

**OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
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*Thank you to those who have sent situations and questions my way. Several have not been addressed in the rule book, so I appreciate Missy giving us guidance from OSAA. Your commitment to officiating is so appreciated! Gail*

**Player Equipment & Uniforms**

**Rule 4.1.8:** Body paint and glitter are not allowed on hair, face, uniform or body. **Temporary tattoos** however are permitted. OSAA does not restrict athletes from having tattoos or temporary tattoos. Should one appear offensive, it can be covered.

**Rule 4.2.1 Uniforms Tops**

Like-colored, excepting the libero. Some teams are still awaiting new jerseys, so a like-colored, numbered shirt is OK.

Visible undergarments shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar in color to the predominant color of the top.

Visible **sport bras** are considered foundation garments and not subject to NFHS rules on visible undergarments.

**Rosters & Lineups**

**Rule 7.1.1:** Rosters including names and uniform numbers of all players shall be submitted by the coach to the R2 at the prematch conference. There is no penalty for a player who arrives late and enters the set.

**Lineups** – Please make sure there are no duplicate numbers, a captain is designated, and libero information is included before giving to the scorer. **The written rosters and current lineups shall remain at the officials' table throughout each set.**

**Is It a Block or An Attack?**

**Block** – A play close to the net, deflects the ball coming from the opponent, can be executed by 1 or 2 hands, can be directional.

\*\*\*If a blocker chooses to use 1 hand, the attempt must be a deflection rather than an attack. If the referee determines that the one hand contact was a block, the player has the right to play the ball again and that play is the 1<sup>st</sup> team contact.

\*\*\*An attack might be determined if the blocker puts impetus on the ball rather than allowing the ball to be deflected.

If the referee determines that the one hand contact was an attack and the ball stays on the blocker's side, a 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt to play the ball would be whistled a double hit.

**Situation 1 – Injured & Re-Designated Libero**

Play ends with a point to Team A. Libero #4 for Team A is injured. #2 is in left back and is the other listed libero on the roster. The coach substitutes #12 for #2. While injured #4 is being attended to, #2 runs to the locker room and changes into a libero jersey within 30 seconds. Position player #10 who was replaced by #4, re-enters and replaces injured #4. Before the next rally, the re-designated libero #2 replaces #10. **Ruling:** Incorrect procedure, as only one libero replacement may be exercised per dead ball/rally. The re-designated libero #2 may enter after the next completed rally.

**Situation 2 – Single or Double Contact?**

The Team B libero dives to the court in an attempt to pancake the ball. The libero is able to get her hand underneath the ball and the ball goes up into the air, then comes back down and hits the libero on her leg. **Ruling:** The action is illegal and should be called a second contact or double hit. The initial pancake is the 1<sup>st</sup> contact and 1<sup>st</sup> playing action of the ball. The ball then going into the air, changing direction, and coming back down, making a 2<sup>nd</sup> contact with the player is considered a 2<sup>nd</sup> playing action.

**Volleyball** is unique in that the first referee must judge every contact of the ball for legality. And being on a stationary platform does not always allow the best angle from which to view the play. The first referee should anticipate and focus on the part(s) of the body of the receiving player that will contact the ball. Make the best judgment that you can and be consistent with what you call. From the 2024-25 Preseason Guide, "**Avoid making rulings based off the reactions of the crowd or coach.** You might be the only person in the gym who had a clear view of a pancake play or a net fault. As soon as you let a coach or crowd reaction sway your rulings, you are no longer in control of the match. They are." Trust yourself to call what you see.