2020-21 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULES POWERPOINT

National Federation of State High School Associations

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Rules Changes

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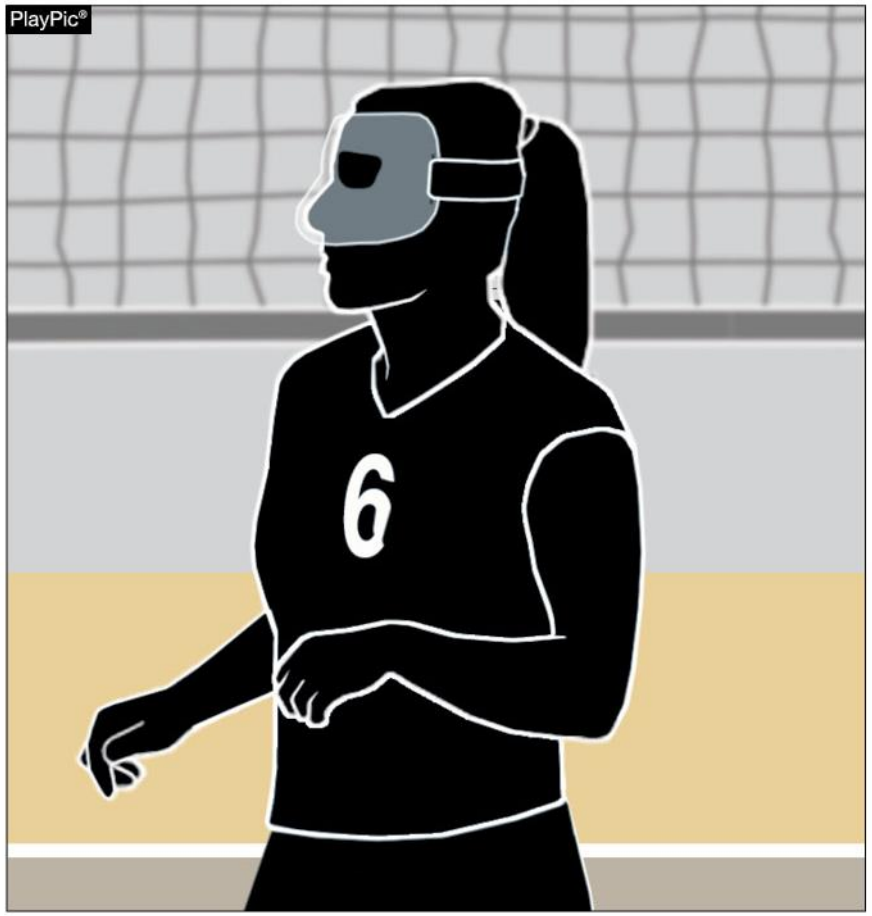
PROTECTIVE FACE MASK
4-1-4 (NEW)



- Players may protect facial injuries by wearing a protective face mask.
- The mask must be made of a hard material free of protrusions and molded to the face.

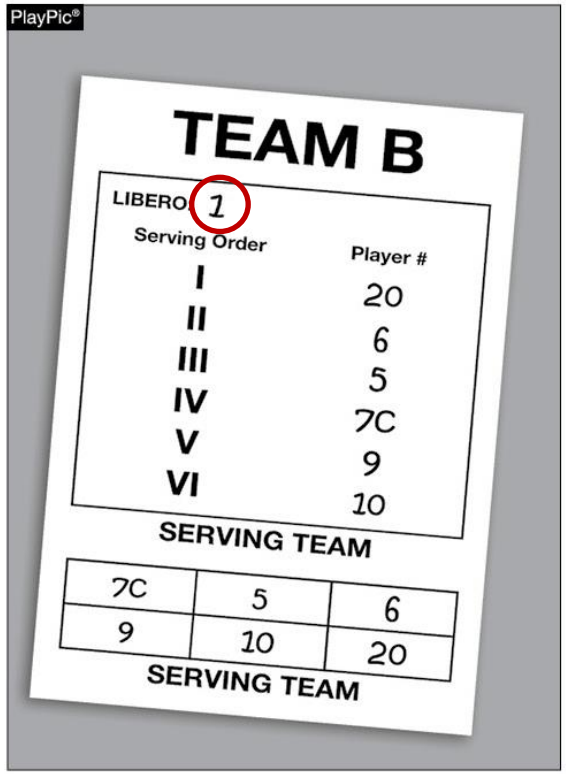
ROSTER SUBMISSIONS

7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 2 (NEW); 9-9-1a (NEW); 10-3-7b

- When a team roster is not ready for submission during the prematch conference, but is provided before 10 minutes remain on the clock…
  - The penalty is no longer a loss of rally/point.
  - It is now an unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card) assessed at the start of the set.

CORRECTING A SUBMITTED LINEUP

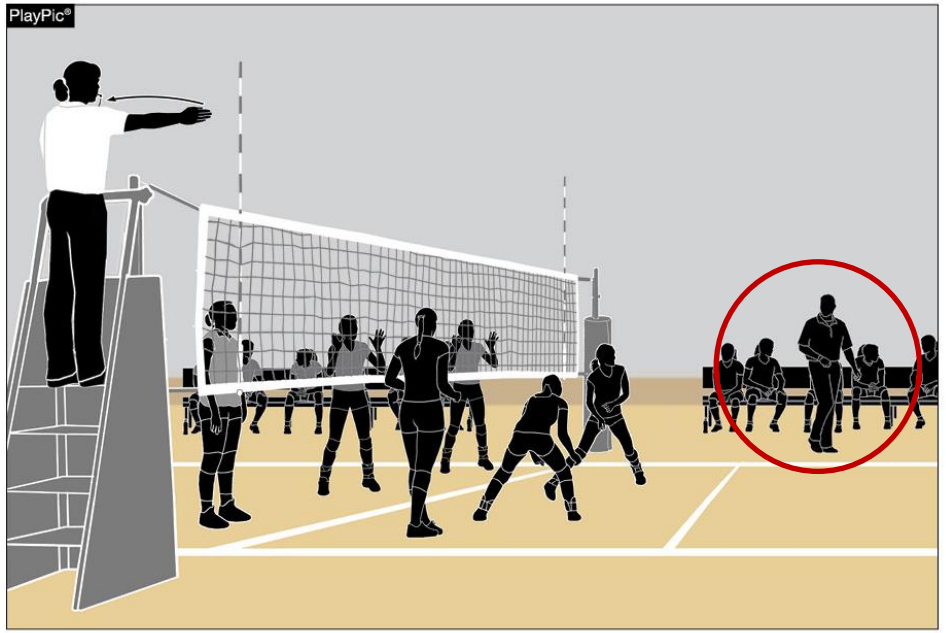
7-1-4a(1) & 7-1-4a(2) NEW



- If a clerical error is made on the lineup by listing a libero number that no team member is wearing, the error shall be corrected without penalty.

UNSPORTING YELLOW CARD PENALTY

12-2-6



- When a yellow card is issued for unsporting conduct to the head coach, assistant coach(es) or team bench the head coach will no longer be required to remain seated.
- If a red unsporting conduct card is issued to the head coach, assistant coach(es) or team bench, the head coach will be required to remain seated for the duration of the match.

NEW SUBSTITUTION SIGNAL FOR REFEREE

SIGNAL #15

- When a team requests a substitution, the official will administer two short whistles.
- The official will rotate his/her forearms around each other with closed hands at shoulder height two times to signal the substitution.

RULES REMINDER: LEGAL UNIFORM

4-2-4c

Illegal (2023)

Legal

Legal

Beginning with the 2023 season, the body of the uniform number must clearly contrast from the body of the uniform regardless of trim.

Editorial Changes

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UNIFORMS

4-2-1e

- Language referencing the size restrictions of mascots and/or school names placed on the uniform sleeve as part of the uniform requirements was removed.
- School references are permitted on the sleeve(s) of the uniform top **without size restrictions.**

Compliant

EXCEPTIONAL SUBSTITUTION

10-3-6b, 10-3-6c, 10-3-6 NOTE (NEW)

- Reorganizes and clarifies the order of priority for an exceptional substitution for an injured/ill player aligning the language with Rule 10-4-3b.

Order of Priority:

1. By a teammate who has never played in the set or a player who has played in that position earlier in the set;
2. By any legal teammate on the bench (excluding the libero or libero replacement), regardless of previous position played;
3. By a libero if no other possible substitute exists.
   - When no longer playing as a libero, that player must wear the same uniform as his/her teammates.
   - The team will continue to play with no libero.

EDITORIAL CHANGES

- **5-4-3c(22)** – Whistle and signal "end-of-set," whistle and direct…
- **5-4-4b, c** – *Deleted repetitive information and combined items b. and c.*
  - New b. Following non deciding sets, after the first referee has confirmed the score of the set, he/she whistles and signals the teams to change courts. The team members proceed immediately to their new team benches. The players proceed counter clockwise along the sideline outside the standards, then directly to their new team benches. The timer begins timing the three-minute interval between sets with the first referee's second whistle directing teams to their team benches.
  - *Re-letter remaining articles*

EDITORIAL CHANGES

- **5-5-3b(20)** – …(five minutes when intermission is used)
- **7-1-2** – *New formatting to align with 7-1-1 Roster:*
  - **ART. 2 . . .** Lineup:
    a. No later than…
    b. Thereafter, the written lineup…
- **9-7 PENALTIES 3** – For a multiple fault, only one penalty is assessed (loss of rally/point ~~or a charged time-out~~).
- **9-9-1m** – A libero or libero replacement…

EDITORIAL CHANGES

- **12-2 Procedure for Unsporting Conduct Violations 1a, 2** (pgs. 50-51) –
  1a. Whistle and hold the card(s) in the hand(s)…
  2. …It is the responsibility of the first referee to immediately…whistle and administer any card(s)…
- **Card Procedures for Unsporting Conduct Violations** (pg. 68) –
  - First referee whistles and holds card in hand…
  - First referee whistles and holds a card (head high)…
- **Unnecessary Delay Chart (NEW)** (pg. 69) – *New Chart illustrating the delay penalty progression.*

Points of Emphasis

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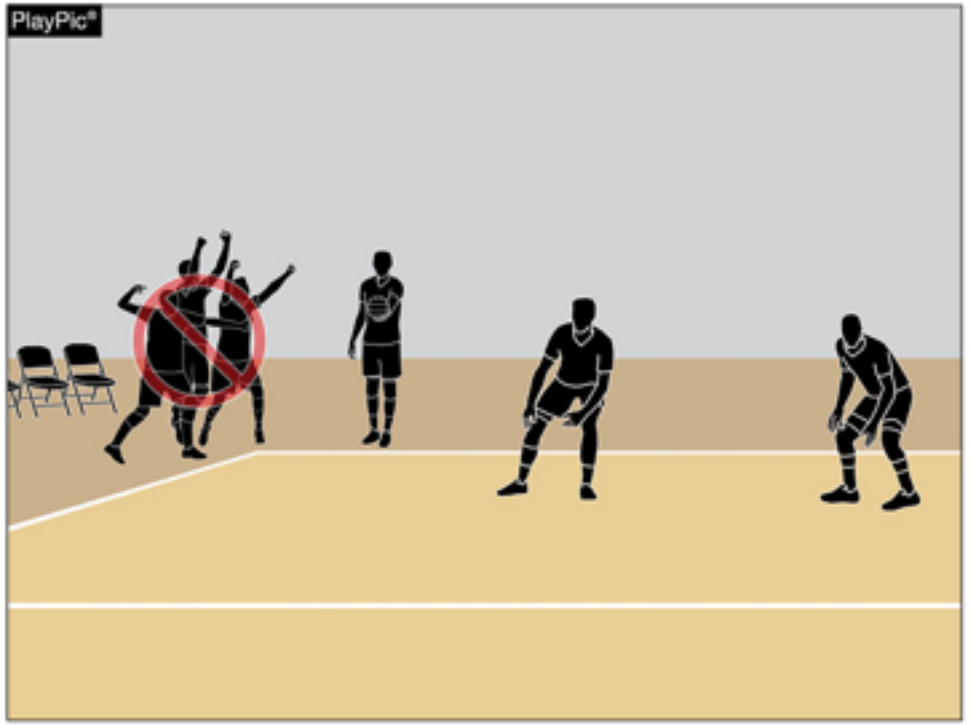
BENCH BEHAVIOR/SPORTSMANSHIP

- Rule 12-2-7a allows bench personnel to, “Spontaneously react to an outstanding play by members of their own team.”
- Team celebrations must be done in an appropriate, sporting manner.
- The location and duration of these celebrations should not impede with the normal flow of the match.

BENCH BEHAVIOR/SPORTSMANSHIP

- Celebrations that continue after teams are ready for play and/or move outside of the bench area may be deemed excessive.
- Excessive and disruptive reactions may result in an unsporting conduct penalty as described in Rule 12-2 PENALTIES.



MANAGEMENT OF NON-TEAM PERSONNEL

- It is the responsibility of coaches to educate school administration and the school community as to the sportsmanship nuances of the game of volleyball. This should include:
  - Appropriate times cheerleaders may or may not cheer and proper location to cheer,
  - Appropriate comments, timing of announcements and good sportsmanship by PA announcers;
  - Appropriate time for music and sound effects (1-8);
  - Appropriate location and behavior of fans and mascots, etc.

OFFICIALS' COMMUNICATION

- The first and second referees along with both line judges should participate in a pre-match conference to discuss the responsibilities of each crew member.
- Crew members should be prepared to ask questions and the first referee prepared to answer them.
- Topics of discussion should include:
  - Clarifying the responsibilities and mechanics during penalty administration; and
  - The review of informal signals.

UNIFORM BOTTOM COMPLIANCE

- It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure that his/her players are properly equipped, which includes items purchased by the individual athlete.
- Manufacturers are producing spandex marketed for volleyball with multiple large logos along the waistband. These bottoms, worn with uniform tops tucked or untucked, violate rule 4-2-1f.
- Officials should enforce these uniform violations when they occur with the appropriate penalty (4-2 PENALTIES).

2020-21 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULES CONSIDERATIONS FOR COVID

2020-21 VOLLEYBALL CONSIDERATIONS

- ***Prematch Conference (1-2-4a; 1-6-2; 1-6-3; 2-1-10; 5-4-1h, k; 5-6-1; 7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 1; 9-1a; 12-2-3)***
  - Limit attendees to one coach from each team, first referee and second referee.
  - Move the location of the prematch 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 prematch conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials' table before the 10-minute mark.

2020-21 VOLLEYBALL CONSIDERATIONS

- ***Team Benches (5-4-4b, 9-1-2, 9-1-2 NOTE, 9-3-3b)***
  - Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches and courts between sets.
  - Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

2020-21 VOLLEYBALL CONSIDERATIONS

- ***Deciding Set Procedures [1-2-4b, 5-4-4c, 5-5-3b(26), 9-2-3c]***
  - 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.

2020-21 VOLLEYBALL CONSIDERATIONS

- ***Substitution Procedures (2-1-7, 10-2-1, 10-2-3, 10-2-4)***
  - 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 (3-4)***
  - 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.

2020-21 VOLLEYBALL CONSIDERATIONS

- **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.

2020-21 VOLLEYBALL CONSIDERATIONS

- **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.

TESTING – TWO PARTS
PART 1- WRITTEN

- Test is online Arbiter at NHIAA Central Hub and must be completed by midnight August 25.
- You can access the test as many times as necessary and your completed questions will be saved.
- Test is 60 questions.
- You must complete all 60 questions before your test is graded. You will receive an instant score.
- Passing score of 80% (48 correct).
- You will have 2 attempts to achieve a passing score. Make up tests for those who do not pass will be made available after the 25th. You must successfully pass the test before you are allowed to officiate games.
- On August 26th you may access your test to view the questions and rule references.

PART 2: NFHS: ALIGNMENT AND BALL HANDLING COURSES

- All officials must complete the NFHS Alignment and Ball Handling Courses.
- Course is accessed at NFHSLearn.com

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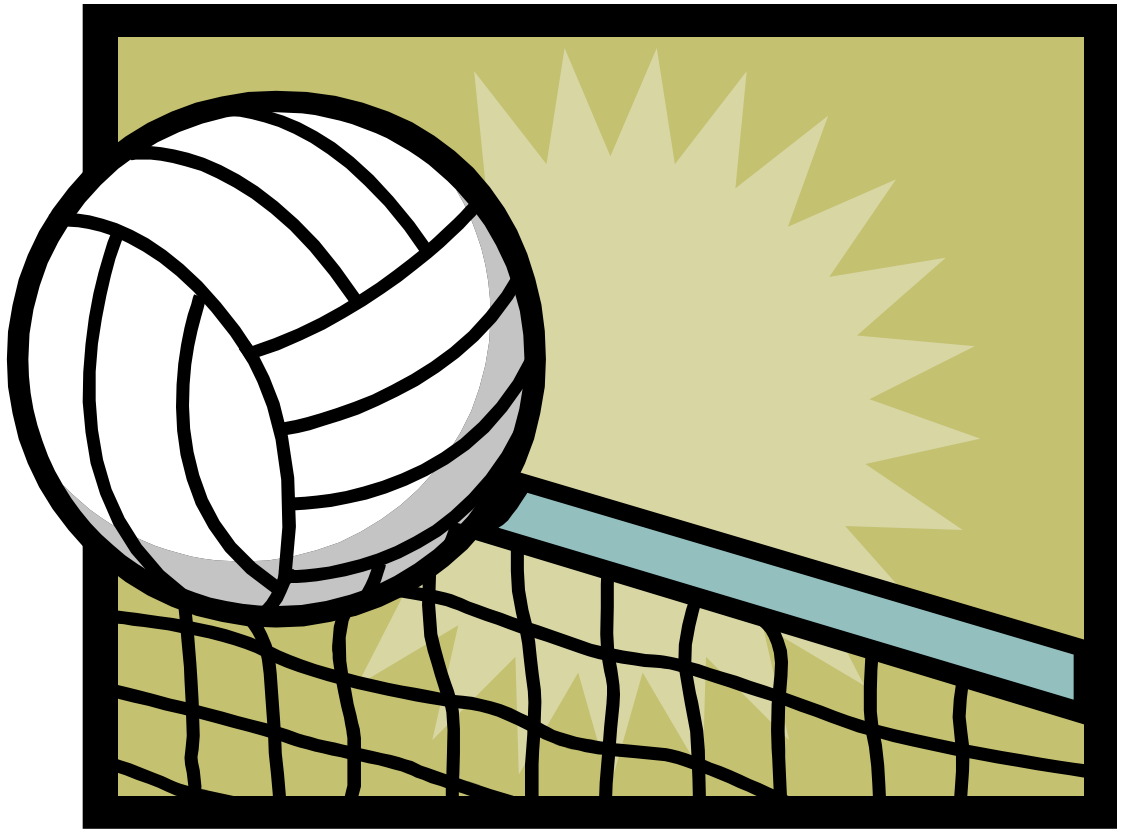
To Be Announced

CHECK THE WEBSITE

Check the website for resources on rule changes, mechanics, ppt's, videos and rule comparisons for prep and college, etc.

Also check the NHIAA website(http://www.nhiaa.org/sports/fall/girls-volleyball) for policy and procedures for volleyball.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Contact Rules Interpreter if you need clarifications on rules during the season.
- Contact the Supervisor to report conduct cards, DQ's, or problems with facilities or crowd management.
- Contact the Assigner if you have issues concerning scheduling and payments.

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