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TO: MOA VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS
FROM: KIP RYAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
RE: VOLLEYBALL STUDY CLUBS

This packet contains the six study clubs that will help you prepare for the 2020-21 season.

Below is the study club regulation as it appears in the MOA Handbook:

"If an MOA member's employment prevents him/her from attending study clubs, the official may receive credit for attendance if he/she complies as follows:

1. Makes prior arrangements with the Regional Director or head of the pool.
2. Complete and present the study club outlines to the Regional Director or head of the pool **in advance** of the meeting he/she will miss.
3. Request an exception from the MOA office for certain military actions or other extenuating circumstances.
4. An official whose employment requires him/her to be away from home during the week may attend study clubs at an alternate pool location if he/she receives permission from the regional director(s) and the MOA Commissioner.
5. Study clubs can be administered, with the approval of the Regional director, via real-time interactive video conferencing (which includes, but is not limited to FaceTime and Skype).

Study club #2, is the NFHS 2020-21-20 Volleyball Exam Part I, which will help as a more thorough review of the rules. As a pool if you wish to break this exam up and cover it in smaller chunks that would be fine. Those unable to attend this study club are asked to complete the exam and send it to their pool coordinator who will score it and return it.

We sincerely hope that these study clubs are a challenging tool that you will use in your best interest and the best interest of the coaches and players. Remember to give the finished study clubs to your Regional Director before December 1, 2020, so he/she can complete your evaluation. **Do not send your study clubs to the MHSA office.** If they are not evaluated and approved by your regional director on time, you could lose your rating.

Please contact us if you have any ideas to improve the format or content of these study clubs.

As another year is set to begin we wish you the best in your officiating endeavors, and we appreciate the work that you do for Montana's youth activities.

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Enclosures

**MONTANA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
VOLLEYBALL STUDY CLUB OUTLINES
2020-2021
LESSON #1**

NAME _____

CLUB _____ DATE _____

Preferably use before the season's first match.

- I. Review the August's Official Word and the MOA Handbook.
- II. Discuss any issues/concerns/ideas prompted by August's MOA/MHSA Rules' Clinic.
- III. Review the new (italicized) areas of the MOA Handbook. Be aware of major revisions in your sport(s) that affect you.
- IV. MOA Handbook Changes and reminders for 2020-21 are as follows:
 1. Mileage has decreased from 58 cents per mile last year to **57.5 cents** per mile this year. Per diem for each official, remains at 12 cents per mile. So, the driver, for a regular season match, would receive **69.5** cents per mile while the rider official would receive 12 cents per mile.
 2. The per diem allowance for invitational/regular season tournaments is \$0.12 per mile or \$20 per day, whichever is greater, if the official does not stay overnight, and \$30 per day if the official does stay overnight. Officials working in their home city/pool site receive no travel allowance but will receive a \$10.00 per diem allowance per day if they
 4. No warm up activities will be allowed in the vicinity of the main playing floor at any time while any volleyball match is in progress. Invitational and dual tournaments would be excluded from this rule. Clarification: If there are two volleyball matches being played in the same gym on two separate floors at the same time, followed by two more matches played in that gym on two separate floors at the same time, the above MHSA volleyball rule would not apply in this situation. The matches would be treated like invitational and dual tournaments and excluded from this MHSA volleyball warm-up rule. This will facilitate matches staying on the time schedule. Violations of this MHSA rule should be reported to the MHSA office.
 5. Reminder for the MHSA Volleyball post season play, the **Baden Lexum Comp VX450c-210 red/white/navy blue microfiber composite volleyball** will be used for all post season play. For regular season play, a solid white volleyball **may** be used. If a colored volleyball is used for regular season play, it can only be a red/white/navy blue colored volleyball. For both post season and regular season play, any volleyball used for all levels of play shall include the NFHS authenticating mark. Please share this information with other appropriate volleyball personnel
- V. Reminder the MHSA Executive Board and/or the MOA Regional Directors have approved the following amendments, replacements and additions:
 - Approved to allow MOA volleyball officials to either wear the **short sleeved or long sleeved white polo shirt for the 2020 MHSA Volleyball Season, with the stipulation that both**

the R1 and R2 must wear the same type of shirt for the match they are officiating (default shirt will be the short sleeve). All MOA volleyball officials shall wear solid black pants, predominately black colored athletic shoes, but the shoes may have some clear or grey trim or deviate slightly from solid all black and whenever possible, any different color must be dyed or colored over with black, and black socks. All officials must wear an MOA patch or they may have an embroidered patch as long as the embroidered patch is the same style font and size as the MOA patch and has black lettering with a white background on the left breast of the officials' uniform.

a) An American flag, if worn, will be on the left shoulder.

b) Jewelry, except a wedding band/ring, a watch if necessary or a medical alert bracelet, shall not be worn while officials are working.

MOA Volleyball Officials who are acting as line judges will be allowed the option of wearing a black coat and/or an all white long sleeved collared polo shirt or an all white short sleeved collared polo shirt. If officials that line judge wear a black jacket, both officials that line judge must wear the black jacket.

- Reminder: the standard jacket for volleyball will be: A standard jacket, solid black with rib knit cuffs and collar, full zip or button up, unadorned (except for MOA service pins), is allowed.

Reminders:

- **The volleyball prematch conference (with the head coaches and captains) and coin toss will occur before the twenty (20) minute warm-up clock starts.**
- For post season volleyball play, volleyball teams will not be allowed on the playing floor, with volleyballs, until 30 minutes before the start time of the match.
- Pink whistles may be used by officials at contests designated as breast cancer awareness events. Any other uniform modifications for the purpose of supporting a charitable fundraising event must be approved in advance by the MOA Commissioner.
- **If the server serves from the left third of the service area, and encroaches on the line judge's position, the line judge on the serving team's side shall move a few steps to the side in line with the extension of the end line until the ball is contacted for the serve.** See NFHS Volleyball Rule 5-9-2a NOTE:
- During matches, some fans become unruly and school administrators need to be made aware of the potential problem so they can handle it. Officials should not address or visit with fans during a volleyball contest or remove a fan. The "role" of the official is to fairly administer the rules of the match by communicating what they observe using the proper NFHS Volleyball signals. At times fans will disagree with "the call" of an official, when the fan comments become inappropriate the official should notify school administration so they can deal with the fan. If this can be done during a time out or between quarters it is less disruptive to the match, but if it needs to be dealt with right away, the official should stop the match and go to game management for assistance. If officials don't know where game management is they should go to the scorers' table and ask them to assist in finding a school administrator.
- The R1 and the R2 should use all the tools at their disposal. The R1 should not make a call before they look at the R2 or the line judges. Referees just need to slow down and not be in a hurry to make the call and use all the other officials working with them.
- Officials utilizing lodging accommodations provided by the tournament manager may be provided a single room when feasible and at the discretion of the tournament manager.
- The R2 is not allowed to use an electronic device at any time before and during a match.
- NFHS Volleyball Rule 4-2, Legal Uniform, does not prohibit the wearing of an arm sleeve or an arm guard which has padding for the elbows.
- **Concussion: Officials' Responsibilities:**
THE MHSA/MOA WILL REQUIRE EACH OFFICIAL TO TAKE THE "NFHS CONCUSSION IN SPORTS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW" COURSE EACH YEAR. THAT COURSE MUST BE TAKEN AFTER JUNE 1ST FOR THE SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEAR AND MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE OFFICIATING SCRIMMAGES OR CONTESTS. ALSO,

Officials are asked to use their best judgment in observing the signs, symptoms and behaviors of a concussion and other possible serious injuries. If there is a player that exhibits signs and symptoms of an injury, officials will make coaches aware of the injured player and call an injury time out. The official should notify the coach by making the following statement:

“Coach, you need to take a look at this player; he/she is exhibiting signs and symptoms of an injury.”

Once the official notifies the coach, it is now the coach’s responsibility. The official does not need written permission for an athlete to return to play nor does the official need to verify the credentials of the appropriate health-care professional. **THE YOUTH CANNOT RETURN TO PLAY UNTIL THEY ARE EVALUATED BY A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AND RECEIVES WRITTEN CLEARANCE TO RETURN TO PLAY FROM THE LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.**

VI. Please review and discuss information found in the **2020 NFHS Volleyball Preseason Guide:**

VII. **Match Format** – please review the following match formats adopted for the 2020-21 volleyball season:

Varsity (regular season)

- ✓ Best 3 out of 5 sets to 25 points with no cap (you must win by two points)
- ✓ 5th and deciding set to 15 points with no cap (you must win by two points)
- ✓ Two time-outs per set
- ✓ Let serve will be utilized
- ✓ Libero player can be utilized and may serve in one position in the serving order

Sub-varsity (regular season)

Best 3 out of 5 sets – sets 1 and 2 to 25 points cap at 30 points – sets 3, 4 and 5 to 15 points cap at 20 points

- ✓ Two time-outs for sets 1 and 2 – One time-out for sets 3, 4 and 5.
- ✓ Let serve will be utilized
- ✓ Libero player can be utilized and may serve in one position in the serving order

**OUTLINE MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PRESENT AND SENT TO YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR BY
DECEMBER 1, 2020.**

**MONTANA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
VOLLEYBALL STUDY CLUB OUTLINES
2020-2021
LESSON #2**

NAME _____

CLUB _____ DATE _____

The MHSA/MOA regional directors have required that mechanics be reviewed and covered each year within the study clubs.

The MOA designate study club #2 to be centered on mechanics training for volleyball. The MHSA Office wants each pool to design this study club related to mechanics in a way that allows their pool to get the most out of it.

- I. Take orally as a group the NFHS 2020-21 Volleyball Rules Examination – Part I. Discuss and clarify uncertainties with any questions on the exam by referring to the relevant rule(s) reference(s): This can be broken down into smaller chunks and covered in multiple meetings to allow more discussion.

NOTE: In the exam situations, Team S = serving team; Team R = receiving team. Additionally, LF = left front; CF = center front; RF = right front; RB = right back; CB = center back; LB = left back.
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1. A single, visible manufacturer's logo and/or single school name or insignia on each visible undergarment shall be:
 - A. 4 by 4 inches.
 - B. 2¼ inches or less.
 - C. 2¾ inches.
 - D. 3 inches or less.
2. When multiple courts are used, the second referee may end a time-out or interval between sets with a:
 - A. Cowbell.
 - B. Double whistle.
 - C. Beckon for serve.
 - D. Whistle.
3. During the set, the scorer shall:
 - A. Record individual and team scoring, and supervise the operation of the visual scoring device.
 - B. Notify the second referee during the first dead ball when there is a discrepancy with the score.
 - C. Verify the serving order to the first referee or second referee.
 - D. All are correct.

4. During the set, each line judge shall assist the referees by:
 - A. Determining at the moment of contact for the serve whether the server touches the end line or floor outside the lines marking the width of the serving area.
 - B. Indicating when the ball touches the net, net antennas and/or net supports not entirely between the net antennas.
 - C. Indicating when a player touches a ball that is going out of bounds on the player's side of the net.
 - D. All are correct.

5. During a dead ball, the playing captain may request the following for his/her team:
 - A. Time-out.
 - B. Verification of time-outs used.
 - C. Verification of serving order.
 - D. All are correct.

6. It is legal for a playing captain or head coach to request a time-out:
 - A. After the first referee has signaled for the next serve.
 - B. During a dead ball.
 - C. After a substitution.
 - D. After a served ball.

7. When used, a libero:
 - A. May not be used as an exceptional substitution for an injured player if no other legal substitute is available.
 - B. May replace a disqualified teammate.
 - C. May not be designated as the playing captain.
 - D. Shall be allowed to serve in one position in the serving order.

8. Due to an injury, Team A will be completing the set with only five players. The vacant position is currently the LF. The LB will be coming up as the back-row setter. Correct procedure is:
 - A. The LB must stay behind the 3-meter line until the ball is contacted for the serve.
 - B. The LB may go all the way to net before the ball is contacted for the serve.
 - C. The LB may start in the RB position before the serve.
 - D. The LB may switch with the CB before the ball is contacted for the serve.

9. At the moment of the serve for Team S:
 - A. Each right-side player on Team R shall have at least part of one foot touching the floor closer to the right sideline than both feet of the center player in the corresponding row.
 - B. The center back on Team S may be closer to the right sideline than the serving right back.
 - C. Each front-row player on both Team S and Team R shall have at least part of one foot touching

the floor closer to the center line than both feet of the corresponding back-row player.

D. All are correct.

10. The team lineup lists a starting number that no team member is wearing. The team legally substitutes a player with a legal number into that position. The team is charged with a substitution.

A. True

B. False

11. If the same player number (not the libero) is listed more than once in the submitted starting lineup, the head coach may correct the error without being charged a substitution if the correction occurs prior to the first serve.

A. True

B. False

12. On a re-serve, after the first referee's signal for service, requests for _____ may be recognized.

A. time-outs

B. service order

C. substitutions

D. none are correct

13. A serve is illegal and the ball remains dead if the server:

A. Hits the ball illegally.

B. Does not contact the ball to serve within five seconds.

C. Is touching the end line or the floor outside the serving area when the ball is contacted.

D. All are correct.

14. When a receiving team player is out of position on the serve and the ball is served illegally, which team is penalized?

A. Serving team.

B. Receiving team.

15. For teams with fewer than six players, each time a vacant position rotates to serve in the _____, a loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent.

A. right back position

B. left front position

C. left back position

D. right front position

16. During the set, the _____ is permitted to stand in the replacement zone.
- A. Incoming substitute
 - B. Assistant coach
 - C. Head coach
 - D. Team managers
17. A live ball becomes dead when:
- A. The receiving team makes multiple contacts with a served ball on their first hit.
 - B. The serve contacts the net and enters into the receiving team's court.
 - C. The ball contacts the ceiling or an overhead obstruction and is not legally played next by the offending team.
 - D. After touching the ball on a block, a team contacts the ball three times before returning the ball into the opponent's court.
18. Team R's CF, LF and LB are very close to each other at the net, and all three are reaching higher than the top of the net. The ball is attacked by Team S and contacts LF's hands. Which of the following statements is true?
- A. CF, LF and LB do not meet the definition of a collective block.
 - B. Neither CF nor LB contacted the ball, so it is a legal block.
 - C. A blocking fault results because LB has participated in a completed collective block.
 - D. All the statements are true.
19. A back-row setter, when in front of the attack line, may not:
- A. Send the ball into the opponent's court when the ball is partially above the height of the net.
 - B. Jump.
 - C. Joust with any blocker when the ball is completely above the height of the net.
 - D. Contact the ball below the height of the net.
20. Any action other than a block or a serve that directs the ball toward the opponent's court is considered a(n):
- A. Attack.
 - B. Pass.
 - C. Dig.
 - D. Set.
21. Blocking a served ball is permitted.
- A. True
 - B. False

22. A referee shall stop play when a player gains an advantage by contacting:
- A. Official's table.
 - B. Team bench.
 - C. Team members.
 - D. All are illegal.
23. A stray volleyball rolls onto the court during the set and disrupts play. The referees:
- A. Give the team that was interfered with the option of either (1) accepting the outcome of the play or (2) a replay.
 - B. Stop play and signal a replay.
 - C. Allow the rally to continue to its natural end. The rally will be replayed only if players from the team that lost the rally complain that they were distracted by the stray volleyball.
 - D. Allow the result of the rally to stand regardless of any distraction, interference or interruption the ball may have caused.
24. A team has been assessed a second administrative unnecessary delay. The penalty is:
- A. A second administrative yellow card.
 - B. An administrative red card, loss of rally/point.
 - C. The head coach must remain seated during play for yellow or red administrative cards.
 - D. All are correct.
25. The head coach must remain seated during play after being assessed any unsporting conduct card.
- A. True
 - B. False
26. Unnecessary delay occurs when:
- A. An illegal replacement attempts to enter the set.
 - B. A team repeatedly uses an improper substitution procedure.
 - C. A coach does not make a decision about an injured player within 30 seconds.
 - D. All are unnecessary delay.
27. The first unnecessary delay by a coach, player, substitute, replacement or team results in a warning (administrative yellow card), but shall not result in the head coach being required to remain seated during play.
- A. True
 - B. False

28. To signal an unnecessary delay, raise the hand on side of the offending team beside head, palm facing in, hold the appropriate card on the wrist of the raised hand.

- A. True
- B. False

29. During a time-out, when should a substitute enter the set following normal exchange procedures?

- A. When beckoned by the official's table.
- B. When beckoned by the first referee.
- C. When team is released by the coach.
- D. After the time-out when both teams have returned to the court.

30. The player and substitute shall remain in the substitution zone until the second referee releases them.

- A. True
- B. False

31. A team is allowed _____ substitutions per set.

- A. 15
- B. 18
- C. unlimited
- D. 12

32. The libero cannot serve for:

- A. A middle blocker who has rotated to the back row.
- B. A designated back row player.
- C. The first server.
- D. Multiple positions in the serving order.

33. Between sets, teams may:

- A. Serve into the opponent's court.
- B. Hit into opponent's court.
- C. Warm up with volleyballs on their own side of the playing area.
- D. Jog around the entire playing surface.

34. If using an intermission during a best three-of-five set match, it shall occur between the first and second set.

- A. True
- B. False

35. After an injury a coach has 30 seconds to:
- A. Request a substitution for the player.
 - B. Leave the player in the set with play beginning immediately.
 - C. Take a team time-out if the team has not used its allotted time-outs.
 - D. All are correct.
36. When a team member seated on the bench receives a yellow card for conduct, the head coach must:
- A. Have the team member escorted out.
 - B. Remain seated during play for the rest of the match.
 - C. Remain seated for the rest of the set.
 - D. None are correct.
37. Prior to entry into the set, it is legal for a teammate to leave the team bench to warm up in a nonplayable area without volleyballs.
- A. True
 - B. False
38. At the end of the first set, Team A is angry after losing. Team A refuses to follow end-of-set procedures for changing team benches. An unsporting conduct card is issued to the head coach.
- A. Correct procedure.
 - B. Incorrect procedure.
39. A spectator becomes unruly and disruptive to the orderly progress of the set. The individual responsible for resolving the situation is:
- A. The first referee.
 - B. The second referee.
 - C. Host management.
 - D. Official scorer.
40. Assistant coaches shall remain seated on the bench during a set except to:
- A. Ask the second referee, during a dead-ball situation, to verify the proper server for the opponent.
 - B. Confer with players during time-outs.
 - C. Spontaneously react to an outstanding play by a player(s) of their own team.
 - D. All are correct.
41. All cards issued for unsporting conduct carry over from set to set throughout the match.
- A. True
 - B. False

42. During the set, the libero tracker shall:

- A. Enter on the tracking sheet the starting players in the proper service order.
- B. Record libero replacements and substitutions.
- C. Notify the second referee during first dead ball when there is a discrepancy with a replacement.
- D. All are correct.

43. Players on the serving team may take action to prevent receivers from seeing contact of the serve or path of the served ball.

- A. True
- B. False

44. The libero can replace a disqualified player.

- A. True
- B. False

45. The official scorer collects the rosters from the head coaches.

- A. True
- B. False

46. After the referee's recognition of a substitution request, a substitute shall:

- A. Proceed without delay to the substitution zone.
- B. Be ready to enter the substitution zone once the preceding substitute has been released to enter the court when more than one substitution is requested.
- C. Remain in the substitution zone until the second referee releases the substitute and the replaced player.
- D. All are correct.

47. If a player removes part of the uniform top or bottom while in the playing area, the coach is assessed:

- A. No penalty.
- B. A verbal warning - no card given.
- C. An unsporting conduct card.
- D. An unnecessary delay.

48. A time-out may be requested:

- A. By the head coach during a dead ball.
- B. By the playing captain during a dead ball.
- C. Prior to the start of a set.
- D. All are correct.

49. If using an intermission, it shall be no longer than three minutes.
- A. True
 - B. False
50. A player shall not re-enter to the set during the same dead ball in which that player was substituted.
- A. True
 - B. False
51. If a substitute fails to immediately report to the second referee after the substitution request is recognized, that team is charged with unnecessary delay, and the substitution is granted by the second referee.
- A. True
 - B. False
52. Blocking a ball which is entirely on the opponent's side of the net is permitted when the opposing team has had an opportunity to complete its attack. The attack is considered complete when the:
- A. Attacking team has completed its three allowable hits.
 - B. Attacking team has had the opportunity to complete the attack or, in the referee's judgment, directs the ball toward the opponent's court.
 - C. Ball is falling near the net and, in the referee's judgment, no legal member of the attacking team could make a play on the ball.
 - D. All are correct.
53. A libero is allowed to:
- A. Block or attempt to block.
 - B. Set the ball using overhead finger action while behind the attack line extended, resulting in a completed attack above the height of the net.
 - C. Complete an attack from anywhere if, at the moment of contact, the ball is entirely above the height of the net.
 - D. Rotate to the front row.
54. In order to review a decision made by the first referee, the head coach requests and is granted a time-out during the dead ball immediately following the situation in which a possible incorrect decision occurred. The team has already used its allotted time-outs. The referee's decision prevails. A loss of rally/point shall be awarded to the opponent.
- A. True
 - B. False
55. A coach shall submit a roster to the second referee at the pre-match conference.
- A. True
 - B. False

56. Pre-match duties for the first referee shall include:

- A. Verifying with each head coach that all teammates are wearing legal uniforms and equipment.
- B. Calling a captain(s) and the head coach from each team together for a pre-match conference by sounding a double whistle and raising a coin in the air.
- C. Establishing nonplayable areas and defining any additional ground rules which may be necessary.
- D. All are correct.

57. The libero uniform can be made up of the same predominant color(s) of the team uniform top if placed differently on the uniform top.

- A. True
- B. False

58. A player's uniform number may be comprised of two digits including 00.

- A. True
- B. False

59. Beginning in 2023, each player, including the libero, shall be identified by a number that:

- A. Is located on the uniform top and bottom.
- B. Clearly contrasts from the body of the uniform top, regardless of trim.
- C. Is outlined by a contrasting trim measuring not less than 3/4 inch in width.
- D. Measures not less than 1/4 inch in width at its narrowest point.

60. All of the following are accurate in relation to a re-serve except:

- A. Each player may have only one re-serve during the team's term of service.
- B. A server is allowed a new five seconds for the re-serve.
- C. After the first referee's signal for re-serve, no request for a time-out, substitution or libero replacement may be granted until after the ball has been served.
- D. All are correct.

61. The following equipment/accessories are not permitted:

- A. Medical-alert medals taped to the body.
- B. Padded hard and unyielding items on the hand, finger, wrist or forearm.
- C. Knee braces which are unaltered from the manufacturer's original design/production.
- D. Religious medals worn under the uniform and taped to the body.

62. If the host school does not pad the standards, floor/wall cables and first referee's platform according to the rules, the match shall not be played.

- A. True
- B. False

63. A loss of rally/point is awarded each time a vacant position rotates to serve in the right back position. This is recorded on the scoresheet as a regular loss of rally/point.

- A. True
- B. False

64. The visiting team captain shall call the toss in the first set and if a deciding set is necessary, a home team captain shall call the toss.

- A. True
- B. False

65. A match shall be forfeited when the host management fails to resolve an unruly spectator situation.

- A. True
- B. False

66. An attack line shall be drawn across each playing area from sideline to sideline and shall be:

- A. Shaded.
- B. One clearly visible color.
- C. 4 inches wide.
- D. All are correct.

67. A ball is considered playable when it touches a wall or objects on the floor outside the court.

- A. True
- B. False

68. Medical-alert medals are considered jewelry and must be removed.

- A. True
- B. False

69. All teammates shall not wear:

- A. A like-colored uniform bottom.
- B. The uniform as the manufacturer intended.
- C. A uniform with buttons, zippers or snaps.
- D. A uniform with one American flag, not exceeding 2 inches by 3 inches.

70. The sleeves of the libero uniform top shall not be the same predominant color of the team's uniform top.

- A. True
- B. False

71. Each player, including the libero, shall be identified by a number that is:

- A. Solid-colored.
- B. Located on the upper front of the uniform top.
- C. Not more than two digits.
- D. All the above.

72. When a player wearing an illegal uniform attempts to enter the set, unnecessary delay shall be assessed to the team.

- A. True
- B. False

73. The referees' jurisdiction begins:

- A. Upon the start of the match.
- B. Upon the arrival on the floor.
- C. Upon the pregame meeting.
- D. Both A and B.

74. If a net fault is whistled by the first referee, he or she shall indicate the result of the play followed by the nature of the fault. The second referee will mirror the signal for a net serve.

- A. True
- B. False

75. Which of the following is incorrect concerning the first referee? The first referee must have:

- A. A coin and a watch.
- B. A lineup card.
- C. A whistle.
- D. A set of yellow and red cards.

76. The first referee shall whistle and signal "end of set" directing players to their respective team benches.

- A. True
- B. False

77. The second referee has the responsibility to:

- A. Be in uniform at the site of the match no less than 30 minutes before the starting time.
- B. Assist the first referee in pre-match duties.
- C. Verify that the starting lineups have been entered correctly on the official scoresheet.
- D. All are second referee responsibilities.

78. The second referee shall notify the coach when a team uses its 15th through 20th substitutions.

- A. True
- B. False

79. The second referee has the responsibility to assist the first referee in determining back-row player faults.

- A. True
- B. False

80. The second referee shall confirm with the scorer the initial unnecessary delay warning and second and subsequent unnecessary delay penalties during a set by:

- A. A coach.
- B. A player.
- C. A substitute.
- D. All of the above.

81. During the set, each line judge shall assist the first referee and second referee by:

- A. Identifying a service fault on the opposite side of the net.
- B. Making illegal libero replacement calls.
- C. Placing the ball on the end line of the serving side during time-outs.
- D. Indicating when the serve, or any played ball, crosses the net not entirely between the net antennas.

82. At the moment of serve, all players shall be in the correct serving order.

- A. True
- B. False

83. When a team plays with fewer than six players due to illness, injury or disqualification, a loss of rally/point shall not be given to the opponent when the vacant position rotates to serve.

- A. True
- B. False

84. A re-serve shall be called when:

- A. The server releases the ball for service, then catches the ball.
- B. The ball contacts the backboard or its supports hanging in a vertical position.
- C. The server steps on the service line.
- D. The server contacts the ball outside the hashmark.

85. When a receiving team player is out of position on the serve and a service fault occurs, the

receiving team is penalized.

- A. True
- B. False

86. Substitution requests are not permitted:

- A. At the beginning of a time-out.
- B. After a replay is signaled.
- C. After a re-serve is signaled.
- D. All of the above are correct.

87. For a deciding set, the first serve is determined by the coin toss.

- A. True
- B. False

88. The following is not proper court protocol for the use of electronic devices during the match:

- A. A team may use electronic devices during the match without restrictions.
- B. The first referee may restrict use of the devices if it is determined the device interferes with the contest.
- C. The location and use of devices shall not be in a restricted area as determined by host management.
- D. State associations may have additional policies in place to further address the use of electronic devices.

89. When teammates contact the ball at the same instant it is permitted and considered one hit.

- A. True
- B. False

90. A player may not cross the extension of the center line outside the court at any time.

- A. True
- B. False

91. Which of the following statements is accurate in relation to net play:

- A. A ball contacting and crossing the net shall remain in play provided contact is entirely within the net antennas.
- B. A player shall not contact a ball which is completely on the opponent's side of the net unless the contact is a legal block.
- C. Recovering a ball hit into the net shall be permitted.
- D. All of the above are correct.

92. A fault is a failure to play as permitted by the rules.

- A. True
- B. False

93. For a single fault a loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent.

- A. True
- B. False

94. Once a replay is signaled by the first referee, a time-out may be requested.

- A. True
- B. False

95. The following action(s) results in an unnecessary delay.

- A. Illegal substitute attempting to enter the set.
- B. A coach not making a decision about an injured player within 30 seconds.
- C. Failure to submit the team's roster at the pre-game conference.
- D. All result in unnecessary delay.

96. Procedures for substitution include:

- A. The head coach visually signaling.
- B. The substitute entering the substitution zone.
- C. The substitute reporting to the officials' table.
- D. Both A and B are correct.

97. A time-out prior to the start of the set shall be honored.

- A. True
- B. False

98. The head coach may stand only in the substitution zone to coach his/her players.

- A. True
- B. False

99. Unsporting conduct shall be charged to a coach questioning a referee's judgment.

- A. True
- B. False

100. A five-minute warm-up period shall be afforded each team.

A. True

B. False

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Discuss and review:

1. Please read RULE 5, SECTION'S 1-4 official's responsibilities and positions as a group. Answer the following questions:
 - A. Does your pool have criteria for evaluating officials based on rule 5 guidelines?
 - B. What can the pool do to enhance officials in this area?
2. Discuss as a pool pages 64-65 (official volleyball signals).
3. Review and discuss pages 83-94 of the case book and official's manual related to **procedures and official signals**. This section not only provides a good photo of the movement, it also gives a detailed description of procedure.
4. Review and discuss pages 95-97 of the case book and officials manual, **communication between R1 and R2 officials**.
5. Review and discuss pages 97-98 of the case book and officials manual, **guidance on signaling player numbers**.

This section will assist officials in the correct procedure for signaling player numbers.

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Discuss and review with your pool.



**2020-21 MHSA VOLLEYBALL
REQUIREMENTS / CONSIDERATIONS
FOR COVID-19**



The requirements / considerations outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS / CONSIDERATIONS

1. Workouts/practices should be conducted in “pods” / “bubbles” of participants with same players working out together to limit overall exposure.
2. Before, during and after the contest, players, coaches, and administration should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible.
3. No out of state competition or teams traveling from out of state for competition, unless it is in a dual format and approved by the MHSA Executive Director.
4. Always maintain social distancing of 6 feet while on the field/court of play when possible.
5. Everyone must have their own beverage container that is not shared. Safe handling practices should be adhered during hydration, which includes refilling, retrieval and identification of water source.
6. Time-outs (if applicable) may be extended to a maximum of two minutes in length for safe hydration practices. Social distancing requirements must always be followed.
7. Cloth facial coverings are allowed for players, coaches and officials. Facial coverings must be a single solid color and unadorned. Face Coverings must be worn per the Governor’s directive.
8. Gloves are permissible for all players, coaches and officials.
9. The ball should be cleaned and sanitized throughout the contest / event as recommended by the ball manufacturer.
10. Administrators must limit the number of non-essential personnel who are on the field/player surface area throughout the contest.
11. Attendance at MHSA events is dependent on host site and local health department guidelines and restrictions.
12. A family’s role in maintaining safety guidelines for themselves and others is very important. Make sure your child and immediate household members are free from illness before participating in

practice and competition (if there is doubt stay home). Provide personal items for your child and clearly label them.

WARMUP

1. Each player must shag their own individual ball, if a ball inadvertently goes to the other team's side, none of the opposing players may throw the ball back.
2. Only team members playing in the current match can shag balls.
3. The home team must provide separate baskets of balls for warm-ups. (one basket will be used by the visiting team and one basket will be used by the home team)
4. Teams must remain at their bench area during the opposing teams warmup time on the court.

RETURN TO COMPETITION

1. Volleyball Rules

- ***Prematch Conference (1-2-4a; 1-6-2; 1-6-3; 2-1-10; 5-4-1h, k; 5-6-1; 7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 1; 9-1a; 12-2-3)***
 - The prematch will be limited to one coach from each team, the first referee and second referee.
 - The location of the prematch conference will be at center court with one coach and one referee positioned on each side of the net. All four individuals must maintain a social distance of 3 to 6 feet.
 - The use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive will be suspended. The home team will serve first in set 1 and the teams will alternate first serves for all remaining sets.
 - Roster submission will be suspended at the prematch conference. Rosters are to be submitted directly to the officials' table before the 10-minute mark.
 - If a ball goes into the crowd, it must be replaced and cleaned before putting back into play.
- ***Team Benches (5-4-4b, 9-1-2, 9-1-2 NOTE, 9-3-3b)***
 - Teams will not switch benches between sets.
 - Bench personnel must be limited to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet. The number of bench personnel must be determined by the size of the bench area. Team bench areas must maintain proper social distancing.
- ***Substitution Procedures (2-1-7, 10-2-1, 10-2-3, 10-2-4)***
 - Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the second referee and the player and substitute by requiring substitutions to take place near the attack line.
- ***Officials Table (3-4)***

- Essential personnel must be limited to the home team scorer, libero tracker and timer. A distance of 3 to 6 feet must be maintained between individuals. The visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.

2. Volleyball Officials Manual

- ***Pre and Post Match Ceremony***
 - Handshakes before and after the match will be eliminated.
 - Team introductions: each team will stand on the endline while maintaining social distancing and step forward and raise a hand when introduced.
 - Team celebrations must not involve touching.

3. Volleyball Rules Interpretations

- ***Rule 4-1 EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES***
 - Cloth face coverings are permissible. (4-1-4) Must be a single solid color and unadorned. Face Coverings must be worn per the Governor's directive.
 - Gloves are permissible. (4-1-1) Must be a single solid color and unadorned.
- ***Rule 4-2 LEGAL UNIFORM***
 - Long sleeves are permissible. (4-2-1)
 - Long pants are permissible. [4-2-1i (1)] must observe uniform and color restrictions
 - Undergarments are permissible, but must be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top or bottom. [4-2-1h (3), 4-2-1i (2)]
- ***Rule 5-3 OFFICIALS UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT***
 - By state association adoption, long-sleeved, all-white collared polo shirts are permissible. (5-3-1 NOTES 2)
 - Electronic whistles are permissible. (5-3-2a, b)
 - Cloth face coverings are permissible. Must be a single solid color and unadorned. Face Coverings must be worn per the Governor's directive.

Coaches:

- Communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.

- Keep accurate records of those athletes and staff who attend each practice in case contact tracing is needed.

Students:

- Consider making each student responsible for their own supplies.
- Students should wear their own appropriate workout clothing (do not share clothing), and individual clothing/towels should be washed and cleaned after every workout immediately upon returning home.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful at all contests and practices.
- Athletes should tell coaches immediately when they are not feeling well.

Officials:

- Bring personal hand sanitizer. Wash hands frequently
- Don't share equipment.
- Follow social distancing guidelines.
- Do not shake hands and follow pre and post-match guidelines established by host site and state associations.



2020-21 Officials Requirements for Returning to Officiating



The requirements/considerations outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment. These requirements/considerations are meant to cover officials in all sports while keeping in mind that protocols are different in each sport and adjustments may need to be made.

Return to Competition

1. Uniform

- **LEGAL UNIFORM**

- Long sleeves are permissible.
- Long pants are permissible.
- Undergarments are permissible but must be of a similar length for the individual and a solid like color for team.

- **OFFICIALS UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT**
 - Air horns are permissible.
 - Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited).
 - Choose a whistle whose tone will carry outside.
 - Fox 40 Mini
 - Fox 40 Unisex Electronic - 3 tone
 - Ergo-Guard - (3 tone) - orange
 - Windsor - (3 tone) grey
 - Check the market for other choices.
 - Cloth face coverings are permissible and must be a single solid color and unadorned. Face coverings must be worn per the Governor's directive.
 - Gloves are permissible.

Officials are not responsible for monitoring activities on the sidelines, such as social distancing, hand washing, symptoms of illnesses and other such issues. This monitoring remains with the coaching staff and school personnel.

2. Rules Requirements

- **PREGAME CONFERENCE (See specific sport requirements)**
 - Limit attendees to one official, the head coach from each team, and a single captain from each team; or speak with the team representatives in a separate meeting.
 - Use of headsets with other crew members (if applicable).
 - Script the conference to ensure consistency with both teams.
 - Coin Toss – See sport specific requirements (no coin toss in volleyball)
 - Move the location of the pregame conference to the center of the court/field. All individuals maintain a social distance of 3 to 6 feet.
 - Suspend handshakes prior to and following the pregame conference.
 - Maintain social distancing while performing all pregame responsibilities.
 - Encourage bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

- Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the substitute, officials and/or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur closer to the area designated for substituting.
- **OFFICIALS TABLE**
 - Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommended distance of 3 to 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential and may need to find an alternative location. Space available at the table is a variable in determining the number allowed at the officials table.
- **PREGAME AND POSTGAME CEREMONY**
 - Suspend pregame protocol of shaking during introductions.
 - Suspend postgame protocol of shaking hands.
 - If available, dressing facilities for game officials should be large enough for them to use social-distancing protocols and should be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their arrival

3. Personal Responsibilities

- **TRAINING**
 - Attend online meetings to review the rules for the coming year (in-person meetings can occur in accordance with your local health department requirements).
 - Start physical training using online video or complete skills alone. If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you should be cleared by your medical provider prior to initiating an exercise program.
- **COMPETITION**
 - If you do not feel well and COVID-19 symptoms are present, notify the contracted school, your crew members, your assigner and stay at home.
 - Take temperature in the morning and then again prior to leaving home/work for a contest.
 - Notify site administrator immediately if temperature is elevated above 100.3 or a level recommended by your local or state health department.
 - “Vulnerable individuals” are defined by CDC as people 65 years and older and others with serious underlying health conditions. Officials fitting this description may wish to seek medical advice prior to returning to officiating.
 - Communicate with school athletic administrator about school/corporation contest expectations.

- Upon arrival at site and throughout the contest, wash and sanitize your hands frequently.
- Travel – considerations should be given to travel policies.
- Do not share uniforms, towels, apparel and equipment.
- Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet while in the locker room and/or on the court/field.
- Bring your own beverages.

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Discuss and review how your pool.

Illegal Attack & Illegal Block

One concept that officials must work to master is the issue of tracking back row players and understanding the rules that apply to them as they play a ball. Many times players mistakenly believe that the legality of their hit is related to “whether or not they jumped” when making a play on the ball. The feet of the hitter are only partly responsible for making a determination of illegal back row contact. It is critical to determine the height of the ball during contact.

Consider the following analogy for determining back row faults:

Imagine that the whole playing area of a volleyball court is under water in a giant pool. The surface of the water is even with the top of the net. (This makes the depth of the pool 7’ 4 1/8 “.) All court lines are drawn on the floor of the pool.

These rules apply when considering the legality of back-row player contacts.

1. A back row player *may not* contact a ball that is completely “out of the water” while positioned on or in front of the attack line or its out-of-bounds extension, and complete an attack.
2. If a player is in the air in front of the attack line the above rule applies **if** they have left the floor with any part of either foot on or in front of the attack line.

NOTE: In #1 no mention is made as to whether or not the back-row player has left the ground. A tall back-row setter **may** be able to stand flat-footed and reach “out of the water” to hit a ball that has not yet “dipped into the pool”. If the setter does this and sends the ball to the opponents’ court, a back row fault has occurred. (Signal = illegal attack) Invariably if this occurs and an official makes the call the setter will likely assert “But I didn’t jump!” Be prepared to explain that it is the height of the ball on contact that determines the fault.

A similar violation can occur when the same tall, back-row setter stands flat-footed and raises her hands to block while positioned near the net. If her hands reach “out of the water” and deflect a ball that has not yet “dipped into the pool” she has committed an illegal block. She need not even touch the ball if she is standing next to another front row player who makes a legitimate attempt to block the ball. By participating in a collective block the back-row setter has made everyone else who is part of that collective block ineligible to contact the ball while it is “above the pool & out of the water”. (Signal = illegal block) Keep in mind if this occurs and the call is made, the front row blocker will likely **immediately insist** that she is front row and such a call cannot be made on her! Be prepared to indicate that the infraction has occurred **because** of the back-row player’s participation in a collective block.

Libero Considerations:

1. In the same water filled court a libero is attempting to attack a ball and send it over the net. Keep in mind that it is illegal for a libero to contact a ball that has not yet “dipped into the pool” while she is positioned **anywhere** on the court! The trajectory of the ball is an important consideration when determining if the libero has, in fact, contacted the ball “above the top of the water.

2. Additionally, a libero who sets the ball using overhead finger action while positioned on or in front of the attack line has made it illegal for any player on her team to complete an attack while this set is “out of the water”. It does not matter whether the attack takes place in front or behind the attack line. The ball must “dip into the pool” before any teammate may legally complete the attack.

NOTE: If the libero jumps to set the ball her feet must have taken off behind the attack line in order for the ball to be legally attacked by a team member while the ball is “out of the pool”. If any part of either foot was positioned on or in front of the attack line as the setter jumped, she is presumed to have been positioned in front of the attack line and any teammates who complete an attack must wait for the ball to “dip into the pool”.

HOWEVER, if a libero who is straddling the attack line takes note of one foot being in the front zone and then *lifts that foot prior to setting the ball*, she is standing behind the attack line with one foot and therefore any set may legally be attacked by a team mate while it is “out of the water.”

You Make The Call

Consider the following situations. Has an infraction occurred or should play continue? If an infraction has occurred, what call should be made?

1. The back row setter on team S attempts to set a ball that has been passed close to the net. At the last minute, realizing the ball is entering the plane of the net where an opposing attacker is poised to block/attack the ball, the setter...
 - a) jumps to try and punch the ball back to her team and contacts the ball above the plane of the net where it is subsequently hit by the opposing team’s blocker.
 - b) jumps to try to save the pass with a one-handed set. The opposing team’s hitter attacks the ball and the ball hits the setter’s hand while the hand is above the net.
 - c) stops and turns toward the net with her hands raised, palms up. Her hands do not reach the top of the net. The attacker hits the ball into the setter’s hands and the ball is deflected to a teammate.
 - d) stops and turns toward the net with her hands raised, palms up. Her hands do not reach the top of the net. The attacker hits the ball into the setter’s hands and the ball deflects straight up. The setter then sets the ball to a teammate who completes an attack.
 - e) stops and turns toward the net with her hands raised, palms up. Her hands do not reach the top of the net. The attacker hits the ball into the setter’s hands. The ball is deflected to a teammate, who passes to the setter. The setter sets the outside hitter who completes the attack.
 - f) stops and turns toward the net with her hands raised, palms up. Her hands do not reach the top of the net. She is standing next to the RF who jumps to block the ball. The ball is blocked back to the opponents’ court.
2. A team’s libero has jumped and made several attacks while positioned in the back row. The ball trajectories were looping and the libero did not seem to be jumping high enough to be hitting the ball while it was still positioned above the level of the net. In game #2 this libero finally elevates and contacts a ball that appears to travel straight across the level of the net. You, as the R1, blow the whistle and make the call. The libero asks her captain to inquire why “all of a sudden you have decided to call her for this when she has done this several times before”. How do you respond? What would you do if the libero asked this of you and *she was not* the captain?
3. The libero from team S runs to play a ball that the setter has had to pass on first contact. She sets the ball using finger action to the outside hitter while her feet are straddling the attack line. Looking down after the set she sees her foot position and calls to the outside hitter “stay down!” The outside hitter stands on the ground, reaches high over her head, and completes the attack. The outside hitter is ...
 - a) 5’6”

b) 6'4"

4. The libero from team S runs to play a ball that the setter has had to pass on first contact. She sets the ball using finger action to the RB while her feet are straddling the attack line. The RB takes off behind the attack line and completes the attack while in the air. The ball appears to travel in a downward trajectory toward the opponent's court.
5. The setter receives a pass from her teammate and sets the ball to an approaching back row player (LB). The hitter takes off from behind the attack line and sails through the air across the line contacting the ball well above the net and at least 5 feet into the front zone.
6. The CF of team R is poised at the net awaiting the serve from team S. The server from team S hits a soft, looping serve that enters the plane of the net.
The CF jumps and
 - a) attacks the ball when it is over the plane of the net sending it to the floor of team S.
 - b) blocks the ball when it enters the plane of the net sending it back to team S.

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Review Your Group's Season

- a. **What issues does your group believe are important universal issues that need to be addressed by all officials' pools throughout the state? If possible have your pool develop a study club that can be used in future years.** Please send these items to Kip Ryan at the MHSA office so they may possibly be included for rules clinics and for study clubs.
- b. Discuss potential MOA Hall of Fame candidates in your area. Application forms are available from your regional director, on the MOA Central Hub at <https://moa.arbitersports.com/front/106278/Site>, or from the MOA/MHSA office.
- c. Discuss your methods of evaluating and retaining fellow MOA members. Are the methods working properly and positively? Should you start a method if you're not evaluating at the present time? ***These evaluation procedures are especially important to review and discuss because of the process for selecting tournament officials and because the rankings/ratings of each pool are used to help determine selection.***

Do these methods work for "upgrading"? Are they fair to all of your levels? Are you allowing anybody to upgrade? Are your methods for not allowing an upgrade fair?
- d. For everyone's benefit, review dues deadlines and upgrading procedures/requirements. Be aware of the importance of notifying the MOA office of address changes. Know the "dues due" date.
- e. You have an obligation to read the MOA Handbook. All officials should be aware of the governing body's rules and regulations. Any changes you'd like to see should be directed to your regional director for the meeting in December.
- f. The NFHS rule change proposals if any by your pool is due by November 15. The Federation has implemented a new electronic proposal form (all new rule proposals should be submitted electronically to NFHS <http://www.nfhs.org/rulechangeproposal>)
- g. Be sure to submit your rule change proposals earlier, so MHSA can look those over and have the suggested rule change OK by the deadline. The Federation will not accept any proposal after the deadline.
- h. Take time to discuss your pool's assignment practices. Is your method fair to all involved? What areas may need some improvement or change in relation to assignment of officials?
- i. Are there any items, issues, clarifications that possibly would benefit all officials by putting it in our official's publication, The Official Word?

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