

NHSOA Volleyball Newsletter 2021 -1

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A benefit of your NHSOA (Nebraska High School Officials Association) membership, included in your NSAA dues.

NSAA State Volleyball Championships 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is pleased to announce the 50th Anniversary celebration of the NSAA State Volleyball Championships during the 2021 volleyball season.

“The NSAA is thrilled to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the NSAA State Volleyball Championships in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of Title IX,” said NSAA Associate Director Jennifer Schwartz. “The evolution of volleyball and the trailblazers of the sport over the past 50 years will be highlighted and honored throughout this special season.”

The NSAA launched the #NSAAVBFirst50 social media campaign on August 26th. The campaign will share the history of NSAA volleyball throughout the last 50 years, culminating with the NSAA State Volleyball Championships on Saturday, November 6th.

Using #NSAAVBFirst50, fans can tag [@nsaahome](#) on Twitter sharing how they are celebrating this historic volleyball season. Posts featuring pictures or videos of past State Volleyball Championships teams/players/coaches, trophies, uniforms, record boards, and more are encouraged. To follow #NSAAVBFirst50, stay tuned to the NSAA social media channels throughout the volleyball season:

Facebook – [Nebraska School Activities Association](#)

Twitter – [@nsaahome](#)

Instagram – [nsaahome](#)

For more information about the NSAA State Volleyball Championships, [click here](#).

During this year’s state volleyball championships, the NSAA will host a celebration for all volleyball officials from over the past 50 years. We hope to see many of you there. More info will be sent soon.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We tell officials all the time to be careful of what they share on social media, but there is a private Facebook group that you might be interested in - **NFHS Volleyball Officials only (and or NFHS Volleyball Community)** You must request to be part of either group. Each group focuses on different subjects, but this is a platform that allows referees to ask questions about certain situations and get feedback from other HS referees across the country. You don’t have to ask any questions, but you sure get a lot of answers. Recently there was a lengthy discussion on should you or should you not ask what is under the tape (or bandaid) on a player’s ear. Sometimes the answers do not agree, but that then allows you to form your own opinion.

NFHS ONLINE RULEBOOK

Another great tool you can use is the online rulebook provided FREE by NFHS. The NSAA is a 100% participation state, so all referees (in all sports) have online access to the rulebook. Just download the NFHS rules app. Your books should be available. Recently you should have received a message from NFHS giving you the information about how to download the books. The online books are great for searching specific rules and key words.

BASKETBALL BACKBOARDS

With the NSAA rule of not switching sides this year in effect, we've been made aware some schools might have one retractable bb backboard and one bb backboard that is attached to the wall (not flush to the wall, but extends out into playable space, but not over the court). It is **acceptable** that one side can have the backboard retracted (which is probably played as part of the ceiling) AND that one backboard is still in the normal position. There is no advantage to one team over the other as the backboard that is in the normal position is played according to **Rule 2.4 penalty 2 (pg 12)**.

This rule allows for a ball that contacts any part of a backboard or its supports, which is hanging in a vertical position OVER A PLAYABLE AREA to be **granted a replay** if in the judgement of the referee the ball would have remained in play had the vertical backboard not been over the playable area.

Playable area (rule 2.9) includes the court and the UNOBSTRUCTED SPACE outside of the court boundaries. (A referee cannot make an arbitrary judgement about playable space, ie, decide that if a ball goes beyond a certain line, etc is out of play.) If you could play a ball that goes in the area of the backboard, but does not touch the backboard, that ball would still be playable. Just because the backboard is contacted by a live ball does not automatically make the ball 'dead'.

RULE EXCEPTIONS

Each state association (NSAA) may individually authorize exceptions to specific NFHS playing rules. The NSAA has chosen to direct teams to NOT switch benches this year. Handshaking and other pre-match protocols are NOT directed by the NSAA. Teams can agree to their own protocols.

There is one head coach that will be in a wheelchair for an undetermined amount of time. This school has been granted a waiver to allow ONE assistant coach to stand. If you officiate this school, please ask to see the waiver.

If you encounter any exceptions to a rule and have a concern, there is probably already a waiver written or the school needs to contact the NSAA to request a waiver.

REGISTER TO WORK DISTRICTS

It might seem like we say this every year, but every year, it's true – we need everyone who is available to register to work in districts. In the past, there have been very few instances where someone was not given a district and that was only because of the location of the districts and the referees. The classes are again changing the dates and the nights that districts are being played. Class A will now play both semi's in separate gyms on the same night and all of those matches will be played on the same nights as some of the smaller classes finals.

I can hear some of you now, 'there's too much stress at districts, etc . . . ', but in reality, you've probably already worked that same match during the season. I watch many of you on live stream now and I know you CAN do it. If you have the availability, consider giving back to the sport that you have given so much to throughout the years. You do not have to be a certified official to work sub-districts/districts.

Complete your application on your NSAA membership page by October 1. Thank you for your consideration.

Blue/Gray/White Uniform Shirts

One of the purposes of allowing referees to wear alternate colors of referee shirts was to ensure that all referees are dressed alike. Currently the NSAA has only approved the wearing of shirts from approved vendors, but we are also looking at local options. We are aware that most vendors are experiencing some supply shortages. Please be patient.

It seems as if the one uniform vendor (roofsportwear.com) that I've been referring you does not actually have blue and gray shirts and has now closed. Here are some other options. I would first contact a guy named Harold Webber. You can email him at GaCartoRef@aol.com or text him at 404-668-4240. Tell him you got his name from me. You can also get vb officiating supplies from him. Otherwise, you can try any of these vendors:

Foxtrot Marketing Group

Customer Service
135 Grand Ave East
South St Paul, MN 55075
(800) 366-1702

www.VBOfficialsGear.com

Hours of Operation: 8am - 4:30pm CT

Great Lakes Apparel

Mary Malpede
210 W North Ave
Lombard, IL 60148
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(630) 691-8175 - Fax

mmalpede@aol.com

www.greatlakesapparel.com

Time Out For Sports

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