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SCORER, TIMER, LIBERO TRACKER

Assistant officials include the scorer, libero tracker, timer and line judges and are a necessary part of any volleyball contest as we could not have a match without their help. It is important that each of these people understand their responsibilities. **All assistant officials should be secured by the host management and report to the match no later than 20 minutes prior to the start time of the match.** Officials need to ensure that everything will be taken care of as assigned.

Official Scorer: The official scorer shall be seated at the officials' table between the libero tracker and the official timer.

Official Timer: The timer shall time the pre-match warm-up and shall be seated beside the official scorer. They are responsible to keep track of the score, time each time-out and interval between the sets, sounding the horn when the 60 seconds in time-outs or 3 minutes have expired between sets. Every timeout ends with a warning whistle by the official and the audio horn.

Libero Tracker: Libero tracker shall be seated at the officials table next to the official scorer. Tracker is responsible to record libero replacements and substitution and notify the R2 if there are any discrepancies with a replacement.

Line Judges: Your responsibility is to provide necessary information to the R1 and R2. Remember F-L-A-T-S.

F- Foot fault- any part of the foot that touches the line or goes over the line before the server makes contact is a foot fault.

L- Lines- make a call every time the ball hits the floor.

A-Antennas- the ball must pass completely between the antennas, and the antennas go all the way to the ceiling. If the ball does not clearly pass between the antennas, an out call must be made.

T- Touch- Watch for any touches off the block and be prepared to make a call to assist officials if needed. Try to identify who was touching the ball in case we need that information.

S- Stand- the line judges will come over and stand at the 10-foot line for time-outs. Between sets, you can find a neutral location and rest.

LINEUP CARD

Remember, in South Dakota the lineup card is required. Please be sure you're using it correctly during matches.

UNIFORMS and SLEEVES

Reminder that color of jersey numbers needs to clearly contrast with the jersey – and the trim cannot be used to make it visible. Jerseys need to be like colored; we need to strive to do this for JV matches as well. These sleeves are NOT considered part of the uniform and therefore do not have to meet uniform regulations other than the consideration of the manufacturer's logo. The sleeves are to be thought of much like knee pads and socks.



BALL HANDLING

Just a reminder of one of the points of emphasis from the rules meeting this year:

- The goal for players is to master ball control; for officials, it is a goal to maintain a consistent level of ball handling from set to set and from match to match.
- Coaches play a role in the consistency equation with their methods of training, the expectations placed on their players, and the desired level of allowance by the officials.
- As the sport has evolved, the rules have adapted to allow multiple contacts on the ball with the caveat that the first referee should only judge the length of time on a body part, whistling a catch/throw or illegal contact, along with the number of contacts made on the same attempt by one player.

MENTORING FORMS

Thank you for mentoring to get more officials for our sport. There are two forms that need to be turned in to Sandy – the Match Report and the Voucher. Both of those forms can be found on the SDHSAA Website – Officials; Volleyball; +Mentoring.

OCTOBER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is Cancer Awareness Month, and many schools participate in some type of “awareness” during the month of October. Pink sleeves would be allowed with a school-colored jersey. Officials may use pink whistles.

SPORTSMANSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

We continue to promote **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** all year long! Student bodies are asked to be respectful when hosting a contest. Cheer for your team, not against the other team in a positive, respectful way! Please be courteous to your opponent attending a contest at your facility.

We will NOT stand for:

- Yelling obscenities
- Berating officials
- Criticizing hatefully
- Behaving aggressively
- Disrespecting others



High school athletic events are no place for such immature, childish behavior.