

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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It is hard to believe we are already halfway through this year's volleyball regular season. With that in mind I want to cover items that have come to my attention that are important to review and possibly correct for the rest of the season. This is especially noteworthy for those teams and officials heading into playoffs and state rounds.

COACHES INFORMATION

1. Substitutions – There has been some confusion this year on substitutions. Please note the following:
 - a. A player (non-libero) may only play in one position on the court.
 - b. A re-entering player must return to her original position.
 - c. Multiple players may play in the same position (i.e. #3 subs for #10, #4 subs for #3, #5 subs for #4) as long as they have not already played in a different position in that set.
 - d. Only one substitution may be made for a single position per dead ball.
 - e. In multiple subs, the 2nd pair of subs must wait outside the sub zone at the sideline and be ready to enter the sub zone immediately when directed to do so by the R2.
 - f. Late substitutions will be denied. All subs must be ready to enter at the same time.
2. Libero Designation – There may only be one libero designated per set and dressed down for that set. Liberos may change from set to set, but there may only be one libero dressed down for that position on the bench at a time. If liberos are changed from set to set they will need to go to a restroom or locker room to change uniforms during the 3 minutes allowed between sets.
3. Flags – Many schools are not using flags for their line judges. OSAA began requiring the use of flags for all high school contests back in 2009. Details on the use of flags may be found on page 56 of the 2013 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book. Please make sure that your line judges are properly trained and that you provide them with flags for all matches, as required.
4. Rule 9-5-8 – “A player may cross the extension of the center line outside the court at any time provided she does not interfere with play by the opposing team. While across the center line extension outside the court, any player may play a ball that **has not completely crossed the vertical plane of the net extended.**”

OFFICIALS INFORMATION

1. National Anthem Protocol – In the Casebook/Officials Manual on pages 59-61 a detailed description of the National Anthem Protocol is given. This should be followed at all Oregon varsity regular season contests. Please review the details in preparation for the playoffs and state.
2. This is a good time to also review, in the Casebook/Officials Manual, the following protocols in anticipation of playoffs. New state evaluation forms are being designed with the following information in mind (as well as all the rule/protocol changes this year).
 - a. Signals & Informal Signals – pg. 77-87
 - b. Starting the Match Procedures – pg. 61
 - c. Section E – Responsibilities During the Match – pg. 61-66
 - d. End of Set or Match Procedures – pg. 66
 - e. R2 Duties – pg. 66-72
 - f. Ball Handling – pg. 87-94

3. Line Up Card – Page 72-74 – The line up card is a required tool for the high school official. If you are a new official or a long time veteran, this tool is essential for smooth game management in any match. For the new official it is the first step in learning how to track proper servers, how to facilitate substitutions, how to determine alignment, and how to determine back row players. The quicker an official learns how to use a card properly the quicker they will advance in the important role of an R2 and acquire the skills required for being a successful partner. For all officials the line up card is an excellent tool for quickly straightening out score keeping errors or problems on the court. Every scorekeeper makes a mistake at some point and the line up card is a great back up tool for the R2 to use to straighten out problems as they arise and keeps the contest flowing. It is an essential tool for the veteran official to use in tracking alignment so no team is allowed an advantage or to get so far out of alignment that it creates bigger problems later in the match. It is also a great tool to assist the R1 in tracking setters/back row players, again so a team may not have an advantage. Veteran officials need to master this skill and set an example for younger officials who are in the learning stages. There are many ways to use a card. Ask an official today what method he/she uses.

Thank you for your phone calls and emails this season on rule clarifications. They have been very beneficial. Best of luck throughout the rest of the season.

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