

NFHS

2004-05 VOLLEYBALL RULE CHANGES

1-2-1 A match shall consist of the best three-out-of-five games. The first team to win three games shall be the winner of the match. The fourth and fifth games shall not be played unless it is necessary to determine the winner of the match.

Rationale: Incorporates rally format for varsity competition.

1-2-2 A match shall include let serve.

1-2-3 A match shall include two time-outs per game.

1-2 NOTE NOTE 1: By state high school association adoption, teams may play a best two-of-three game match in which a team is considered the winner of the match when it wins two games. All games shall be 25 points (no cap). The third game shall not be played unless it is necessary to determine the winner of the match. If a third game is necessary, a coin toss shall be conducted prior to that game.

Rationale: This adoption would allow an alternate format that may, by state association adoption, serve the schools within a state association.

1-6-2 A conference shall be conducted with the head coach and ... (4 Note; 12 Note) (1-6-3; 12-2-3)

Rationale: To agree with Note: page 16 (Rule 4 – first Note at bottom) which specifies head coach.

2-4-1b Delete - Officials shall stop play when a player breaks the plane of a non-playable area.

2-4-2 NEW Players may play a ball over a non-playable area if they have a body part in contact with a playable area at the time the ball is contacted. During the follow through, the player may enter a non-playable area after playing the ball. (9-3-3a; 9-3-3j; 9-5-7)

Rationale: This change would allow play to continue when a player has made a great save or play on a ball while he/she was in a playable area.

3-1-3 ...and any attachments used for anchoring the standards to the floor, walls or ceiling.

Rationale: Nets may be suspended from ceiling, not just attached to floor poles.

3-2-1 The ball shall be spherical with a laceless molded cover of 12 or more pieces all of which shall be white genuine or simulated smooth...

Rationale: Clarifies the ball shall be all-white, rather than just 12 pieces. This provides clarity for state associations and manufacturers.

5-2-1 The official's uniform shall be:

- a. An all-white, short-sleeved, collared polo shirt
- b. Black slacks
- c. Solid black athletic shoes and black socks

Rationale: Consistency of NFHS volleyball official's uniform. Delete note allowing state

high school associations to modify the official's uniform rule. (Effective 05-06)

5-3-14 Delete - If games become tied at 14-14, notify the coach that he/she has an additional time-out.

Rationale: NFHS rules do not allow additional time-outs during extended games.

5-4-3b12 Signal at the completion of a charged time-out, how many time-outs each team has used.

Rationale: A signal at the beginning of a time-out is cumbersome.

5-7-2c NEW During timeouts, line judges stand at the intersection of the attack line and the sideline on their respective side of the court nearest referee. The line judge on the serving team's side of the net shall hold the game ball.

Rationale: The positioning of the line judges near the referee provides opportunities during time-outs for the referee to communicate with the line judges and gives an appearance that they are a part of the officiating team.

10-3-6-3 An exceptional substitution shall count as a team substitution if the team has not exhausted its 18 team substitutions.

Rationale: Clarifies the exceptional substitution is counted as a team substitution.

11-2-5 Delete - An additional time-out...

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