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After a ball is double contacted by a setter in one attempt to play the ball on a team's second contact and the ball is next played simultaneously by opposing players in the plane of the net, what is the ruling? See question No. 7 for the answer.

Each of the following includes a situation and possible answers. Decide which answer is correct for NFHS rules. (Answers on last page.)



1 At the end of a rally, A1 replaces the libero. The scorer immediately notifies the second referee that A2 should have returned to the court to replace the libero instead of A1. What is the correct action for the second referee?

- a. Instruct the scorer to record a substitution for the team, A1 for A2.
- b. Immediately notify the team of the illegal replacement. If A2 quickly enters to replace A1, no additional penalty is necessary.

- c. Wait until the contact of the serve, and then whistle and signal an illegal alignment fault by that team.
- d. Immediately notify the team of the illegal replacement. Require A2 to enter the court and A1 to return to the bench, then assess an unnecessary delay/delay sanction to the team.

2 What is the required depth of the service zone?

- a. Ten feet.
- b. Eight feet.
- c. Six feet; if that much space is not available, a line is placed within the court boundaries to provide 6 feet.
- d. There is no minimum depth for the service zone.

3 When are lineups due for sets two through five?

- a. At least 15 seconds before the expiration of the interval between sets.
- b. At least 30 seconds before the expiration of the

- interval between sets.
- c. At least 60 seconds before the expiration of the interval between sets.
- d. Prior to the whistle ending the interval between sets.

4 A1 is a back-row player. B2 attacks a ball and A1 joins A3 and A4 to participate in a block. The completed attack hits off A3's hands and returns to team B's court in bounds. The result of the play is:

- a. An illegal back-row

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block on team A, team B is awarded a loss of rally/point.

b. Legal play, team A is awarded the point.

5 If a team's libero is disqualified for conduct while playing, which option(s) are available to the team to designate a new libero?

a. The second libero that is listed on the team's lineup sheet may replace the disqualified libero.

b. A coach may re-designate a new libero.

c. The team continues to play with no libero and the last player the libero replaced enters the set.

6 A timeout ends early and both teams return to the court ready to play. During the rally, Team B shanks a pass toward their bench. As the ball travels above the bench area and is clearly headed out of bounds, the timer's horn sounds because it was not turned off after the early timeout. What is the correct ruling?

a. Replay the rally due to the horn sounding during live play, creating a distraction.

b. Award the point to Team A because the horn did not interfere with a playable ball.

c. Award the point to Team B since the horn caused unnecessary interference.

d. Replay the rally only if Team B's coach immediately protests the timing error.

7 Team A's setter attempts to set a ball while running and the ball makes contact with her right hand and then her left hand in one attempt to

play the ball. It is team A's second team contact. The ball then enters the plane of the net where it is simultaneously contacted by A2 and B3.

a. Legal, play continues.

b. Illegal contact by team A, team B wins the rally.

8 As the teams take the court for the start of a set, the coach realizes that an incorrect player has been listed in the starting lineup after the lineup sheet has been recorded on the scoresheet. The coach would like to replace the starting player with another team member. Which of the following referee decisions is correct?

a. Allow the coach to change the lineup without penalty or using a substitution.

b. Allow the coach to make a substitution to have the desired player start the set.

c. Allow the coach to change the lineup and assess an unnecessary delay.

d. Deny the coach's request to change the lineup until after the first service.

9 What is the penalty if the second referee identifies an illegal libero replacement prior to contact of serve?

a. Unnecessary delay.

b. Illegal alignment.

c. No penalty, issue a replay.

10 At the moment of the service hit, the server is touching the endline, but the receiving team is out of position. How is that situation handled by the referees?

a. An illegal service has occurred. That fault is penalized; the receiving

team will be awarded a point and will serve next.

b. Each team has committed a fault simultaneously, i.e., a "double fault." The rally is replayed.

c. An illegal alignment fault is assessed to team R and the illegal service by team S is ignored.

11 A substitute enters the substitution zone and is recognized and whistled by the second referee. The coach then decides to withdraw the substitution request.

a. The substitution is ignored and no penalty assessed.

b. The substitution request may be withdrawn, and an unnecessary delay is assessed to the team.

c. The substitution request may be withdrawn and a point is awarded to the opponent.

d. The request may not be withdrawn and the substitute is required to enter.

12 Prior to the first set, starter A1 becomes ill during the national anthem, runs to the bathroom and is unable to start the match.

a. Team A must start the match with five players since A1 is listed as a starter.

b. Team A may enter another player in place of A1 without penalty and is not charged a substitution.

c. Team A may enter another player in place of A1 but is assessed an unnecessary delay, even if there is no significant delay.

d. Team A may enter another player in place of A1 but is charged a substitution.

13 Are second referees required to carry a lineup card to check the starting lineups?

a. Yes.

b. No.

14 After playing a ball near the net, A1 turns and moves away from the net to get into position for the next play. During that action, A1's hair brushes the net.

a. Legal. Play continues.

b. Net fault by A1.

15 What is the penalty if the second referee identifies an illegal libero replacement after contact of serve?

a. Unnecessary delay.

b. Illegal alignment.

c. No penalty, issue a replay.

16 Are non-smooth or textured volleyballs for the 2025-26 school year legal?

a. Yes. Teams may use these volleyballs in either boys' or girls' matches.

b. Yes. However, only boys' matches may use these volleyballs.

c. No. These volleyballs don't become legal until 2026-27.

17 May nonplaying team members (other than the head coach) stand at the end of the bench during play?

a. Yes. Standing beyond the team bench beyond the endline is permissible.

b. No. Nonplaying team members (other than the head coach) must be seated on the team bench during play.

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18 After the first referee authorizes service, A1—standing in the service area with the ball—realizes it is actually A2's turn to serve. A1 immediately tosses the ball to A2, who quickly enters the service zone and legally serves the ball within the allotted time. The ball lands untouched on Team B's court.

- a. Legal play. A1 did not serve, and A2, the correct server, completed the serve within the time limit.
- b. Illegal serve. Once the referee authorizes service, the player holding the ball must complete the serve.
- c. Team A is penalized for delay of serve because the correct server was not ready when service was authorized.
- d. Replay the rally because the wrong server initially held the ball, causing confusion.

19 Which of the following is true for an injured player replaced by exceptional substitution or an injured libero replaced by re-designation?

- a. The injured player/libero may not play for the remainder of the match.
- b. The injured player/libero may not play for the remainder of the current set but may play in later sets during the match.
- c. The injured player/

libero must leave the bench and warmup area for the remainder of the set.

- d. The injured player/libero cannot be sanctioned for unsporting conduct after they are replaced.

20 The libero jumps from behind the attack line and attacks a ball, which is completely below the height of the net on contact, and sends the ball over the net to team B's side of the net. The ball lands inbounds.

- a. The libero may never jump to attack a ball. A fault should be whistled the moment the ball crosses completely beyond the net.
- b. No fault has occurred and team A wins the rally.
- c. A fault should be whistled at the moment the libero contacts the ball since a libero may never attack a ball, regardless of the position of the ball in relationship to the height of the net.

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d

(10-4-4a Pen. 1)

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b

(9-8-1a, 9.8.1C)

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b

(10-2-7a-2, 10-2 Pen.)

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c

(3-2-1 Note)

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c

(2-1-6)

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a

(9-4-8c)

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b

(11-4-4)

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b

(9-1-1)

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c

(7-1-4)

8

b

(7-1-2b, 10-1-4)

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b

(5-3-2b, 5-5-3b-9)

18

a

(8-1-1, 8-2-5)

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a

(9-5-1c-2 and 3)

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a

(10-4 Pen. 1)

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a

(9-6-7a)

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b

(10-3-6 Note,
10-4-3a-2, 10.3.6B)

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c

(10-4-3d)

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a

(8-2-5b, 8.2.6)

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b

(10-4 Pen. 1)

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b

(9-5-6a)



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