

South Dakota High School Activities Association

2009 VOLLEYBALL NEWSLETTER



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ONLINE TEST REVIEW AND RULES MEETING AVAILABLE

Coaches and officials may view their test scores by logging on to the <http://exams.nfhs.org> site and entering your log in information. You may review each test question and rule reference for the question as well.

The online rules meeting and mechanics meeting are also still available by going to the www.sdhsaa.com site, and clicking on the rules meetings. The rules meetings will be available for review throughout the season; however, you will no longer be able to view the meetings for credit.



APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR WARM-UP

A safety issue reminder: players may not wear jewelry, use electronic devices, and must be in appropriate footwear during the warm-up period and competition. Officials are to notify the coach of any player violations. The athlete should immediately be removed from the court and not allowed to participate with illegal equipment. All team personnel on the floor (excluding coaches) should be in appropriate attire and shoes for warm-up. This includes managers and other personnel participating in the warm-up.

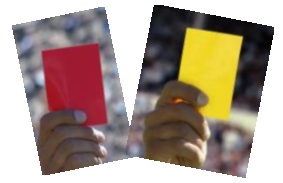
TEAM SHORTS VS. SPANDEX

Players from the same school squad may compete with two different styles of shorts (spandex vs. the regular shorts). Both are acceptable as long as they are the same color. (Rule 4-2-1)

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

REMINDER: Head coaches need to refrain from being in areas other than libero replacement zone during a live ball, and need to stay 6 feet from the sideline.

The rule reads: 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. **Please don't abuse this privilege!**



Situation: A player for Team A is going after a ball and runs into the head coach along the sideline who is in the designated coach's area. Should a replay be called?

Answer: No, play continues.... Rule 2-4-1 states, a coach is not considered a non-player, therefore no replay would be awarded if a coach interferes with play.

TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

The volleyball section of the athletic handbook identifies the pre-match ceremonies to be used for regular season, district, region and state. They are as follows:



Pre-match ceremonies include introductions and the national anthem.

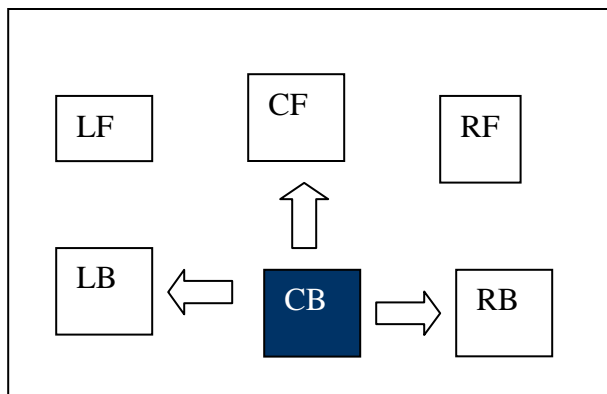
- a. Following the timed warm-ups, **introductions shall be conducted with the players standing on their respective end lines.** The officials take their position on the court. R1 and R2, along with the line judges take their place by the referee platform with the R1 and one line judge to the right of the platform and the R2 and the other line judge standing to the left. The R1 and R2 are closest to the platform.
- b. Schools have the option of introducing their entire squad starting with the reserves followed by the starter or announcing starters only. **Introduce the libero player. As the name is called, the player takes a step forward then back to the line.** Visitors are introduced first followed by the home team.
- c. Coaches are introduced
- d. Match officials are introduced.
- e. Game administrator is announced
- f. National Anthem is sung or played.
- g. R1 then blows the whistle and motions teams to proceed down their right sideline to shake hands with the opponent at the net.
- h. Teams go to their respective team benches, while officials take their respective places.

OVERLAPPING RULE 6-3-3B

All players, including the libero, shall be in correct serving order. Each right-side player shall have at least part of one foot touching the floor closer to the right sideline than both feet of the center player in the corresponding row (except the server and the center back of the serving team). Each left-side player shall have at least one part of one foot touching the floor closer to the left sideline than both feet of the center player in the corresponding row. Each

front-row player shall have at least part of one foot touching the floor closer to the center line than both feet of the corresponding back-row player.

One must be concerned about the player directly in front of and directly beside them as the example below indicates. A good review of overlapping can be found on page 81 in the Volleyball Case Book.



DON'T IGNORE 'UNNECESSARY DELAY'

Volleyball has a logical flow to the game and improvements have been made to keep the flow of the game moving forward. Officials shouldn't be reluctant to penalize a team for unnecessary delay. Teams in a time-out have 60 seconds for the time-out. The warning horn will sound at 45 seconds, which means teams should be moving onto the court and ready to play when the 60 second horn sounds. If, as the referee, you think it's unnecessary delay....it probably is!



If team is not immediately ready to start play when indicated by the referee, by rule that action is considered an unnecessary delay.

The sport of volleyball is one in which the flow is important in order to keep the game enjoyable for fans. The delaying of play unnecessarily, whether intentional or unintentional, does have the potential to influence play. To keep each set being played fairly and with consistency, referees owe it to both teams to use preventative officiating when appropriate to keep play moving without delay. But, if necessary, the penalty of unnecessary delay must be issued.

Sports don't build character; they reveal it!