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The season is in full swing and we're off to a great start! Play has been great at all levels. Just a few reminders as we navigate the season!

WEEKLY RULE INTERPRETATIONS:

-Officials receive a weekly Rule Interpretation sent from Marsha Karst at the SDHSAA. These rule interpretations are an excellent means of review and possible discussion for all officials. Please utilize this tool - it's of great value. Thank you Marsha!

VBOA:

-Your Volleyball Officials Association works with the SDHSAA to keep our officials in the know. Just this week you should have received a memo from Jo Auch of the VBOA reviewing the new **"2 Libero Designation Rule"**. There have been many questions from Coaches and Officials alike asking for clarification on both logistics and interpretation. Jo put together a complete breakdown of the rule ... adding several situational examples complete with their correct ruling. This is an excellent piece of communication. If you have not yet read this...please do so. I believe it brings the clarity we have been asking for. Thank you Jo!

REMINDERS:

JEWELRY remains a concern for many but to simplify it...nothing but studs above the chin is pretty clear. "Defining" a stud sometimes is not. Anything that is hoop-like is prohibited. We've had questions on the STAR barrette. This is **legal**. Many teams are wearing these and they don't pose a danger. When it comes to jewelry, we have the opportunity as officials to use our "preventative officiating" skills during warmups to determine if we can prevent an unnecessary delay due to illegal jewelry. Use that time to scan players and request illegal jewelry be removed prior to the start of the match.

BEDAZELLED SHOES are permissible unless the embellishments present a safety concern or are likely to detach. Beads, for example, could detach and would therefore be a safety hazard and not permissible.

LIBERO TRACKERS / R2 – During the time out the R2 should be asking the Libero Tracker if the Liberos are in the game. This is your way of knowing they are paying attention and aware of their responsibilities. Veteran trackers offer that information automatically.

PLAYABLE AREAS are normally quite clear in most gyms. If, however, there is an obstruction on one side of the net that could be deemed a disadvantage for one team AND that obstruction does not meet the necessary guidelines of height above the playing court, then the switching of sides between games can be discussed. Home personnel should already be aware of this and sharing that information with you. This is not something that is decided by the official. If home management says their gym meets all requirements you should proceed with the match. We need all officials on the same page in all fairness to players and teams.

ON COURT WARMUPS should include players, coaches and team personnel. Proper footwear is expected (however, some coaches may be in heels, and we cannot do anything about that). Everyone else should be properly attired. It is NOT OK for children, toddlers or infants to be on the court at any time for the obvious safety reasons.

R2 WHISTLES at the :30 mark between sets and at the :15 second mark during time outs. The horn sounds as needed at the end of those time periods unless the R2 instructs the table to sound the horn early.

****A reminder from Marsha in the home office to put your volleyball schedules in BOUND...please and thank you. ****