

NNVOA Volleyball Guidelines – Fall 2022

1. Pre-Match and Match Guidelines:

- Most matches are officiated by a two-person crew: R1 (on stand) and R2 (on floor). Some matches (Frosh and JV) and most tournaments are officiated by a single official. Occasionally a single Varsity referee is used.
- **Format:** Rally 3 out of 5 all Varsity and Rally 2 out of 3 all JV and Frosh. All 1A schools may play double-headers with either a Varsity-JV-Varsity format or a JV-Varsity-Varsity format. Officials should collaborate with the coaches and event management to determine the format in use prior to the start of the match. Go with the flow-be flexible. (1A DH's Varsity are 3/5) **There may be some JV 3 out of 5's.**
- First matches during the week start at 3:45/4:00 at most schools (3A and 5A); some will start at 3:00 (2A and 1A). We travel as far as Hawthorne, Coleville and other locations requiring 2-2.5 hours of travel time (one way). Being available by 11:00/12:00 is a benefit. The bulk of matches are T/W/Th/F/Sat. There are matches on Monday.
- NNVOA officials do not rule on the eligibility of players to compete in a match. This is the responsibility of the coach(s), their school administration, AND the NIAA. **The NIAA established a new rule allowing players to play on multiple teams in each day (i.e., JV & Varsity).** Please make sure that the rosters are accurate for all teams.
- Officials need to check the net height, antennas placement, padding and so forth prior to each match, not just at the beginning of the day. The net and antennas can take a pounding during sets and warm-ups. i.e., Varsity officials coming in, please check net height, antennas, and playable areas after JV match.
- NFHS rules do not require any specific brand and model of ball for use by teams, so long as the ball meets the requirements of the rule regarding size, weight, inflation, markings, **NFHS seal and color.** **The colored-panel ball is the norm.** The NIAA uses Molten balls for Regional/State playoffs.
- Warm-up times are 8-8 for all levels (visitor-home-no shared serving = **VHS**). When unusual circumstances happen, like a late bus, the warm-up schedule may be altered by the R1, in conjunction with the coaches. Teams cannot be denied their warmup time.
- To be considered for post season matches: Officials must score a 92% or higher and have attended the NIAA Rules Clinic to be eligible for Regional and State contests. Officials may retake the test through mid-to-late October if necessary.

2. Team (School) Uniforms

- According to the rule book, teams are to dress in “like-colored” uniforms, not identical uniforms. Uniform rules need to be enforced but please use commons sense in the Frosh and JV matches as many teams use “hand-me-down” uniforms and may have a few styles that do not match or have colors that are slightly off. DO NOT penalize this situation unless there are duplicate numbers. Numbers on uniforms must conform to size and be properly located on the uniform per the rule book. **The libero uniform must clearly contrast with that of the team uniform.**
- Contact the Commissioner should an entire team have illegal uniforms. However, these are often discovered at the beginning of the season and approval from the NIAA can be obtained by the school to wear the illegal uniforms. Officials will be notified at NNVOA meetings or via email when approval for illegal uniforms has been obtained. Coaches are required to bring the NIAA approval letter with them to show officials.
 - **There is NO LIBERO UNIFORM EXCEPTION. Each player must have a unique number - no “sharing” of numbers. Exception: Injury to libero and the team only has one uniform for a libero.**
- Uniforms shall be worn as intended by manufacturers; no folding of shorts down to reveal the mid-section or tying the shirt in a knot behind the back. Use good judgment and have the coach address the player.
- Players are not to remove any part of the team uniform or warm-up T-shirts while in the competitive area (gym) from the time officials arrive on site until the completion of the match. Players must go to the locker room or rest room to

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change into their game top, not behind or under the bleachers or in a team huddle. Any removal of uniform items after the match in the playing area MUST be reported to the Commissioner ASAP via email, text, or phone call. This issue happens early in the season as players transition from Club to High School. NOT OK!!!

3. Line Judges, Scorekeeper/Timer, Libero Tracker, Ball Shaggers and Home Management

- **The R1 is responsible for briefing the line judges including the NNVOA line judges.** At schools using ball shaggers, the R2 is responsible for finding and briefing the shaggers, provided by the home team. The R2 is responsible for briefing the scorer/timer and the libero tracker. The R1 must introduce herself/himself to the scorekeeper/timer and libero tracker. Both officials need to find and introduce themselves to home management and know where the event manager will be during the match should assistance be needed. If the Administrator is not present, then the default is the COACH – they are now the event manager.
- Adults are used as line judges at many schools; however, students may be used as line judges. 5A matches require adults for Varsity matches and are preferred. The NNVOA assigns line judges to all 5A schools and most 3A schools. Make ALL line judges feel important because they are! Schools may not refuse to provide line judges. Spend adequate time reviewing duties.

4. Official's Uniform

- A “Certified Volleyball Official” Polo shirt with or without pocket. Black slacks. Black socks and black tennis/court shoes. (No hard dress shoes). Shirt colors are Cyan (Blue), White or Gray. **Other equipment:** watch, whistle with lanyard, red/yellow cards, R2 line-up cards (3X5 index card), pencil, coin, and net chain. Optional: pressure gauge, pump, white sweater “Certified Volleyball Official” or all white unadorned short-sleeve or long-sleeve shirt beneath the white Polo shirt. No “Certified” sweatshirts are to be worn. The any of the three-color polos may be worn but both the R1 and R2 must wear the same color. Line Judges must be identical but do not need to match the color of the Referees, although it looks a lot nicer.

5. Assignments and Scheduling

- Officials are expected to complete the assignments they accept. It is the responsibility of the official to notify the assignor of changes to their schedule that alters their ability to complete their assignment. The Arbiter allows for blocking times and dates so please keep your availability current and check email often; daily if necessary.
- Officials may not swap assignments with other officials, nor may they switch position (R1, R2) without the permission of the assignor. **Exception:** sickness beyond description.
- Assignments are done through Arbiter and once a match is assigned the official has four (4) days to accept the match. If not accepted/declined within this period, Arbiter automatically UNASSIGNS you so please be diligent in this area. Assignments are scheduled out two to three weeks in advance. **Exception: Tournaments**
- **NNVOA policy permits the fining of officials who are late to a match or are out of uniform at a match.**
- Officials who work early matches must remain on site until their replacements arrive. If only one official is present at the match site, that official should proceed through the pre-match procedure and conduct the match by themselves if necessary. If an official from an earlier match is available, that official should step in and work the match. Once the match begins, the officials who started the match will finish it, even if the scheduled official(s) arrive. **Exception:** working official(s) have another commitment and cannot stay. If the R1 arrives past the start time and the R2 has begun the match as the solo R1, the late arriving official will become the R2 - do not change positions after the match has begun.
- If a match ends early and the officials for the following match have not arrived, it is not permissible for the officials on site to begin preparation for the match to follow but do not start that match before its scheduled time. These

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officials should remain on site and act only if the warm-up time has begun for the next match and no new officials have reached the match site.

- Notify the assignor of **any unusual circumstance** that occur via email. Follow up with an email to the Commissioner if any player was injured or the unusual circumstance was of a serious nature. If an ejection happens: Contact Commissioner immediately AND complete the Ejection Form found on either the Arbiter or NNVOA website.
- ***The NIAA has NOT decided if we will do this:** For every match, the R1 will complete the “Sportsmanship Evaluation” on the Arbiter app once the post-match debrief has concluded.
- If officials are to be paid mileage for traveling to a match, the following will be the default:
 - Varsity R1 = Driver
 - Varsity R2 = Rider
 - Officials working only sub-varsity matches or are only Line Judges will have similar defaults.
 - **SENIORITY DEFAULT - MANUAL ADJUSTMENTS are made from here based on SENIORITY.**

- Officials must contact each other prior to their matches to make sure they have matching POLOs and to coordinate travel. NOTE: Officials traveling together must communicate well before the date of the match. Travel should be scheduled to allow arrival at least 30-45 minutes prior to match time without having to drive in an unsafe manner.
- **Officials traveling from the same location or passing through the same town MUST carpool as schools do not pay for two drivers. It is YOUR responsibility to check for potential carpooling. A note in Arbiter will NOT be provided. CONTACT Ellen if you are unclear as to the driver/rider status as multiple drivers will not be paid unless OK'd by Assigner. This includes tournaments and regular season matches.**

- Officials must carry appropriate vehicle insurance; make sure the vehicle is in good running condition and is comfortable for all passengers. Safe travels!

6. Training and Meetings

- The NIAA clinic is required. Pre-season scrimmages are held at local schools. All officials are expected to attend scrimmages to prepare themselves with direct practice before league play begins. Every official needs to go to a scrimmage and stay for the 1½ -2 hours of training (R1, R2, lines, scoring, libero tracking).
- Exam II will be posted just like Exam I. I will email you when it opens. **The Exam II deadline is Sept. 11, 2022 @ 11:59 pm PST.** Officials failing to meet the deadline, jeopardize current assignments and/or may lose future assignments. Officials must score a 76% or higher to be considered for assignments. A score of 92% or higher is necessary to be considered for post season matches.
- **New Officials:** The NFHS Concussion Course is on-line. A completion certificate must be obtained to officiate in Nevada. Email the certificate to the NIAA Volleyball Commissioner. The course and setting up an NFHS account are FREE, but you must register with the NFHS to take the course. **Returning Officials:** I suggest retaking this course every 3-4 years.
- NNVOA training and business meetings are held throughout the season. **See the Arbiter Announcement Page or the NNVOA website for future dates.**
- **BRING your educational materials (Rule book, Case Book/Officials Manual, Pre-season Guide) to every training/meeting.**