

Week #7 – September 23, 2024

Please read through this information as this is important information coaches and officials need to be aware of this season. These newsletters will be sent weekly throughout the season. If you are aware of an unusual situation or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email ssmith@kshsaa.org. Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

COACHES - WHO MAY STAND DURING A MATCH AND WHEN MAY THEY STAND?

NFHS Rule 12-2-5: The head coach may stand in the coaching zone, defined as the libero replacement zone and the area beyond the end line and sideline extended to coach. During play, the head coach shall be no closer to the court than 6 feet from the sideline. If a red card is issued for unsporting conduct to the head coach, assistant coach(es), or team bench, all coaches shall remain seated for the remainder of the match except:

1. To request a timeout of substitution during a dead ball;
2. To confer with officials during specifically requested time-outs;
3. As provided in Rule 12-2-6, items a through e (see below)
- 4.

NFHS Rule 12-2-6: One assistant coach may stand within the coaching zone during dead-ball situations. All other assistant coaches shall remain seated on the bench during a set except to:

- a. Ask the R2, during a dead ball, to review the accuracy of the score, verify the number of timeouts, and/or the number of substitutions used by their team, request the serving order of their team, or verify the proper server for the opponent;
- b. Stand at the bench to greet a replaced player;
- c. Confer with players during time-outs;
- d. Spontaneously react to an outstanding play by a player(s) of their own team;
- e. Attend to an injured player with permission of a referee.

NOTE: The privilege to stand during play shall not be designated to an assistant coach.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM

All KSHSAA registered officials are required to wear the KSHSAA white or bright blue (cyan) shirt (officials must match at each court). The blue (cyan - NO black piping) is required for Varsity and postseason. Check out the official's apparel link on the KSHSAA website to purchase required shirts. Along with an official shirt, black pants (joggers or leggings are NOT acceptable), black socks and black shoes are expected. Pants are to be black (not gray; no jeans, wind pants, sweats, or shorts). Both rectangular and round KSHSAA patches on these shirts are acceptable/legal. Officials should be neat in appearance with shirts tucked in, clean attire, and professional in behaviors and communication with schools and coaches.

NOTE: KSHSAA officials/referees must match your partners while officiating.

REMINDER(S):

WARM UP CLARIFICATION

During the regular season, teams and/or league may adopt their own warm-up sequence and time frame. During KSHSAA postseason contests, the KSHSAA postseason warmup must be used (20 minute warmup, five 4 minute intervals) – see pg 30 in the KSHSAA Volleyball Manual.

During the regular season, as is the policy during postseason warmup, if a team has exclusive use of the court, the team not on the court should not be handling balls or working on skill work outside of the court. A team not on the court may go to an auxiliary gym if allowed by the host site.

ATTIRE - TOWELS

Clarification on Towels: Towels are not automatically illegal. Towels may be worn tucked into a uniform but should be secure and not fall onto the floor. If a towel falls on the floor and becomes a safety hazard for athletes, the towel is to be removed and the referee may assess an unnecessary delay and prohibit the use of the towel while the ball is live for the remainder of the set or match.

DAITH PIERCINGS

Daith piercings are allowed as the new NFHS volleyball rules allow for small studs and/or posts above the chin line. Daith piercings may not be hoop earrings or anything other than a stud or post – only studs or posts may be worn.

Looking Ahead:

- Don't forget a team picture for postseason!
- October 2-9, 2024: Postseason Officials Recommendations Window for Schools (must recommend 7; may recommend up to 12)
- October 9, 2024: Official's Postseason Applications due
- October 13, 2024: 3-1A Records must be updated on the KSHSAA website by 8:00 AM
- October 21, 2024: 4-6A Records must be updated on the KSHSAA website by 8:00 AM

Useful Websites/Links

KSHSAA Volleyball Website: [Volleyball \(kshsaa.org\)](http://volleyball.kshsaa.org)

KSHSAA Volleyball Manual: [Volleyball.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](http://volleyball.pdf(kshsaa.org))

NFHS Volleyball Website: [Volleyball \(nfhs.org\)](http://volleyball.nfhs.org)

NFHS Learn: NFHS Learn | Interscholastic Education, Made Easy

KSHSAA Officials Apparel Info: [OfficialApparel.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](http://OfficialApparel.pdf(kshsaa.org))