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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Many schools will observe **CANCER AWARENESS** month in some form or another whether it be in uniform color, footwear or special events. Pink sleeves would be an option regardless of the color of uniform. Officials are allowed and encouraged to use a pink whistle and lanyard if they choose to.

PRE-MATCH

Please continue to have complete and thorough pre-match conferences with captains and coaches as we enter the second half of the season. Conferences should include but are not limited to the following:

- Introduction of players, coaches and officials
- Ground rules pertinent to that sight (boundaries, overhead obstructions, playable area)
- Reinforce the jewelry restrictions
- Review potential screening point of emphasis
- Ask coaches to verify equipment and uniforms are legal
- Remind subs and libero replacements of their substitution and replacement zones. In the event of multiple subs - they should come up together and will be staggered in by the R2. Players are to wait to be released by the R2.
- Captains are the only players that can address the officials...they may ask for a line up check or a time out, however, they cannot question a judgement call.
- Remind captains in the event of a deciding set they are to meet with the R2 for the coin toss to determine who will be serving to begin the deciding set.
- Continue to remind coaches and players that when they hear the warning whistle to end a time out or between sets they are to start making their way on to the court.
- Reinforce good sportsmanship and wish both players and coaches good luck!

LINE UP CARDS

-A quick reminder that LINE UP cards are required in our state and all R2's should be utilizing this tool for all matches.

LINE JUDGES

-We would ask that individuals who are not registered officials and choose to line judge be in white shirts to distinguish themselves as part of the officiating team. This is more of a host management reminder but officials may certainly make the suggestion as needed.

-Line judges are crucial to our sport and to each officiating team. Line judges need to be **BIG**...need to be **BOLD**...and need to **HOLD** their call. **BIG** in's and **BIG** outs with straight arms/locked elbows. **BOLD** calls with authority. **HOLD** your call long enough to be seen by the R1 and R2.

EVALUATION PROGRAM

-We are working hard to establish a foundation for our new evaluation program. Several officials were evaluated through the first half of the season with more to come in the next few weeks. Our intent is to inform you that you are being evaluated and to have a debriefing after the match. In some cases that didn't happen but I'll take responsibility for that. Debriefing can be one-on-one, through email or through a phone call. I would prefer the one-on-one so there could be feedback from both parties.

-If you are an official who would like to be evaluated please contact your Region Coordinator so we can try to accommodate you.

****NEW** STATE TOURNAMENT LINE-JUDGE REQUIREMENT**

For those interested in working as a line judge at the State Volleyball Tournament we have added a new requirement. You are asked to list the number of matches you will be line judging this season. There is no minimum or maximum requirement.

****REMINDER – All applications are to be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 8, 12pm CST****