



## MHSAA VOLLEYBALL INTERPRETATIONS and POINT OF EMPHASES (BY TOPIC)

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### **ANTHEM POSITIONING**

During the introduction of players, all officials will stand on their assigned sideline facing the court. R1 and LJ1 will stand next to one another on LJ1's side of the net with R1 nearest the sideline, and R2 and LJ2 will stand next to one another on LJ2's side of the net with R2 nearest the centerline. LJ1 will take his/her flag and one ball and place them on the officials stand prior to taking his/her position.

**NOTE:** When the national anthem is played, all officials will turn at their positions (if necessary) to face the direction of the flag.

### **COMPOSITE/COLLECTIVE BLOCKS - WHAT CONSTITUTES**

A collective block is defined as a block executed by more than one blocker in close proximity. A block occurs when a player is reaching higher than the top of the net at the moment of contact with the ball. A player cannot be an illegal blocker until the player is first a blocker – which means that the player must be reaching higher than the top of the net.

### **COURT OBSTRUCTIONS - BACKBOARDS**

#### *Flush-Mounted Backboards*

The rules provide that a ball will become dead "when it touches...objects mounted flush with a wall..."

In all instances when that object does not interfere with a player's "legitimate effort to play the ball" or is on a serve, a loss of rally/point shall be awarded.

If it does interfere with the player's legitimate playing of the ball, and:

- The wall on which it is attached to is less than 6 feet from a boundary line, a replay will be declared.
- The wall on which it is attached to is 6 feet or more from a boundary line, a loss of rally/point shall be awarded.

#### *Suspended-Mount Backboards*

When the backboard is one which is not attached directly to the wall, but is hanging from the ceiling, extending away from the wall or a combination of both, a replay will be declared if the referee believes that the ball would have remained in the playable area had the ball not struck the backboard or its supports. Otherwise, a loss of rally/point shall be awarded.

When a served ball hits a backboard or its supports, it shall be a loss of rally/point.

### **HAIR ADORNMENTS**

If an athlete is wearing a hair device that violates Rule 4-1-6 which requires it be made of "soft material", the officials will address that provision in the following manner:

- a) If the hard or unyielding adornment can be easily removed, it must be removed before the athlete can return to competition.
- b) If the hard or unyielding adornment cannot be easily removed, the player must secure the hair adornment to the head in a way that will not pose a risk to the athlete or her teammates.

**NOTE: The wearing of a hard or unyielding adornment close and secure against the head of the player will not be deemed a risk to the player or her teammate.**



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**LINEUP SUBMISSION – DELAYED**

A team delay warning for unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card) is issued for not submitting a lineup prior to two minutes remaining in the timed pre-match warmup or before one minute remaining in the time interval between sets. If the lineup is still not submitted by the end of the timed pre-match warmup or interval between sets, a second unnecessary delay (administrative red card) will be issued and result in a loss of rally/point.

If the head coach is making effort to submit the lineup following the administrative red card, the R2 will provide a reasonable opportunity for him/her to do so. If the head coach refuses to comply after being provided a reasonable opportunity, he/she should be issued an unsporting conduct red card and another loss of point. Further non-compliance will result red/yellow and ejection from the contest.

**PLAYERS' MEDICAL DEVICES**

Medical appliances (*e.g., insulin pumps, medical heart monitors, etc.*) are permitted provided the device is securely padded and attached to the player's body under the uniform and the school has secured a medical device waiver from the MHSAA. Devices connected to the head such as hearing aids and cochlear implants do not need to be padded but should be securely attached.

**TOWELS IN THE WAISTBAND**

Players are permitted to wear towels in their waistbands as long as they do not interfere with play. In regards to contact with the net, the towel is considered a piece of the playing uniform and would be considered a net fault if it were to contact the net while the ball were still in play.