

THIS EMAIL IS BEING SENT TO ALL OFFICIALS.

The Fall 2024 Volleyball Season has officially started. Here are a few things to remember as we go through the season.

This email covers the following topics:

- Points of Emphasis for 2024 Season
- Game and Travel Fees
- Checking Arbiter and Responding to Email
- Contacting the Assignor concerning schedule changes
- Matches with Late Starts
- College and Prep School Assignments
- Working with Apprentices
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- Who to contact during the season.

Points of Emphasis–2024 Season

1. All sub varsity high school matches will have the HOME team taking the first 6 minute warm-up. This includes: jv, reserve, and freshmen matches.
2. Scorer's table will allow for timer, official scorer, libero tracker, visiting scorer to be seated in order listed. Visiting team is not required to provide a scorer at the table.
3. During an injury/illness timeout for the libero, teams may substitute for the replacement. No other substitutions will be allowed during this replay timeout.
4. NFHS has not adopted the NCAA rule allowing doubles on the second contact.
5. Libero tracker will only cross off the number when a substitute enters.
6. Medical appliances such as insulin pumps, hearing aids, cochlear implants may be worn without a waiver from the NHIAA. Insulin pumps should be padded and worn under the uniform.
7. Religious medals must be taped under the uniform. Medical alert must be taped and the alert left visible.
8. The R1 will repeat the R2 signal for substitution and time out.
9. Jewelry such as studs and posts are allowed above chin. Hoops, nose, lip and eyebrow rings are not allowed. Any exceptions for religious or medical reasons must be approved by the NHIAA via a waiver.
10. Officials' jurisdiction begins when you enter the playing area and extends to when you exit the playing area after a match.

Game and Travel Fees

- Game fees for high school varsity and sub varsity assignments are determined by the NHIAA.
- Travel fees are calculated from the center of town of where you live to the center of town where the match is being played and not by your odometer reading. The mileage is

calculated using MapQuest which is built into the Arbiter. Please contact me if you feel the mileage listed is incorrect.

- **Athletic Directors will be told that mileage fees on the Arbiter are accurate. Officials should check their game and travel fees prior to their match and immediately contact me if you find a discrepancy.**
- Middle School games fees posted on the Arbiter are **suggested** fees. Middle Schools and Junior Highs are not members of the NHIAA and therefore are not bound by fees set by the NHIAA.
- A number of schools use Arbiter Pay to compensate your pay. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about this.

Checking Arbiter and Responding to Emails

- It is imperative that you check your email every day.
- Always go by the schedule on the Arbiter, but contact me if you see a discrepancy between your assignment and the schedule(s) posted on the NHIAA website.
- Please accept/decline matches as soon as you receive them.
- If for some reason you must decline a match because it is too far away, indicate it as the reason for declining. I may be able to shuffle officials around to meet everyone's mileage constraints.
- Don't be surprised if you get moved around during the season. Many times, schedule changes occur and I shuffle assignments to help schools out with mileage costs.
- Sometimes you may get unassigned from a match only to be reassigned to the same match. This may occur when I'm attempting to best address openings at other locations.
- If an AD calls you about a game change please notify me immediately. Athletic Directors don't always inform me about changes and we always want the schedule posted on the Arbiter to be accurate.
- If for some reason you are assigned R1 or R2 for both matches it's an oversight on my part. Please email me and I will take care of it.
- Please contact me if you have been assigned to work at the same high school for more than three matches. The exceptions to this rule are the following schools: Keene, Sunapee, Mascoma, Hanover, Conant, Kearsarge, Kennett, and Fall Mt. Officials assigned to these schools should not be assigned more than four matches.

Contacting the Assignor about schedule changes

- Contact me (Dick Dumais) whenever you need to make changes to assignments or calendar blocks.
- If you need to return an assignment more than 24 hours in advance a simple email to ddumais11@me.com should work.
- If you need to return an assignment on the day of a match call or text 603-455-3149. If you don't hear from me within a reasonable amount of time call this number 603-528-4295. I no longer work at Gilford HS so please do not contact me there.
- If you text me, be sure to include your name in the text.

College and Prep School Assignments

- If you accept an assignment to be a
 - Line judge at PSU, SNHU, St. Anselm's
 - R1 or R2 at NHTI, Great Bay
 - R1 or R2 at St. Paul's, Phillips Exeter

You should wear your NHVOA uniform for all college and prep school matches. Call your partner ahead of time to determine the shirt color (blue/white).

- Colleges and Prep schools all use NCAA rules. If you accept a match at these schools you are required to review NCAA rules. The Rules and Resources page on our website www.nhvoa.net has links to the NCAA Rules and the PAVO Rules Differences.

Apprentices

If an apprentice is assigned to your match they will be listed as either Observer or Apprentice. Apprentices are not paid for these matches and are required to observe/work four matches. Mentors have been sent a separate email about mentoring responsibilities.

- Observe: The apprentice is there to observe the JV and/or Varsity matches while in the program..
- Apprentice: The apprentice will work the R2 position for the entire JV match. If the third set is a non-deciding set, then the apprentice will be R1.
- We ask apprentices to stay for part of the varsity match so they can practice using a card and observe how to score, observe how to track the Liberos and observe the mechanics used by the officials on the floor.
- Mentors should complete the Mentor Form located at www.nhvoa.net after a match to provide feedback to the apprentice chair.

NHVOA Website

Our website: <http://www.nhvoa.net> contains a number of resources for you. Please make use of them. The Rules and Mechanics page contains all the information you need for rules, officiating volleyball, and NHIAA forms necessary for protests, disqualifications, physical contact, and insurance.

During the Season:

- Contact Rick Forge, Rules Interpreter, (forge@worldpath.net, 603-707-7343) if you have questions about rules and interpretations of rules.
- Contact Phil Mollica, Supervisor of Officials, (pmoll2001@yahoo.com, 603-312-3077) to report issues with a facility, disqualifications, protests, physical contact, etc.
- Contact Dick Dumais, Assignor, (ddumais11@me.com, 603-455-3149) for all assignment related issues.

Thank you for all your help and good luck this season!

Dick Dumais
NHVOA Assignor