

Volleyball Officials – Please review the following clarifications regarding uniform and scoring provisions for the 2016 season.

Volleyball Solid-Colored Uniform Rule Clarification

There have been some questions from coaches and officials pertaining to the new NFHS solid-colored uniform rule. Due to the rule being introduced over two years ago, there will be no “grandfathering” granted to teams wearing illegal uniforms.

Here are a few points to help clarify the rule:

If a team does not use a libero then that team does not have to wear solid-colored uniforms.

If a team **DOES** use a libero, then that team must conform to one of the following options:

1. The libero must wear a solid-colored uniform top that is contrasting in color to the rest of the team’s uniform tops. The rest of the team can wear uniforms that are not solid-colored.
 2. The entire team **EXCEPT** the libero must wear matching solid-colored uniform tops that are contrasting in color to the libero’s uniform top. (In this case the libero would not have to wear a solid-colored uniform top because the rest of the team’s uniform tops are solid-colored).
 3. The libero **AND** the rest of the team wear solid-colored uniform tops, with the libero’s uniform top contrasting in color to the rest of the team’s uniform tops.
- The vast majority of schools have opted to purchase a solid-colored uniform top for their libero(s) to wear to avoid buying new uniforms for their entire team, which is permissible.
 - Solid-colored uniform tops shall clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the teammates’ uniform top. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform.
 - Sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top.
 - Piping/trim not exceeding 1 inch in total at its widest point may be placed along the seams and may be a different color(s) than the uniform top.
 - Lettering and collars may be a different color(s) than the uniform top.
 - Numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in the respective uniform rules.
 - A single school name, mascot name and/or player’s name may be placed on the body of the uniform top, but shall not disrupt the integrity of the solid-color uniform top. Designs are NOT permitted.
 - A mascot, not to exceed 4x4 or 3x5 inches, may be placed on the front and/or back of the jersey. (example: Spartan head, tiger head, etc.)
 - A single mascot reference and/or school name may be placed on the sleeve(s), but shall not exceed either 4x4 or 3x5 inches.

Volleyball Scoring

Varsity Competition:

All varsity dual matches played shall be 3 of 5 sets to 25 points with the deciding set to 15 points.

Triangular and quadrangular matches shall be 2 out of 3 sets played to 25 or 3 out of 5 sets to 25 with any deciding set played to 15 points. In a regular season **tournament** (3 or more matches in one day), all pool matches shall be 2 of 3 sets to 21 points with any deciding set to 15 points. Semi-final and final round matches may be 2 of 3 sets or 3 of 5 sets to 21 or 25 points with the deciding set to 15 points. Scoring for round robin tournaments should follow pool play scoring only (2 of 3 sets to 21 points with any deciding set to 15 points).

Sub-varsity competition:

Rally scoring must be used but point requirements and time limits shall be determined prior to the start of each match. No scoring cap may be used. Two timeouts are allowed each set. The winning team must win by two points. Sub-varsity teams should switch benches after each set.

Hoping your season is off to a great start!

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