

KSHSAA VOLLEYBALL NEWSLETTER

#2 – September 9, 2019

WEEK ONE IN THE BOOKS

After our first week of volleyball competition, based on some emails, calls, etc., there are a few items that we need to address for both coaches and officials. Please read the following info and throughout the season, refer back to past emails for information/reminders <http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/Volleyball/Weekly.cfm>

WARM-UP

When it comes to pre-match warm-up, please be mindful of the following:

REGULAR SEASON – It is the school and/or leagues decision to determine the warm-up for regular season matches. THIS IS NOT THE R1 AND R2 DECISION – SO PLEASE DON'T ASK THEM. Coaches, whatever you choose to use is up to you. Please have a plan in place for the season.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE THE POSTSEASON WARM-UP FOR REGULAR SEASON (page 20 on KSHSAA Volleyball Manual) – **IT WILL BE FOLLOWED AS WRITTEN.**

- **20 minutes = 4 @ shared court time; 4 @ home team; 4 @ visiting team; 4 @ home team; 4 @ visiting team**
 - **When a team is “off the court”, there is to be no skill work done – anywhere, for any time.**
- COACHES AND OFFICIALS will enforce the warm-up as written. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

UNIFORM ITEMS

- **DOUBLE ZERO (4-2-4b)** – While the NFHS Rule Book does not allow Double Zero (00) to be worn, **the KSHSAA will allow this number to be worn.**
RATIONALE: The NFHS allowed no prior warning for schools to change this uniform number therefore in Kansas it will be allowed in competition.
- **DOUBLE LOGOS (4-2-1f)** – Only 1 manufacturers logo is allowed on each piece of the uniform (top, shorts).
 - Coaches are responsible to make sure their players are properly attired and equipped.
 - If an official sees a violation of this rule, it will be penalized per the rule book (unnecessary delay , page 19)
- **CONTRASTING COLORS FOR LIBERO & TEAM UNIFORM TOP (4-2-2)** – The libero top must be clearly contrasting from the predominant color of the team uniform. The libero top cannot be made solely of the same predominant color of the team top.
RATIONALE: The uniform tops are to be clearly contrasting. While this is very subjective from official to official, the language of “dark hues” is no longer in the rule book. Royal blue and black are not a violation of this rule. Unless the KSHSAA has reason to notify officials of a situation where questionable colors would not be permissible if worn together, what teams are wearing are legal. Officials must make sure during warm-up that they are focused on the colors of the libero and team uniforms in preparation for the match.

ROSTERS & LINE-UPS - (Rule 7 (pg. 30-32) (Case Book, pg. 28-29)

- The coach will turn in their team roster to the R2 @ the pre-match conference. Changes to the roster can be made until 10 minutes left on the pre-match clock.
- No later than 2 minutes prior to the end of pre-match warm-up, the coach will submit to the R2 an accurate written lineup of the 6 starting players in the proper serving order.
- No later than 1 minute prior to the end of the timed interval following each set, the coach will submit to the R2 an accurate written lineup of the 6 starting players in the proper serving order.

NOTE – Some teams use a combined roster/line-up form (all info on one piece of paper)

Q1: Can the roster/form be taken away from the official table after given to the scorer by the R2?

A1: Yes, the coach can take the roster to add/submit the 6 starters for the first set. When done the line-up is to be given to the R2.

Q2: Does the roster need to be turned into the R2 at each pre-match conference?

A2: Yes. Each match requires a roster to be submitted to the R2 at it's pre-match conference.

HAIR ADORNMENT

- **Beads** (plastic or medal) may not be worn/woven into a player's hair.
- **Bobby pins, flat clips and flat barrettes**, unadorned and no longer than 2", are also allowed.
- **Colored string** may be worn/weaved in the hair.
- **Headbands** (no wider than 3 inches) that are tied/knotted with tails, may be worn. Head bands that are tied and have tails are legal however if the tails/material touches the net, it is a violation. (9-6-7a – hair is not a violation).
- Teammates may wear **ribbons** in their hair. **THEY DO NOT ALL NEED TO BE THE SAME COLOR.**
- **Players may play with dyed hair** (blue, green, purple, etc.). Players **MAY NOT** wear body paint or glitter on their hair, face, uniform or body.

JEWELRY, MEDICAL ALERT DEVICES, ITEMS NEEDING PERMISSION

- **JEWELRY** SHALL NOT be worn by players during warm-ups and/or competition.
- **THE ONLY PIERCING ALLOWED** (Daith piercing – innermost cartilage of inner ear) must have a letter of permission from the KSHSAA to be allowed.
- **MEDICAL ALERT MEDALS** are not considered jewelry and must be taped to the body and the alert may be visible.
- **KSHSAA LETTERS NEED** for prosthetic/artificial limb, cochlear hearing implant, daith piercing (above), concussion headband/helmet. Letter must be dated 2019.

LINE JUDGE FLAGS

The first week of competition and the use of flags at varsity matches has received good comments (line judges with flags seem to be more focused and tuned into their duties) vs. not so good comments (line judges have not been trained or were not even told about using flags).

COACHES – please work with your Athletic Directors to secure and train all assistant officials

OFFICIALS – be sure to instruct line judges on the use of flags, where to go during TO, etc.

COURT LINES – PLEASE CHECK!

Boundary Lines: It is recommended all boundary lines be of one clearly visible color contrasting to the color of the floor and other lines on the floor. (NFHS Rule 2-1-2). Please check for lines that intersect other court markings. Make sure lines are added anywhere that the lines are separated enough that if a ball were to land, it would not be on a line. It is not necessary to mark small gaps in the lines.

WHEN YOU CHECK THE COURT/LINES, be sure to note:

Center Line: A continuous line, 2" wide, parallel to and equidistant from the end lines, shall separate the court into 2 playing areas. A solid or shadow-bordered 2" wide center line is permissible. If the floor has a logo in the center of the court, that logo should not distract from the visibility of the center line. (NFHS Rule 2-1-4)

Serving Area: It shall be laterally limited by 2 short lines, each 6" long x 2" wide, drawn 8" and perpendicular to the end line, as extensions of the sidelines. (NFHS Rule 2-1-6)

NOTE: Each serving area shall be a minimum of 6' in depth. In the event that such space is not available, the serving area shall be extended into the court to whatever distance necessary to provide the minimum depth and be so marked.

PLAYERS ARE TO SHAG BALLS

Coaches, please inform your players about shagging balls at the end of warm-up and after a dead ball. This is not the sole responsibility of the line judge or primary officials. Officials should also mention this during the pre-match conference.

ALWAYS WORK TO BE A GOOD OFFICIAL

Preparation in athletic officiating is never ending. Preparation cannot be limited to the period during which matches are played. The season is too short and the matches too few to achieve the necessary proficiency.