

CAAVO Guidelines for Court Situations/Incident Management



QUESTION:

How do I gauge the game ball(s) if I'm not supposed to touch them?

ANSWER:

Game ball(s) need to be checked as normal. You can elect to wear your own protective gloves or sanitize your hands and the game ball(s) after checking them.

QUESTION:

How should I run my warm-ups?

ANSWER:

This varies by conference. During your pre-match conference with both officials and the head coaches, check with the hosting school to see if they have a preferred way to run warm-ups. If the visiting school agrees that the format will work using safety and cross contamination guidelines, go with it. If the coaches are looking for direction from you as the official, you can recommend that they do two minutes shared (no balls over the net), 4 minutes for the home team, and then 4 minutes with the visiting team. During these 4 minutes they should include serving (using their own balls!) If they did not bring their own balls with them, and the school has two carts of balls, split them up and have each team use their own cart of balls. Remember, the goal here is to keep safety and cross contamination in mind. The school will be responsible for sanitizing the balls during/after the match.

If the schools want to stick with the standard 5-4's warm up, that's okay too.

Note: there should be NO shaggers during warm-ups except for players warming up.

QUESTION:

What do I do if a coach or player approaches me as an official to let me know that someone is not wearing their face mask?

ANSWER:

You should let them know that the officials do not enforce the mask rule. This issue needs to be addressed by the hosting school.

QUESTION:

What action is taken when the strap on a mask breaks and it causes a break in the game?

ANSWER:

Face coverings are not to be treated as jewelry or illegal equipment, so quick action should be taken to either replace the mask being worn by the player, or the coach can call a time out to remedy the situation.

Note: If it appears that the player is repeatedly having mask trouble in order to cause a break in the game, and it appears to be intentional, the R2 can make the decision to give a warning to the captain for that player, or directly

give a card for sportsmanship or a delay sanction. The similarity would be the player that seems to always be tying their shoe. The R1 or R2 would call the captain over and simply state the observation and feeling of intent. Inform the captain that there will be a penalty if it continues.

QUESTION:

Since the players are not allowed to slap hands at the beginning of the first, and end of the last games, what should they be allowed to do? Should we recommend this?

ANSWER:

During the captains meeting you should bring up the issue, "in order to follow safety guidelines..." the players may not slap hands, but they can 1) wave from the end-line or 10ft line, 2) air slap or air fist bump from the 10ft line.

QUESTION:

How should an official handle the toss of the ball to the server at the beginning of the set?

ANSWER:

A player or coach from the serving team can retrieve the ball from the scorer's table and toss it to the server.

QUESTION:

On the first serve, the visiting team has the serve, can they elect to receive and not serve?

ANSWER:

No, the visiting team will serve first in set one and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets.

QUESTION:

Who calls the coin toss if we go to a deciding set?

ANSWER:

The Home team calls the coin toss in a deciding set.

QUESTION:

Do teams change courts after each set?

ANSWER:

Teams will not change courts unless the official(s) determine that there is an advantage or disadvantage in being on one side or the other (e.g. Sun coming through windows and onto the court)

QUESTION:

Are there any special procedures the players should follow when substituting?

ANSWER:

The sub can rub their hands with sanitizer prior to entering the court, as well as when exiting. Extra guidance may be needed on this depending on the availability of hand sanitizer courtside.

QUESTION:

Do the players have to sit on the bench during play?

ANSWER:

Players must observe social distancing guidelines as much as possible. It is preferred that all players remain seated during play.

QUESTION:

Are there any mandates on who the school uses for line judges as far as if adult spectators or players from a team not playing (Varsity team waiting to play for instance)?

ANSWER:

There are no changes as far as who can line judge. Parents may be line judges. All participants shall be sure to follow safety guidelines. Officials are not involved with selection of line judges, only the schools.

QUESTION:

Who is responsible for flags?

ANSWER:

Schools are responsible for flags and must clean them.

QUESTION:

What happens if a ball goes into the stands?

ANSWER:

The school should be running a 3-ball system with the extra ball always being sanitized. That ball should be exchanged for a clean ball.

Remember... if you feel unsafe, you can leave if you cannot remedy the situation with the host school.

All complaints should be directed to 1) Ross, so he is aware; 2) MHSAA Office.