

**OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
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**One Rule – One Interpretation – One Mechanic**

We've been working hard in the volleyball community to bring the state together under this OAOA motto. That is why I was very surprised to hear the following statements this past weekend, "I didn't think officials called that anymore" (double) and "Officials in our area don't call that anymore" (over-the-net).

**Playoffs are here** ... as officials we need to prepare our teams for the upcoming playoffs and the best way to do this is to call the match according to the rules. Evaluators will be evaluating officials into the state championship matches based on their knowledge and application of the NFHS rules. The teams involved shouldn't suddenly be surprised they are being called according to an NFHS rule because they are now at the final site. We, as officials, cannot choose which rules we will and won't call. This is a disservice to the schools we work for.

**Judgment Calls**

Judgment calls have always been and will always be the toughest call to make in any volleyball match. Officials should call ball handling to the level of the higher skilled team. Coaches can help educate their parents by sharing the following with them:

- 1) An illegal hit may be called on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> contact. An illegal hit is any lift, push, carry, ball visibly coming to rest, prolonged contact, or over-controlled ball.
  
- 2) A multiple contact may be called on any 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> contact when the ball does not visibly come off the hands simultaneously. Please educate your parents that spin does not equal a double contact. Also, please educate your parents that because the first contact may be a double, it may be a really ugly double and still be legal by the rules. It's very confusing from the audience point of view when a horrible double hit is not called due to it being first contact but a tight double is called right after.

**OSAA Sportsmanship Reminder**

Last chance to get those nominations in ... please remember to nominate your local schools on any great displays of sportsmanship you witness at a playoff match. Let's reward outstanding sportsmanship!!!

**Go to:** <http://www.osaa.org/officials> and select the OSAA Sportsmanship Nomination Form link to submit a nomination.

Thank you so much to all those sending me game film. I've got a lot to watch in the off-season.

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