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## BREAKING NEWS



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## WELCOME BACK!

- GET UP! Take your rules book and case book with you.
- Find somebody you have never met or don't know very well and introduce yourself, talk about how many years of volleyball refereeing experience you have, and discuss if you think it's more difficult to be the first referee or the second referee.

### WARM UP: GET TO KNOW YOUR CASE BOOK

Find the PAGE NUMBER in the case book that addresses the following situations:

#### ONE PERSON:

Does the captain at the pre-match conference have to be the speaking captain during the match? (Part II, Rule 1)

#### OTHER PERSON:

When a live ball contacts or travels outside the antenna on the R2's side, whose responsibility is it to whistle the play dead? (Part II, Rule 5)

### WARM UP: GET TO KNOW YOUR CASE BOOK

- P. 7: Situation 1.6.3B
  - The captain at the pre-match conference does not have to be the speaking captain.
- P. 20: Situation 5.5.3B
  - The second referee whistles and signals out as the ball contacts the antenna on his/her side. The first referee signals the result of the play (point).

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## SAY WHAT?

- There are only 85 days until the MSHSAA district tournaments start.



## WE HAVE A LOT TO DO!

- Please make sure you have read the 2019-20 GKCOA VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION sheet that was emailed and put on the GKCOA Facebook page—contains every date, person, rule change summary, pay rates, and other information of which you need to be aware.
- Tonight's agenda: assignor announcements, MSHSAA announcements, NFHS announcements, video situations, dropbox questions, audience Q&A.
- Please read email blasts, Sunday newsletters, and other items on our website (more to come on that)!

## OUR FOUNDATION

- We are the best officials association in the state.
- But, we can improve! Continuous improvement is our standard.
- Bo Schembechler: "Every day you either get better or worse, you never stay the same."
- We are all mentors, and we are all mentees. Emphasize that during our post-match debriefs.

## OUR FOUNDATION

- GKCOA serves MSHSAA high school volleyball
- HOWEVER...
- We are very fortunate to have access to outstanding college, club, and international referees
- In order to get better, we should be open to learning from all possible resources regarding refereeing philosophy/ techniques that may be helpful—CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT!!
- BUT...
- GKCOA serves MSHSAA high school volleyball

## OUR FOUNDATION

- Our meetings have been well-attended over the last few years
- We value fun, exchange of ideas, and learning - sometimes excellence and comfort cannot co-exist
- There are times when we cannot answer a question or resolve a situation, so we may need to move on and find out the right answer later instead of debating, speculating, or guessing what the right answer might be—THAT'S OK.
- READY TO GET STARTED?

## GET OFFICIAL

John, from Get Official, will be at the August 25 meeting at Winnetonka HS. John will arrive between 3:30-4:00. There will be some cash and carry items, however, for ease of shopping and pickup, especially if officials in need of MSHSAA shirts, please place orders at [www.getofficial.com](http://www.getofficial.com) in advance no later than Sunday, August 18th, for pickup at the August 25 GKCOA Volleyball meeting.

Please use Coupon Code **GKCOA19**, which will trigger them to know to bring the order to the meeting.

## SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

- Starting Aug. 11, every Sunday there will be a newsletter published on [www.kcorum.com/gkcoa](http://www.kcorum.com/gkcoa)
- This is our main method of communication once a week, pending other urgent messages instead of sending out mass emails more frequently
- An email will be blasted to all GKCOA volleyball officials when the newsletter has been published
- Please read it weekly!

## NEW GKCOA PRESIDENT

- Brian Verman

## GKCOA AWARDS

- David Thompson

## ASSIGNOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don Gard (816-905-4674)
- David Thompson (816-405-3930)
- CHECK ARBITER DAILY!
- Confirm matches with schools at least five days in advance
- There are many matches yet to be assigned - keep your blocks updated!

## MSHSAA RULES/MECHANICS INTERPRETERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

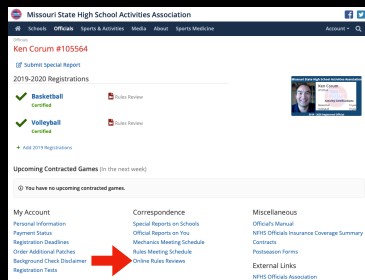
- Dixie Wescott - new rules interpreter
- Don Sleet - same old mechanics clinician and observer
- VERY PROUD! GKCOA HAS INFLUENCE WITH RULE CHANGES ON A STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL!



## 2019 MSHSAA MECHANICS CLINICS

- Sat., Aug. 17 at LEE'S SUMMIT NORTH (not Oak Park) - classroom session begins at 9:45am, finish by 1:30pm
- Mon., Aug. 26 at Warrensburg HS (Rick Schmidli) - classroom session begins at 5:00pm, finish by 9:00pm
- Thurs., Aug. 29 at Bishop LeBlond in St. Joseph - classroom session begins at 5:45pm, finish by 9:30pm

## 2019 ONLINE RULES REVIEW OPENS TOMORROW



## NEW RULES

**2-2-2, 2-3j (NEW), 4-4-1e (NEW), 2-4 PENALTIES 3 (NEW), 9-8-1i:** When the ball strikes the cables and/or the diagonal poles used to retract suspended net systems the referee will stop play and determine if the ball was playable. The referee will signal out-of-bounds or replay.

**4-2-1, 4-2-1a (NEW), 4-2-1e (NEW), 4-2-2 (NEW):** Eliminates the solid-colored uniform requirements, establishes that the libero uniform must clearly contrast with his/her teammates' uniforms and reorganizes the legal uniform rule.

**4-2-2c:** Eliminates the use of double sets (DS) as a uniform number option.

**4-2-2d:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**4-2-2e:** Beginning with the 2022 season the body of the uniform number must clearly contrast with the uniform top regardless of borders. This will eliminate the allowance of borders to provide contrast when the number is worn on the uniform.

**5-5-1a, 5-5-1b, 5-5-1c, 5-5-1d, 5-5-1e, 5-5-1f, 5-5-1g, 5-5-1h, 5-5-1i, 5-5-1j, 5-5-1k, 5-5-1l, 5-5-1m, 5-5-1n, 5-5-1o, 5-5-1p, 5-5-1q, 5-5-1r, 5-5-1s, 5-5-1t, 5-5-1u, 5-5-1v, 5-5-1w, 5-5-1x, 5-5-1y, 5-5-1z:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

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**5-5-1g:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1h:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1i:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1j:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1k:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1l:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1m:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1n:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1o:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1p:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

**5-5-1q:** Eliminates the requirement for the reporting of "H" and "C".

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**Rationale:** Establishes the cables and diagonal poles used to retract suspended net systems as restricted play and aligns officials' treatment of a ball striking either the cables and/or the diagonal poles.

## NEW RULES

**4-2-1, 4-2-1a (NEW), 4-2-1e (NEW), 4-2-2 (NEW):** Eliminates the solid-colored uniform requirements, establishes that the libero uniform must clearly contrast with his/her teammates' uniforms and reorganizes the legal uniform rule.

**Rationale:** Clarifies the requirements for all legal uniforms and simplifies the requirements for the contrasting libero uniform maintaining the compliance of all currently compliant team and libero uniform jerseys.

## NEW RULES

4-2-4b: Eliminates the use of double zero (00) as a uniform number option.

Rationale: Eliminates confusion surrounding the signaling of "00" and "0".

4-2-4c: Beginning with the 2023 season the body of the uniform number must clearly contrast with the uniform top regardless of borders. This will eliminate the allowance of borders to provide contrast between the number and the uniform number.

Rationale: Allows officials and scorers to easily identify uniform numbers.

## NEW RULES

5-5-1b; 5-6-1b; 7-1-1a; 7-1 PENALTIES 1; 7-1-2; 7-1-4; 7-1-4 PENALTIES 1, 2: Requires the second referee to collect team rosters at the prematch conference while allowing changes to be made until 10 minutes remain on the pregame clock and establishes lineups to be submitted to the second referee before each set.

Rationale: Eliminates warmup interruptions by officials requesting rosters with 10 minutes remaining on the warmup clock, allowing for a smoother warmup process for coaches, players, officials and scorers.

## NEW RULES

5-9-2a NOTE: Establishes that the line judge shall take their position and move in line with the extension of the end line when the ball is being served near the line judge's position replacing the old technique to move directly back in line with the sideline.

Rationale: Allows the line judge to watch for foot contact with the end line and move quickly back for a view of the sideline. This is a more appropriate position and transition for line judges.

## NEW RULES

8-1-6, 8-2-5g (NEW), 8-2-6d: Establishes that the ball remains dead when tossed for serve and it touches any part of the backboard or supports hanging in a vertical position over the serving area and is an illegal serve (Signal 13) and not a service fault.

Rationale: Accurately reflects the action since the ball is not contacted for serve.

## EDITORIAL CHANGES

2-1-5: Clarifies that the attack line shall be measured from the edge of the attack line farthest from the center line to the axis of the center line.

4-2-7: Clarifies the penalty for the removal of any part of the uniform top or bottom as a yellow card charged to the coach for unsporting conduct.

5-5-3b(26): Provides additional instructions for the second referee when conducting the coin toss prior to the deciding set by requiring the second referee to communicate with the first referee the serving team and the proper team benches.

8-1-6, 8-2-5g: Establishes the proper signal for a tossed ball that contacts a backboard or its supports hanging in a vertical position over the serving area is officials signal 13.

NFHS Official Signals Chart: Removes signal 7 "Legal Back-Row Attack" from the chart and establishes the signal as an informal officials' signal in the NFHS Officials Manual renumbering remaining signals.

## MSHSAA CHANGES

Modified the current state association adoption to allow schools the option for sub-varsity level (i.e. junior high, freshman, junior varsity only) dual matches and tournaments to abbreviate the third set, when played, to be completed at 15 points or 25 points.

This modification should be specified in the game contract, the officials' contract and agreed upon prior to the match and/or tournament.

## MSHSAA CHANGES NEXT SEASON

- In 2020-21, all varsity dual matches will be played best three-out-of-five sets. Varsity tournaments have the option to use 2/3 or 3/5 format. All non-varsity matches and tournaments will utilize the 2/3 format.
- It's not official yet, but MSHSAA volleyball may expand to five classes and the state tournament format may also change to eliminate pool play.
- REMEMBER THIS SEASON WILL NOT CHANGE!!

### ESTABLISHING PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

- In this scenario, the uniform has **one predominant color: BLACK**





## TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

Since the uniform has one predominant color (**BLACK**) any contrasting color can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform and black can be used as an accent color.



Compliant



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## TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

Since the uniform has one predominant color (**BLUE**) any contrasting color can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform and **BLUE** can be used as an accent color.



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## ESTABLISHING PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

- Uniform tops can have **multiple predominant colors** sharing approximately the same amount of space on the uniform top.
- When **multiple predominant colors can be established** neither of the predominant colors can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform top, even if placed differently on the uniform top.



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## ESTABLISHING PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

- In this scenario, the uniform has **two predominant colors: light blue and navy blue**.



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## TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

Which one of the jerseys below would be a compliant libero jersey?

Compliant



Team Jersey

Non-compliant



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## ESTABLISHING PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

- In all scenarios when there is more than one prevailing uniform color, both colors are to be determined as predominant colors and neither should be used as the predominant color(s) of the libero uniform.



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## ESTABLISHING PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

- In this scenario, the uniform has **two predominant colors: lime green and navy blue**.



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## TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – PREDOMINANT COLOR(S)

Which one of the jerseys below would be a compliant libero jersey?

Non-compliant



Team Jersey

Compliant



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### TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – PIPING/TRIM

- Piping/trim does not need to be placed on a seam.
- There are no width requirements for piping/trim.
- The contrasting uniform can be blue or white or any other clearly contrasting color.

Compliant



Accent on seam and no wider than 1/2"

Trim too wide .3"



### TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – PIPING/TRIM

- Sublimation vs. seams – Both are compliant
- Does the grey jersey contrast with the yellow jersey?

Compliant



### TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – SCHOOL REFERENCES

School mascot references

Compliant



### TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – SCHOOL REFERENCES

Is the mascot permitted on the jersey of both the team and the libero?

Compliant



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### TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – SCHOOL REFERENCES

- Can you clearly see the uniform number? (4-2-4a)
- The sublimated team mascot is compliant on both the team and libero jersey.
- A gold uniform with the sublimated mascot would be a compliant contrasting jersey.

Compliant



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### TEAM/LIBERO UNIFORM COMPLIANCE – SCHOOL REFERENCES

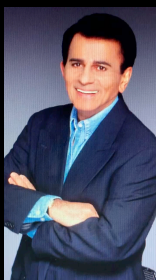
- School references are allowed on the sleeve(s) of the uniform top without size restrictions.

Compliant



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## RECAP OF LAST SEASON



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018-19

- Rule changes:
  - No team member may assist a player during an attempt to play the ball to gain an illegal advantage
  - If a team is charged with unnecessary delay, they are not allowed to request further substitutions until next completed rally
  - Teams may warmup in their own playing area between sets, but cannot hit volleyballs over the net (MSHSAA has further said that V are not allowed to warmup between sets during the JV match)
  - Unnecessary delay signal slightly changed

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018-19

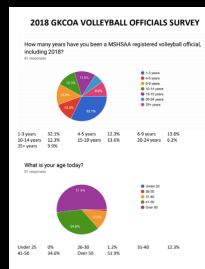
- In GKCOA meetings:
  - Importance of line judges and why GKCOA supplies line judges to Suburban Conference matches
  - Take a photo and report illegal court markings (i.e.: attack lines that are not solid lines) to MSHSAA. Do not force schools to tape down lines or threaten not to play the match. MSHSAA will address it from there.
  - Lots of video situations
  - Crickets on complaints or difficult situations

## LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE



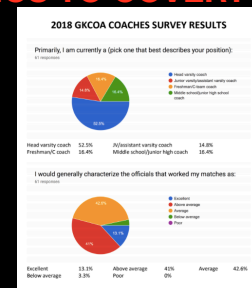
## HOW DO WE FIGURE OUT WHAT TOPICS TO COVER?

- FROM YOU!



## HOW DO WE FIGURE OUT WHAT TOPICS TO COVER?

- AND FROM COACHES!



## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- FROM COACHES:
  - Officials are 54.1% excellent/above average and 42.6% average = 96.7% total
  - 95.1% agree/strongly agree our officials handle themselves professionally
  - 81.7% agree/strongly agree our officials work well together
  - 70% agree/strongly agree our officials keep up with the sport

## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- WHAT DO COACHES THINK OFFICIALS NEED TO WORK ON THE MOST?
  - Ballhandling
  - Back row violations
  - Touches
  - Illegal alignment
  - Net/center line violations
  - Unnecessary delay violations

## BALLHANDLING

- It will be a point of emphasis in our GKCOA meetings this year
- We have to accept that because we are unique human beings that we will never come to 100% agreement between each other as to legality of a contact from match to match
- What coaches want to see more is CONSISTENCY WITHIN A MATCH!

## BALLHANDLING

- HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK:
  - Pay attention to the MSHSAA Online Rules Review as they will make reference to the NFHS Point of Emphasis regarding ball handling on p. 53 of the Rules Book
  - Read the Ball Handling section of the Officials Manual/Case Book on pp. 98-103.
  - We will begin discussing things to look for in future meetings

## FOCUS AREAS IN BALLHANDLING

- While on the stand, there are a couple of different philosophies in watching the match:
  - **BALL WATCHING:** Moving your head and eyes to primarily focus on the ball with a secondary focus on the players
  - **PLAYER WATCHING:** Moving your head and eyes to primarily focus on players with a secondary focus on the ball
- WHICH ONE PROVIDES FOR BETTER JUDGMENT REGARDING BALLHANDLING?

## BALL WATCHING



## PLAYER WATCHING



## ?????

- Which focus philosophy leads to more consistent ball handling calls?
- We're going to find out over the next couple of meetings!
- Think about which philosophy works for you.

## COACHES SURVEY

- Back to the survey...

## GOOD CHARACTERISTICS

- Friendly
- Communicates well
- Can admit mistakes
- Use of precise language or explanations
- Consistency
- Approachable

## BAD CHARACTERISTICS

- Favoritism
- Emotional
- Know it alls
- Rule
- Arrogant
- Unapproachable
- Ignores partner
- Make up calls

## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- FROM EACH OTHER:
  - 51.9% are over 50 years of age
  - 42% have over 10 years of experience
  - 87.3% believe they were assigned at the level they should have worked
  - 86.2% believe last year's jamboree video was worthwhile
  - 77.8% read the Sunday Newsletter weekly
  - 46.8% like in-person meetings, 38% like online meetings, 15.2% like both

## WHAT TOPICS DO WE WANT TO COVER?

- Back row situations
- Second referee duties
- Overlaps
- Watching more situational videos
- How to use Arbiter

## PROFESSIONALISM

- There were a couple of comments regarding professionalism:
  - “I feel that many of the males in the leadership roles are dictatorial and condescending towards women.”
  - “I have heard from new or young officials they feel talked down to by some members of the (leadership team).”

## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN USAV/NFHS RULES

- Not designed for you to memorize, but it will increase your credibility if you know some of the major differences in the heat of the moment

## DROP BOX QUESTIONS

- Arm sleeves are beginning to become a thing. Are they legal?



## IS THIS A LEGAL BLOCK OR OVER THE NET?



## RULE 9-6-4

- Blocking a ball which is entirely on the opponent's side of the net is permitted when the opposing team has had an opportunity to complete its attack.

## RULE 9-6-4

- The attack is considered complete when the:
  - Attacking team has completed its three allowable hits
  - Attacking team has had the opportunity to complete the attack or, in the referee's judgment, directs the ball towards the opponent's court

## SO, IS THIS LEGAL?





## SO, IS THIS LEGAL?

- As long as the attacker touches the ball first and attacks, the blocker can already be penetrating across the plane of the net and block a ball completely on the attacker's side of the net.

## HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?



## AND THIS ONE?



## CASE BOOK 9.6.4A

- There is simultaneous contact by Team R's attacker and Team S's blocker on a ball which is completely on Team R's side of the net.
- RULING: Over the net fault on Team S. The offensive team must have the first opportunity to contact the ball.

## NEXT TIME

- Sun., Aug. 11 at Winnetonka (auxiliary gym)
  - 3:30-4:30pm for new officials
  - 4:30-6:00pm for all officials
- MSHSAA online rules review available tomorrow!!
- 85 DAYS UNTIL DISTRICTS!

## UNTIL NEXT TIME...

