

Week #4 – September 5, 2023**Protocol for Officials to End Time Outs**

Questions have been posed regarding the proper protocol for officials and the timer to end time outs. The NFHS language is below. It is preferred that horns are not used to end time outs if multiple courts are in use and are in active play.

-5-5-3b14: Indicate a warning at 45 seconds with a double whistle and instruct the timer to sound the audio signal (horn) at 60 seconds to end the time-out or whistle if both teams are ready to play prior to the 45-second warning whistle, instruct timer to sound the horn; (Procedure for multiple courts, see 5-8-3a note)

-5-8-3A Note: When multiple courts are in use, the second referee may end a time-out or interval between sets with a whistle.

Uniform Numbers (Contrasting Colors)

Many questions have been raised about the colors of uniform numbers. Rule 4-2-4c states that “The body of the number must clearly contrast from the body of the uniform regardless of trim.” This rule has been announced for several years and took effect July 1, 2023.

Officials: If a uniform is non-compliant, assess the proper penalties per NFHS policy and complete an Unusual Situations report. The violation will be further investigated by the KSHSAA office.

Libero Uniform

Rule 4-2-2 states that the libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim. The libero’s uniform top cannot be made solely of the same predominant color(s) of the team’s uniform top, even if the like color(s) are placed differently on the uniform top.

Contrasting is defined that if the team uniform is a dark color, then the libero uniform needs to be a light color. There should not be two light colors or two dark colors, even if they are different colors. Officials need to be able to identify the libero quickly and accurately when officiating.

Line Ups

Here is the link to the roster/line-up cards that can be used. Coaches and officials need to be aware that the line-up card is done in serving order. If you are the receiving team, your first server should be in the RF position. It helps the R2 and the scorer if the line-up cards are done correctly. This is part of the reason why they are due prior to the two-minute warning. Thank you for your attention to this.

Double Dual

Some schools will host a double dual and there have been questions from the school side and the official side on how to manage these events. For everyone’s knowledge, a double dual is the best 2 out of 3

and NOT 3 out of 5. A true dual is the only one that needs to be a best 3 out of 5. A double dual is also assigned two points for a school's calculation as it is two matches and therefore 2 points, just like a triangular.

Hair Adornments – Reminder

Rule 4-1-6a – Allows hair adornments provided they are securely fastened and do not increase risk to the athlete, teammates, and opponents while eliminating the length restriction of 2 inches for bobby pins, flat clips, and flat barrettes. Tinsel that is woven in the hair is legal and does not need to be removed. This does not pose a risk to the player, teammates, or opponents. If beads are allowed in the hair, tinsel is as well.

Opportunity to Watch and Learn

Here is a link to a video that is about 30 minutes in length and discusses in detail, overlap, and alignment. As a coach or an official, it is always good to watch videos that are out there to help learn and grow. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmiFfg2Q4gA>