

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Playoff Preparations – for Coaches & Officials

1. Rule 9-4 / Section H Officials Manual

This time of year with playoffs just around the corner and league titles on the line it is a good time to review the NFHS rules on ball handling. NFHS rules are about honoring excellence of skills. Outside of allowing a double hit on the first ball across the net very little else has changed in the wording of ball handling rules. Ball handling calls are judgment calls based on a few simple criteria.

- **Illegal Hits (1st, 2nd, or 3rd Contacts)**
 - Was the ball caught or thrown?
 - Did the ball have prolonged contact?
 - Did the ball visibly come to rest on a body part?
 - Was the ball over-controlled?
- **Double Hits (2nd or 3rd Contacts)**
 - Did the ball rebound from one hand to the other on an overhead pass or set?
 - Spin does not mean there was a double hit but it is an indicator the ball might not have been played cleanly.
 - Focus must be on the hands where the ball is making contact.
 - Was the ball under-controlled?
 - It is confusing for fans when a very ugly double on a first contact is let go followed but a double on a 2nd contact that seems “fine”. Coaches, please educate your players and fans on this rule.
- There is no “athletic play” in NFHS.
- Consistency is the key!
- **Volleyball is a REBOUND sport!** It is not the official’s job to make the game “fair” by allowing anything to be legal. It is the official’s responsibility to call the game fairly according to NFHS rules. Anything less is a disservice to both teams.

2. Rule 9-5-6 – A libero shall not:

- Complete an attack from anywhere if, at the moment of contact, the ball is entirely above the height of the net;
- Set the ball using overhead finger action, while on or in front of the attack line extended, resulting in a completed attack above the height of the net;

The signal for both is back row attack.

Preventive officiating is key to keeping this unusual situation from taking place.

3. Rule 4-2 Uniforms

There are still a number of teams playing with both a non-solid jersey for their team and their libero in violation of the rule. Officials, please make sure all your teams enter playoffs with legal jerseys. They will not be allowed to play with illegal jerseys at state playoffs.

OFFICIALS INFORMATION (Repeated from SRI #2 – important information for playoff bound officials)

At the commissioners meeting this past August we reviewed video from state and as a group highlighted very important mechanics and signals all R2’s should know. Correct net sequence, correct time out protocols (very important as they are different this year), and deciding set protocols were discussed.

I would like to invite any official to join Zoom and be able to see video of any of the following:

Rule 9-6-4 Blocking
Rule 9-5-7 & 9-5-8 Center Line
Rule 9-6-5 Blocking a serve

Substitution Mechanics
Time Out Procedures and Protocols
Ball Handling (Simple Version)

To join Zoom, simply do one of the following:

- 1) Contact me at the email below
- 2) Just email - zoom@thetyros.com - and put in the subject line; Please add me to the Oregon Volleyball Group on ZOOM.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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