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### **ONLINE RULES MEETING, MECHANICS MEETING AND TEST**

The online meeting/test segment has closed and you should be able to log back in to the same place where you took your exam and now view the questions and answers for your reference. When you go to the rules icon, it will pull up your completed meetings and exams. You should be able to click on the Exam and see the test results. Officials that attended the clinic, "fear not" ....if you attended the ENTIRE clinic, you will receive credit for the following: rules meeting, mechanics meeting, region meeting and jamboree. It may not show on your dashboard at the present time, but will eventually show once Varsity Bound has completed that segment.

### **SET LIMIT OF SEVEN SETS AGAINST THE SAME COMMON OPPONENT**

Remember the set limit for any given player against the same common opponent is seven sets for the contest. If a player plays the lower level matches such as a "C" match, then JV, then Varsity, the limit is 7 sets for the contest. Sometime there is a jr. high match with the same common opponent. If those kids play in the jr. high match and then at the sub-varsity level, those sets need to be counted towards the limit of seven.

The process to keep track of those is on the next roster turned in to the table. If any players have played in the previous contest, the number of sets played should be recorded on the next roster sheet and continue on adding the number of sets played throughout each roster turned in for the contests that these individuals play. If the roster sheet in the varsity set has a number 6 beside it, which would mean potentially that the individual has played a total of 6 sets in the previous contests and would only have one set eligibility remaining.

### **NO OFFICIALS EVALUATIONS**

We no longer require coaches to complete official's evaluations!

### **CONTRASTING COLOR OF THE LIBERO JERSEY**

The grace period is over!! Teams that have uniforms with school colors such as purple and black, maroon and black, royal blue and black, dark green and black, etc. **WILL NOT** be allowed to use those color combinations, as they do not CLEARLY CONTRAST with the jersey colors. Officials, if teams wear these combinations, notify the coach that this is not a legal combination of colors. If they have another lighter color that they can change into, that would be great. If not, let them play the match and you, the official, need to contact me immediately the next day and I will discuss with the school. They will not be allowed to continue to wear that



combination again as they have already been warned. Let's get this taken care of NOW so it is not an issue down the road.

### **NO SWITCHING OF SIDES**

With the new implementation of not switching sides of the court between sets, I am hopeful that schools are making adjustments to putting the home team spectators/student body behind the bench and/or across from the home team. This would allow for the visiting spectators/student body to be placed behind the visiting team's bench and across from their team bench area (if possible). I think this would help with some sportsmanship issues that I am hearing about. I understand that this may not work in some gyms and it potentially may take some time to make those adjustments, but I thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. We always want to do the best we can for teams and sportsmanship.

### **COVID CONCERNS**

I would be remiss to not mention where we are at with Covid in our state right now. As you well know, numbers are on the rise again, so I simply ask that you be diligent in visiting with your kids about ways to help them stay safe and if they don't feel good to stay home. We are not at the present time implementing additional protocols, but simply ask that we all do our best to stay healthy and keep everyone else healthy as well.

**\*\*\*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.**

### **R2 DURING TIME-OUTS**

This is not a time to just visit, this is time to be sure the book and libero tracking sheet are correct. When the time-out is called, the second referee shall:

1. Recognize the request with two short whistles, and display at shoulder height to the first referee the number of time-outs each team has used.
2. Remind the timer to start the one minute clock.
3. Check with the scorer to make sure the time-out is recorded on the scoresheet for the appropriate team.
4. Check the score sheet for any individual score and team score discrepancies and make sure the visible scoreboard agrees with the scoresheet.
5. Check with the libero tracker to confirm the status of the liberos on or off the court.
6. When 45 seconds have elapsed during the time-out, the R2 shall sound a double whistle to remind teams to return to the court. At 60 second, the timer shall sound the audio signal to end the time-out.
7. If both teams are clearly ready to play prior to the 60 seconds the R2 instructs the timer to stop the clock and whistles two short blast to confirm that everyone is ready to play. Then instruct the timer to sound the horn. Move to your position on the receiver's side and indicate the number of time-outs used and give the court back to the R1.

**\*\*EVERY TIME-OUT ENDS WITH A WARNING WHISTLE AND A HORN, UNLESS MULTIPLE COURTS ARE USED.**