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COACHES & OFFICIALS NFHS RULE INFORMATION

New NFHS Rules:

Rule 2-4-1b Clarifies that no team member may assist a player during an attempt to play the ball in order to gain an illegal advantage.

Rule 5-5-3b(10) The R2 has the responsibility to ensure that the head coach remains in the replacement zone no closer than 6 feet to the side-line, when standing during play.

Rule 11-5-3 Between sets, teams may warm up in their playing area, but may not hit volleyballs over the net into the opponent's playing area.

Other new rules will be in the next bulletin and can be found on page 2 of the Volleyball Rules Book.

Rule Clarifications:

1. There were a number of **illegal uniforms** that made it all the way to the state playoffs last year before being noticed. Please review the following.
 - **4-2-2** – Either the libero or the team must be in a solid color jersey. If you have any questions about this please send pictures to K.T. Emerson at the OSAA.
 - **4-2-4 e & f** - Be sure your numbers on the front of the jersey are no smaller than 4 inches and they are placed no more than 5 inches down from the bottom edge of the neckline or if placed on the upper shoulder should be no more than 5 inches down from the shoulder seam. Numbers on the back should be no smaller than 6 inches. If you have your team name written above the number on the front it's very likely the jersey is illegal and the number was placed too low. Numbers also need to be clearly visible. Last year one of the NFHS Network announcers remarked how hard it was to tell who the players were. This was due to the fact one teams numbers did not meet the rule requirements.
2. **Administration Cards vs. Conduct Cards**
 - Administration yellow and red cards are for unnecessary delay issues (Rule 9-9). When a coach receives an administrative card they do not need to remain seated during live play.
 - Conduct cards given to a coach do result in a coach needing to remain on the bench during live play. No other assistant coach may stand in his or her place.
 - Officials, be very clear when you give out any card. The R2 should notify the coach of the card violation and the R1 should notify the captain (per the officials manual).
3. **Ball Handling**
 - Volleyball is a rebound sport.
 - An illegal hit is any ball that is caught, thrown, carried, lifted, pushed, visibly comes to rest, has prolonged contact or is over-controlled. An official should be using these criteria on all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd contacts to determine illegal hits.
 - A double hit (multiple contacts) may only be called on a 2nd or 3rd contact.
 - Officials should strive to consistently call ball handling according to NFHS rules. Consistently being the key word.
 - Review Section H in the official's manual for more information and watch for video tips coming soon on Zoom.
4. **Court Markings** – If you do not have a continuous center or attack line please keep floor tape handy to lay down lines for each match including tournaments.

Officials:

1. Help your commissioner, local organization, and schools you service by completing your certifications so you can receive assignments. The season starts on Thursday, August 23rd. If you need help with any of your certifications please contact me using the information below.
2. **Zoom** – All officials were invited to join Zoom last season to have access to video clips sent out by me throughout the season. We will be using this training tool again and if you are new you will receive an invitation in the next couple of weeks. Please take advantage of the training videos. If you have issues viewing anything please contact me.
3. **OSAA Sportsmanship Program** – You will be receiving a very important notice via Arbiter in the next few days about the new OSAA Sportsmanship Program. Be sure you read the email carefully. We are really excited about being a part of this way to honor good sportsmanship in our schools.

Coaches, if you have game film you can send me for training purposes please contact me at the email below to make arrangements. Thank you.

Best of luck to all our Oregon High Schools and Officials as you begin the 2018 Volleyball season.

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