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Volleyball Newsletter

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SCORER, TIMER, LIBERO TRACKER

Assistant officials include the scorer, libero tracker, timer and line judges and are a necessary part of any volleyball contest as we could not have a match without their help. It is important that each of these people understand their responsibilities. **All assistant officials should be secured by the host management and report to the match no later than 20 minute prior to the start time of the match.** Officials need to ensure that everything will be taken care of in the proper fashion.

Official Scorer: The official scorer shall be seated at the officials' table between the libero tracker and the official timer.

Official Timer: Timer shall time the prematch warm-up and shall be seated beside the official scorer. They are responsible to keep track of the score, time each time-outs and interval between the sets, sounding the horn when the 60 seconds in time-outs or 3 minutes have expired between sets. Every timeout ends with a warning whistle by the official and the audio horn.

Libero Tracker: Libero tracker shall be seated at the officials table next to the official scorer. Tracker is responsible to record libero replacements and substitution and notify the R2 if there are any discrepancies with a replacement.

Line Judges: Your responsibility is to provide necessary information to the R1 and R2. Remember F-L-A-T-S.

F- Foot fault- any part of the foot that touches the line or goes over the line before the server makes contact is a foot fault;

L- Lines- make a call every time the ball hits the floor;

A-Antennas- the ball must pass completely between the antennas and the antennas go all the way to the ceiling. If the ball does not clearly pass between the antennas, an out call must be made.

T- Touch- Watch for any touches off the block and be prepared to make a call to assist officials if needed. Try to identify who it was that touched the ball in case we need that information;

S- Stand- the line judges will come over and stand at the 10 foot line for time-outs. Between sets, you can find a neutral location and rest.

MORE THAN ONE LIBERO LISTED ON THE ROSTER??

Can teams have more than one libero on the bench at a time? Yes, however only one libero may be designated per set and shall be designated on the lineup sheet prior to each set. (Rule 7-1-2a)

Any teammate designated as a libero in the match may be listed on the roster with two numbers. The first number represents the uniform number to be worn as a non-libero; the second number represents the number to be worn as

a libero (e.g., 15/L4). If the libero player's uniform number is the same as her non-libero uniform number, it is not necessary to identify the libero number on the roster. The libero number shall not be a duplicate of any other player on the roster.

MULTIPLE COURT PROTOCOL

During tournament play I have been asked what the proper protocol is for starting each match throughout the tournament. All matches should begin with the starters lining up on their respective endline, immediately following warmup, and wait for the R1 to whistle you on to the court. The R2 will then check the lineups and give the ready to play signal.

SLEEVES

Sleeves are making their way to South Dakota. These sleeves are NOT considered part of the uniform and therefore do not have to meet uniform regulations other than the consideration of the manufacturer's logo. The sleeves are to be thought of much like knee pads and socks. The only restriction on them would be that the manufacturer's logo cannot exceed 2.25 inches, just like any other manufacturer's logo.



COVID PROTOCOLS IN SCHOOLS

*****REMINDER: Officials, know that some schools have implemented a mask mandate, so please be aware of that when entering and officiating the contests. Follow the rules that the school has put in place, don't get caught off guard. Carry a mask in your bag, in case the school requires it. Be diligent in finding out the schools protocol for the contest in which you are working.**

SPORTSMANSHIP THOUGHTS

We all understand how important it is to have good sportsmanship at any contest/event that we have in our schools. We (host management, coaches and athletes) are the role models for what goes on at the event. How we handle circumstances, and what we allow our fan base to do and say is so important to the education based activities we have. We have all heard the saying: "What we permit, we promote"! I trust that we are all helping to promote good sportsmanship within our student body sections and fan base.

We already know that we have geographic areas in our state that are challenged to have a large pool of officials and when we ask why people don't continue, or want to become an official...usually we get the same answer, "Why would we want to put ourselves in that position to get yelled at all night long.". That tells me that we need to be more diligent in what we allow in our facilities and what we allow our coaches, players and fans to do. Exercising self-control with game officials is crucial to the growth of any sport. Officials are human and may make a mistake throughout the contest, but they don't do that intentionally. They call the game in the best possible way they can. They may miss one or two in a given night, but of all the judgement calls they make in a night, missing one or two is tolerable, and I am sure if they could go back and evaluate it and change it they would, but we all know that cannot be done! The game goes on.

Whether we are a player, coach, parent or spectator, encouraging words seem to always make a person feel better, so think about that the next time you are at a contest in any of those roles- ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO BE BETTER! Praise for doing well, comfort when things don't go so well, never give up and don't criticize.....rather encourage everyone to be the best they can be!

