

National Federation of State
High School Associations



2008 VOLLEYBALL RULE CHANGES

1-6-2: Prior to timed warm-ups, a conference shall be conducted with the head coach and captain(s) from each team.

Rationale: This change more accurately reflects what many states already permit by allowing more than one captain to attend the prematch conference as many teams have co-captains.

5: Replace all references to referee with first referee and replace all references to umpire with second referee.

Rationale: More accurately reflects the current terminology in the sport of volleyball.

5-1-1: Assistant officials include scorer, libero tracker, timer and line judges.

Rationale: The change of deleting any reference to assistant scorer to only libero tracker (LT) more easily identifies the position and its responsibilities.

5-8-4: By state high school association adoption, line judges may use flags.

Rationale: The opportunity to use flags continues. This change clarifies the state association shall have the responsibility to determine how the use of flags shall be implemented if they are used.

Points of Emphasis

1. Risk minimization during warm-ups
2. Illegal libero replacement penalties
3. Officials signals and mechanics
4. Fan behavior and respect for the game
5. Communicable disease and skin infection procedures
6. Libero uniform in contrasting color to teammates'