

SDHSAA

Volleyball Newsletter

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OFF AND RUNNING 😊😊

We are off and running with the season and it will no doubt be a season to remember, (but for different reasons) 😊

I have heard some good reports of the matches played thus far with teams taking every precaution they can by using hand sanitizer, teams wearing masks when not playing, officials wearing their masks and following proper protocols and I am proud of those that are taking it upon themselves to try and ensure that we get our season completed! Keep up the good work! State Volleyball Tournament will be in November in 3 locations this year: Class AA- Brookings; Class A- Watertown and Class B in Huron! Welcome Back and Best of Luck to all!

ONLINE RULES MEETING, MECHANICS MEETING AND TEST

If you have not yet watched the rules meeting, mechanics meeting (officials only) and passed your online test, you need to do so **PRIOR to August 31st at midnight** or you will be fined for missing a requirement.

PRE-CONTEST MEDICAL TIME-OUT STILL A NECESSITY

Officials are asked to continue the procedure that was started last year with the pre-contest medical time-out. It is important that everyone know what his or her responsibilities are in case of an emergency.

The head coach or on-site administrators will need to be prepared to answer these five question before the contest begins:

1. Who is the game administrator?
2. Is there a qualified medical professional on site? If not, the head coach will act as the medical professional.
3. Is there an emergency action plan for this venue?
4. Is there an AED available and where is it located?
5. Where is the emergency exit/entrance for the facility?

It is essential that we know the answers to these questions prior to the contest beginning in case of an emergency.

HEAT TIME-OUTS

Heat time-outs will be allowed in the early stages of the Volleyball season as a safety factor, if the gyms are hot and muggy. This should be discussed at the pre-match conference and if a coach thinks it is necessary, take the heat time out. Once they start, they continue throughout the duration of the match.

A heat time-out will add one minute between each set. So, the time between sets will be four minutes instead of three. Officials will need to instruct the timer of that change prior to the start of the match.

WARM UP

Remember, only rostered personnel for that match will be allowed to participate in warm-up on the floor. This would include players who are rostered to play in that match, statisticians, student managers and head and assistant coaches. Everyone must be in proper footwear to participate in the warm-up except for coaches.

ELIMINATION OF THE HANDSHAKES

We have eliminated ALL handshakes prior to the start of the match and following the matches. We simply ask teams to go directly to their benches once the match is completed, and leave the facility. Do not linger in the gym or locker room areas. We are trying to eliminate the social gatherings for all concerned.

OFFICIAL'S EVALUATION

With everything that is going on this year, I have decided to take the official's evaluations off of everyone's plate. I believe we have enough to deal with this year with Covid-19 concerns, so you will NOT have to complete officials evaluations for any matches for the 2020 volleyball season.

ROSTER AND LINE-UP CHANGE

A change has been made to how rosters and line-ups will be handled during the match due to Covid-19. Rosters will not be turned in to the R2 at the pre-match conference, but must be turned in to the SCORETABLE no later than the 10-minute mark. Coaches will be asked how many players you have on your roster during the pre-match conference and the officials will simply do an "official count" of player to match what you have told them will be on the roster. That will be the only check of the roster. I have placed a new fillable pdf Roster/Lineup sheet on the website for coaches to use. I would like the coaches to tear off the right side of that roster/lineup sheet and keep the lineup side with you at your bench. Then for each set, coaches will turn in the a lineup for each set by simply tearing off set one, then set two, then set three and so on as needed for each set. Officials will then read the lineup to the table, and opposing teams book keeper the information for each set.

DISRUPTION OF MATCH DUE TO SLIPPERY FLOOR

In the event that moisture condenses on the floor, it shall be the decision of the R1 to stop the match whenever he/she deems conditions are no longer safe to continue. The R1 may confer with the R2 in this regard. If coaches/players need to wipe the floor with a towel to ensure safety of the players, that will be allowed. Teams should do so in a timely fashion and not use it as a stall tactic. Officials should allow reasonable time for this to be completed.

If the match needs to be stopped due to unsafe playing conditions based upon mutual agreement of both schools, one of the following three options must be selected:

1. Resume play, from the point of interruption, at a later date.
2. Declare a winner and loser based on the score at the time of interruption.
3. In the event the match is tied at the point of disruption (sets are 1-1 or 2-2) and it is not possible to complete the match, the match will be considered canceled with neither team allowed to schedule a replacement match.

CONTRASTING COLOR OF THE LIBERO JERSEY

Remember, beginning in 2020-21, teams that have uniforms that use their 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. We are going to give



you one more year to remedy this situation, but after this year, we will consider those uniforms NON-COMPLIANT!

NO SWITCHING OF SIDE

I have been very adamant about not switching sides of the playing floor unless there is a very distinct disadvantage. Officials will determine if that is the case. But as I have been traveling around the state for region meetings, my suggestion that IF there is a disadvantage, that either we go to the home team coach and ask if the home team could take that side of the net for the contest because they are the team that has been practicing in that gym the entire time. If that were not feasible, then I would NOT switch sides, but rather call a replay if it were to hit that obstruction and it caused play to change because of that obstruction. Bottom line is: I do not want teams switching sides of the court!

WAIVER LETTERS

Remember, if you have an athlete that needs to wear special equipment or has a medical condition that warrants special equipment, be sure to send me an email and I will get you a waiver letter granting permission for such items to be worn during the contest.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Here's wishing everyone the best of luck during these unprecedented times. I truly believe, if we all do our part and take necessary recommended precautions, we can make it through this season and get to the "finish line". These kids and coaches deserve that- so DO YOUR PART! Wear your masks, sanitize often, socially distance, cover your mouth when you cough and stay home if you feel ill. Encourage your kids to not socially gather in large settings, talk to them about staying away from large crowds or "outside activities"!

Which one would you prefer?? 😊😊😊

