

Volleyball Rules Changes - 2020-21

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4-1-4 (NEW): Allows the use of a molded protective face mask made of hard material during play.

Rationale: Creates consistency with other NFHS rules codes.

7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 2 (NEW); 9-9-1a (NEW); 10-3-7b: Eliminates the loss of rally/point penalty for failure to submit the team roster during the prematch conference and replaces the penalty with an unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card).

Rationale: Eliminates the double penalty for a late roster and an incorrect roster before the start of the match.

7-1-4a(1) & (2) NEW: Allows a team to correct a submitted lineup if it lists a libero number that no team member is wearing.

Rationale: Creates consistency in allowing the correction of a clerical error (listing a number that no team member is wearing) on the lineup for a starting position and the libero position.

12-2-6: Establishes that a yellow card issued for unsporting conduct to the head coach, assistant coach(es) or team bench will no longer require the head coach to remain seated, while maintaining that a red unsporting conduct card will require the head coach to remain seated for the remainder of the match.

Rationale: Creates a penalty progression by allowing an official to warn a head coach with a yellow unsporting conduct card without requiring the coach to remain seated for the remainder of the match.

Official Signal #15: Establishes that an official will rotate their forearms around each other with closed hands to signal substitution.

Rationale: Aligns with current trends of the sport.

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4-2-1e: Removes language referencing the size restrictions of mascots and/or school names placed on the uniform sleeve as a part of the 2019-20 uniform rules changes.

10-3-6b, 10-3-6c, 10-3-6 NOTE (NEW): Clarifies the order of priority for an exceptional substitution for an injured/ill player aligning the language with Rule 10-4-3b.

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5-4-3c(22); 5-4-4b, c; 5-5-3b(20); 9-7 PENALTIES 3; Rule 9 Unnecessary Delay Chart (NEW)

2020-21 Volleyball Points of Emphasis

1. Bench Behavior/Sportsmanship
2. Management of Non-Team Personnel
3. Officials' Communication
4. Uniform Bottom Compliance