

Ten Volleyball Start of Season Notes

1. Remember that we are not changing sides again this year. If you are convinced one side creates an unfair advantage you can then switch sides. Discuss this at your coach/captain/coin toss meeting. Be sure to report your decision to your assignor so consistency is maintained throughout all matches in that gym.
2. Do not force teams to shake hands before or after matches. A smile and wave is all that is necessary. Reach an agreement on whether or not the teams will be shaking hands at your coach/captain/coin toss meeting.
3. Ask both coaches if their players are properly equipped to play under NFHS rules at your coach/captain/coin toss meeting. If the answer is yes, the coach is specifically certifying and taking responsibility for all hair adornments on all players.
4. Be pleasant with your score table. Help them without being demeaning or critical. Same for your line judges. If you are unhappy with their performance, the host administrator should resolve the problem for you. Find that administrator pre-match and know where they will be during your match.
5. There are no changes to officiating uniforms this season. Coordinate with your partner or crew regarding which color you will be wearing. The default color is plain white. While it looks less professional if one official wears a plain white shirt and the other wears the white shirt with the black piping, that is acceptable if there is no other choice. For state semifinals and finals the white shirt must be identical for all members of the crew.
6. NFHS and MPSSAA rules do not require a shirt with either of the “certified official” logos. Some boards do require the logo. Check with your assigning association.
7. State semifinal matches will be held on Monday, 14 November at 4 schools chosen later in the season. Finals will be on 16 and 17 November at Hartford Community College.
8. If you see a uniform with numbers that would not be visible if the border on the number was removed, remind the coach that the jerseys will not be legal next season.
9. A manufacturer’s logo on the waistband of spandex shorts is legal this season.
10. Marsha Alterman and Joan Powell have tremendous experience as volleyball referees. They have forgotten more about officiating volleyball than most of us know. It is worth your time to view their video on this page.

Thanks for what you do for high school volleyball.

