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NHSOA/NSAA VOLLEYBALL SUMMIT

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Joan Powell – Presenter

At the end of the summit, I asked the attendees if they had one thought or saying that she said or one thing that she said that just inspired you. I wanted to share those thoughts with those who did not attend. But I also got these comments:

VOLLEYBALL SUMMIT COMMENTS

Had an amazing time and learned so much about the game!!!!

Joan was a super great speaker...so knowledgeable and presented it in a humorous manner!

Joan is the most amazing speaker and really helped to get me "fired" up for the VB Season.

The summit was awesome!!! Joan made it so fun and enjoyable.

I just want to say that the first ever Summit was totally awesome. Joan Powell was a great speaker. She gave me some new ways of looking at things.

Joan's enthusiasm and commitment to excellence is contagious and I can't wait to incorporate what I learned at the summit to on the court performance.

Joan is a very engaging speaker. Her experience, combined with her talent and charisma, allows her to connect very well with an audience of volleyball officials.

I really enjoyed the clinic. So many times the presenter loses the audience after about 5 minutes and that did not happen Saturday.

I thought this was the BEST 5 hours spent on volleyball! I truly believe EVERY official and coach should at one time or another listen to Joan. There are many things that she touched on that made my "ah ha" light trigger.

It was truly the best clinic I have been to. Joan was outstanding. The way you did lunch helped with networking, and the overall engagement was the best.

You are certainly correct that Joan Powell is a great speaker. She was very informative and entertaining! The time passed so fast.

I was so happy we made the trip to Lincoln for the summit. It was fantastic and I learned so much.

a wonderful aspect of her presentation is she spoke the language of volleyball inclusively of officials, coaches, players, scorers-libero tracker-LJ's, spectators with contagious/infectious enthusiasm and love of the game to "Grow the game".

So well organized, tremendous speaker, and we even got lunch and snacks! You guys rock!!

The discussion amongst other officials during lunch was a real eye-opener for all levels of officials. We as officials have to continue to help bring up the newer officials and help them get there.

I did find this training very worthwhile and informative. Most of the information was reviewing what we know but I appreciated when she demonstrated ball handling and when something was illegal. I absolutely will attend again - really love this opportunity!

I thought Joan Powell's sense of humor was so key in making this such a great experience for us officials and I hated to leave. It was so worthwhile!

I am so glad that I attended. In fact, if Joan was to speak again this weekend I would make the time to come back and do it again. What a motivational speaker!!

Thank you so much for organizing such a great Summit! Joan was so engaging and knowledgeable!

SUMMARY of PRESENTATIONS (by attendees)

Let the game come to you. Don't go looking for trouble.

How you make this pleasurable for the participants is in your hands. You are out there creating heroes.

rebound vs. engulf

I really appreciated the information Joan shared about communicating with coaches. I am not a fan of conflict. I will definitely use some of the responses she uses when talking with coaches like...

- "volleyball is a game of angles, the R1 must have seen it differently than you"
- "Coach, what did you see?" (and as Joan mentioned this wouldn't be something you would want to use very often.)
- "volleyball is a game of rebounds" when addressing illegal contact v. multiple contacts.

I learned many things to say to handle difficult coaches.

Her talk on administration reminded me that if the AD is not present to let the home coach know it is now his responsibility.

Her talk on ball handling was really good. I have never heard of the simple concept of "rebound". Her sayings of "did she play the ball" or "did the ball play her" was something that made me think differently.

In her discussion on talking with coaches, she mentioned the thought of coming up with important and short key phrases. The one that stood out for me was "hey coach, once the ball breaks the plane of the net, I can't protect your setter". I think this concept will definitely help me.

Joan's advice on when to focus on the ball and when to move that focus away from the ball was very helpful. She clarified ball handling plays and when to focus on the ball handling that leads to the attack and what the defense is doing to prepare for that attack.

I really liked was when she talked about loading your elbow is an attack. If a player doesn't load (getting your arm in position to hit), then it can't be an attack.

I also loved how she talked about moving up and the difference in how men talk and women talk. I have never really thought of that before.

As an R2 when it was recognized there was a back-row attack and the informal signal was given to the R1. But the R1 did not see the signal. The R2 should step forward and continued to display the signal, and if the R1 does still not see the signal, the rules allow for the R2 to whistle the fault.

Don't look for trouble" and don't look for every little thing to become an issue.

I think the one thing that she said that stuck with me is that the rule/case books are "flexible". We try so hard to follow the "rules", but there is a time/place when we can "bend" and still be correct in our "call".

Don't go looking for things to happen, let them come to you!!

be in control, but not controlling

explanation/demonstration of difference in backrow player being called for illegal backrow attack or illegal block.

Liked the reinforcement of protecting line judges from rude fans

Lastly, a simple reminder to smile more. Easy to get caught up in the match & responsibilities but have fun - smile!

Communication is a two-way street.

Is the setter 'teeing up' the ball for the hitter

consistency between officials.

in control without being controlling

your reputation is who people think you are, your character is who you really are.

importance of the R2's communication with the coach

- I don't like confrontation, so I usually try not to get in anybody's face, but I came away with the impression that if you address little issues sooner, bigger issues might never develop.

appreciation of simple explanations like " Coach, once the ball breaks the plane of the net, we can no longer protect your setter." Concise, quick explanations.

I know now when a blocker comes down with the ball on her side, unless she literally catches the ball I am going to let play continue.

I feel I have a better understanding of back row attack and back row block

I believe we as officials must adjust to the level of play we are working and to allow the players to play the game.

how to tell if someone at the net is blocking vs. attacking by if they load or cock their elbow

she said it was a block as long as they are near the net and the ball is above the plane. So those bang bang plays where they may contact it twice, if first contact is above the net it would be legal.

I liked her idea of putting together some sort of playable area/obstruction resource for officials for the different sites. I think that would be very helpful and keep all of us consistent.

coach, when the ball is passed in the plane, we can no longer protect your setter.

Getting 100% percent on a written test does not always make you a great official. Its what you do on the court, that makes you a great official.

Let the game come to you!