

SNOA Fall Volleyball Meeting 10/7/18



Professionalism, Mechanics, Playoffs,
Positive Environment and Quirky Stuff

Professionalism



- Arrive to your assignment in appropriate attire. Have the proper uniform and make sure it is clean, pressed and neat
- Practice good hygiene (Bad Breath & B.O)
- Be punctual and detail-oriented
- Use the correct language, speak in proper tone
- Refrain from using profanity
- You are responsible for your actions
- Avoid religious, racial or personal comments
- Carry the proper referee equipment with you at all times

**“Image is Everything”
-Andre Agassi**

Professionalism



- Do what is asked of you, whether it comes from the board members, assigner, R1 or R2
- Avoid addressing spectators/parents directly
- Never leave the playing facility without notifying your partners
- No matter what level of play you are calling, work just as hard on that match. Everyone deserves your best effort
- Communicate any areas of concern with your partners, SNOA board member and assigner
- Never publicly criticize another official, coach, parent or player
- Keep your knowledge of the NFHS Rules and Mechanics up-to-date
- Avoid conflicts of interest whenever possible
- Adhere to the SNOA Code of Conduct and the Bylaws

Mechanics and Signals



- Look in the mirror
- Slow Down
- Whistle duration
- Eye contact with partner
- Use the proper signal to show confidence in the call. Make sure the signal indicates the play is over & the result.

Mechanics and Signals



- Hold the signal long enough so the officiating crew is aware; the scorer knows the call to record it in the score book; and the coaches, fans are able to keep up with playing action
- Release of signal
- R2 signals fault, must go to offending side
- R2 doesn't need to go to offending side of each play (USAV rules only)
- R2 should step away from the pole
- Always have shoulders squared with partner

Playoff Protocol



- Pants only/ No shorts
- Communication via email/text/phone call 1 day before match
- Arrive at gym 45 min. to 1 hour before match
- Greet partners, R1 go over preferences
- Be professional !!!!!(See slides 2-3)
- After the match, brief meeting

Working the playoffs is a privilege not a right.

State Championships are up north this year!!!

Positive Environment



- We are there not to instruct but to enforce. That's it.
- Let the coach "coach/teach" and we "ref"
- Be impartial

Quirky Incidences



- Any replay issues?
- Any coaching outburst?
- Any multiple cards?
- Any unruly crowds?
- Any uniform issues?

If you see or hear any of these issues, let Bill, Joe, or Mike know ASAP!!!!

Other Rule Interpretations



- **Block v. Attack**
 - As the ball comes over the net the middle can BLOCK it (at the net, try to prevent it from crossing – a defensive movement), and HIT it again if the ball stays on their side. Block does not count in team’s three hits.
 - As the ball comes over the net the middle can ATTACK it (directs the ball into the opponents court – an offensive movement). They CANNOT hit it again and the attack counts as one of the three hits.

Other Rule Interpretations



- Multiple Contacts versus Illegal Contact
 - When you contact the ball with multiple body parts (fingers, hands, arms, etc.) the contact must be simultaneous, unless you are blocking or it's the first contact.
 - You can NEVER have prolonged contact with your body and the ball (catch and throw, roll down, etc.).
 - There is nothing in the rules about spin defining any of this. There is nothing in the rules about two hands being necessary for a multiple contact.
 - The correct responses to coaches about these calls are: "It's my (or my R1s) judgement."

Other Rule Interpretations



- We call ball handling by watching the HANDS not the ball.
 - Start by calling the things that everyone in the gym knows are bad.
 - If you are not sure, swallow the whistle.
 - Keep the level consistent and even side to side, even if the two sides are grossly inconsistent and uneven.
 - The correct responses to coaches about these calls are: "It's my (or my R1s) judgement."
 - Don't let your R2 make your judgement calls, but listen to their advice if you are new at this.

Other Stuff



- Keep your calendar up to date.
- Accept or decline matches within 3 days!
- Alert your partners if you are going to be late.

Other Stuff



- If you don't want to be there, don't accept the match.
- If you are only doing this for money, there are easier ways to make some.
- Work hard, have fun, and be safe on the court!

