

NHSOA Volleyball Newsletter

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SUPERVISED TEST

Don't forget that starting yesterday, **Wednesday September 10**, you can take your Part II (closed book) test. The test is available until **Monday September 15** at midnight (but you cannot wait until 11:30 pm on Monday night to finish it as the system might log you out.) So you have all day Wednesday 9-10, Thursday 9-11 (many of you are working), Friday 9-12, Saturday 9-13 (there are a number of tournaments being played), Sunday 9-14 and all day Monday 9-15 to finish the test. And remember, just because your packet or online record says you do not have to take the test for a couple of years, you can take it before that year. If you take the test successfully before the indicated date, you will move up in classification.

NEED REFEREES

Referees are needed for a few F/JV/V matches in Omaha on Tuesday 9-23 and Thursday 9-25. If you are available and would be interested in working, please let me know.

DISTRICTS REGISTRATION

There is always a need for referees for district assignments. If you have not yet applied to work during district competition, you should consider doing so. You have worked all season to do your best job, so give back to the teams that expect great officials. You must register to work districts or state by October 1.

SEASON REMINDERS

1. The **DECIDING SET** for best 2 out of 3 varsity matches must be played to 25 points.
2. Both referees must stand together facing the court for the pre-match conference.
3. (Pg 76 of the Officials Manual) For a **charged timeout**, the second referee shall:
 - a. **Recognize** the request **with two short whistles**, display signal #21 at shoulder height and indicate to the first referee the number of time-outs each team has used.
 - b. Remind the timer to start the clock for one minute. (it is preferred that the minute is already on the clock)
 - c. **End** the time-out **with two short whistles** while on the receiving team's side of the net. If the audio signal sounds, the second referee should whistle the end of the time-out. Clearly signal, with hands above head, the number of time-outs each team has used to the first referee, who repeats this information, scan both benches and give ready to play signal to the first referee.
4. **Teams start** the match on the end line. They no longer return to the end line at any time. They must switch courts immediately when directed to do so by the first referee. Unnecessary delay MAY be assessed, but is not warranted just because you had to remind them. If you have out of state teams that do not follow the switch courts procedure (by going around the R1 stand), a gentle reminder might be necessary, but a penalty would be excessive.
5. After checking the lineups, the **R2 throws the ball directly to the server**, not to the line judge. The only time the line judge should handle the ball is to hold during time-outs and to help retrieve at the end of the match.

6. When administering substitution(s), it is **not necessary** to announce (loudly) the player numbers. It is acceptable to allow the scorekeeper to see the player numbers and while the numbers are being written on the scoresheet, the R2 can allow the players to exchange. After the exchange, look once more at the scorekeeper to ensure they are finished and are ready.
7. Know the rules regarding replacement of **injured players**, especially an injured libero. If a libero is injured and cannot continue to play, she must first be replaced by the player whom she replaced. If the libero is unable to continue to play, she may be replaced/redesignated by any player on the bench/roster. The injured libero may not play for the remainder of the set and must change into a libero uniform (not courtside). For further explanation, refer to page 42, rule 10-4-3 in the rulebook.

Notify me if you have any unusual rules situations that arise. I'd like to share some of those situations and how there were resolved. Continue to have a great season and I hope to see you on a court sometime,

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