

IGHSAU Volleyball Memo
August 26, 2022

Here's hoping we're off to a great start with the 2022 season.
Here are a few reminders for all officials to consider.

Line-up sheet: Make sure all teams are using the new line-up sheet which can be found on the IGHS AU website under VOLLEYBALL on the officials page. This is the only line-up sheet that should be used by all teams.

Officials Shirts: We are using the new logo for all levels except the middle school. If you do not want to order a new white shirt, you may purchase a patch from Sherry at the IGHS AU for \$5.

The patch can be placed over the previously used logo, thus updating the official uniform shirt.

You are not required to purchase the new blue shirt. White is the default color that is always appropriate. If you are considering purchasing a new shirt, I would strongly suggest purchasing the blue shirt.

Bench adaptation:

The adaptation reads that uniformed players (not managers or assistant coaches) are allowed to stand, if they are in the non-playable area (defined as the end of the bench area), provided both teams have the same accommodations. The line of standing players should not wrap around the baseline, nor should it infringe upon the area of the line judge.

It is not necessary to ask the team if they are going to stand. The team may decide at the beginning of each set if they are going to stand or sit. You will observe before the first serve of each set if they are standing or sitting. If they **stand**, the area at the **END of the bench** (not in front of chairs or bleachers) becomes a non-playable area and stays that way for the rest of the set even if the team decides to sit during the set or some players decide to sit. If the team does **not stand** at the beginning of the set, they may not stand for that set at all. That area is now a playable area. You can have one team stand and one team sit. This is a team decision.

Schedules:

For anyone interested in working postseason matches, please send me your season schedule along with your usual partner or officials that you often work with. Send this schedule to debricharz@ighsau.org Please take the time to do this as soon as possible.

Having access to schedules is extremely helpful in the observer process. Listing your partner(s) helps in assigning postseason matches. Access to schedules provides valuable information and identifies the level of competition that officials are facing throughout the season.

Libero Information: While use of the libero is very common, there are restrictions on the actions of the Libero that need to be reviewed as the players and coaches are not always completely apprised of this information.

Rule 9-5-6 A libero shall not:

- Complete an attack **FROM ANYWHERE**, if, at the moment of contact, the ball is **ENTIRELY** above the height of the net.
- Set the ball **USING OVERHEAD FINGER ACTION** while on or in front of the attack line extended, resulting in a **COMPLETED** attack **ABOVE** the height of the net.
- Block or attempt to block.

- Rotate to the front row.

All four of these restrictions on the libero need to be enforced by officials and in doing so, players and coaches will be educated in the entirety of rule 9-5-6.

Thank you very much! Have a great weekend!

Deb