



Welcome

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Of Volleyball Officials
~ Clinic #2 ~

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Agenda

- Ball Handling
- Backrow “Stuff”
- Blocking
- Libero
- Rules & Points of Emphasis
- Rules Interpretations
- Preventive Officiating
- Questions?



Ball Handling Rules

- **Caught or Thrown Ball** – The ball must be hit cleanly and not caught or thrown. Prolonged contact with the ball is a fault.
- **Double Contact** – It is a fault when a player contacts the ball twice in succession, or the ball contacts various parts of the body successively.



Ball Handling Truths

- Call to the level of play
- Don't raise your standards if teams can't match it, but it's not a free-for-all where anything goes
- Ugly is not illegal
- There is no body position or playing technique that cannot result in a LEGAL contact
- Spin is not a fault
- The sound of the contact has no bearing on legality
- Don't follow the ball (with your eyes) – lead it by looking ahead



Ball Handling Guidelines

- Consistency in ball handling judgment
- Only the contact point should be considered
- Outside influences should not be considered
- There is no ball/body position that automatically results in illegal contact
- A player in good position
- Less severe judgment on a player who makes a challenging or spectacular play
- Mishandled balls resulting in a blatant fault should still be called



Attack vs. Block

- [Over the Net](#) – Video (1:18)

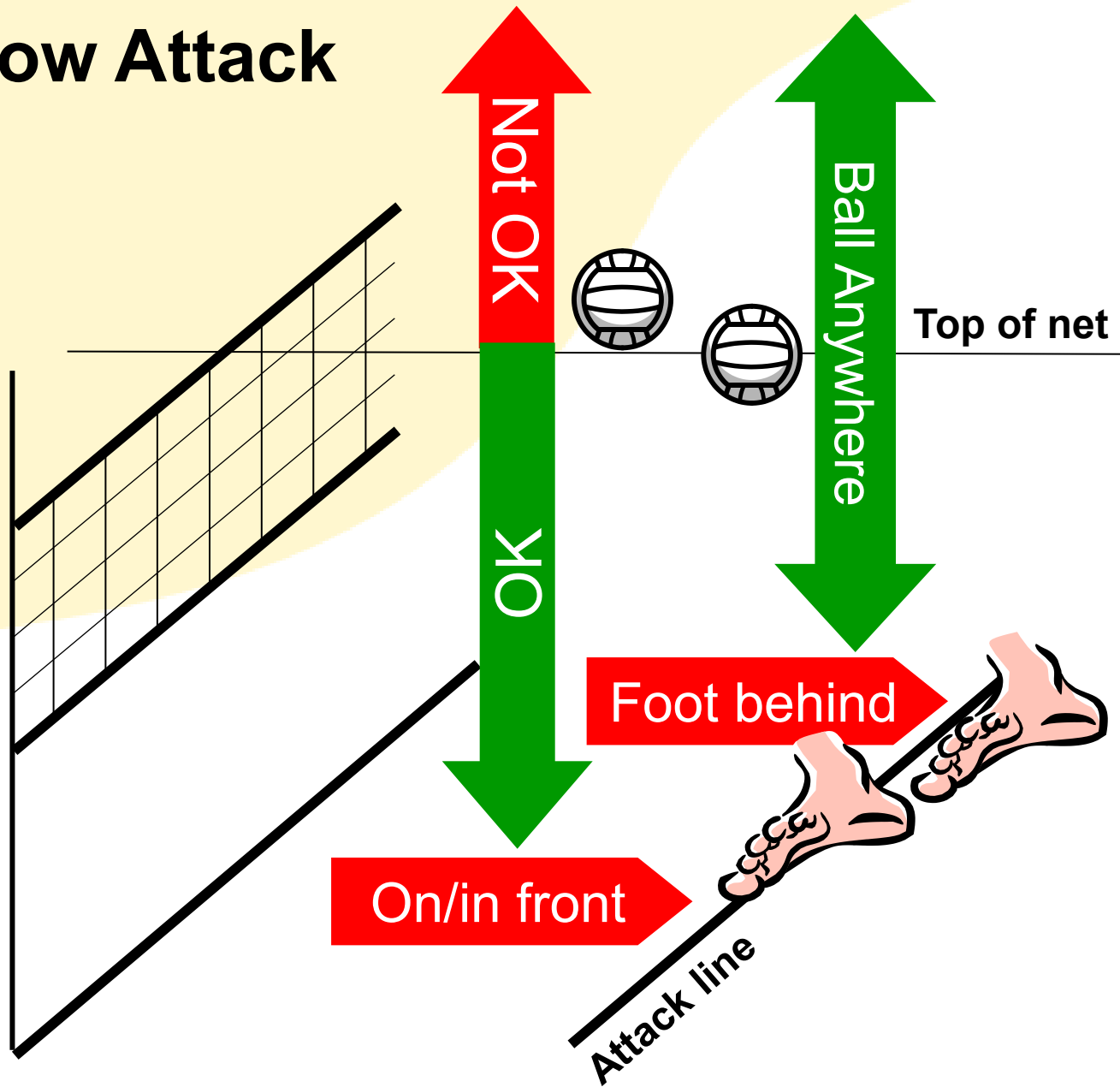


ATTACK: Any action other than a block or a serve that directs the ball toward the opponents court. This includes a spike, tip, dump, and overhead pass.

BLOCK: The action of a player or players close to the net that deflects the ball coming from the opponent by reaching higher than the top of the net at the moment of contact.



Backrow Attack





Blocking

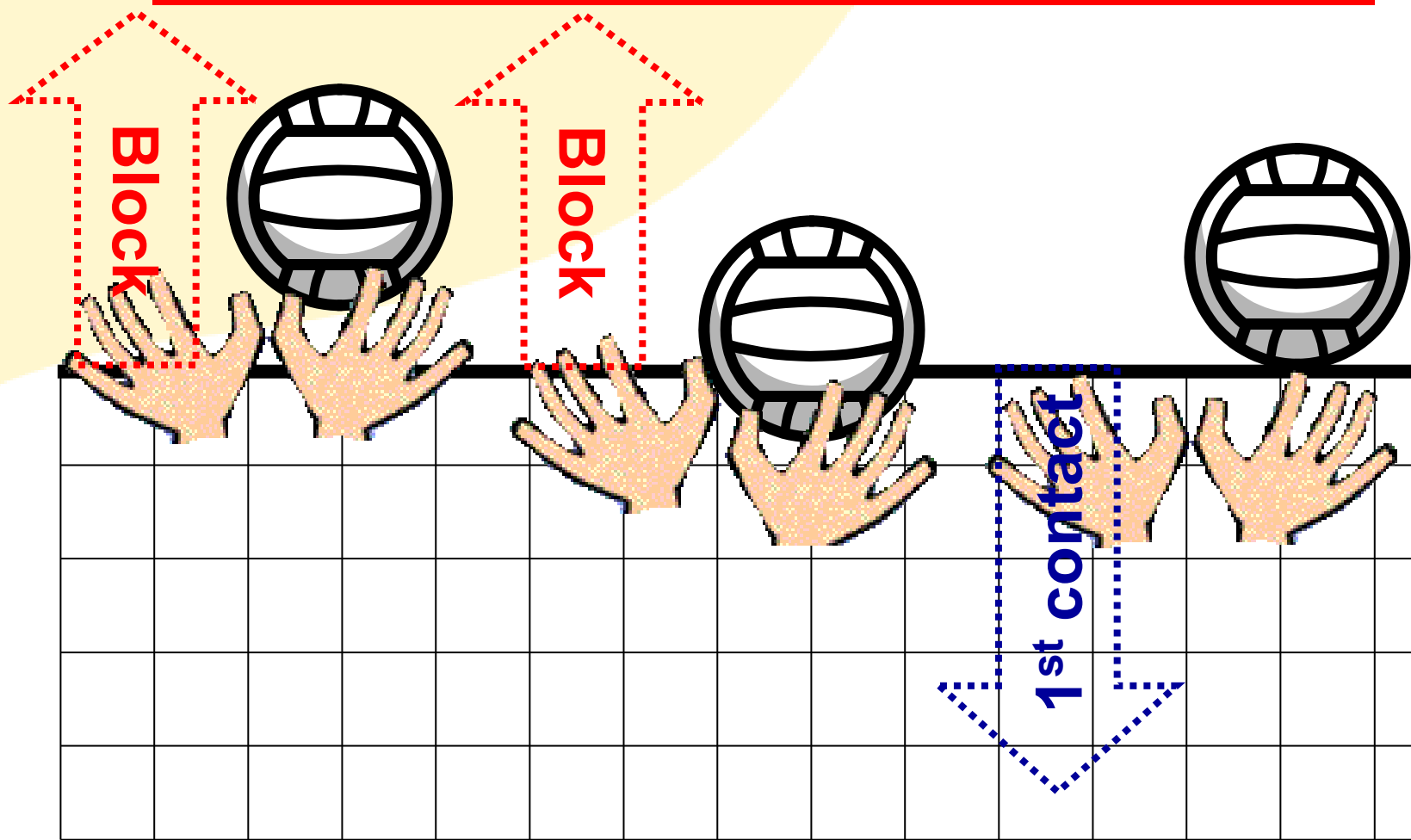
Definition (3 requirements):

close to net

body part higher than net

intercept ball from opponent's side

Position of *body* (not the ball) at time of contact

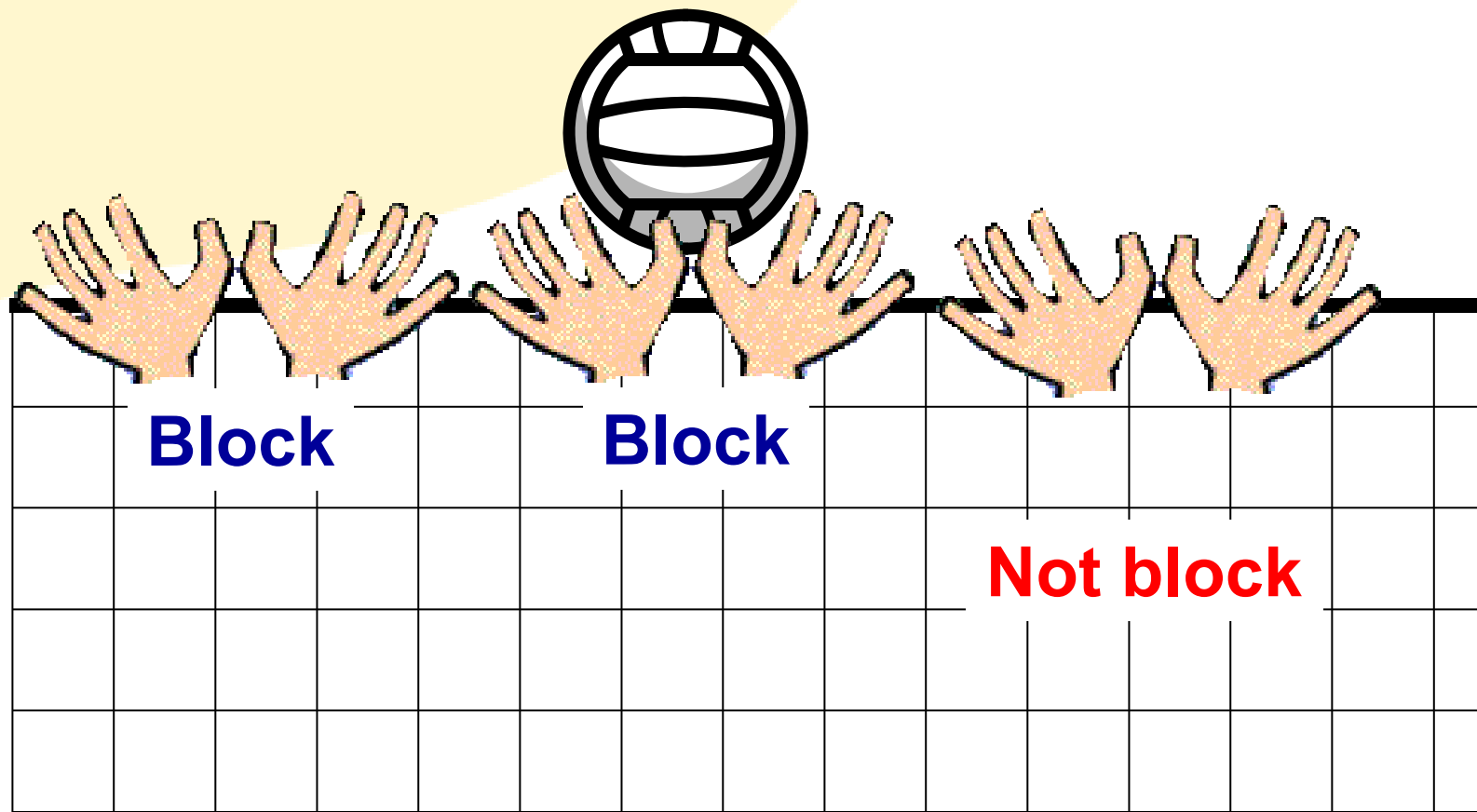




Collective Block 1

Who's a blocker? Who's Not?

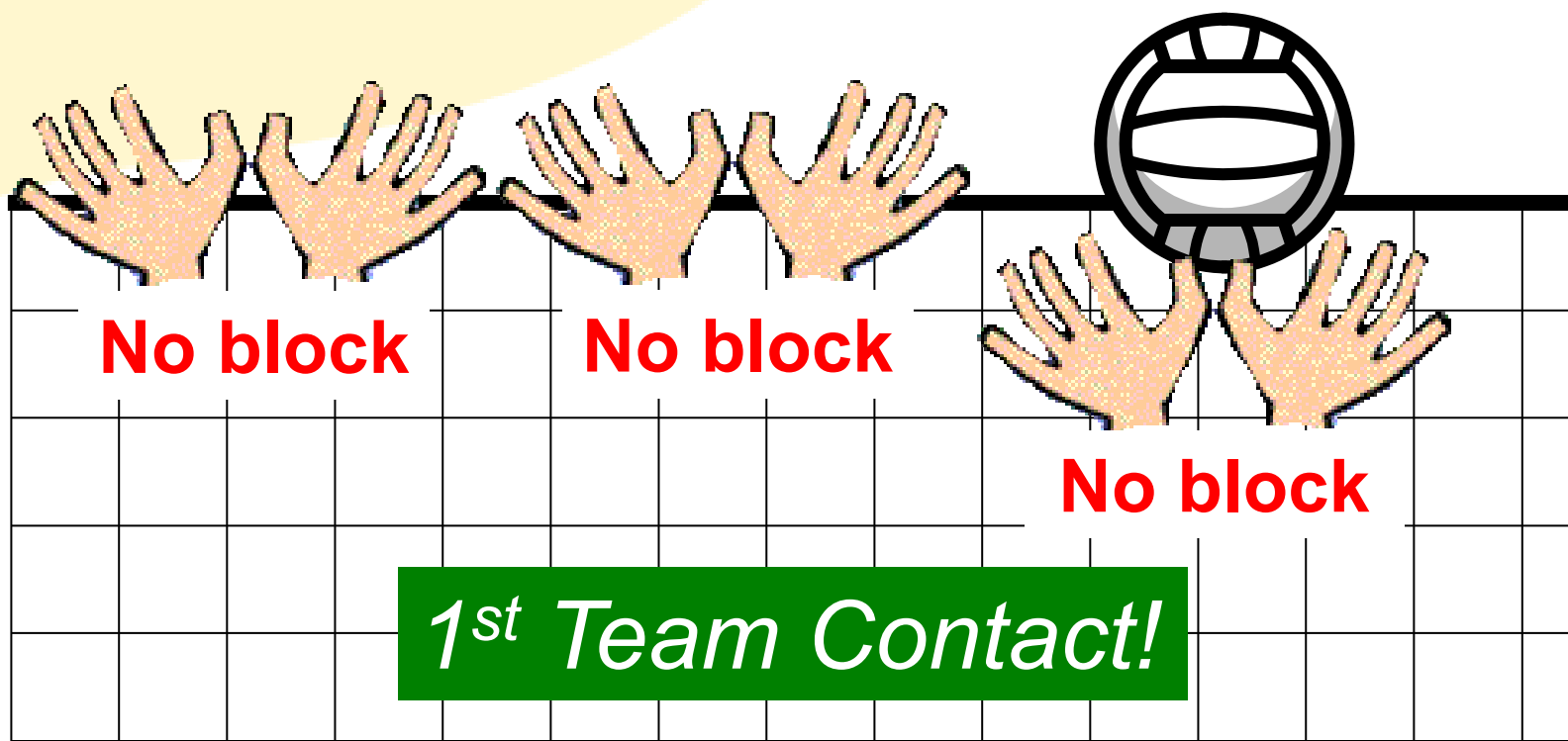
All players in collective block *higher* than top of net





Collective Block 2

Contact by qualified blocker?





Let's Take a Short Break!

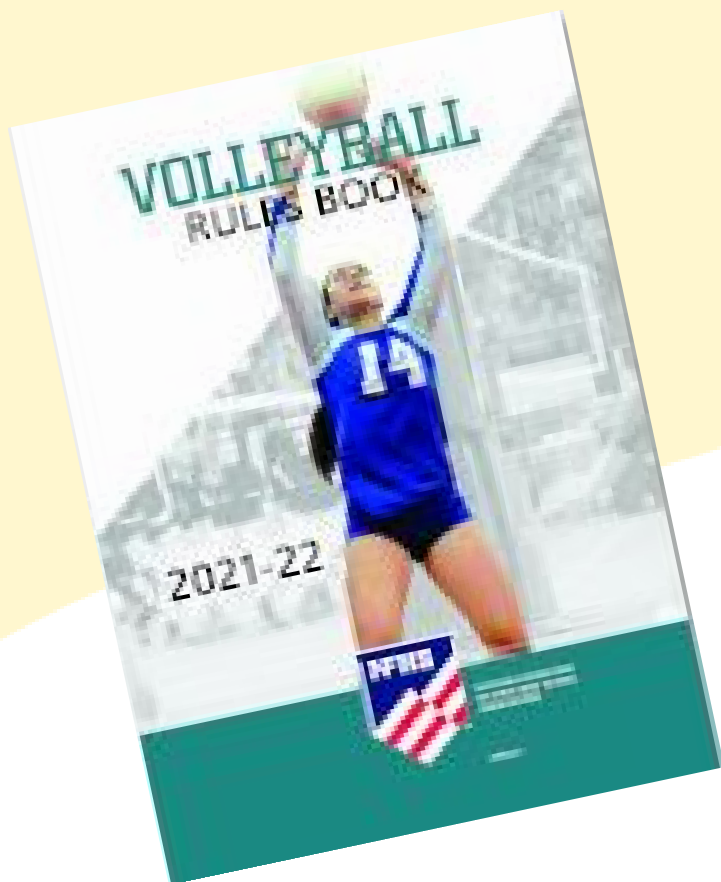


The Libero

- Lee-Bro
- Back row defensive specialist
- One per set
- They may be the team captain
- Can only serve in one position
- Noted on scoresheet with a triangle around the POSITION, not the player number



Rules and Points of Emphasis



Review **2021-22 Volleyball Rules Changes** at [NFHS.org](https://www.nfhs.org)



Rules Interpretations

Situation 1: Team A is playing with only seven players on its roster. One player is designated as the libero. An injury occurs to one of the position players on Team A and he/she cannot continue in the match. The coach for Team A cannot locate the extra team uniform and sends the libero into the set as the exceptional substitute in his/her current libero uniform. The set continues without further delay.

Correct or Incorrect procedure?

Incorrect procedure: Team A should do everything it can to locate a team uniform. This includes assisting the injured player away from the playing area to switch jerseys with the libero/exceptional substitute. If the injured player cannot remove his/her jersey and a team jersey cannot be located, a loss of rally/point shall be awarded to the opponent for an illegal uniform, and the state association (MHSAA) shall be notified. Play resumes with the libero as the exceptional substitute. (4-2 PENALTIES 3, 10-3-6c, 10-4-3b)



Rules Interpretations

Situation 2: A player on Team B's bench is questioning the line judge's judgement, influencing his/her decision on an in/out call in the first set. The first referee issues a yellow conduct card to the head coach as a warning to control his/her bench personnel. The card is recorded on the scoresheet and the head coach is allowed to continue to stand and coach his/her players. During the third set, the first referee issues a red conduct card to the head coach as the team's second offense for bench conduct. The card is recorded on the scoresheet, a loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent and the head coach is required to remain seated throughout the rest of the match.

Correct or Incorrect procedure?

Correct procedure: Cards for unsporting conduct carry over from set to set. A yellow conduct card issued to the head coach for actions by the head coach, asst coach(es) or team bench in Set 1 does not require the head coach to remain seated. A second unsporting conduct card issued to the coach for inappropriate actions by the head coach, asst coach(es) or team bench does require the head coach to remain seated for the remainder of the match. (12-2-6, 12-2-8, 12-2 PENALTIES, 12-2 NOTES 2)



Rules Interpretations

Situation 3: The head coach of Team A is issued a yellow conduct card for disrespectfully addressing an official. The card is recorded on the scoresheet and the match proceeds without further penalty. The coach continues to stand and coach his/her team in the appropriate area. In the same set, a player on the court for Team A is issued a yellow conduct card for using profanity. Since this is the second conduct card given in the match to Team A, a red card is issued to the coach, a loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent and the coach is notified that he/she must stay seated for the remainder of the match.

Correct or Incorrect procedure?

Incorrect procedure: The head coach assumes responsibility for the team bench. Any conduct card issued for behavior by a head coach, substitute, asst coach(es) or team attendant is assessed to the head coach. Conduct cards assessed to players on the court are assessed to the player committing the violation. The head coach only loses his/her ability to stand when a red conduct card for first serious offense or second minor offense is issued to bench personnel. (12-2-6, 12-2-9, 12-2 PENALTIES)



Preventive Officiating

Pre-match –

- Legality of Players
- Protective Devices and Jewelry
- Remind Coaches about Rosters and LineUps
- Count the players, uniform numbers
- Check lineups for captains, libero

During the Set

- Have coach re-designate the captain if they leave the floor
- Inform coaches when they are at 15, 16, 17 and 18 subs
- Warm serving team of screening

Philosophy

- Ignore the sub request from the coach after R1 has signaled for serve
- Deny a second sub when the first one has been completed
- Correct, without penalty, improper subs if there is no delay



Questions?

- Prior officiating or clinic experiences
- Readings
- Etc.



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