

"Control the Controllable"

What a great week of volleyball action! A big thank you to all of our schools for honoring our volleyball officials during the NFHS Officials Appreciation week(s). With this weekend's completion of the 3A West Duals, and the 1A Jamboree held in Casper, our larger site events are coming to an end. We will now be full throttle ahead into conference play. A big shout out to all of the communities and schools who have hosted tournaments and larger events. It is a huge undertaking, and we as a volleyball community would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the many volunteers who have made these events possible! On our WHSAA website page there is a new PowerPoint by Heidi Lindford, our WHSAA Volleyball Representative, on "Checking the lineups prior to the start of the match". A huge shout out to Heidi for providing so many helpful items to our page--be sure to check them out! As the last few weeks of regular season approach be sure to send in your Good Sportsmanship forms to Lana. Thanks again for ALL that you do--"It Takes a Village"

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Questions

1. What are some helpful reminders if a team uses one of their two designated liberos as an exceptional substitution when no other bench players are available? Answer: (Rule Book page 46, article 6 C & note).
a. The libero player must change into a non-libero team uniform top.
b. It counts as (1) of the team's (18) substitutions.
c. The injured/ill player can't re-enter the set that the exceptional substitute was used (they may enter the next set(s)).
d. A team can't play with less than (6) players if there is a legal substitution available to make the exceptional substitution.
e. If one libero is being used as an exceptional substitution the remaining libero can continue to play in that set.

2, If a substitution request is made prior to the start of the set, does it count as one of the team's (18) substitutions? Answer: Yes, if it is not due to an injury/illness (Rule Book page 44 10.1.4).

3 Do the officials need to be concerned if a coach is in bare feet? Answer: No, the rule only states that players must be wearing appropriate playing shoes. (Rule Book page 20, article 6).

Mechanics

1. What is the signal if a server has more than one re-serve during their term of service? Answer: Illegal hit signal #3 (Officials Manual page 15 #3).

2. What is the signal if the libero illegally sets the ball inside the attack zone? Answer: Illegal attack signal #7 (Officials Manual page 17 #7). *Be sure to wait to blow your whistle until you see if the attacker contacts the ball completely above the height of the net. If she contacts the ball below the height of the net, then it is not an illegal libero set.

Points to Ponder

The CF on Team R jumps to block an attack by an opposing player. The jump is too early, so the CF is on the way down and not above the top of the net when contact is made, deflecting the ball which is; (a) still partially above the top of the net; (b) completely below and near the top of the net. Ruling: (a) and (b) legal, Team R has **(2)** hits remaining. Comment: The contact in (a) and (b) do not meet the criteria for a block because the CF is not reaching higher than the top of the net. The contact is the first team contact; the team has **(2)** hits remaining. (Case Book page 33, 9.4.3 Situation A & Rule Book page 39, 9.5.1C definition of a block).