



2014-15 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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SITUATION 1: Team A's head coach submitted his/her lineup and listed player No. 10 as the libero, but also listed her as the center back as a position player. This was not noticed until the second referee was checking lineups prior to the start of the set. The second referee informed Team A's head coach that No. 10 must start the set as the CB and is not eligible to be designated as the libero. Further, due to the inaccurate lineup, no libero could be designated for this set and Team B receives a point and serve. The second referee confirms that score with the official scorer. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** Even if Team A had a legal uniform top to designate No. 10 as a libero and wanted her to change to become the libero for this set, this could not be accepted because the lineup has been submitted and the deadline for submission passed. Therefore, no change in the lineup can be accepted, a new libero cannot be designated for that set and the penalty point and serve is awarded to Team B. No. 10 is eligible for the set as a position player. A libero may be designated for use in the next set. The scorer should bring such a situation as this to the attention of the second referee when the lineup is first submitted and recorded to prevent a penalty if the deadline for lineup submission has not passed. (7-1-2, Penalty 2)

SITUATION 2: A school is in the process of ordering uniforms for 2016. The coach has decided to order a full set of solid-colored uniforms and has prepared the order to have, in addition to legal numbers, the school name on the back of the uniform, the school mascot reference (tiger head) on the front of the uniform body in a 4 x 4-inch space and WHS on each sleeve in a 3 x 5-inch space. **RULING:** Compliant for the solid-colored uniform. **COMMENT:** The mascot reference is within a size (4 x 4 or 3 x 5 inches) on the uniform which preserves the integrity of solid-color and the school references on the sleeves occupy the maximum space allowed by rule. (4-2-2 NOTE)

SITUATION 3: During the prematch conference between the first and second referees, the first referee reminds the second referee that, if there is a play where the first referee has his/her view blocked, the first referee will look to the second referee for an informal signal regarding the play action that was out of view. The officials review the informal signals to use during the match. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** There may be occasions when the first referee is blocked from viewing the play. In such a situation, he/she will look to the second referee for assistance, at which time the informal signal is displayed and the first referee will make the final ruling on the result of the play. (5-5-3a)

SITUATION 4: A time-out is requested by Team S. The coach of Team S completes his/her instruction to the players and sends them back to the court, with Team R immediately returning to the court to resume play, in (a) 30 seconds, (b) 46 seconds,

(c) 52 seconds. The second referee whistles to end the time-out after (a) 30 seconds, (c) 52 seconds. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** The second referee does not whistle if the audio signal has sounded unless the teams are ready to resume play before the audio signal. In (c), because there is time after the 45-second signal, yet significant time before the 60-second signal ending the time-out will sound, the second referee will whistle to end the time-out to have teams ready to resume play and not just standing on the court. (5-5-3b)

SITUATION 5: During play, a ball hits the antenna on the second referee's side of the net. The line judge, using his/her flag, signals that the ball has touched the antenna by waving the flag over the line judge's head and points to the antenna. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** The line judge should make this call any time the ball contacts the antenna and hold the signal until either referee whistles the fault. (5-9-3c, Line Judge Signals)

SITUATION 6: The referees arrive at the site and determine flags will not be used by the line judges. **RULING:** Incorrect procedure. **COMMENT:** Flags shall be used by the line judges unless the state association has determined that hand signals shall be used. Beginning in 2014, the use of flags by line judges is the standard mechanic. (5-9-4)