

Minutes

## **NNVOA meeting Aug 28, 2022**

### **Swift Sportsdome 4:00-6:00**

Paul Lenae convenes the meeting @ 4:13pm

Paul Lenae (President-Elect) welcomes members and thanks them for their work over the recent tournaments.

- Warns members to be prepared for late busses as school transportation is very difficult for teams. Offers a suggestion to allow the home team the first 8 mins of warm-up, so the late visiting team can get organized/dressed/ready for warmup.
- Question from member = what do we do if there is power outage?
- Answer from Paul and Ellen Townsend = be flexible, wait to see if game delay will work out – less important to play Frosh/JV games – really try to get Varsity games complete
- ALL members need to be aware that I-80 west to Truckee & North Tahoe schools will have construction delays & we will need to calculate those delays into our travel time. (Leave earlier than you think you need to) Danny McLaughlin adds = traffic up Mt. Rose hwy is ALSO impacted by delays
- Paul emphasizes that all 5A schools have hard start times Fr=3:45; JV=5:00; VAR=6:00 Officials may not start a game early. Ellen adds that 3A game times are 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 and matches are just played back-to-back-to-back.

Brain Kelley Communications director=

- Reminds members to email Brian Kelley if they are not able to attend meetings
- NNVOA board member elections to be held in October – be on the lookout for those to nominate for Board positions. (Member-at-Large; Finance director;) Forward Nomination to Brian Kelley or Heather Ramsey

Danny McLaughlin Training Director=

- Please look at the training videos posted on the NNVOA Weebly site <https://nnvoa.weebly.com/> Officials may view them, rewind, or play in slow motion as needed.
- Paul Lenae adds = Please communicate with your partner(s) before each match. Go over expectations, discreet signals, and procedures. Effective communication leads to good teamwork & smoother matches.

Ellen Townsend NIAA Commissioner

Ellen leads general discussion over the following areas=

- A. Professionalism (conflicts of interest, use of social media, partners, matches/calendar, and so forth)**
- B. Game/Bench Management Scenarios**
- C. Line Judge training on the court**
- D. Alignments & Liberos (delay vs position fault) on the court**

**A. Professionalism:**

- Take care of paperwork, fees, Exams; some of you have NOT taken Exam I; Exam II is NOW available, and the deadline is September 11
- Read your books to best understand the rules and mechanics; asking questions is great but first do the research in the rule book, case book, and the Simplified & Illustrated book. Look at videos online to further your understanding.

- Access the Rules Clinic presentation and the Fall Summary Guide on Arbiter/NNVOA website
- Take the initiative and learn to navigate Arbiter; review handouts from the clinic and prior meetings when Arbiter is discussed; go to the Announcement/Dashboard page for information
- Be current on availability, have all alerts/reminders set up in Arbiter
- Make sure your profile is correct: address with zip code, phone number public, photo is appropriate
- Contact partner(s) to confirm or remind each other where/who working with; where to meet when driving together; what polo the crew is wearing for the night if working more than one match (Varsity with four officials); provide any tips to each other about traffic issues, where to park, where to best enter the gym/facility, etc.
- Be able to access to partner(s) contact information (Arbiter Mobile)
- Conflict of interest?
  - Impartiality...Perception
  - Are you in contact with ANY coach during the season? What capacity? Why?
  - Are you currently coaching or just finished coaching any USAV or HS players? Relationship with those players?
  - Are you employed by a HIGH SCHOOL?
  - Do you have any family, relatives, ex partners, close friends coaching or playing on a HS team?
  - How do you maintain impartiality when you arrive on site and know the coach, fans, or players? What does your interaction LOOK like to others? *You should avoid being overly friendly with fans, players, or coaches.*

## **B. Game/Bench Management Scenarios:**

Ellen asks membership about the following scenarios=

1. Fans are on the floor in a playable area
  - a. *Not allowed – get site Admin or head coach to clear floor*
2. Fan(s) pounding on a drum.
  - a. *Not allowed – no artificial noisemakers*
3. Fan uses a whistle or air horn.
  - a. *Noisemakers are not allowed at athletic contests. This would include, but is not limited to, thunder sticks, air horns, shakers, whistles, megaphones used as drums, etc. Megaphones shall be used by cheerleaders only.*
4. Coach enters sub zone to coach during play, during a dead ball, or repeatedly enters sub zone or stands beyond the end line (not in the libero replacement zone)
  - a. *Not allowed – warning from R2, then Unsporting conduct Yellow*
5. Assistant coach is standing during play or a dead ball to coach; repeatedly stands during play/dead ball.
  - a. *Not allowed – warning from R2, then Unsporting conduct Yellow*
6. Coach asks for number of substitutions when the score is 4-1; score is 23-22; repeatedly asks the number of substitutions (at 15-15, 17-15, 19-19, 22-21...)
  - a. *Not allowed – warning from R2, then Unnecessary delay Yellow*
7. Coach says “double” so only the R2 can hear; coach continues throughout the set/match with “double”.
  - a. *Not allowed – warning from R2, then Unsporting conduct Yellow*
8. Player’s celebration gets closer and closer to the court.
  - a. *Not allowed – warning from R2, then Unsporting conduct Yellow*
9. Player #5, not the captain, talks in a loud manner towards the R1 (or R2).
  - a. *Not allowed – warning from Official, then Unsporting conduct Yellow*
10. Coach complains about a call (gets down on their knees, throws their arms up and incites the fan base.
  - a. *Not allowed – Unsporting conduct, could go straight to RED or RED+YELLOW (DQ)*

Joe Daniel = adds the new Fernley head coach is very animated – not disruptive, but animated.

Larry Rickmann asked about team members/managers other than players in uniform being on the court during warmups. He indicated that USAV does not allow managers to be on the court – only players are permitted. ----- Ellen explained that team managers are allowed to be on the court (male or female managers) during warmups. They can shag balls and help the team warmup as directed by the coach. The NFHS and NIAA have NO rule or regulation limiting their access to the court or participating in warmups. Team managers must go through the NIAA RMA (Register My Athlete) process and once they have done that, they are cleared to be part of the team.

Entire Membership moves to VB court & the following scenarios are demonstrated and discussed.

### **C. LJ Practice:**

1. Pre-match (where to go before warmup)
2. Warming Up (go to court first 6 minutes and watch hitting and serving; stay during home team warm up for first 3-4 minutes) Should observe both teams. No flags
3. Position during line-up check: 10 ft from endline; hold ball in hand against leg with flag pointed down; give ball to the ball retriever AFTER R2 rolls ball to the server
4. During match: keep feet in base position and turn upper torso to observe server; 4-5 feet (can hit with the flag) then step back in line with endline; one step & pivot to return to base position to make call on sideline; reset position between plays; BTBTTL (beat the ball to the line) eyes get to the spot on floor where you expect the ball to land BEFORE the ball gets there: errant ball...stay square to the court...make eye contact with the R1 when making your call; when to move up the sideline or across the sideline
5. Inside Out Technique: Position head to looking at the line from the inside of the court (with some body lean (allows you to see gap)
6. Presenting Signals:
  - a. Make the call
  - b. Present by bringing feet together/posture fully upright
  - c. Make eye contact with R1 (LJ1 turn upper torso only)
7. During deciding set/coin toss: Gather game balls, move to TO position, straddle second hash mark and wait until coin toss is complete; wait until are near the scorer's table has cleared and then take game balls to table
8. During injury: near TO position then move nearer Ref stand or to other neutral location
9. Other: R1 can overrule a call by a line judge; player habitually outside court markings let the R1 know during a TO. Not LJ responsibilities to signal when a non-serving player touching floor outside the court.
10. Moving from base position up the sideline or across the endline depending on ball location and whether the ball could be blocked (stay in base position if possibility of a block.)

### **D. Alignments**

Kira Brown demonstrates “usual” VB alignments and rotations for both serve and receive.

1. Review of where overlaps occur – player side by side and/or front to back.
2. Serving – present various overlaps
3. Receiving – present overlaps
4. Go through four rotations with libero/libero replacements (libero serving – double replacement)

Paul Lenae adjourns meeting at 6:23pm