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Official's Uniforms Options

Volleyball officials are currently given the option to wear a white polo uniform shirt with either the MHSAA officials emblem or the newly permitted dye sublimated horizontal MHSAA logo over of the left chest pocket area. These remain the two options for volleyball officials until the 2020/21 season when the horizontal MHSAA logo will become the required design.

Postseason Tournament Consideration

For any level of the tournament, you must have completed the rules meeting. For the Regional level, officials must have an Approved classification with at least 16 varsity ratings over the last three years, work a minimum of 10 games this season (schedule submitted to the MHSAA for confirmation), and be a Member-in-good-standing of a Local Approved Association. In addition to the above requirements, in order for an official to be eligible for consideration at the Quarterfinal through Final levels, they must also complete the volleyball tournament consideration exam with a score of at least 80%.

Jewelry and Adornments

Rule 4-1 spells out restrictions on players wearing jewelry. Officials need to be especially vigilant in the enforcement of these rules because of the emphasis with the safety of the student-athletes. 4-1-5 discusses hair adornments. Players may wear a flat, soft headband no more than 3" in width, and may also wear bobby pins and flat barrettes and clips less than 2" in length. Hard hair beads and metal wire wraps in the hair are not permitted by rule.

We have already had a number of instances with players wearing jewelry during matches (primarily earrings). 4-1-6 prohibits the wearing of jewelry (there are exceptions for religious and medical-alert medals) during warm-ups and/or competition. We really would like to make every effort to catch these violations during warm-ups, if possible, and where the consequence is a simple request for removal.

If, however, we find that a player is wearing jewelry while entering or participating in a contest, the player is removed and an unnecessary delay penalty is assessed. If a team still has a time-out remaining, they may use it to have the player come into compliance and remain in the set. For subsequent violations by the same team during the same set, the team will be assessed an administrative red card and a loss of rally/point shall be awarded to the opposing team. **PROACTIVE OFFICIATING CAN PREVENT THESE INSTANCES FROM OCCURING.**

Something to Consider

The second referee whistles and signals a request by Team R's head coach for a substitution. The substitute is on the bench removing a shirt and tying her shoes as the second referee and outgoing player stand ready to complete the competition. As it becomes apparent an unnecessary delay will be charged to Team R, the head coach attempts to withdraw the substitution. What's the ruling? Check back in the next Volleyball Bulletin for the answer.