the safety of pre-match warm-ups.

PREVENTIVE OFFICIATING– PRE-MATCH SCORER INSTRUCTIONS & LINEUP SHEETS

Accurate team lineups are crucial to starting a match and each set on time. Lineup sheet and scoresheet errors are some of the most preventable situations referees will encounter. It is incumbent upon the referees and scorers to ensure the lineups are accurate. This begins with the second referee's pre-match instructions with the scoring crew. Among the various topics that should be discussed with the scorer, the second referee should cover three very important points regarding the team lineup sheets:

#1 - If the coach submits the lineup directly to the scorer, he/she should notify the second referee immediately so that the second referee can review each team's lineup sheet before it is recorded on the scoresheet. This should be done quickly before the submission deadline.

Note: There is contradictory information regarding procedure for turning in the lineup. The Rules Book states the coach turns in his/her lineup to the scorer's table (Rule 7-1-2, 7-1-4). The Case Book (P. 65) states the R2 obtains the lineups from the coaches and delivers them to the scorer. The preferred method is the one stated in the Case Book. The R2 should obtain the lineups from the coaches. This is a discrepancy that we will forward to the NFHS.

#2 - When the lineups are recorded on the scoresheet and libero tracking sheet before each set, the libero tracker should record the lineups directly from the team lineup sheets instead of from the scoresheet. If the scorer makes a recording error, the libero tracker will make the same error if he/she copies the lineups directly from the scoresheet. After the scorer and libero tracker have recorded the lineups, they should confirm the service order with one another to ensure each has been recorded properly. When the second referee records lineups on the lineup card, he/she should also use the team lineup sheets for the service order and then confirm the lineups recorded on their lineup card with the scorer and verify the libero tracker's sheet is correct as well. These procedures provide a number of double-checks to ensure accuracy.

#3 - As an additional double-check, the second referee should verify that starting lineups have been correctly recorded on the scoresheet to start each set. In return, when the second referee is checking team lineups on the court prior to each set, the scorer and libero tracker should be asked to also verify the players' positions using their recorded lineups. This provides three sets of eyes verifying lineups and ensures: 1) a wrong player does not start the set, and 2) all players are in their proper positions. The second referee should verify with the table not only that the first server of the match is the correct server but also that the player in the right front position for the receiving team will be the first server for that team. There is NEVER a reason to start a match with an incorrect server.

Preventive Officiating – Second Referee Responsibilities with Lineup Sheets

With regard to coaches submitting their lineup sheets, the second referee should be the first to review the lineups before they are recorded by the scorer. Any discrepancies should be immediately brought to the coach's attention, and the coach should be allowed to make appropriate corrections without penalty or sanction. This is good preventive officiating and helps to avoid more serious issues later in the set which delay match flow. At a minimum, the second referee should review the lineups with special attention to the following:

1 – Ensure there are NO duplicate numbers, including the libero. If any duplicate numbers exist, the lineup sheet should be returned to the coach for correction.

2 – Note whether a libero is listed on the lineup sheet for that set. If no libero is listed, verify with the coach whether or not a libero will be used. If none will be used, an "X" may be placed on the libero line/box on the lineup sheet for that set.

3 – Verify that starting players' numbers are listed on the team's roster, including the libero. The scorer often assists with this. Discrepancies are brought to the coach's attention immediately.

4 – Confirm that a captain has been marked with a "C". If no captain has been noted, request that the coach designate a captain.

The second referee's review of the lineups should be done immediately when the coach submits the lineup. If the lineup is submitted to the scorer instead of the second referee, the scorer should notify the second referee and allow them to review it. When the second referee is occupied with other pre-match duties, the scorer should review the team lineups and notify the second referee of any discrepancies.