

# 2020-21 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULES CONSIDERATIONS FOR COVID



The following considerations were adopted by the NHIAA and the NHIAA Volleyball Committee.

## Pre-match Conference

- Limit attendees to one coach from each team, first referee and second referee.
- Move the location of the pre-match conference to center court with one coach and one referee positioned on each side of the net. All four individuals maintain a social distance of 3 to 6 feet.
- Suspend the use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will serve first in set 1 and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets.
- Suspend roster submission at the pre-match conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials' table before the 10-minute mark.

## Team Benches

- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches and courts between sets. – Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

## Deciding Set Procedures

- Move the location of the deciding set coin toss to center court with team captains and the second referee maintaining the appropriate social distance of 3 to 6 feet. A coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive.
- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches/courts before a deciding set.

## Substitution Procedures

- Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the second referee and the player and substitute by encouraging substitutions to occur within the substitution zone closer to the attack line.

## Officials' Table

- Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer, libero tracker and
- timer with a recommend distance of 3 to 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.

## **Volleyball Officials Manual Considerations**

### **Pre and Post Match Ceremony**

- Establish volleyball specific social distancing match protocols including the elimination of handshakes before and after the match.

## **Volleyball Rules Interpretations**

### **Rule 4-1: EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES**

- Cloth face coverings are permissible. (4-1-4)
- Gloves are permissible. (4-1-1)

### **Rule 4-2: LEGAL UNIFORM**

- Long sleeves are permissible. (4-2-1)
- Long pants are permissible. [4-2-1i (1)]
- Under garments are permissible, but must be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top or bottom. [4-2-1h (3), 4-2-1i (2)]

### **Rule 5-3 OFFICIALS UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT**

Electronic whistles are permissible. (5- 3-2a, b)

Cloth face coverings are permissible. – Gloves are permissible.

## **NHIAA VBALL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BALLS**

- Visiting team are REQUIRED to bring their own warm-up balls to their games.

### **Cleaning Recommendation for Ball**

- Home team will need to provide a minimum of 4 volleyballs
- Develop a procedure for disinfecting the volleyballs.
- A cleansed ball will be put into play at each timeout and after each set.
- It is also recommended to put a clean ball into play if the ball goes out of play and is handled by a person not on the court.

### **What if visiting team forgets their warmup balls?**

- There is to be NO sharing of volleyballs from home team to visitors during warmups. If the visiting team forgets to bring volleyballs they will warmup without them.