



# 2013-14 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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**Corrections to Rules Book:** Page 8, 1-2-3a. The serve/receive ~~and playing areas~~ for set No. 1 are determined by a coin toss...; Page 21, 5-4-3c(21). Rule reference is (5-4-4d); Page 39, 10-2-1a. Signal #~~16~~ 19; Page 39, 10-2-4. Signal #~~16~~ 17; Page 59, Signal #21A. Left arm should be extended to match Time-out signal.

**Corrections to Case Book and Manual:** Page 74, Diagram 6. TEAM B Serving Order should be 3, 5, 7c, 9, 11, 13; Pages 83 and 85, Signal #21A. Left arm should be extended to match Time-out signal.

**Corrections to Preseason Guide:** Page 8, 5-7-3eb; Page 11, Signal #21A. Left arm should be extended to match Time-out signal.

**SITUATION 1:** The head coach contacts the state association office to confirm the compliance of a new uniform with Rule 4-2-2 Note (solid-colored uniform top required in 2016) before purchasing. The front of the uniform has the mascot head (Bears) placed on the uniform by way of sublimation. The mascot is just a few shades lighter gray than the rest of the uniform and covers most of the front of the uniform. **RULING:** Design is not in compliance with Rule 4-2-2 Note. **COMMENT:** The integrity of the solid color is disrupted by the change in color for the mascot and the mascot is a design. Using the change in shades or tones is not in compliance as a "solid color." (4-2-2 NOTE)

**SITUATION 2:** A fault is whistled by the second referee. He/She then indicates the nature of the fault and the player at fault, if necessary (net). The first referee, if in agreement, then indicates the result of the play (point or replay), followed by the nature of the fault and the player at fault, if necessary. The second referee mirrors the signal of point or replay, but does not repeat the nature of the fault. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** It is not necessary for the second referee to repeat the nature of the fault in this scenario. (5-2-1b)

**SITUATION 3:** Following the deciding set coin toss, the second referee communicates the results of toss to the first referee by first extending an outstretched arm on the side of the team that will be serving first. After this communication with the first referee, the second referee then signals if the teams will change courts or remain on the same sides. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** When the second referee is indicating which team is to serve first, the signal is executed before any identification of which court the teams will take. (5-4-4d(3))

**SITUATION 4:** During set No. 1, after contact with the ball for the serve, the line judge signals to the first referee that (a) Team S was out of serving order at the moment of serve or (b) Team R had the CB off the court at the moment of contact for the serve. **RULING:** Incorrect procedure in both (a) and (b). **COMMENT:** The line judge does not have the responsibility for alignment. (5-9-1 through 4)

**SITUATION 5:** A blocker on Team A, whose hands are above the top of the net, makes contact with the ball which, at the moment of contact is below the top of the net. Team A has three more contacts, with the last sending the ball over the net. Play continues. **RULING:** Correct procedure, as the contact with the blocker is a block and not the team's first contact. (9-5-1c)

**SITUATION 6:** Team A has been reduced to six players due to injury. One of the remaining six players is bleeding. The first referee calls an official's time-out for injury. The bleeding is taken care of during the 30 seconds, but as the player returns to the court, it is observed the player has blood on the uniform. (a) The team has time-outs left and an extra jersey, so the team takes a time-out(s) to get the player into a new jersey, at which point, the player is still in the set. (b) Team A has no time-outs remaining, so the player exits the set and Team A plays with five players. Each time this vacated position rotates to the RB position, a loss of rally/point is awarded. This continues until the player's uniform situation is resolved and the player may re-enter the current set, following the proper request from the second referee for re-entry into the set. **RULING:** Correct procedure in both (a) and (b). (11-4-1,3 and 1-3-3)