

Week #2 – August 22, 2022**Rules Exam Due August 25**

The deadline for submitting answers to this year's rules exam is **August 25**. The results will be posted shortly after the window closes. To check your score, log on to the KSHSAA site as when you submitted your answers. All head middle school and high school coaches and registered officials are required to complete this exam by the deadline.

Rules Meetings

All head middle and high school coaches will need to complete the online rules meeting prior to August 25. This meeting can be located through the Oncore account on the KSHSAA site.

Officials must attend one of the eight in-person rules meetings or complete the online rules meeting before August 25. Attendance at one of these meetings is required to be considered for postseason assignments.

Letters of Permission

All players wearing the following items will need a letter of approval from the KSHSAA: artificial limb, cochlear implant, helmet/concussion band, change in uniform for religious beliefs. Please send request along with student's name and grade. Coaches are to present letter (dated 2022) to the officials at the pre-match conference.

Daith Piercing is Not Permitted - Our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee supports the NFHS position that there is no medical evidence to support daith piercing in the treatment of migraines. KSHSAA staff will not grant medical exceptions for this practice.

Team Benches

Kansas has approved to have teams remain on the same bench unless there is a distinct disadvantage for a team on one side of the court as determined by the R1 and R2. In that case, the teams will switch sides after each set. Possible considerations for a distinct disadvantage on a court might include:

- Overhead obstructions
- Smaller serving area
- Windows or lighting
- Amount of playable area
- Spectator entry or traffic

Uniform Bottoms

Rule 4-2-1f – Eliminates the manufacturer logo/trademark/reference restrictions on the waistband only of the uniform bottom. There can be multiple styles of uniform bottoms (shorts, spandex, pants (leggings) or skirt) if they are like colored.

Hair Adornments

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.

Volleyball Official Shirts

As your volleyball administrator, I need to apologize for any confusion on which officials' shirts will be worn at volleyball tournaments. It was originally decided that ALL officials at the tournament would need to wear the same shirt and then it was changed to only the two officials on the same court would need to match. This information did not get shared out appropriately and some confusion has arisen from this. I apologize for that and at least we all know prior to the first volleyball tournament.

The NFHS has permitted state associations to adopt other colors for volleyball official shirts other than white. The KSHSAA Executive Board has approved the adoption of a bright blue shirt as an alternative color to white for volleyball officials.

These shirts are now available through our Smitty's vendors: Precision Officials, Fifth Region Officials Supplies and Officially Dalco. (<https://smittyapparel.com/pages/kansas-preferred-dealers>) These are the only shirts permitted as they have the KSHSAA patch sublimated in the proper location. Officials may not just buy a bright blue shirt and put a patch on it. In unique situations (like pregnancy) a special letter of exception will be written for an official.

Officials working a contest MUST wear the same color of shirt.

The default color will be white if both officials don't have the bright blue shirt. Officials will need to communicate with partners prior to matches about which color of shirt will be worn. OFFICIALS MUST MATCH.

The required uniform for volleyball officials includes:

1. Collared polo-style shirt, short or long sleeve, that may be white or bright blue. Officials must dress in like colors. Shirt must have KSHSAA official patch sublimated on the left sleeve.
2. Black slacks (no sweats, tights, or yoga pants)
3. Back athletic shoes and black socks.

If other vendors become available, we will notify officials. White volleyball shirts are still available at these vendors. Shirts are available in long sleeve, short sleeve and with or without the American Flag on the right sleeve.

Any undershirt worn must match the color of the official shirt. If wearing the white shirt, the undershirt needs to be white and if wearing blue, the undershirt needs to be blue. If you want to wear long sleeves, the undershirt must match the color of your shirt, the blue color will be extremely difficult to match and white under blue is not permitted. Long sleeve volleyball polo shirts are available to order if needed.