

## **GUIDELINES FOR VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS**

### **Concussion Management**

The SOLE role of an official is to stop play and remove a player that shows signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion. Refer to Rule 5-3-3-18 and comments on the rules, page 52 of the 2010-11 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book.

Official(s) shall instruct the official scorer to note match and set score when a player is directed to leave the contest with a suspected concussion. Official(s) shall notify the head coach or his/her designee making sure that the head coach or designee understands that the player being removed is for a suspected concussion as opposed to behavior, a non-concussive injury, equipment or other issues.

The game official(s) ARE NOT responsible for evaluation or management of the athlete after she is removed from play.

Official(s) do NOT need written permission for an athlete to return nor does the official(s) need to verify the credentials of an appropriate health care professional.

The responsibility of further evaluating and managing the symptomatic athlete falls upon the school and appropriate health care professional.

The involved officials should write a brief report in regards to the suspected concussion after the contest and keep the report in their personal file in the event of questions at a later date.

Remember that it is always prudent to err on the side of safety.