

# 2011-12 NFHS Volleyball Rules PowerPoint Script

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2011-12 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book Corrections

- Page 48 – Points of Emphasis #4 Suspended Net Systems, line 5 should read: “A system also having poles on one side of the net used to retract the system may result in a replay when contacted by the ball. ~~are also considered playable overhead obstructions~~
- Page 60 - #1 Illegal Alignment/Improper Server/Inaccurate Lineup

## SLIDE 4

The Team

Rule 1-3-3, 6-2-2

- For teams with fewer than six players, each time the vacant position rotates to the right back to serve, a loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent.
- ❖ *The addition of this rule serves as a formal clarification of the procedure that has been followed regarding how to score and handle rotation issues when there is a vacant position in the serve order due to injury, illness or disqualification of a player and the team having to play with fewer than six players.*

## SLIDE 5

The Court

Rule 2-1-9

- The playable area for competition includes the court and the unobstructed space outside of the court boundary lines. The area outside of the boundary lines shall be visible to all team members and officials.
- ❖ *Playable area is referred to throughout the rules however, it has not been clearly defined.*
- ❖ *The definition defines what is considered playable area and now specifies that playable area outside of the boundary lines **shall be visible to all team members and officials.***

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The Court

Rule 2-1-10

- Nonplayable area is the space located beyond the playable area, including walls, bleachers, team benches and the area behind the team benches. Additional nonplayable areas may be identified in the prematch conference, deemed by the first referee, as unsuitable for playable area.
- ❖ *The definition clearly delineates nonplayable area from the playable area.*

- ❖ *The first referee has the authority, upon examination of the playing facility, to declare other areas as nonplayable if such area at that specific facility is not suitable for play.*
- ❖ *The first referee shall convey his/her decision to the coaches and captains during the prematch conference.*

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### Game

#### Rule 3-1-1

- The overall width and length of the net and width of the top tape have been adjusted to have measurements fall within a range. The net shall be 36" to 39" in overall width, 31'6" up to 33' in length, and the top tape shall be 2" to 2.75" in width.
- ❖ *Volleyball matches are played in a variety of locations, especially for tournaments and the state association state series.*
- ❖ *College facilities are used frequently and have net specifications which have differed from NFHS rules.*
- ❖ *The changes in overall length, width and the width of the top tape create a range which will now include the previous high school requirements and those measurements found in colleges.*
- ❖ *When ordering new nets, schools no longer have to be certain they are purchasing a "high school" net as the new ranges will accommodate all legal nets.*
- ❖ *The changes **do not require any new equipment** and thus no new cost to the schools.*

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### Game Equipment

#### Rule 3-1-1

- Photo of a net sleeve "Green Village Tigers"
- ❖ *The net sleeve cannot interfere with the height of the net.*

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### Player Equipment

#### Rule 4-1-5

- Bobby pins, flat clips and flat barrettes unadorned and no longer than two inches are allowed.
- ❖ *The rules now also permit the wearing of unadorned, flat barrettes no longer than two inches to be worn under Rule 4-1-5.*

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### Other Hair Devices

#### Rule 4-1-5

- Unless determined otherwise by a state association, a hair device made of soft material and no more than two inches wide may be worn. Reflective material or sequins should not be hard, unyielding or easily removed. If play is stopped or delayed due to problems with legal hair devices, an unnecessary delay is assessed and the player must correct before returning to play.
- ❖ *The rules allow items to be worn in a player's hair for the purposes of control and/or adornment providing certain criteria are met.*

- ❖ *If a legal item is worn in the hair becomes loose and falls to the floor and this becomes a problem because the contest is being delayed to resolve the problem, the R1 may call unnecessary delay.*

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### Other Hair Devices

#### Rule 4-1-5

- Two photos of other hair devices. Sequined headband – Legal; Rubber bands in hair – Legal.
- ❖ *Here are two examples of legal items that may be worn in the hair.*
- ❖ *The example on the left is a headband with sequins. These sequins are not hard, such as a hard plastic material. They are pliable.*
- ❖ *The second example has the player wearing several rubber bands.*

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### Authorized Officials

#### Rule 5-1-3

- Jurisdiction of the referees begins with their arrival on the floor and ends following R1's verification of the score. After the match the referees continue with administrative responsibilities through the completion of any required reports related to action occurring during the match.
- ❖ *The match referees jurisdiction ends when the R1 verifies the score.*
- ❖ *However, the referees must complete any administrative responsibilities such as reports that are related to action that took place during the match.*
- ❖ *Each state association may have specific policies regarding the completion of reports by the match referees.*

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### Authorized Officials

#### Rule 5-1-3

- **SITUATION:** In set 5, the two teams are playing very aggressively and the first referee warns both benches of their conduct. Before the set is completed, a fight breaks out and the fans aggressively threaten the referees about a call. Players from each team get involved. The first referee stops play, declares a forfeit and the officials are escorted immediately by host administrators to the locker room. The scoresheet is verified and signed, and the referees fill out required reports on the incident to the state association including the player conduct while in the locker room.  
**RULING:** Correct procedure.

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### Officials' Uniform

#### Rule 5-2-1 NOTE 2

- By state association policy, officials are permitted to wear a long-sleeved, all-white collared polo shirt or sweater to address cold conditions within competition facilities. The shirt or sweater may include the state association logo.
- ❖ *There may be occasions when the facilities are quite cool. It may be necessary for the referees to have the opportunity to wear warmer clothing to keep warm so they are comfortable while performing their duties.*

- ❖ *The state association may adopt a policy permitting officials to wear a white, long-sleeved, collared polo shirt or a white sweater with a polo shirt.*
- ❖ *By specifying what may be worn in cold conditions, the integrity of the officials uniform is preserved and remains professional.*

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### Illegal Alignment/Improper Server/Inaccurate Lineup

#### Signal No. 1

- Officials Signal No. 1 is used to indicate, at moment ball is contacted for serve:
  - Overlapping by adjacent players other than server.
  - Positioning of any player other than the serve outside court boundaries.
  - Improper server.
  - Libero replacement taking place after the whistle/signal for serve.
  - Illegal libero replacement discovered in the set.
  - Failure to submit an accurate lineup is displayed just prior to the signal for the first serve of the net.
- The signal for failure to submit an accurate lineup is displayed just prior to the signal for the first serve of the set.
- ❖ *The submission of an inaccurate lineup results in a loss of rally/point.*
- ❖ *The use of officials signal No. 1 will now allow the officiating crew to communicate effectively with each other as well as with the coaches and spectators relating the violation and the resulting penalty.*
- ❖ *The signal should be given prior to the whistle/signal for serve.*

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### Officials' Responsibilities

#### Rule 5-4-3b(15-17)

- The second referee shall check the scoresheet for accuracy during each time-out and at the end of each set; confirm with the first referee that the 24<sup>th</sup> point has been scored (14<sup>th</sup> point in a deciding set); and initial the scoresheet after each set.
- ❖ *The second referee has had the responsibilities to check the scoresheet, confirm set point and initial the scoresheet after each set.*
- ❖ *The rules however did not specifically include each of these responsibilities.*
- ❖ *At times, some second referees were lax in some of these areas.*
- ❖ *By including these responsibilities in the rules, the second referee has clearer direction of his/her responsibilities and thus, decreases the likelihood of errors and disruption of play due to scoring errors or a premature signal of the end of set.*

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### Scorer Responsibilities

#### Rule 5-5-3i

- When a player is removed from the set under concussion management, the scorer should record in the Comments section the team, player number and concussion management along with score.
- ❖ *Due to the serious nature of potential concussions, it is important that the athlete receives care from the health care professional.*

- ❖ *In addition to care of the athlete, the official scorer has the responsibility to record in the Comments section of the scoresheet that an athlete was removed from play under concussion management along with team identification and the player number.*

## **SLIDE 18**

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## **SLIDE 19**

Player Equipment

Rule 4 NOTE 2

- Each state association, in keeping with applicable laws, may authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, allow an otherwise illegal piece of equipment, create a risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.
- ❖ *Clarifies that the state association may authorize exceptions to the playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs or other unique and extenuating circumstances.*
- ❖ *Previous rules addressing the use of an artificial limb or modifications due to medical or special needs along with a letter of written authorization have been deleted from the rules and are now covered in Rule 4 Note 2.*
- ❖ *The individual state association may develop specific procedures for the school and student to follow which may continue to require a letter of authorization.*

## **SLIDE 20**

Serve

Rule 8-1-1

- A serve contacting and crossing the net shall remain in play provided the ball is entirely within the net antennas.
- ❖ *The reference to a “let” serve is deleted from the rules as it was an inaccurate term to describe an otherwise legal serve.*
- ❖ *The definition and requirements of a legal serve are expanded to address a ball contacting and crossing the net between the net antennas as being a legal serve when all other requirements are met.*

## **SLIDE 21**

Player Action

Rules 9-4-4, 9-5-5 NOTE

- Back-row player on/in front of attack line
  - An illegal back-row attack shall not be called until the ball has completely crossed the net or is contacted (legally or illegally) by the opponent.
- ❖ *Although this has been the intent of the rule it was not clearly communicated.*
- ❖ *This editorial change clarifies that the illegal back-row attack has occurred if the ball is contacted legally or illegally by the opponent.*
- ❖ *In the top PlayPic, the back-row player is completing an attack from in front of the attack line and the ball is completely above the height of the net at contact and completely crosses the net. A back-row attack foul has occurred.*

- ❖ *In the middle PlayPic, the back-row player is completing an attack from in front of the attack line and the ball is completely above the height of the net at contact and the ball is **legally** blocked by the opponents. A back-row attack foul has occurred.*
- ❖ *In the bottom PlayPic, the back-row attacker is in front of the attack line and the ball is completely above the height of the net at the moment of contact. Team B's block consists of a front row player and a back row player, and they contact the ball. **This is a double foul and a replay is called.** Back-row attack and back-row block.*
- ❖ *Another possible situation is the back-row player who is making Team A's second contact is in front of the attack line and the ball is completely above the height of the net at the moment of contact. The back-row player mis-hits the ball, and it is clearly not going to cross the net. Although there is a Team A player in the vicinity who could make Team A's third team contact, the Team B front row players reach completely over the net to block the ball before the ball enters the plane of the net. This is an illegal block, and is the only foul that has occurred, as the Team A back row player did not execute an attack hit.*

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### Other Editorial Changes

1-2-2	6-4-3a
4-1-1	6-4-6 Penalty 2
4-1-8	8-2-5d
5-4-3b(2)	9-2-2
5-4-3b(15-17)	9-5-1b
6-2-2	9-9-1g

- ❖ *The rules listed here all had some minor editorial changes for clarification or corrections.*

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## SLIDE 24

Game Equipment

Rule 3-1-6

- A safe, stable platform to elevate the first referee's eyes to approximately 2 to 3 feet above the top of the net is required. The platform shall be properly padded. It is recommended that the top of the platform be at least 18 inches long by 12 inches wide. It should be stable. The R1 is dependent upon schools to provide quality equipment so the referee can carry out his/her responsibilities in an environment free of unnecessary risk.
- ❖ *A point of emphasis this year is the importance and the responsibility of the host school to provide a safe and stable official's platform.*
- ❖ *The speed of play and wide open offenses require the platform to be stable and made to have an adjustable height to accommodate the various heights of our referees. A one size fits all is not appropriate and deters from the referee being able to carry out his/her responsibilities.*
- ❖ *The first referees should not be expected to stand on boxes in order to be at the recommended height to work the match.*
- ❖ *Should the referee deem the platform unsuitable for use, he/she may work from the floor even though this is a disadvantage for the referee and not a desired position from which to work.*

- ❖ *Should a school have a referee's platform that is not in compliance with the rule, the R1 should notify the school administration and follow any additional state association policy.*

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### Referee Platforms

#### Rule 3-1-6

- Five pictures of referee platforms.
- ❖ *There are a variety of referees platforms available.*
- ❖ *Just as one replaces a worn net or volleyballs, the schools have the responsibility to provide a suitable referees' platform.*
- ❖ *School staff should check the platform, it just might be time to upgrade the platform at your school.*

## **SLIDE 26**

### Legal Uniforms

#### Rule 4-2-2

- Libero uniform top must be immediately identified from team members uniform top. When ordering, coach should consider: hue (color), value (lightness/darkness of color), saturation (intensity/purity of a color) and percentage of color to predominant color of teammates.
- ❖ *The sport of volleyball continues to struggle with schools not providing the libero with a uniform top that is clearly a different color by at least 75% from that of his/her teammates of the libero.*
- ❖ *Not only should the coach consider the hue, value, saturation and percentage of color of the libero's uniform top to the predominant color of teammates but, should also consider the design of the uniform top.*
- ❖ *Uniforms with side inserts or panels are somewhat problematic. Add long sleeves in the same color as the panel to this style of uniform and it just might be a uniform that is no longer immediately distinguishable from the teammates. Each uniform must be considered individually.*
- ❖ *Coaches should make every effort to outfit the libero in a legal uniform and not one which may or may not be considered legal from one official to another.*

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### Legal Uniforms?

#### Rule 4-2-2

- Three pictures of libero uniforms.
- ❖ *Here you see three styles and designs of uniforms. Each of these is showing you the intended libero uniform top.*
- ❖ *In the first illustration the pink uniform No. 23 is the libero.*
- ❖ *The second shows the libero in orange which is just a reverse from her teammates.*
- ❖ *The bottom has the player on the right in blue as the libero.*
- ❖ *What would you call?*
- ❖ *Top two are legal but the bottom is most likely illegal as the dark colors are too close.*

## **SLIDE 28**

## Host School Shall Coordinate Assistant Officials

### Rule 5-1-1

- The host school shall secure the line judges, timer, scorer and libero tracker. The securing school has the responsibility to properly train individuals for these positions well before the match. Well-trained assistant officials will be able to carry out their responsibilities and contribute greatly for a smooth match.
- ❖ *Not only does the host school have the responsibility to secure the assistant officials which include the line judges, timer, scorer and libero tracker but, the host school also has the responsibility to train the individuals serving in these positions.*
- ❖ *The tone of the match can be greatly impacted if the scorer cannot keep up with play or the tracker is unfamiliar with his /her duties.*

## SLIDE 29

### Host School Shall Coordinate Assistant Officials

#### Rules 5-1-1, 5-8

- The position of line judge is very important and should not be taken for granted. The referees depend on the assistance from line judges to ensure the proper call is made. With rally scoring each completely rally results in a point. Many times it is the line judge indicating the result of play.
- ❖ *Line judges need to be trained and have some hands on experiences before working a match.*
- ❖ *The atmosphere of the match can be smooth sailing with well trained assistant officials.*

## SLIDE 30

### Suspended Net System

#### Rule 2-2-2

- Suspended net systems are attached to the ceiling and are unfolded to the floor. Cables located only on one side of the net system are playable overhead obstructions. Poles retracting system contacted by ball may result in replay if play is affected. The standards, extended to the ceiling, are considered an extension of the floor standard and are not playable.
- ❖ *Suspended net systems are becoming more popular. The designs are changing as the equipment is being improved to meet today's demands.*
- ❖ *Some systems are retracted to the ceiling by only cables. These cables are considered overhead obstructions.*
- ❖ *There are systems that have not only the cable but also have poles that provide stability when the net system is in the down position.*
- ❖ *The poles retracting the net system when contacted by the ball may result in a replay under Rule 9-8-1.*
- ❖ *The vertical poles extending from the standards to the ceiling are considered an extension of the floor standard.*

## SLIDE 31

### Retractable Net System

#### Rule 2-2-2

- Two pictures of retractable net systems.

- ❖ *In these pictures you can view a system with both cables and the poles located on one side of the net only.*

### **SLIDE 32**

#### Retractable Net System

##### Rule 2-2-2

- **SITUATION:** The host school has a ceiling-suspended net system. The ball contacts (a) the cables located on only one side of the net which retract the system, (b) a pole located only on one side of the net at approximately a 45 degree angle to the ceiling used to retract the system, (c) the poles located at the end of each net which are vertical extensions of the standards. In all situations, the officials rule these playable overhead obstructions and allow play to continue.

### **SLIDE 33**

#### Retractable Net System

##### Rule 2-2-2

- **RULING:** (a) Correct Procedure, (b) and (c) Incorrect Procedure. **COMMENT:** Cables which are used to retract a ceiling-suspended net system and located only on one side of the net are playable overhead obstructions. If the ball contacts a pole, located only on one side of the net and used to retract the system and it affects play, it shall be ruled as a possible replay at the discretion of the referees. Poles which vertically extend from the standards are treated like the standards and the ball is out-of-bounds when it contacts them.

### **SLIDE 34**

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### **SLIDE 35**

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  - Having a Successful Educational Sport Experience
  - Making the Call
  - Plan for Improvement
  - Keeping Perspective
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- ❖ *All you need to do is register on [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). It is quick, easy and takes about 20-25 minutes to complete.*
- ❖ *Any parent or interested individual may take the course.*
- ❖ *Take a look and share this information with others.*

### **SLIDE 36**

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### **SLIDE 37**

Concussion in Sports

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### **SLIDE 38**

NFHS Volleyball Publications

- The Rules Book, Case Book/Manual, Scorebook and other volleyball materials can be ordered:
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