

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
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Hello Officials! The start of the season is underway, with athletes returning to the courts practicing for their first matches in just a few days. Are you ready? Following are the new rule changes and a few reminders to help us get off to a good start. Thank you for your commitment to volleyball! Gail Dubisar

2024-25 Rule Changes

Rule 4-2-3a, 7-1-1 Note

*Allows a player to change uniform numbers without penalty when a uniform is damaged in addition to when a uniform has blood on it. Outside of the playing area they must go to the locker room or bathroom to do this.

Rule 5-4-3c(1)

*Allows all players on the roster, not just starting players, to stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set.

Rule 5-9-2b Note (New), State Association Adoption Chart

*Requires line judges to switch sides of the court between sets when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match.

Rule 11-4-1b

*Allows teams to substitute during an injury time-out for the libero replacement if the libero is injured or ill.

2024-25 Volleyball Major Editorial Changes

Suggested Prematch Protocol (New)

*Provides guidance for establishing standardized prematch protocols as well as timed warm-ups.

Oregon Adoptions

*No change of benches between sets. Line judges will switch sides.

*Required Warmup Protocol

Regular match play – 20 minutes. 4 minutes shared court followed by 8 minutes visiting team, 8 minutes home team.

Double Duals – 16 minutes. 2 minutes shared court followed by 7 minutes visiting team, 7 minutes home team.

Tournaments – split the warmup time between rounds; visiting team first followed by home team. (Flip coin for home/visitor)

2024-25 Rules Interpretations

SITUATIONS 1-3: In summary, these 3 situations all deal with directing players to their respective end lines for prematch announcements. Teams may send out their entire rosters or choose to send starting players only. Team A may do something different than Team B. **RULING:** All are legal. **COMMENT:** Unless state associations determine otherwise, teams may allow all rostered players to join the starting players on the end line for prematch announcements. 5-4-3c(1)

2024-25 Points of Emphasis

***Ball Handling:** “It was stated in a previous NFHS Volleyball Points of Emphasis that volleyball’s goal was to increase the continuation of play when judging second ball contacts that are directed to a teammate. A player in a good position must play the ball without discernible double contact. Less severe judgment is applied to a contact by a player who makes a challenging or spectacular play while maintaining a legal play. Mishandled balls resulting in a blatant fault should still be called, regardless of the challenging or spectacular nature of the play. Multiple contacts on the third ball must be whistled.”

Regarding legality of the first contact, “the rule states that the ball is not allowed to come to rest or involve prolonged contact.

The fact that the contact is an underhand action or done with an open hand is not an automatic call. Players are able to legally take a stab at the ball in an attempt to keep the ball alive as they pursue an errant contact from their teammate.”

Points of Emphasis (cont.)

***Introductions and National Anthem Protocol:** The second referee and the line judge starting on the second referee's side of the court (LJ2) remain on the side of the court closest to the officials' table. See pages 67 & 68 in the Case/Manual.

***Libero Tracking Sheet:** Slashes are no longer used when recording libero replacements. See pages 61 & 62 in the Rulebook

Court Inspection

Boundary Lines – recommended to be of one clearly visible color, contrasting to the floor and other lines

Center Line – continuous and may be solid or shadow bordered

Attack Line – solid and one clearly visible color

Service area hashmarks – 6" X 2", starting 8" behind the end line and drawn perpendicular to the end line

Team Benches – minimum 6' from sideline and 10' from center line

Referee Platform – front and sides padded to a minimum height of 5½ feet

Identify playable areas and obstructions

Legal Uniforms

Rule 4-2

*Uniform tops shall be like colored. Visible garments underneath the top are a single, solid color similar to the predominant color of the uniform top. **Compression sleeves** are not required to be a similar color to the top, or similar color between teammates.

*Numbers are plain Arabic, solid color and not more than two digits (0-99). The body of the number must clearly contrast from the body of the uniform regardless of trim.

*Uniform bottoms shall be like colored. Various styles are acceptable (shorts, spandex, pants, skirts). Visible undergarments are a single, solid color similar to the predominant color of the uniform bottom.

*The libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim.

***A good resource for contrasting uniform top requirements is: [Link for uniform examples for contrasting requirements](#)**