

Points of Emphasis

1. Host Management Best Practices
 - a. Referee's Platform Safety
 - b. Equipment Evaluation
 - c. Prematch Readiness
2. Electronic Devices
3. Bench Personnel – Non-Playing Teammates
4. Identification of the NFHS Authenticating Mark on Game Balls



**PLAY.
PERFORM.
COMPETE.
TOGETHER.**

Rules Revisions

1. Liberos may wear any color uniform bottoms and no longer must match the team uniform bottoms.
2. Between sets, the second referee will provide a double whistle warning at two minutes, 30 seconds (4:30 when intermission is used) instead of two minutes, 45 seconds to improve pace between sets.
3. Two liberos may be designated per set, but only one libero can be in the game at a time. When a team designates two liberos and one is injured/ill, a new libero may be re-designated. When a team designates two liberos and one is disqualified, the team must continue with one libero.
4. When non-playing teammate(s) (bench players) enter the court during play, it is illegal alignment. It remains a conduct violation if a coach or team attendant (anyone not in uniform) enters the court while the ball is in play.
5. Players on the serving team cannot raise their hands above their heads during service until the ball has passed beyond the net to avoid potential screening situations.
6. Players cannot wear any audio or video devices during the match.
7. It is an unsporting conduct violation if coaches, non-playing teammates or team attendants use props on the bench during celebrations.

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