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# **NEW YORK STATE RULE MODIFICATION – 2010/2011**

## **MODIFICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL (NEW FOR 2010/2011)**

- 1- 2010 NCAA Rule book - Page 46, Rule 7.3.2  
“A clarification will be made to indicate that if jewelry or illegal equipment/uniform is discovered on a player who is on the court, a delay sanction will only be assessed if a delay results from requiring the jewelry or illegal equipment/uniform to be rectified.”

### ***NEW MODIFICATION FOR 2010-2011: (LAST YEAR'S RULE)***

If during the warm-up period, a player responds promptly to a referee's request to remove jewelry or illegal equipment, a delay sanction is not assessed.

If play must be interrupted because of a player wearing an illegal uniform, jewelry or equipment, that team is assessed a delay sanction. Jewelry must be removed before the player can participate further.

If a substitution request is acknowledged (whistled), and the player is wearing an illegal uniform or jewelry or has illegal equipment, the substitution is denied and a delay sanction assessed.

**NEW YORK STATE VOLLEYBALL MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO**  
**2010**

- 1- Officials should arrive 30 minutes before the start of a match for regular season play. It is understood that officials will do their best to arrive as soon as possible for matches that have an early start. Officials should arrive 40 minutes before the start of a match for post-season play.
- 2- The first and second referee should not be wearing or using any type of electronic device (cell phone, pager, etc.) either during the warm-up session or during the match itself.
- 3- When back to back matches are played, the referees should have the team representatives for the second match report to the scorekeeper's area immediately at the conclusion of the first match.
- 4- Attack line extensions are not required.
- 5- The visiting team may have their scorekeeper and libero tracker sit at the scorekeeper's table with their team's scorebook and libero tracking sheet.
- 6- The assistant scorekeeper will use only the NYSCVOA libero tracking sheet for tracking substitutions, replacements, and assisting the scorekeeper as necessary.
- 7- All sets of a match are 25 point sets.
- 8- Teams will switch sides at 13 points in a deciding set.
- 9- The number of team substitutions will be 18. (The head coach should be notified at the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> substitution.)
- 10- The maximum length for all timeouts for New York State high school volleyball will be sixty seconds.

- 11- If any player is wearing any device beyond the scope of the rule book, they must provide verification for the device signed by the school's doctor.
- 12- If uniform specifications are not compliant, these procedures will be followed:
  - a. Notify the head coach of the team at fault of the violation. the team should attempt to legalize the uniform(s) of the team member(s) in question;
  - b. If the uniform(s) at fault can not be legalized, meet with the opposing coach to determine whether a protest will be filed;
  - c. If no protest is filed at that time, no future protest will be accepted on this issue during the match;
  - d. If a protest is filed, follow protest procedures and play the match.(The Libero uniform is exempt from this modification.) SHIRT
- 13- An individual may have a different number when changing from a team uniform to a Libero shirt. A Libero shirt may not be passed among teammates. There should be no duplicate numbers.
- 14- NO high school students (or younger children) should be on the volleyball court participating in any type of warm-up activities or participating as a line judge unless they are wearing sneakers. These individuals should also not be wearing any jewelry.
- 15- Jewelry is NOT permitted at any time including the warm-up period. This includes "non-visible" jewelry (i.e. tongue studs). Hair ties worn on the wrist and string bracelets are considered to be jewelry.
- 16- The only type of barrette that is legal is a "flexible" barrette.
- 17- The sportsmanship card will be read at the meeting of team representatives the first time either referee officiates for that team and at any sectional or regional contest.

18- The pre-match protocol will start with the meeting of the team representatives and be followed by shared court time. The length of the shared court time will be determined by sectional policy. There is no shared hitting or serving during any warm-up period including tournament play. The clock for the warm-up period will start at the conclusion of the meeting of the team representatives. The clock should not be stopped unless there is an unusual situation (injury, equipment failure, safety issues).

19- At the conclusion of the shared court time, the visiting team will have six minutes of entire court time to be followed by six minutes for the home team.

20- The team that does not have the six minute period of entire court time will be allowed to warm up in their team area as long as they remain at least 2 meters from the court boundaries and do not interfere with the team that has use of the entire court.

21- A referee will not remove any expelled or disqualified team member from the team or spectator areas. Sanctions will be given to the head coach for any further disruptions caused by an expelled or disqualified player.

22- BOY'S VOLLEYBALL: NCAA rules with previously approved modifications will be used for New York State boy's volleyball.

\* 23- BOY'S VOLLEYBALL ONLY:  
To touch the opponent's court with a foot (feet) or hand(s) is permitted, provided that some part of the penetrating foot (feet) or hand(s) remains either in contact with or directly above the center line.

To contact the opponent's court with any other part of the body is forbidden.

A player may enter the opponent's court after the ball goes out of play. *Any other part of body is a violation*

\* 24- BOY'S VOLLEYBALL ONLY:  
The net height will be 7' 11 5/8".

# **NYSCVOA POINTS OF EMPHASIS – 2010/2011**

## **THE SECOND REFEREE**

### **THE FIRST REFEREE**

### **CONDUCT OF COACHES**

### **END OF MATCH PROCEDURE (REVISITED FROM 2009/2010)**

### **PROFESSIONALISM (REVISITED FROM 2009/2010)**

### **JEWELRY (REVISITED FROM 2009/2010)**

## **THE SECOND REFEREE**

**SERVE AND PROTECT! →**

### **PRIOR TO A MATCH**

- 1- Did you have a pre-match conference?
- 2- Avoid touching and/or hugging any coach or player.
- 3- Give instructions to the scorekeeper and to the assistant scorekeeper.
- 4- Do not allow electronic equipment (cell phones, pagers, i-pods etc.) to be used during the match at the scorekeeper's table.
- 5- Observe the warm-up. (Use preventive officiating. Look for jewelry, illegal uniforms, and illegal equipment.)

## PRIOR TO A SET

*- Down - 2nd  
REFeree*

- \* 1- **Collect** the line-up sheets (Use preventive officiating. Check for duplicate numbers and a possible missing libero number.).
- \* 2- Do NOT tell or ask a coach:
  - a. Circle your first server.
  - b. Who is your setter?
  - c. Who will your libero replace when serving?
- \* 3- Use NYSCVOA procedure when checking starting line-ups.

## DURING A SET

- 1- Communicate with your first referee.
- \* 2- It is not your job to overrule the first referee.
- \* 3- When the first referee has whistled a violation, do not give your signals before the first referee displays his/her signals.
- \* 4- Know where the coaches and players are standing.
- 5- Scan both benches at the end of play.
- 6- Address concerns of coaches with common sense and proper volleyball language.
- \* 7- You are not a line judge.

## DURING TIME OUTS / DISRUPTIONS OF A SET

- 1- Check to see if the first referee needs you. (If the first referee does not need you, stay on your side of the court.)
- 2- Check the score (scoresheet and visible score).
- \* 3- Check the scoresheet for pertinent information (substitutions used / time outs used / correct server).
- \* 4- Avoid conversations with non-working individuals who are sitting at the scorekeeper's table.

## DURING SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1- Get to the proper position for administering substitutions.
- \* 2- Do substitutions quickly but with no "fly-bys".

## BETWEEN SETS OF A MATCH

- \* 1- Distribute the line-up sheets and retrieve them.
- 2- Check to see if the first referee needs you. (If the first referee does not need you, stay on your side of the court.)
- \* 3- Do not "set up" your partner by appearing to discuss a controversial play from the previous set with a coach.
- 4- Check the scoresheet from the previous set for errors.
- \* \* 5- Be aware of the timing sequence – 30 seconds! *AR*

## END OF A MATCH

- \* 1- Toot and scoot using NYSCVOA end of match procedure.
- 2- Have a post-match conference.

## THE FIRST REFEREE

### PRIOR TO A MATCH

- 1- Examine the volleyballs to be used in the match.
- 2- Inspect the net to ensure it meets specifications, and ensure the safety of the playing area and equipment.
- 3- Establish ground rules as needed.
- 4- Conduct the coin toss at the meeting of the team representatives.
- \* 5- Control the warm-up conduct of the teams.  
*6- TALK TO LJ*

## CONDUCT OF COACHES

- \* Disruptive coaching with the intention to distract the opponents and/or officials such as excessive pounding on the floor, the throwing or slamming of objects, or inciting the crowd should be sanctioned with an individual red card.



## END OF MATCH PROCEDURE

The first referee should exit the referee's stand and proceed to the center of the end line to his/her right side as soon as the signal has been given for the teams to shake hands.

The second referee should proceed to the center of the end line to his/her left and meet the first referee. The officials should LEAVE the playing area TOGETHER!

The line judge to the first referee's right side should meet with the first and second referee, and the line judge to the second referee's side should go past the scorekeeper's table and meet with the other officials.

## PROFESSIONALISM

- 1- Wear the proper uniform: NYSCVOA shirt, navy blue dress slacks or navy blue dress shorts (per local Board constitution), white socks, and white shoes. A black or navy blue belt is optional.
- \* 2- Try to avoid distracting lanyards and whistles. *DO NOT TAKE YOURSELF THE CENTER OF ATTENTION*
- 3- Find your event manager. Neither referee should be addressing the spectators during a match.
- 4- All officials should limit pre-match conferences with coaches and have NO post-match conferences with coaches or spectators.
- 5- The first referee should remain on the referee's stand except for unusual situations (illness, prolonged delay such as an injury, etc.).
- 6- All officials should refrain from wearing excessive jewelry and chewing gum during a match.

## JEWELRY

### **NYSPHSAA JEWELRY RULE FROM 6-1-81**

**“No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in any sport. Any piece of jewelry, that is visible at the start of or during a contest, is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft, pliable barrettes are permissible, body gems are not.”**

**There are to be no objects in the ears (fishing line, plastic plugs, etc.).**

**Tape and/or bandages are not to be used to cover up earrings or any other type of jewelry.**

**If jewelry is visible, the referees should request the player to remove it and inform the coach the jewelry is to be removed if the player is to participate in any warm-up activities.**

**If jewelry is not visible (covered by tape and/or bandages), the referees should have the player in the presence of the head coach remove the tape and/or bandages so that the referees can confirm that no jewelry is being worn.**

## **2010-2011 NCAA RULE CHANGES**

### **Page 12, Rule 1.1.1.2 – Playing Surface**

Media personnel will be permitted on the court during timeouts and between sets unless prohibited by the host institution or tournament director.

**RATIONALE:** The previous language was intended to designate media personnel's position during play. The new language clarifies the media's position at other times.

### **Page 36, Rule 7.1.2.8 – Uniform Numbers**

A damaged jersey has been added as an exception to the requirement for players to retain the same number throughout the match.

**RATIONALE:** The previous language only covered the situation where blood makes a uniform unusable. A damaged jersey or unreadable number must be dealt with in a like manner.

### **Page 42, Rule 8.1 – Playing Faults and Consequences**

A "completed rally" is defined as the sequence of actions that begins with a service contact and ends with a point awarded. Libero replacements and requests for timeout, substitution or lineup check can only occur after a completed rally.

**RATIONALE:** The previous rule language was not specific in the definition of a completed rally, so replay situations were open for interpretation. The new definition will help to clarify those situations.

### **Page 46, Rule 9.1.1.1 – Pre-Match Protocols**

In a tournament situation, if a warm-up court in the same facility (complete with net and a team area as defined in Rule 1.3.5 for each team) is available for at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the timed warm-up period, the required 10 minutes of shared court warm-up may take place there rather than on the competition court. The warm-up protocol on the competition court may consist of only the last 19 minutes of the defined pre-match protocol.

**RATIONALE:** This change will allow tournaments to run more efficiently and stay on time without reducing the overall warm-up time for the student athletes.

**Page 48, Rule 9.2.4.4 – Deciding Set Coin Toss**

Playing captains are no longer required to report for the deciding set coin toss. Any team representative may attend.

**RATIONALE:** After a fourth set is completed, the playing captain who has been competing should be allowed to go directly to the team bench if necessary, rather than reporting to the referees for the coin toss. The pre-match coin toss can be conducted with any team representative; it is logical for the deciding game coin toss to use the same parameters.

**Page 50, Rule 10.1.1.1 – Team Lineup Submission**

Playing lineups for the first set of the match must be submitted at least three minutes prior to the end of the timed warm-up protocol. However, changes will be allowed without substitution until there is one minute remaining in the timed warm-up protocol. At that time, the lineups can be released to the official statisticians, announcer, and other appropriate parties.

**RATIONALE:** The previous requirement to submit the lineup with only one minute remaining until match time did not allow sufficient time for the scorekeeper and assistant scorekeeper to accurately record the lineups on the official forms. The new process will allow that to occur, and still establish a point at which the lineups can be released to the statisticians and other match personnel.

**Page 67, Rule 13.2.3.1 – Rotation Fault (Wrong Server)**

When a wrong player is about to serve the ball, the scorekeeper will wait for the service contact and then report the fault to the referees. The scorekeeper will not be responsible for stopping play.

**RATIONALE:** The previous rule language called for the scorekeeper to stop play. However, frequently it was subsequently discovered that the scorekeeper's wrong server identification was incorrect. The new language will allow the second referee to use good judgment on stopping play or allowing the current rally to complete before reviewing the scoresheet to determine if the server was indeed incorrect.

**Page 75, Rule 15.1.1.1 – Ball Crossing the Net (“Pursuit” Rule)**

If a ball has crossed to the opponent’s free zone that is pursuable per this rule, a player is no longer restricted from crossing under the net or net cable to retrieve the ball.

**RATIONALE:** Other rule codes that have allowed this play have not reported a significant injury rate to players making this play, and have stated that a high percentage of successful retrievals are made by players using this path. If one of the most exciting plays in the game of volleyball can be allowed without increased injury exposure, the rules should not prohibit it.

**2010-2011 NCAA SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL CHANGES**

**Page 30, Rule 6.1.5 – Use of Electronic Aids**

Language will be added to indicate that the use of electronic devices within the facility is only restricted if the information being transmitted pertains to the competition.

**Page 40, Rule 7.3.2 – Illegal Equipment/Jewelry**

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A clarification will be made to indicate that if jewelry or illegal equipment/uniform is discovered on a player who is on the court, a delay sanction will only be assessed if a delay results from requiring the jewelry or illegal equipment/uniform to be rectified.

**Page 49, Rule 9.3 – End of Match**

The language was modified to make the post-match handshake by players optional.

**Page 100 – Event Management**

The instructions have been modified to allow cheerleaders and official team mascots to stay on one side throughout the match at NCAA Championship sites at the direction of the tournament committee. Cheerleaders and mascots will still be required to not interfere with the opposing team when they are on the court during timeouts and between sets.

**Page 100 – Event Management**

Instructions have been added for use of the scoreboard horn/buzzer during the warm-up protocol, timeouts, and between sets.

## **2010-2011 NCAA POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

### **Page 18, Rule 2 – Net Measurements**

The specifications for the net are clearly described in Rule 2. All net specifications, including the variance from the ends of the net to the middle of the net, should be adhered to. As described in Rule 2.1.1.4, the net must remain taut throughout and maintain the required dimensions – the use of a dowel rod at the end of each net to secure the cables will help meet this requirement. The net must be placed directly over the center line, and should maintain its integrity and position even while the referees and players move around it. If the referees identify that net specifications are not met and cannot be remedied for the current event, the referee will communicate with the school administration or conference and the NCAA secretary-rules editor after the event.

### **Page 82, Rule 18.1.1 & Page 91, Rule 18.5 – Line Judges**

The line judges are defined as members of the required officiating corps, and Rule 18.5 specifies the line judges' duties. It is vital that line judges are trained and given an opportunity to practice their skills before actually working at an event. Line judges should be required to arrive 30 minutes prior to the match, dressed as instructed in Event Management on page 97. Training tools and certification opportunities offered by the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) are described in detail in Appendix B.

### **Event Management**

New language emphasizes that fan behavior and location should be monitored by event management to present the least possible interference with the match. Restricting fans from the playable area through the use of stanchions or establishing fan walkways that are not part of the playable area are among the suggestions.

### **Event Management**

New language describes use of the scoreboard horn/buzzer for warm-up protocol, timeouts, and intervals between sets.