Initial approach to player number hand signals

Player Number Hand Signals for SNOA Volleyball

Illustrating how to use the number signaling chart (see separate document – this shows both 0 and 00)

0 and 00	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Show left fist for	(*)	M	M	May	May	(1)	M. Mar	M	May May
"0" & both left and right fists for "00"									

As shown above, the closed left hand/fist is used to signal the number zero/"0," a number used only in volleyball matches played using the NFHS rule set. To show double zero/"00," the other number that is used only in volleyball matches played using the NFHS rule set, show left fist and right fist together. This appears to be the easiest, most understandable way of showing double zero. Below is a written description of how to show numbers followed by a graphic illustration. Interpreting signaling player numbers for 1-10: Except for 00, right hand closed represents 10 and left hand closed represents zero.

- #0, use left hand closed (clenched into a fist) to distinguish from right hand closed (clenched right fist) which is the signal for #10;
- #00, use left hand closed (clenched)) and right hand closed (clenched) at the same time;
- **#1**, use index finger of right hand;
- #2, use index and middle fingers of right hand (consider holding hand off to the side to not confuse it with showing an illegal multiple contact/double hit);
- #3, use thumb, index and middle fingers of right hand; (Spock's Vulcan greeting?)
- **#4**, use four fingers of right hand, no thumb (consider holding hand off to the side to not confuse it with showing 4 hits);
- #5, use thumb and all four fingers of right hand;
- #6, use all 5 digits of right hand and index finger of left hand;
- #7, use all 5 digits of right hand, index and middle finger of left hand;
- #8, use all 5 digits of right hand and thumb, index and middle fingers of left hand;
- #9, use all 5 digits of right hand and index, middle, ring and small fingers of left hand;
- **#10**, use right hand, closed fist;

Libero, use player's uniform number or use the thumb and index finger of the right hand to form an "L" to indicate the libero when an open hand gesture isn't clear enough and no one is looking at the libero's number! Of course, this may be construed as calling someone a "loser." ©

#11 – #15

Digits for 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 involve using the closed right fist to indicate 10 while at the same time showing the single digits in the left hand at the same level as the closed right fist.

#16 – #19

Digits for 16 - 19 involve using the closed right fist to indicate 10 followed by showing the 6 through 9 as noted above.

[For #16, you show 10 (closed right fist) followed by 6 (thumb and all fingers of right hand and index finger of left hand shown together). The same sequence is used for 17, 18, 19 - show closed right fist followed by the digits shown with two hands.]

#20, #30, #40, #50

Show the first digit (2, 3, 4, or 5) with the right hand with a closed fist on the left hand with both hands on the same level. It can be helpful to hesitate slightly before showing the closed fist left hand. [For #20, show index and middle fingers of right hand, followed by the raised closed left fist. Same approach for 30, 40 and 50.]

#60, #70, #80, #90

Show the first digit (6, 7, 8 or 9) on two hands as shown for the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 above, then show a closed fist on the left hand after a slight pause.

#21 - #25, #31 - #35, #41 - #45, #51 - #55

Show the first digit (2, 3, 4 or 5) on the right hand followed by the 1 through 5 on the left hand with both hands on the same level. A slight pause between showing right hand and then left hand can be useful!

#61 - #65, #71 - #75, #81 - #85, #91 - #95

Show the first digit (6, 7, 8 or 9) on two hands as shown for the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 above, then show the remaining digits on the left hand after a slight pause.

#26 - #29, #36 - #39, #46 - #49, #56 - #59

Show the first digit (2, 3, 4 or 5) on the right hand followed by the 6 through 9 on both hands after a slight pause.

#66 - #69, #76 - #79, #86 - #89, #96 - #99

Show the first digit (6, 7, 8 or 9) on two hands as shown for the number 6, 7, 8 and 9 above, then show the remaining digits on both hands after a slight pause.