

Minutes
VOLLEYBALL RULES COMMITTEE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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Welcome, Introduction, General Information

Committee members in attendance included:

John Anderson, Section I
N.Z. Bryant, Section III
Angie Spangenberg, Section IV
Deb Velder, Section V
Rachel Godsey, Section VI
Daphne Nelson, Section VII
Liz Flikkema, Section VIII
Sheryl Solberg, Chair
Diane Conrady, NFHS Coaches Representative
Sharon Hughes, NFHS Officials Representative
Cynthia Doyle, NFHS Staff Liaison

Rules Video- The 2002 NFHS Rules Writing Process video was shown to the committee. Members commented that the video was helpful, but that it was a lot of information to absorb.

Role of Visitors- A brief introduction of the guests was provided. Guests were also reminded of their non-voting role during deliberation.

Information Distribution- Committee members notebooks included: Minutes from last years meeting, NFHS Volleyball Questionnaire results from the past 5 years, summary of Rally Scoring Experiment, individual summaries from experimental states, letters from many state associations, a variety of news articles about rally scoring, proposed rule changes and other items pertinent to high school volleyball.

Sectional Report- Although only 17 states requested permission to experiment, several additional states sent letters of interest to the NFHS. All but four states provided direct or indirect opinions to sectional representatives.

Discussion/Voting on Proposed Rule Changes/ Editorial changes. Results of the proposed rule changes are attached.

Rule Interpreters Meeting topic consideration:

Adding new section to rulebook- This topic will be added to the agenda for the rule interpreters meeting during the summer. Information was provided to committee members with suggestions for an additional section explaining how to use the book.

Mercy rule- Volleyball currently does not have a mercy rule. Is this something the committee wants to consider?

New Signal- The formal signal for entry into the game would be to extend the arm on the substitution side and make a forward sweeping motion (palm facing forward).

Consideration of topics for Points of Emphasis, Comments on the Rules include:

Athletes should not remove any part of their uniform with the exception of shoes, while in the playing area

Uniforms should be worn the way they are designed to be worn

Make sure that padding of standards goes all the way to the floor

Not stopping play when an inadvertent horn sounds

Prolonged contact

Conferring with team in team bench area

Sportsmanship note

Only prior to the first game, the official shall direct players to the end line

Position limitation (repeat from previous year)

Training line judges and supplying line judges

New signal- release player onto the court

Preseason Guide topics:

How to handle adjacent courts

Judging lifts

Mechanics and rule changes

The evolution of volleyball

Multiple contacts-differences on first, second and third hits

Back row player and when sending the ball to front row players

Back row attack

State association input and lack there-of

Officials and player equipment, uniform needs and supplies

New score books and how to use them

Prior to the first game, what should the officials shall direct players to do

Preparing for rally scoring- mechanics, speed of game

Teaching how to follow alignments

Number placement on jerseys

2002-03 Questionnaire

Will your state follow the 3/5 format during the 2004 state championship series?

Do you favor using a defensive specialist (libero) player?

Players can intentionally play the ball off any part of the body.

Players can unintentionally play the ball off of any part of the body.

Bonus player points to back row/aces

Block serve

Prolong contact and second contact.

Back-row setter acts
Do your officials wear stripes or white shirts?

Sub Committee work:

Exam I and Exam II were reviewed; Transparency and Notes for script were drafted
Case Book Revision were considered; Rule Interpretation/Situations were drafted
Mechanics/Officials Manual/Signal Chart were changed; Points of Emphasis suggestions were taken; Comments on the Rules were explained.

NFHS Scoresheet Revisions- Several committee members mentioned the need to add more pages to the NFHS scorebook and increase the size of the space for writing the score.

Progress on NFHS Stat Manual- A draft of the NFHS Volleyball Stat Manual was handed out. The committee will review the manual and return comments to staff.

Joni Powell, PAVO, shared information on a new effort to train and recruit volleyball officials by attending a national clinic that involved evaluation and working with college and professional officials. This clinic is geared toward advanced officials and the cost including evaluation by video was \$75 - \$125 depending on the level of officials.

Dan Hauser, USA Volleyball, spoke about the low number of male participation. USA serves teams from age 10 and over. The number of male participants is low. There are approximately 6200 high school male participants in USA Volleyball.

Kerri Potts, NCAA, shared the history of rally scoring for NCAA and the reaction of the coaches to the changes including the time element. T.V. was not the major factor in the decision, but trying to make the sport exciting by the method of scoring and any other thing that makes the game more consistent in the time element given. Kerri also talked about transition from side-out to rally.

Staff has surveyed state associations to see if there is enough interest among the membership to schedule a workshop during the summer meeting. The results of the summer meeting survey indicate there was enough interest and a workshop will be scheduled.