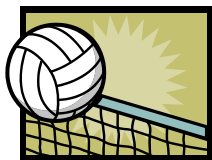


South Dakota High School Activities Association

# 2009 VOLLEYBALL



# NEWSLETTER



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## UNIFORMS

Many questions have been asked about a special uniform for a "Dig Pink" night that many teams are sponsoring this year. If you are ordering t-shirts to be worn for the event, they must be legal shirts, meaning the number on the front has to be a minimum of 4 inches and placed legally from the neckline or shoulder seam. The number on the back of the uniform must be a minimum of 6 inches. If you are using a libero, be sure that the uniform is of contrasting color and easily detected on the court. A light pink uniform with a white libero uniform would not be a good combination for a team to use.

What can officials wear for the event? If official's want to use a pink whistle for the event that would be acceptable. Officiating in a pink shirt would not be acceptable. You could wear the shirt prior to the event, but should remove pink shirt prior to taking your position to officiate.

## HAIR DEVICES Rule 4-1-5



A new rule 4-1-5 - allows for unadorned bobby pins, no more than two inches long, to be worn to control the hair. There is not a set amount that one could have in their hair. If they become a problem with falling on the floor, then officials would preventatively take care of the situation. If it continues, an unnecessary delay would occur.

## COLORED PANEL VOLLEYBALL SURVEY



Beginning in the 2010-11 volleyball season the game ball may be either solid white or a maximum combination of three colors (with each panel being a solid color) and of which at least one-third of the panels shall be solid white. We are interested in knowing how our member schools feel about using the colored panel volleyball for the 2010-11 season. Athletic Director's have been sent a survey and have been asked to visit with their volleyball coaches about it, so the SDHSAA can make a final decision based on what our member schools might

want. Thoughts are to allow the use of the white ball or the colored panel ball for regular season, but to utilize the colored panel ball for the post season play. THE USE OF THE COLORED PANEL BALL IS ILLEGAL FOR ALL MATCHES IN 2009-10 VOLLEYBALL SEASON.

#### HEAD COACH MAY STAND TO COACH - Rule 12-2-6

Head coaches may stand in the libero replacement zone to coach his/her players. During play, the head coach shall be no closer to the court than 6 feet from the sideline. If a card (yellow and/or red) is issued to the head coach, assistant coach(es) or team bench, the head coach must remain seated for the remainder of the match except for items listed under Rule 12.2.6 a-c. This is a great opportunity for coaches to be role models both for your players and fans alike.



#### NEW SUBSTITUTION POLICY - Rule 10-2-3

If more than one substitution is to occur, the substitutions should be made in succession. One pair of players after another and only one substitute shall be in the substitution zone at a time. Think of it as a "toll booth". When one pair of substitutes leaves the zone, the next pair would enter.

#### LEGAL CONTACT BELOW THE WAIST- LEGAL - Rule 9-4-5

This year legal contact of the ball by ANY part of the player's body will be legal as long as it does not visibly come to rest. If a player were to kick the ball intentionally or not, it would be considered legal. We cannot judge the intent of the action.

#### SCHOOLS MUST TRAIN ALL ASSISTANT OFFICIALS



Volleyball assistant official = scorekeeper, libero tracker, timer and 2 line judges. Coaches, please work with your athletic director to identify the number of assistant officials that will be needed during the season. Secure these individuals and train them in their duties, well in advance of the contest.

#### WHO PROVIDES THE LIBERO TRACKER



The host school is responsible for providing the libero tracker for the volleyball match and will be the official tracker if both teams have one. If the host school does not use a libero, the host school needs to communicate that to the visiting schools well in advance, so the visiting school knows to bring a tracker for the match.

COIN TOSS FOR DECIDING SET PROCEDURE - Rule 5 -3-4B

**R1 Responsibilities-Coin Toss Deciding Set Rule 5-3-4d**

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The NFHS preseason guide has a correction that needs to be made, as to the procedure before a deciding set. These two slides indicate proper procedure and should read as follows, which was correctly stated in the mechanics meeting for officials.

**Slide 1**

- First referee whistles to stop play, signals the violation and will drop his/her hand then signal point to the opponent. (Play Pic A-C)
- The hand is dropped; whistle and signal end of set and send the teams to the end line for the end of that set. (Play Pic D-E)
- The first referee then, using the accepted informal signal for captain, will signal and call for the captains. The captains shall report immediately. Play Pic F
- The first referee then whistles and releases the teams to their benches. (Play Pic G)

**Slide 2**

- The first referee, or if requested the second referee, shall conduct the coin toss with the captains. (Play Pic H)
- Based on the results of the coin toss and decisions by the captains, the R1 will whistle and either signal to release teams to the same team bench or rotate sides. (Play Pic I-1 or I-2)
- The first referee then visually directs the official timer to start the clock to time the three minute interval between sets. (Play Pic J)

**R1 Responsibilities-Coin Toss Deciding Set Rule 5-3-4d**

Following the coin toss the R1 shall release teams to their current benches or indicate they should change sides of the court then signal timer to start clock.

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**Good Luck to all this season!**