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OSAA VOLLEYBALL

Libero Questions and Clarifications

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Question:	May the Libero uniform top color be a different color for a different set? (i.e. yellow in set 1 and white in set 2).
Answer:	As long as the uniform top is a CONTRASTING color and the number meets the rule requirement they can have two different colors of Libero jerseys in one match.
Penalty Clarification:	If a Libero rotates into the FRONT ROW, and after allowing time for the Libero to be replaced (which may have resulted in a delay of game call), the referee blows the whistle for serve, the NEXT signal used will be the illegal alignment signal against the Libero in the front row. The call before the whistle for serve would be Unnecessary Delay, the call after the whistle would be Illegal Alignment. Once the delay call has been made the correction replacement will be allowed.

Question:	Can a multi-colored uniform be used for the Libero if it's not a clear contrast? (i.e. two sets of uniforms, one white with some green, and the other green with some white, while one set is worn the other type is used for the Libero).
Answer:	Rule 4-2-2 – The primary color of the libero's uniform top must be different from any color that appears on more than 25% of the body of teammates' uniform tops. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored.
Tracking Clarification:	Scenario #1 - The Home teams uses a Libero, the Home team provides the tracker. Scenario #2 - The Home team does NOT use a Libero, the Visiting team does, the home team still provides the tracker. (OSAA 2007) Only in an emergency situation would the visiting team provide the tracker. Scenario #3 - The Home team uses a Libero but does NOT have a tracker, the visiting team uses a Libero and HAS a tracker, the visiting team tracker is designated the OFFICIAL tracker for the entire match. Notify your commissioner after the match. Scenario #4 - Either or both home and visiting teams use a Libero but there is NO tracker. If NO tracker is available NO Libero is used. If a tracker shows up in the middle of a match, either team in the NEXT set of the match may use the Libero. No tracker - No Libero.
Comment:	"Libero must sit out a rally/loss of rally before replacing another player." This would be better explained as sitting out one dead ball, after the ball has been put into play. The Libero must wait one dead ball before entering the set again as a replacement. A re-play would constitute a dead ball (because the ball has been put into play) but a re-serve would not (the ball was not put into play). If the ball is whistled dead, the Libero is replaced, and the coach calls time-out, NO Libero replacement can be made after the time-out. You are still in the same dead ball situation. The ball was never put into play, only a time-out was called.

Question:	Can a Libero replacement take place during a time-out?
Answer:	Rule 10-4-2d Replacements may take place after a time-out, once all players have returned to the court, provided the replacement sits out one rally/dead ball.

Question:	If one Libero jersey is used for more than one Libero player in a match, what do you do when you issue a yellow card to that player, say #8, in Set 2, then the 2 nd Libero in Set 4 receives a card wearing the same jersey #8?
Answer:	Indicate in the comments of Set 2: Y#L8 (score). If you transfer the information to the next set add Set 2 and the players NAME to the information. That will differentiate from or confirm the correct player for the penalty in Set 4.

Question:	Rule 10-4-1f states “A libero replacement must be completed during a dead ball prior to the whistle and signal for serve.” Does this apply to a penalty card being issued?
Answer:	<p>Situation #1) If a yellow card is issued to a Libero while she is in a set, it is only a warning, no rally/loss of rally would take place. If she is then brought out of the set, one dead ball (see above) must take place before she can go back in.</p> <p>Situation #2) If a yellow card is issued to a Libero player who is sitting on the bench, it would have been issued during a dead ball, she can then re-enter the set as long as one dead ball has taken place between replacements. It will depend on when her original replacement was made in the set.</p> <p>Situation #3) If a yellow card were issued as she was leaving the court, this would be during a dead ball. One dead ball must take place before the Libero can re-enter the set.</p> <p>Situation #4) If a red card were issued to a Libero during the set it would result in rally/loss of rally (dead ball). If the Libero is then pulled out of the set, she must wait for another dead ball to re-enter the set.</p> <p>Situation #5) If a red card were issued to a Libero sitting on the bench, it would have been issued during a dead ball. Again, she can then re-enter the set as long as one dead ball had taken place between replacements. It will depend on when her original replacement was made in the set.</p> <p>Situation #6) If a red card were issued to a Libero as she was leaving the court, this would be during a dead ball. Again, one dead ball must take place before the Libero can re-enter the set.</p>
For Both #5 & #6	The rally/loss of rally penalty was given during an existing dead ball. She cannot go back into the set during the same dead ball situation.

Question:	A Libero has her back to the net (no intention to set) when the ball is passed their direction. The Libero (with back close to net) jumps up to set the ball, but the ball goes completely over her head and hands (overpass) without her touching it. What happens?
Answer:	Play continues. The Libero did not touch the ball. If the ball is blocked back into the Libero’s hands a judgment must be made by the referee according to what took place: back row blocking or back row player. The ruling used, will depend on what happened next.

Question:	Can a Libero be the playing captain?
Answer:	Yes. Good preventive officiating suggests you ask for two captains at the start of the match so you always have a floor captain when the Libero is out of the set.

Question:	How long may a libero stand in a non-playable area warming up before entering a set?
Answer:	Due to the fact a Libero may enter the set at any time, they are the only player allowed to stand in a non-playable area to warm-up before entering the set for longer than one rotation. If the libero does not appear to be entering the set with any regularity they may be politely asked to sit down. Use preventive officiating to monitor how often they enter the set.

Question:	May the shorts of a libero be a different color or style?
Answer:	Rule 4-2-2 – The libero’s shorts may be a different style but must be like-colored to their teammates.
Rule 10-4	Situation: Before the beckon for serve, the libero left the court, replaced by #9 (the correct replacement), then they realized that it wasn't time to switch yet, so they switched back...all before the beckon for serve. The R2 was dealing with a substitution on the other side of the court and didn't see what happened. The tracker pointed it out and wanted a penalty assessed. The only delay in the game was the discussion with the tracker.
Comment:	Incorrect libero replacements for NFHS states 'Can be corrected by the team prior to the next service contact without fault'. If a libero exchanges with a player and the coaches does not want the exchange to take place, the girls can

exchange back and if it all happens prior to the next service contact. Allow play to continue without penalty. A penalty would be assessed only if the switch back caused a delay in the match. (Source Unknown)

Starting the Game

- A Libero cannot start the set on the court (although they take part in the pre-game protocol).
- After the R2 does a line-up check the libero may switch with any back row player.
- The Libero will wait in the replacement zone until the R2 signals them into the set.

Redesignation of a New Libero When the Libero is Injured (NFHS & OSAA)

- If the libero is injured and cannot continue play, she must first be replaced by the player whom she replaced. Then, a new libero can be redesignated using the following criteria:
 - Redesignation does not need to occur immediately after the injury and replacement.
 - When redesignation does occur, any substitution may be redesignated as libero for an injured libero. The injured libero cannot play in the remainder of that game.
 - The player redesignated as the libero must follow the libero uniform rule and must remain the libero for the rest of the game. The redesignated libero's uniform must have a unique number (*not worn by any teammate*), but not necessarily the same number with which the player started the match.