

Online Rules Meetings
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NFHS "Coaching Today" Magazine

Among the many excellent resources available to coaches is the NFHS' publication of "Coaching Today". This is a national publication by the NFHS for high school coaches. You can access this directly at: <http://www.nfhs.org/CoachingToday/>

From the NFHS Locker Room at www.nfhslearn.com

Take a few minutes. The NFHS has provided a FREE (I really DID say FREE!) course titled "Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment". It defines and makes recommendations in 3 areas:

1. Inappropriate relationships and behaviors,
2. Hazing, and,
3. Bullying, including cyber-bullying

It cannot hurt!



The Season Begins!

August 25, 2012 – First day for regular season matches! Have a terrific start to the new season, and don't forget to let us know if we can be of service to you. Good luck to your school volleyball teams.

Officials Uniforms

The Board-adopted rules for officiating, including appropriate attire, can be found in the *Handbook for Officials 2012-2013* here: <http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/HANDBOOK-FOR-OFFICIALS-2012-13.pdf> It is now required that all volleyball officials wear white shoes. In addition, beginning with August 1, 2012, the only acceptable logo on the officiating shirt is the new OHSAA logo (actually not "new" as it is four year old). While not eager to fine officials for attire that is not compliant with the Board-adopted rules, please be advised that failure to wear the prescribed uniform could bring a fine of \$100.00 per occurrence. This policy is inclusive of officiating at all levels of interscholastic volleyball including grades seven and eight. Please make plans to insure that you are prepared to officiate this season.

Warm-ups (Again)

A Couple Friendly Reminders – Officials, please monitor warm-ups to insure that players are not wearing jewelry and **that other non-playing participants are attired in appropriate shoes (no flip flops or other type of footwear that would be dangerous)** and are not using cell phones or portable music devices. These rules will be in full force for all OHSAA tournaments, and it is unfair to students and coaches if the rules are not enforced all season long. Officials should remind coaches and captains of this rule at the pre-match conference.

Line-up Card

Although the line-up card is a required tool for the Second Referee, it must be kept in the pocket, preferably the pocket of the pants, during play. It is difficult for the R2 to communicate using the appropriate signal mechanics while holding the line-up card. Please make a habit of practicing this skill and reinforcing the proper use of this card between plays.

Substitution

Although the rules do not actually stipulate that a substitute shall enter the court through the substitution zone, the many references to the procedure do specifically refer to the substitution zone. Thus we believe the rule implies that the substitute must enter the court through that zone. Here are some specific rules references in Rule 11, Section 2:

ART. 1 . . . To request a substitution:

- a. The head coach may visually signal (#19) to the referees that substitution is desired, or
- b. **The substitute may enter the substitution zone.**

ART. 2 . . . The referee recognizes the request by whistle and signal.

ART. 3 . . . After the referee's recognition of a request, **the substitute shall proceed without delay to the substitution zone (sideline between the attack line and the center line of the team's playing area).**

- a. The substitute may report to the second referee his/her number and the number of the player leaving the court;
- b. If more than one substitution is to be made, the substitutions shall be made in succession, one pair of players after another (substitute and outgoing player) **with only one substitute in the substitution zone at a time;**
- c. When more than one substitution is requested, the incoming substitutes must be ready to enter the **substitution zone once the preceding substitute has been released to enter the court.**

ART. 4 . . . The player and substitute shall remain in the **substitution zone until the second referee releases them.** (Signal 16)

Pre-Match Music

Believe it or not, each year we receive calls and email from irate community members that came to a match to watch a team, a granddaughter, or a neighbor. They were appalled at the music that was being played. A swear word here, a swear word there. An obscene reference. So...WE STRONGLY encourage you to make certain you are not taking the 'CD' the players provide and having them put it into the PA system to play. Despite the claims that it 'psych's 'em up' or gets 'em ready to play, we adults have to be the judge of all material that is made public in our schools. Please preview all the music first. Don't know the lyrics? Try "Soundhound" or even "Shazaam". They are free downloads that allow you to call up the lyrics to a song. Do it...you might thank us later.