

Volleyball Officials Memo #4
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Hello again! Here are some rule interpretations that have come up recently that we wanted to bring to everyone's attention.

Clarification for Warm-up Protocol – With the elimination of the covid protocol from last season, **teams are allowed** to warm-up off the court when their opponent has the court for their allotted six-minutes. This is providing the host school allows it. It is a local school decision if they want to allow it or not for social distancing purposes.

Libero Replacement Rule 10-4-a – The libero designated on the lineup for that set is allowed to replace any player in a back-row position.

Rule 10-4-5-a & b – The libero is allowed to serve in one position in the service order. When serving, the libero is not required to leave the playing area or be out of the set for one rally/dead ball before replacing the incoming player in the right back position. **Please read Libero Rule 9-5-6-2 a thru d.**

Substitution – Rule 10-3-7-b – A substitution is illegal when the substitute re-enters or attempts to re-enter the set during the same dead ball. The penalty section in the rule book is a good reference.

Blood Rule – Rule 11-4-3 – An athlete who is bleeding, has an open wound, has any amount of blood on her uniform, or has blood on her personally, shall be directed to leave the activity until the bleeding is stopped, the wound is covered, the uniform and/or body is appropriately cleaned, and/or the uniform is changed. **If the player/coach can find a uniform to replace the blood uniform, please allow them to. It might not perfectly match the original uniform but do whatever it takes to allow this player to play.**

Restricted Play Rule 2-4-2 Exception – When competition is scheduled to occur on adjacent courts, no player or ball may enter or break the plane of the adjacent court before, during or after playing the ball. Thus, when matches are played side by side in the same gym, they should be allowed to play up to the adjacent court but not break the plane at all.

Players Standing at End of Bench – Only players that are in the active rotation may stand behind or at the end of the bench. Everyone else must be seated on the bench. NOTE: All players were allowed to stand last year due to Covid if social distancing was needed. We are not enforcing Covid guidance this season so the rule goes back to as it was before 2020.

Officials Responsibilities and Positions – Rule 5-2 – The first referee and second referee shall have the authority to make decisions about infractions of the rules committed. This means for the match on the court. You do not need to worry about where the spectators sit unless it is interfering with play. Schools are asked to leave the first row empty *if possible*, but it is local school discretion during the regular season. Unsportsmanlike behavior that is interfering with the match should be addressed with the host administration to handle. Happenings off the court need to be handled by the host administration.

Please keep this in mind:

**ARE THE DECISIONS WE ARE ABOUT TO MAKE
IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE IOWA GIRL?**

Good luck in your upcoming matches. Please feel free to email me anytime at debricharz@ighsau.org if there is something I can help with.

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