

This Week in Volleyball



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- **LAST CHANCE - ONLINE MAKEUP MEETING WILL CLOSE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**
If you have not completed the online meeting makeup meeting, you will need to complete this online meeting at a cost of \$50 by midnight on Thursday, September 30. Coaches and officials who have still not completed the meeting will need to call into the office, ask to speak with our assistant, **Renee Moore**, pay for the meeting with a credit card, and a password will be provided to enable you to gain access to the meeting site. Credit will be given once the meeting is completed. Failure to complete this meeting will result for coaches in the school's ineligibility for the post-season OHSAA tournament and for officials, suspension as an OHSAA official as well as ineligibility for post-season tournament selection. We are working to insure that our data are accurate in terms of who has completed this requirement. Schools will be notified via their athletic administrator if the school coach has not complied. Officials will receive an email if they have not complied.
- **REVISED NFHS VB RULES 4-1-8** requires a letter of authorization from the OHSAA, which shall be made available to the referees at or prior to the pre-match conference, in the event that a medical, religious or other special need requires the modification of player accessories/equipment or uniform. Examples that require this OHSAA authorization include: wearing an insulin pump or heart monitor (medical accessories that require a physician's authorization in order to secure the letter); wearing a head covering (for religious or medical reasons). Rules 4-1-1, 2 and 3 address other types of protective equipment worn on the extremities. We have received questions about face protection. CB Situation 4-1-2 A on pages 11-12 of the Case Book is instructive. In situation C, A player attempting to enter a set wearing a padded mask covering a broken nose is (C) legal. If the health care provided deems it necessary to alert a protective device or order to get a proper fit, the referee only needs to judge whether the item is dangerous to others. Plastic protective masks should not pose a risk. A catcher's mask used in baseball and softball would not be legal.
REMINDER: 4-1-1 prohibits the wearing of any type of guard, cast or brace, even though it might be of soft, pliable plastic, on the hand, finger, wrist or forearm.
- **VERTICAL NET TAPEMARKERS**
Sleeves which house vertical tape markers are no longer required in interscholastic volleyball but are not illegal. Therefore, there is no rules reference about their placement. The best way (and the way they are intended to be placed) would be to place vertical tape markers on the net in line with each sideline. What is definitely addressed by rule is the placement of the antenna. If a school has the vertical tape markers placed in the reverse of the best case scenario above but the antenna is placed correctly, they probably aren't technically illegal; however we do not advise placing these markers on the net in any manner other than that which is described above. In the Casebook on page 10 is the following situation:
THE NET
3.1.5 SITUATION: Prior to the match, the first referee notices there are no vertical tape markers on the net. The first referee directs the host school management to place vertical tape markers on the net in line with each sideline. RULING:
Incorrect procedure. COMMENT: Vertical tape markers are not required, but are not illegal, since the net antennas are aligned with the outside edge of the side boundary lines.
- **SET PARTICIPATION**
A coach asked the following question: In a JV match, 1st set, player #4 is listed on the JV roster and the lineup. I meant to write #14 on the lineup card and caught the error before the match begins. I did not want #4 in the set I asked the official if I could substitute player #4 for player #14. The substitution was approved using normal sub procedures. Does this count as a set for player #4 and does she still have the opportunity to play in five sets that day? Answer: This does not constitute entry into a set for #4. The student was substituted for and never entered the set. Therefore, she still has the opportunity to participate in five sets that day.