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New NFHS Rules

Rule 4-1-6a, b Allows the wearing of religious headwear during competition that fits securely and is made of non-abrasive or soft materials, eliminating the requirement for prior authorization while still requiring head coverings worn for medical reasons to be approved by the state association.

OSAA Hair Adornment Executive Board Policy: The OSAA staff has been working closely with the NFHS, the OSAA Equity and Diversity Committee, the OSAA Executive Board and other important stakeholders in assessing the cultural inclusiveness of various rules and policies. Through this research, it was confirmed that Volleyball and Cheerleading both have other rule governing bodies that allow for hard hair adornments to be worn by athletes while participating. The OSAA Executive Board has approved the following interpretation to NFHS Volleyball Rule 4.1.6. to align with the requirements of House Bill 2935 and other rule governing organizations that currently allow for hard hair adornments to be worn while participating in volleyball. Some examples of allowed adornments include beads or feathers woven into a participant's hair.

OSAA Additional Interpretation to rule 4-1-6: Hair with adornments must be secured so as not to present a safety hazard to the player, teammates, or opponents. If the hair adornment(s) become dislodged prior to or during competition, it must be secured before the participant can return to play.

Common Questions/Comments:

- Schools traveling to other states- Please be aware that hair adornments will not be allowed in other states.
- Can a hair adornment be sharp? Safety is still a consideration with the allowance of hair adornments. The adornment should not be sharp or pose any threat of injury to the player wearing the adornments nor the players surrounding the player wearing the adornments.

Rule 5-3-1a Allows state associations to approve of gray and/or bright blue (cyan) polo shirts for officials. **Oregon will adopt this in 2022.**

Rule 7-1-4 PENALTIES, 9-9-1b Changes the penalty for failure to submit the lineup no later than two minutes prior to the end of the timed prematch warmup and one minute prior to the end of the timed interval/intermission between sets from **loss of rally/point to an unnecessary delay** (administrative yellow card) with the escalation of a second unnecessary delay (administrative red card) if not submitted by the end of the timed prematch warmup or interval/intermission. * The assessment of the penalty will take place at the start of the match if not submitted before the end of the warmup or the next set if issued between sets. ** This does not result in a head coach being required to remain seated during play (see 9-9 penalties)

Points of Emphasis

Uniform Concerns

Manufacturer's Logo Restriction: Only one logo allowed on the uniform top as well as one logo allowed on the uniform bottom. The size of the logo has a 2.25 square inches size restriction. **Spandex that have multiple logos on the waistband are not allowed by NFHS rule.**

Multiple styles of like colored uniform bottoms (shorts, spandex, leggings, skirts) are allowed by rule.

Non-compliant uniforms should be addressed through the coach.

Covid-19 Specific Volleyball Procedures:

Team Benches: For the 2021-22 Association year, the OSAA will adopt the NFHS approved Covid-19 modifications of teams remaining on the same bench and side of the net for the entire match. If one side of the net poses a significant advantage to the other side of the net, an official or coach may request to change benches and sides of the net after each set. Please note, there may be extra time needed between each set to sanitize benches before teams switch and play can resume.

Beginning and End of Match Procedures: Handshakes, or high fives are not required at the beginning or the end of volleyball matches for the 2021- 22 Association year. Coaches and officials should communicate at the beginning of the match to determine what the procedure will be. At the start and end of the match, it is important that there is some recognition of sportsmanship.

Pre-match conferences, coin flips and deciding set conferences will all follow traditional procedures indicated in the NFHS rule book.

Teamwork Training

A Teamwork PowerPoint was introduced at the recent OCEP clinics, and it is our hope that it will be a statewide focus for training. Teamwork will be an important aspect of observation and selection of championship officials at the state tournament. We are planning to have the PowerPoint accessible for commissioners in the near future.

Jewelry

Jewelry shall not be worn by players during warm-ups and/or competition. The high school rule is different than club so please educate and remind early in the season. Refer to Rule 4.1 in both the rulebook and casebook for instructions on dealing with jewelry.

Concussion Training and Testing

Officials will need to complete the requirements of watching the concussion video and taking the test. Good news on both – the video is short, and the test is only 50 questions.