

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to all OSAA Volleyball Officials and Coaches back for the 2013-2014 school year. If you haven't attended a clinic or league meeting yet then you possibly haven't been made aware of the many NFHS rule changes to volleyball this year. There are a few items that everyone should be made aware of prior to the start of the season. Subsequent bulletins will cover items that will come up as the season progresses. Past information is always available on the volleyball page of the OSAA website or the OSAA/OAOA Central Hub (for officials).

COACHES INFORMATION

1. Hand Signals – Rule 5-2-1 – Officials signals have changed to now indicate the result of the play (point), followed by the fault (rule violation).
2. Specific Rule Changes for Teams
 - Rule 7 – Written Lineups – Only the home scorekeeper and libero tracker may see each team's line-up prior to the 2-minute mark. Once they are turned into the score table they are to remain upside down until 2 minutes left on the warm-up clock. At that time the visiting team's scorekeeper may see the line-ups. This is true of subsequent sets at the 1-minute mark and at tournaments.
 - Rule 9-2-3a – Officials will no longer send teams to wait on the end line at the end of a set. When a set is confirmed to be final, the R1 will immediately direct the players to either the opposite court or the bench. Teams are still required to go around the poles on each side prior to going to their bench. No team will be penalized for going to the end line or following their own protocol.
 - New Protocol – At the start of a set, the captain is to acknowledge who she is to the R1 by raising her hand. The R2 will indicate to the captain when this is to be done. This will make it clear who the floor captain is as she is the only one who may make requests of the officials during a set.
3. Rule 4 – It is the head coach's responsibility to verify that his/her players are legally equipped at the start of the match. Please review all of Rule 4 to be sure you know the details or what you are confirming when you verify this information. Here are just a few of the items you are verifying to the officials:
 - Hair control devices are of soft material, no more than 2 inches. The new trend in headbands is wider than 2 inches. Please remind your players of this in advance. The headbands must be unadorned as well. If the headbands are made of sequins it is legal if they are sewn on the material. There has been no change to this rule.
 - Jewelry is not allowed in warm-ups or competition. "If you weren't born with it, it is jewelry." Jewelry may not be taped over; it must be removed. Thank you in advance for your help with this.
 - Legal spandex – only one manufacturer's logo may appear on each individual uniform item. Maximum size 2¼ x 2¼.
4. Assistant Officials – NFHS is stressing that high schools are to properly train officials. It is a tremendous help if the host school is prepared, in advance, with providing and training "assistant officials". Materials are available for you to share with those who are willing to fill these very important roles in a match. We know this isn't always possible so volleyball officials are also trained to work with line judges, scorekeepers, libero trackers, and timers. Contact your local commissioner

to see how your local association can help your school. Any preventive work will make everyone's match run smoother.

5. NFHS & Club Rules – Please remember that the OSAA and its member high schools follow NFHS volleyball rules. There are some differences in rules that do affect play at the beginning of the season for those players who have played club in the off-season. The one that comes to mind first is Rule 9-6-7, a net fault occurs when a player contacts the net (excluding loose hair). Please be aware of the differences and educate your players and parents on these differences. Thank you.

OFFICIALS INFORMATION

1. OCEP Playoff Certification Clinic at Dufur HS this Saturday (8/24) - please contact me at gpvoa.commish@me.com ASAP if you are planning on going and haven't registered.
2. New Rules Reminders
 - Please review all the information sent to the coaches above.
 - Rule 5-4-4d – Review the protocol and mechanics for the R2 to follow when conducting the coin toss for the deciding set. (Detailed materials will be sent out to your local commissioner and posted soon).
 - The R2 now initials the scoresheet at the end of each set.
 - Veterans should be working to master the visual, informal signals listed on pg. 86-87 of the NFHS Volleyball Officials Manual.
 - Please use double whistles for calling all substitutions and time-outs.
3. Rule 5-4-4 – End of Set Protocol (A flow chart will be posted soon)

At Set Point

R2 verifies score with scorekeeper – visually see point 24 (14) in book

Gives informal signal #1 set/match point

Final set point is scored.

After 1st, 2nd or 3rd Set (Varsity), 1st Set (JV/JV2/Frosh)

Set Point Scored

Confirmed by R2 giving the end of set signals (#23) without whistle to R1

R1 whistles, signals end of set (#23a)

R1 whistles, signals (#23b) and releases teams to benches or to switch sides

Timer immediately begins to start 3 minutes

R2 monitors exchange (outside standards, straight to new benches)

When exchange complete, R2 confirms timer has started clock, initials scoresheet

R2 begins next set procedures.

After 4th Set (Varsity), 2nd Set (JV/JV2/Frosh)

Set Point Scored

Confirmed by R2 giving the end of set signals (#23) without whistle to R1

R1 whistles, signals end of set (#23a)

R1 whistles, signals (#23b) and releases teams to benches
R2 holds up coin, double whistles, and calls captains to table for deciding coin toss
R2 indicates to R1 result of coin toss – points with open hand to team that won first serve
R2 indicates by hand signals if team switches sides or stays
R1 whistles and signals if teams stay or switch sides
Timer begins 3 minute clock
R2 confirms clock started, initials scoresheet
R2 begins final set procedure.

After Final Set

Match Point Scored
Confirmed by R2 giving the end of set signal (#23a) without whistle to R1
R1 whistles, signals end of set (#23a)
R1 whistles and signals (#23b) and releases teams to benches
R2 initials scoresheet and the match is over.

To All

Please feel free to send me any questions or comments you may have as your season gets underway. If it's an issue for you, it probably is for someone else as well. Have a great start to your 2013 season!

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