

South Dakota High School Activities Association

# 2009 Volleyball Newsletter



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## HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY MATCHES TO 25

All High School Varsity sets considered duals MUST be 3 out of 5 sets played to 25 with a 15 point deciding set. Triangulars are considered duals and must be played 3 out of 5 sets. Triangular matches not played 3 out of 5 sets will not be counted for seed point.

Matches in a tournament may be played using 2 out of 3 format OR a 3 out of 5 format. In 2 out of 2 set matches, all sets must be played to 25 including the deciding set. If 3 out of 5, the deciding set goes to 15.

Note: the out-of state-tournament exception- teams must play the first two sets to 25 and in a 2 out of 3 match the deciding set may be played to the site tournament rules (less than 25). This is only for out-of-state tournaments.

# 25

## STARTING LINE UP CHECK

Officials need to verify with the score keeper and libero tracker the starting line up prior to the start of the match. All line ups should match. Officials then move out on the serving team side of the net and look through the net to verify that the starters are in the proper alignment on the court. If a libero is entering, give the authorization for the libero to enter. The tracker should then immediately make note of this on the tracking sheet. The official then checks the home team alignment and authorizes the libero to enter, if needed. The official then rolls the ball to the server and makes sure the table is ready and gives the signal to the R1 to begin the match.

Officials: Don't be in a hurry. Be sure the team on the court matches the players listed on your card and in the scorebook. It will save headaches later! Although the ultimate responsibility lies with the coach, officials should be able to double check as they use the procedure.



## "YOU MAKE THE CALL"

In the last newsletter, I had you share your thoughts about this "Controversial Call" and asked you to weigh in your thoughts. If you would like to review the call, hit "control and click" to view.



### [You Make The Call](#)

Although in the video it is hard to tell: "two hits" should have been the call. The first hit was not a block, but an attempt to play the ball. The second contact made it a "two hit" call. The situation could have been helped by the R1 asking the R2 to come over and discuss the play. Granted it would be tough to change the call, but at least would have given them an opportunity to discuss and then decide based on information given. Thank you to all who sent in their opinions on the call.

## FINAL STRETCH

As we head into the final stages of our season and with post season play right around the corner a few reminders:

- ✓ Be mindful of uniform and equipment rules.
- ✓ 16 player maximum on the roster and bench for any one match.
- ✓ Post season single site matches balls will be made available 60 minutes prior to match time. Nets can only be used during the official 20 minute warm up.
- ✓ Post season multiple team district sites, teams are allowed to be on the playing court 25 minutes prior to the first match of the session.
- ✓ Banners, signs and noisemakers are prohibited.
- ✓ Highly recommended that a ball retrieval system be adopted for all district and region matches.



## DOING YOUR BEST

It does not matter if you are a player, coach, official, line judge, score keeper, tracker, or whatever your duties may be. We all owe it to the sport and teams to give the very best every time you step onto the court. Officials, it is your job to ensure that the actions of players, coaches and the other team personnel are in compliance with the rules.

The conduct of each official affects the public's attitude toward to all officials. Be kind, courteous and knowledgeable about the rules and handle every situation professionally.



## PUTTING THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE

Here are some good thoughts on the "TEAM" as we head into the final weeks of the season. Sharon Freier, Head Volleyball Coach at Stanley County, wrote this poem for her volleyball team. With her permission, I am sharing it with you!



### I Came to Play

I came to play; it's my senior year,  
this is the season I want to hold near.  
I came to play as do all the girls,  
individuals sealed in our shells like little pearls.  
I came to play and that's okay, did I alone pass it, set it, and hit it too?  
Or are there five others parts of this glue?  
Coach gives us a hint if not so subtle,  
When she says "**TOGETHER**" as we leave the huddle.  
So we need to find the fire, I know it burns within,  
It's the thing called desire, our ability to win.  
Alone no one can do it, that's why we're called a team.  
Let's get our fire started so we can find our dream.  
Come together, support each other, and try to be friends,  
Before it's too late and our season finally ends.  
As your coach I have a wish for togetherness, intensity, and fun,  
With these three strengths games can be won.  
Most of all I care about you, no doubt,  
because that's what a team is all about.  
So dress and act like a team with pride,  
Especially on our next bus ride.  
Teamwork simply stated is a lot less me  
and way more we.  
**We came to play.**