

# NHVOA/NHIAA PROTOCOLS

## Game Ball

- Prior to the start of the match the head official is to inspect the match ball(s) to ensure the NFHS Authenticating Mark is imprinted. If the home team's ball does not have the mark the visiting team's ball with the Authenticating Mark is to be used.  
\*\*In the event neither ball has the mark, the match is to be played and the head official is to report the matter to the Supervisor of Officials, who in turn will notify the NHIAA office.

## Jackets

- For regular season contests both officials should be dressed the same while in the gym.
- For tournament contests the wearing of a jacket is mandatory. Both officials should have their jacket on and should remove jackets prior to the start of the contest, i.e. after introductions.

## Scorer's Table

- No cell phones
- Official scorer will be seated next to timer.
- Tracker will sit next to Official Scorer
- Visiting scorer will sit next to tracker, if there is room.

## Adopted Protocols

- R1 carries lineup card
- R1 reports to table between sets
- Black pealess whistle(Fox): NHVOA
- Black lanyard: NHVOA (NFHS REC./APP.)
- Short sleeve white shirt with NHVOA logo (NHVOA/NFHS APP.)
- Black Slacks (NFHS)
- **\*\*Black Shorts with Black socks (length to match partner)\*\***(both officials must agree) (NFHS)
- Black athletic shoes and socks(NFHS)
- Black jacket with NHVOA logo (NHVOA)

### Prematch warm ups:

**\*3-6-6-3: 3-minute transition time (varsity only)**

**6- minute visiting team**

**6- minute home team**

**3- minute shared time**

During the 6 minute warm up time for each team the opposing team may not be warming up (of any kind) in the same gym.

During the 3-minute shared time teams must remain on their own side of the court. No serving is allowed.

### Pre-match warm ups

- Jewelry/proper footwear rule is in effect for all (excluding coaches) that are participating in the pregame warm ups on the playing service. This includes ball shaggers. If jewelry/improper footwear is discovered during the warm ups the coach is to be immediately notified and the situation immediately corrected. Violations during the prematch (excluding a conduct card) **do not carry over to the match.**

### Dermal Piercings

- These piercings are inserted into the skin and require a medical procedure to remove them. The decorative part screws onto the pin or screw that protrudes from the skin. Even with a bandage over it would seem to pose a potential hazard.
- Players are not allowed to participate with these types of piercings. This is also true whether the **piercing is plastic or metal.**

### Length of Matches:

- Varsity: 3 out of 5 sets to 25 with the 5<sup>th</sup> set, if necessary, to 15
- JV: 3 sets(25-25-15) regardless of whether a team wins the first 2 sets. *When the score of a sub-varsity match is 2-0 there will be no coin toss by the official prior to the third set. The teams will return directly to their home bench and will prepare for the third set. Service will go to the team that has lost the previous two sets.*

### Libero Tracker

- Home team will supply a Libero tracker to track the Libero players for both teams at all regular season matches.

*If in the event the home team cannot provide a Libero tracker the visiting team may provide a Libero tracker for the match.*

### Stopping Matches for Milestone Recognition

- During a regular season match a set may be stopped to celebrate a milestone (i.e. 500 kills, 1000 assists, etc.) and the celebrating team will not be charged a timeout. Teams will report to the bench areas for a brief ceremony and then return to the court. Post season matches will not be stopped.

### Coaches Conduct on Influencing Decisions

- NFHS Volleyball Rule 12, Section 2, Article 8C states that it is unsporting like conduct for a coach to attempt to “influence a decision by a referee”. Coaches that visually signal line calls will be subject to sanctions as outlined in NFHS Rule 12-2-8C. This does not prohibit coaches from verbally communicating to his/her players that a ball is going out. It is also a point of emphasis that players should not be trying to “influence” the calls of officials.  
First offense- verbal warning  
Second Offense- Yellow card (coach sits for remainder of the match)  
Third offense- Red card

### Concussion Management

*The NHIAA mandates the following of the NFHS guidelines for management of Concussions.*

- *Concussions: Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.*

### Match Assignments

- All varsity matches will be assigned by the NHVOA assigner.
- R1 and R2 assignments will be determined by the assigner
- Any changes to R1 and R2 assignments are to be done by the assigner. If a situation arises at a match where a change is unavoidable the assigner will be notified following the match, (i.e. injury, illness, etc)

### Late Arriving Teams

- **If a team fails to arrive at a contest at its' scheduled start time the officials shall not wait longer than 45 minutes. After the 45 minute wait the game will be called as a "no game." In the event the traveling school calls ahead to inform the home school they are experiencing difficulties arriving for the start of the contest the officials shall remain in order to start the contest.**

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- **The NHIAA Volleyball Committee has voted that if the visiting team is running late the officials may use their discretion to confer with both coaches regarding the order of warm-ups.**

### Disqualifications

- **Officials will report to the supervisor of officials all disqualifications of coaches and players.**
- **They will also report any unusual situations at a facility, illegal uniforms, spectator problems, unusual game situations, etc. to the supervisor of officials and/or the rules interpreter.**

### Coaches

- **Must be enrolled with the NHIAA and meet all coaching requirements**
- **All coaches need to be enrolled in order to take over in the event the head coach is disqualified. If there are no other enrolled coaches available to take over, the game is forfeited.**
- **Coaches that are disqualified during a match are required to complete an NFHS Sportsmanship Course before they are allowed to return to coaching. This is in addition to game suspensions.**