

"Control the Controllable"

It is hard to believe that the season is on the final week of regular season play. One of the most gratifying parts of being officials is that we get to witness the growth of teams throughout the season. This season has been truly remarkable due to the tremendous dedication of our state's coaches and their student/athletes! With this final week upon us please send in your Good Sportsmanship forms to the WHSAA office.

Thanks again for ALL you do! "It Takes a Village"--and we can't do it without you!!

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Questions

1. If a backrow player stands at the net, with their hands above their head in a blocking motion, is that automatically an illegal block? Answer: No, not unless their hands reach above the height of the net at the moment of contact with the ball. (Rule Book page 39 C). Also, the act of jumping is not a criteria for determining legality.

2. Does the roster need to have both the libero jersey number and the non-libero jersey number? Answer Yes, It would be listed as (i.e.15/L4). However, if the libero player's number is the same as their non-libero player number, it is not necessary to identify the libero number on the roster. The libero number shall not be a duplicate of any other player on the roster. (Rule Book page 33 section 1 C).

3. Where do I find the protocol for the R1 and the R2 on the deciding set? Answer: Officials Manual (page 50).

4. If the teams have not been switching benches, then what are the coin flip options on the deciding set? Answer: Serve or receive (side was eliminated when they chose not to switch benches at the beginning of the match).

Mechanics:

1. What does the R2 do to help the R1 with "pancake" calls? Answer: There are good guidelines in the Officials Manual (page 44 "What to look for" bullet #6).

2. Do I automatically call an illegal hit on an open-handed dig? Answer: No, they may opt to use a fist or a one-or-two hand, openhand action. There is good information in the (Officials Manual on pages 43 5.4.2.5 Dig, and on page 44).

Points to Ponder:

Immediately following a joust, the ball rolls along the top of the net into the antenna, landing out of bounds on Team S's side of the net. Ruling: Replay. Comment: There is simultaneous contact on the joust. The ball becomes dead when it hits the antenna and a replay is issued. (Casebook page 34 9.4.6 situation A).