

National Federation of State  
High School Associations



### POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. **Required Placement of Antennas and Optional Use of Vertical Tape Markers** – As stated in Rule 3-1-5, net antennas shall be attached to the net in line with the outside edge of the sideline and extend upward at least 2 ½ feet but no more than 3 ½ feet above the net. The antennas shall be fastened securely to the top and bottom of the net. If vertical tape markers are used, they are fastened to each end of the net. The marker is located directly over and perpendicular to the sideline. The antennas should be affixed to the outer edge of the marker. Whether tape markers are used or not, antennas should be placed perpendicular to and in line with the outside edge of each sideline.
2. **Court Protocol at Start of the Set** – Rule 5-3-4a states that the second referee checks the lineups for each team. In some circumstances, team huddles at the start of the set have delayed the ability of the second referee to check the lineups in a timely manner. Team huddles on the court shall not interfere with the ability of the second referee to check lineups in a timely manner or delay the start of the set. If a huddle, cheer, etc. causes such an interference or delay, the officials shall signal the players into position and administer the situation in such a way to prevent future delays.
3. **Manufacturer's Logo on Player Uniforms/Visible Garments Worn Under the Uniform Top** –According to Rules 4-2-7 and 4-2-9, a single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches, is permitted on each piece of the uniform and visible garments worn under the uniform top provided placement does not interfere with the visibility of the player's number. Some manufacturers are making uniform items with multiple logos in different locations – e.g., at the front neckline and on the back of the uniform top. Players are folding over waistbands that include multiple manufacturer logos making them visible. Other players are wearing visible garments under the uniform which include manufacturer logos larger than the designated size. Coaches and players shall check all uniform items and visible garments worn under the uniform in advance to ensure compliance with the manufacturer's logo rules.
4. **Proper Training of Assistant Officials** –According to Rule 5-1-1, assistant officials include the scorer, libero tracker, timer and line judges. However these assistant officials are secured, it is imperative that they are properly trained prior to the match. While match referees will review the duties of each assistant official with the assigned individual, it is not the responsibility of the match referees to train these individuals. Improperly trained scorers, trackers and line judges can cause significant delays within the match and could impact the outcome of a rally or match. Their importance should not be underestimated.
5. **Importance of Line Judges** – The importance of line judges in the game of volleyball cannot be emphasized enough. The fast pace and powerful play makes it extremely difficult for the referees to consistently and accurately observe all the hits landing in the proximity of the sidelines and end lines or a ball passing outside the net antennae or critical touches by a player(s) as a ball goes out of bounds. The line judges must step up and assist with these calls for the referees. However, because it is customary in many matches to use individuals other than officials for line judges, the burden of quality in officiating in the line judge position rests with the schools. Advanced and proper training is paramount to the quality of the line judges and their ability to carry out their responsibilities and the total quality of the officiated match. With every end of rally resulting in a point, the match will be shortchanged for the players if the line judges are not properly trained and expected to meet their responsibilities.
6. **Substitutes and Libero Entry onto the Playing Court** – Without careful attention by the second referee, the scorer and the libero tracker, it is easy to have an error occur in the procedure or actual substitution or libero replacement. The second referee is responsible to recognize and grant a requested legal substitution, be certain the scorer has the sub recorded before sending the incoming player(s) onto the court, the substitution procedure is followed and the substitute assumes the proper position on the court. If there is a libero replacement, the second referee must be aware of the replacement and the proper procedure followed. The libero tracker must record and be certain this is the correct player. The scorer must be alert if the libero is to serve and be certain the libero is serving in the proper position in the serving order. A lack of focus in any of these positions can let an error occur undetected which upon discovery will cause confusion and interrupt the flow of play. It is critical each of these individuals know these and their other responsibilities for substitutions, replacements and keep their focus for substitutions and libero replacements

entering the court.

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