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| 2-4-1b | A referee shall stop play when any player gains an illegal advantage by contacting any team member while playing the ball.  
**Rationale:** Clarifies that no team member may assist a player during an attempt to play the ball. |
| 5-5-3b(10) | The second referee has the responsibility to ensure that the head coach remains in the replacement zone no closer that 6 feet to the sideline, when standing during play.  
**Rationale:** Supports the second referee’s responsibilities as outlined in the Officials Manual. |
| 5-5-3b(13), 5-5-3b(20), 5-8-3a NOTE | When multiple courts are in use, the second referee may end a time-out or interval between sets with a long whistle in place of the timer sounding an audio signal. (horn)  
**Rationale:** Clarifies timer and second referees responsibilities during time-outs/ intervals when multiple courts are in use. |
| 9-8-2 Exception (NEW) | When a replay is signaled due to an injury/illness and the injured/ill player cannot continue to play, the head coach may request a substitute or complete a legal libero replacement for the injured/ill player or take a team time-out(s) if the team has remaining time-outs. |
| 11-4-1b (NEW) | **Rationale:** Clarifies the procedures for a replay due to an injured/ill player and adds the option of a legal libero replacement. |
After a team is charged with an unnecessary delay, the coach may request no further substitutions until the next completed rally.

**Rationale:** Eliminates further delay of the set by removing the option to request additional substitutions after a team is charged with an unnecessary delay.

Between sets, team may warm up in their playing area, but may not hit volleyballs over the net into the opponents playing area.

**Rationale:** Establishes parameters for warming up between sets that minimize the risk of injury.

To signal unnecessary delay, raise the hand on the side of the offending team beside head, palm facing shoulder, hold the appropriate card on the wrist of the raised hand.

**Rationale:** Simplifies mechanics for unnecessary delay signal and clarifies side at fault.

Provides consistency by listing all reasons why a match shall be declared a forfeit and clarifies that a forfeit is considered a termination of a match and not a suspension.

Clarifies that the inspection of net antennas is a pre-match responsibility of the first referee.

Clarifies that the second referee shall use a double whistle to indicate the warning during a time-out and when an intermission is used.

Clarifies that when a team is playing with fewer than six players, the vacant position remains open when rotating to the front row.

Procedures for Unsporting Conduct Violations 4 and 5, How to Use the Signals #20
### 2018-2019 COMMENTS ON RULES CHANGES

**2-4-1b:** A referee shall stop play when any player gains an illegal advantage by contacting any team member while attempting to play the ball. Team members consist of all school representatives located in the team bench area, including but not limited to coaches, teammates, managers, certified athletic trainers and players. (6-1)

**5-5-3b(10):** The second referee, as outlined in the Officials Manual, has the responsibility to ensure that the head coach remains in the replacement zone no closer than 6 feet to the sideline, when standing during play. This specific responsibility of the second referee is now outlined in the rules book in an effort to align the responsibilities of each official in both NFHS volleyball publications.

**5-5-3b(13), 5-5-3b(20), 5-8-3a NOTE:** As established in 2017, the defining end of a time-out or interval between sets shall be the audio signal (horn) administered by the official timer and the warning (double–whistle) of the impending end of the time-out administered by the second referee. It is now clarified in the timers responsibilities that when multiple courts are in use, the second referee may end a time-out or interval between sets with a long whistle in place of the timer sounding an audio signal (horn).

**9-8-2 EXCEPTION, 11-4-1b:** The exception establishes that when a replay is signaled due to an injury or illness and the injured/ill player cannot continue play, the head coach may request a substitute or complete a legal libero replacement for the injured/ill player or take a team time-out(s) if the team has remaining time-outs. This change also ads the option to complete a legal libero replacement for any injured/ill player.

**10-2 PENALTIES 2:** In an effort to eliminate further delay of a set, once a team is charged with an unnecessary delay, the coach may not request any further substitutions until the next completed rally. Officials shall deny a substitution request once an unnecessary delay has been charged to the team until a subsequent rally has been completed.

**11-5-3:** Continuing the focus on risk minimization, the committee has established parameters for warming up between sets. Teams may warm up in their playing area, but may not hit volleyballs over the net into the opponents playing area.

**NFHS OFFICIALS SIGNALS #21:** The necessary delay signal has been simplified by the committee in an effort to eliminate awkward mechanics with the use of the card. To signal unnecessary delay an official will raise the hand on the side of the offending team beside the head, palm facing in, holding the appropriate card on the wrist of the raised hand.
### Safety of Referee Stands

As rule 3-1-6 states, a sage and stable platform for the first referee is required game equipment for the administration of every volleyball match. It is a shared responsibility to ensure the safety of our officials. Safe and stable platforms begin with careful assembly and attention to manufacturer guideline by school athletic departments or event host management. It continues with proper inspection by the first referee prior to each match. The inspection should include height adjustments as mentioned in rule 3-1-6, but should also include inspection of the steps, attachment of the stand to the pole and proper installation as designed by the manufacturer to prevent any injuries to officials, player or fans. Officials should report any safety concerns to host management before the start of the match. Risk minimization is a team effort— proper care and installation by host management and thorough inspection by the first referee.

### Warm-Up Safety

Risk management continues to be a priority for the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee. Though volleyball continues to have one of the lowest injury rates of the 22 high school sports under surveillance, the growing number of concussions occurring during warm-ups as reported annually by the National High School Sports-Related Injury Surveillance System (High School RIO) has increased awareness regarding warm-up procedures before and during the match. It is imperative that each coach and state association examine their pre-game warm-up protocols to ensure best practices for prevention of not only concussions, but other injuries, as well. Some things to consider when establishing best practices are: facility space, shared court time, placement of athletes and those assisting with warm-ups, and familiarity of all team members with the warm-up procedures for the match. In addition to pre-game warm-ups, it should be noted that warming up between sets is allowed. Rule 11-5-3 clarifies that teams must remain on their side of the net, in their playable area. No hitting or serving is allowed and volleyballs may be used only on their own side of the playing area.

### Treatment of Line Judges

It is a core belief of the NFHS that student participation in education–based high school athletics and activities promotes respect, integrity and sportsmanship. Respect includes, but is not limited to, respect for self, country, school, the sport and all other participants. Consequently, it is the responsibility of coaches to teach and model respectful behavior in the way they treat all contest personnel. It is especially relevant that coaches model and teach respect for those who officiate the game, including line judges. Line judges may be paid contest officials, but many time are parents or even student–athletes serving as volunteer on the officiating crew. Respect should be shown for line judges by bench personnel, fans, and coaches. Line judges (sanctioned or volunteers) are considered officials of the game. Line judges are not to be heckled, spoken to with defamatory comments or maligned in any way. Lack of respect toward line judges, or other officials, is cause for an Un-sporting Conduct Penalty.
Net Fault Signal Mechanics

Uniformity of signals given by officials allows for a better understanding of the game by coaches, player, and fans. It also lends itself to a demonstration of professionalism by officials. When an official is signaling the number of a player who has committed a violation, the signal should be given using the hand on the side at fault, if the number to be given is five or less. If the number is greater than five, the right hand is the base hand. For double digit numbers, the first digit is shown with the right or both hands, and the second digit with left or both hands. The number should not be indicated by reaching across the body to the side at fault, but rather the official should step to the side at fault and present the number, if the number is larger than five. If the number is less than 5, the right or left hand may be used, dependent upon which hand is on the side at fault. As the universal language of officials, consistency in signaling the number of an offending player, allows for clear communication and more efficient match administration.

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Emergency Action Plans for Officials Chapters

Officials’ chapter officers should be aware of emergency exits, AED devices, and other emergency items in the event a chapter member needs medical assistance or emergency action needs to be taken during a chapter or mandatory rules meeting.
### PIAA OFFICIALS INSURANCE

For the 2018-2019 school year, American Specialty Insurance Services will provide the following benefits:

- One Million Dollars of Liability Coverage;
- $25,000 Excess Accident Medical Coverage (with a $250 deductible);
- $5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment (including a cardiac benefit).

This program is administered by American Specialty Insurance Services and underwritten by USF&G and Mutual of Omaha. Both carriers carry “A” ratings by A.M. Best. Again this year, as a new service for chapters, all regularly scheduled chapter meetings will be covered under PIAA’s basic liability coverage. This is a major change from the past when only the annual rules interpretation meetings have been covered. Chapters are requested to please submit their list of regularly scheduled chapter meetings to the PIAA Office to assist procedurally in the exchange of information to have all local associations’ meetings covered.

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### OFFICIALS’ UNIFORM

1. The PIAA Official's Emblem must be worn on the upper left sleeve of the official's standard shirt when officiating in all PIAA sponsored games.
2. All PIAA-registered officials must wear identical uniforms during a contest.
3. Required uniform for volleyball officials:
   - **Shirt:** Alternating black and white 1-inch vertically striped, short sleeved shirt with a black collar or V-neck collar.
   - **Slacks:** Black
   - **Socks:** Black
   - **Belt:** Black
   - **Shoes:** SOLID BLACK with black laces
   - **Lanyard or Smitty:** Black
   - **Watch:** Black
   - **Whistle:** Black
   
   The wearing of jewelry (except wedding bands and medical-alert bracelets) and wrist watches (except as a required timing device) is prohibited. Smoking and/or tobacco chewing is prohibited. Obviously, use of alcoholic beverages prior to game assignments is prohibited. (Minutes, Board of Control, PIAA Summer Workshop, July 17, 1989, p. 3). PIAA sports' officials may display an American flag (maximum size 2 by 3 inches) on the right sleeve of their uniform shirt approximately three inches down from the shoulder seam. This will be the same position the PIAA official patch is displayed on the left sleeve.
PIAA 2018 GIRLS’ VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

First Practice Date ............................................................... Monday, August 13
First Inter-School/Scrimmage Date ........................................ Saturday, August 18
First Regular Season Play Date ............................................ Friday, August 31
Last Regular Season Contest Date & District Deadline ................ Saturday, November 3
PIAA Volleyball Championships:
  First Round ......................................................................... Tuesday, November 6
  Quarterfinals ...................................................................... Saturday, November 10
  Semi-Finals .......................................................................... Tuesday, November 13
PIAA Girls’ Volleyball Championship Finals
  Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA ................. Saturday, November 17
Championship Schedule:
  A ....................................................................................... 11:00 am
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  AAA ................................................................................... 3:00 pm
  AAAAA .............................................................................. 5:00 pm

PIAA 2019 BOYS’ VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

First Practice Date ................................................................. Monday, March 4
First Inter-School/Scrimmage Date ........................................... Saturday, March 9
First Regular Season Play Date ............................................. Friday, March 22
Last Regular Season Contest Date & District Deadline ............... Saturday, May 25
PIAA Volleyball Championships:
  First Round ......................................................................... Tuesday, May 28
  Quarterfinals ....................................................................... Saturday, June 1
  Semi-Finals .......................................................................... Tuesday, June 4
PIAA Boys’ Volleyball Championship Finals
  Penn State University, Recreation Building, State College .......... Saturday, June 8
Championship Schedule:
  AA ....................................................................................... 11:00 am
  AAA .................................................................................... 1:00 pm
NFHS OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL SIGNALS

1. Illegal Alignment/Improper Server/Inaccurate Lineup
2. Line Violation
3. Illegal Hit
4. Delay of Service
5. Over-the-Net
6. Net Fault or Net Serve
7. Legal Back-Row Attack
8. Illegal Attack
9. Illegal Block/Screening
10. Ball Touched
11. Four Hits
12. Double Hit
13. Ball Lands Inbounds
14. Out-of-Bounds/Antenna Violation
15. Begin Serve
16. Substitution
17. Authorization to Enter
18. Point
19. Replay/Re-cover
20. Time-out
20A. Team
20B. Official
21. Unnecessary Delay
22. End-of-Set
23. Change of Courts
OFFICIALS SIGNALS

1. **ILLEGAL ALIGNMENT/IMPROPER SERVER/INACCURATE LINEUP**: Circular motion with arm and hand outstretched on the side of the violating team, palm down; then indicate the player(s) involved.

2. **LINE VIOLATION** - Indicate the line where the violation occurred by extending arm and pointing toward the line with the index finger.

3. **ILLEGAL HIT** - Slowly lift hand and forearm, palm up from the height of the waist to the height of the chest, on the side where violation occurred.

4. **DELAY OF SERVICE** – Raise the hand on the server's side to a vertical position to head height with the fingers spread, palm forward.

5. **OVER-THE-NET FAULT** - Pass forearm, palm down, over the net, originating from the side of the net where the fault occurred.

6. **NET FAULT/NET SERVE** - Hand of outstretched arm on the side of the net on which the fault occurred.

7. **LEGAL BACK-ROW ATTACK** - Arm on attacker's side of net is extended parallel to the floor at chest level, palm down. Then make one slight horizontal sweeping motion when, in the judgment of the first referee, it is needed to indicate a legal back row attacker.

8. **ILLEGAL ATTACK** - Raise hand beside head and rotate forearm forward and downward on the offending team's side.

9. **ILLEGAL BLOCK/SCREENING** - Raise both hands to head height, palms forward.

10. **BALL TOUCHED** - The hand on the side of the offending team is held beside the head with the palm facing the head, then brush upward across the fingertips one time with the other hand, palm forward.

11. **FOUR HITS** - The hand and arm on the side of the offending team is held head high, palm forward, showing four fingers.

12. **DOUBLE HIT** - The hand and arm on the side of the offending team is held head high, palm forward, showing two fingers.

13. **BALL LANDS INBOUNDS** - Outstretched open hand, with fingers together pointing toward the center of the attack area between the center line and attack line, palm facing the net.

14. **OUT-OF-BOUNDS/ANTENNA VIOLATION** - Raise both hands head high, fingers together, palms toward face, elbows bent.

15. **BEGIN SERVE** - Extend the arm at shoulder height on the serving team's side of the net with the hand perpendicular to the floor, then whistle to begin the serve and move the extended hand and arm in a sweeping motion to the opposite shoulder.

16. **SUBSTITUTION** – Two short whistles, rotate open hands at shoulder height two times.

17. **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER** - Second referee extends the arm (palm forward) on the side that requested the substitution and makes a forward motion waist high, open palm toward the respective court.

18. **POINT** - Indicate point by extending the arm in the direction of the team that will serve next, palm perpendicular to the floor.

19. **REPLAY/RE-SERVE** - Both hands formed into fists, thumbs up and held at shoulder height in front of the body.

20. **TIME-OUT** - Double whistle, place the palm of a hand horizontally over the vertical hand on the side requesting the time-out, forming a “T”.
   A. Team Time-Out – indicate court of team being charged;
   B. Official Time-Out-tap top of shoulders with hands.

21. **UNNECESSARY DELAY** - Raise the hand on the side of the offending team beside head, palm facing in, hold the appropriate card on the wrist of the raised hand.

22. **End of Set**: Arms crossed in front of chest, hands open followed by a sweeping motion.

23. **Teams Change Courts**: Raise forearms and swing right arm in front of the body and the left arm in back of the body with hands open.

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**How to use the signals**

- **When stopping play**, officials should:
  - **Sound the whistle** with authority;
  - **Signal result of the play**, point loss of rally, replay or re-serve;
  - **Signal the violation**, and hold the hand and arm signal long enough to be seen;
  - **Verbalize the decision** when necessary, except #15, signal for serve. Signals are given with arm or hand on the side of the team involved. These signals shall be used by the first referee and second referee.
PIAA CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR ALL SPORTS

PIAA has a written policy regarding conflict of interest. This policy is in all of our post regular season officiating contracts and is contained in the PIAA Athletic Officials' Manual for all officials to view.

An official will remove themselves from a contest if they find that they have any personal association with any of the competitors or coaches on any team, with the competitors' school, or with the competitors' community, such as being a relative of a competitor, or being an employee or a relative of a competitor in the competitors school district, or a resident of the competitors' community.

COMMENT: Officials accepting assignments for contest at their local school where they live, or have a relative competing, place themselves in a compromising position in the performance of their duties as a registered official. Every decision and judgment is open to criticism and places the official in a compromising position where it brings into question the integrity and actions of the official. This is an indefensible position for the official and assignments of this nature are not to be taken or accepted by PIAA registered sports' officials. Extreme cases of emergency and situations that may be completely unavoidable are the only exceptions to this policy.

LIBERO UNIFORMS CLEARLY RECOGNIZABLE

Rule 4-2-2: The libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The primary color of the libero's uniform top must be different from any color that appears on more than 25 percent of the body of teammates' uniform tops. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored. The style and trim of the libero's uniform top may differ from teammates' uniforms, but the shorts must be like-colored to teammates.

NOTE: Beginning July 1, 2016, the libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The libero and/or his/her teammates shall wear a solid-colored uniform top. Regarding the solid-colored top:
   a. The solid-colored uniform top 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.
   b. Sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top.
   c. 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.
   d. Lettering and collars may be different color(s) than the uniform top.
   e. A single school name, mascot and/or player's name may be placed on the body of the uniform top. Designs are not permitted. A single mascot reference and/or school name may be placed on the sleeve(s), not to exceed either 4 by 4 inches or 3 by 5 inches.
   f. Numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in Rule 4-2-4.
PIAA SPORTSMANSHIP MESSAGE

**This message shall be read to the head coach and captains prior to each contest officiated by a registered PIAA official. This message shall be enforced by contest officials and its enforcement shall include a strict and swift enforcement when unsportsmanlike actions involve demeaning remarks or actions that may be related to the racial or ethnic background of any party.**

PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators, and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let today's contest reflect mutual respect. Coaches please certify to the contest official(s) that your contestants are legally equipped and uniformed according to NFHS rules and PIAA adoptions. Good luck in today's contest.

Chapter interpreters are requested to remind all officials to read this message at each contest they officiate.

There have been some concerns addressed by the schools that some of our officials are not reading the PIAA Sportsmanship message prior to the contest. This is an improper procedure and this message MUST be read. Officials are not to paraphrase, modify, or develop their own Sportsmanship Message to the captains and head coaches. The proper procedure is head coaches and captains MUST attend the pre-game reading of the sportsmanship message. For distribution purposes, this message is printed on the back of all PIAA registered sports officials' 2018-2019 identification cards.

This message MUST BE READ VERBATIM by the contest officials. Coaches must certify to the contest officials their team is legally equipped and in compliance with NFHS Volleyball Rules. The reading of this message will have the coaches verbally confirm aloud their teams' adherence to compliance with equipment and safety rules. This confirmation is not only the adherence to contest rules, but also assists in alleviating the legal liability concerns for the officials if the teams subsequently violate the proper equipment provisions of the contest rules.

UNIVERSAL HYGIENE PROTOCOL FOR ALL SPORTS

- Shower immediately after every competition and practice.
- Wash all workout clothing after each practice.
- Wash personal gear (knee pads and braces) weekly.
- Do not share towels or personal hygiene products (razors) with others.
- Refrain from full body (chest, arms, abdomen) cosmetic shaving.

If you are in need of updating your officiating supplies, please be reminded that Officially Sports is the official vendor of PIAA Sport Officials' Uniforms. Please give them your consideration for any purchases regarding officials’ supplies. If interested, you may provide them with your email address to send you their catalog, seasonal specials and discounted items that may be of interest and service to your avocation of sports' officiating. Officially Sports may be contacted via email at sales@officiallysports.com, by calling 800-934-4555 or at www.officiallysports.com.
## Infectious Skin Diseases

Proper precautions are needed to minimize the potential risk of the spread of communicable disease and skin infections during athletic competition. These conditions include skin infections that occur due to skin contact with competitors and equipment. The transmission of infections such as Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and Herpes Gladiatorium, blood-borne pathogens such as HIV and Hepatitis B, and other infectious diseases such as Influenza can often be greatly reduced through proper hygiene. The NFHS SMAC has outlined and listed below some general guidelines for the prevention of the spread of these diseases.

### Strategies for reducing the potential exposure to these infectious agents include:

- Athletes must be told to notify a parent or guardian, athletic trainer and coach of any skin lesion prior to any competition or practice. An appropriate health-care professional should evaluate any skin lesion before returning to competition.
- If an outbreak occurs on a team, especially in a contact sport, all team members should be evaluated to help prevent the potential spread of infection.
- Coaches, officials and appropriate health-care professionals must follow NFHS or state/local guidelines on “time until return to competition.” Participation with a covered lesion may be considered if in accordance with NFHS, state or local guidelines and the lesion is no longer contagious.

## Blood-Borne Infectious Disease

Strategies for reducing the potential exposure to these agents include following Universal Precautions such as:

- An athlete who is bleeding, has an open wound, has any amount of blood on his/her uniform, or has blood on his/her person, shall be directed to leave the activity (game or practice) until the bleeding is stopped, the wound is covered, the uniform and/or body is appropriately cleaned, and/or the uniform is changed before returning to activity.
- Athletic trainers or other caregivers need to wear gloves and take other precautions to prevent blood or body fluid-splash from contaminating themselves or others.
- In the event of a blood or body fluid-splash, immediately wash contaminated skin or mucous membranes with soap and water.
- Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with disinfectant before returning to competition. Be sure to use gloves when cleaning.
- Any blood exposure or bites to the skin that break the surface must be reported and immediately evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional.

## Other Communicable Diseases

Means of reducing the potential exposure to these agents include:

- Appropriate vaccination of athletes, coaches and staff as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- During time of outbreaks, follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC as well as State and local Health Departments.

For more detailed information, refer to the Infectious Disease and Blood-borne Pathogens” and “Skin Disorders” sections contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.
ARRIVAL AT THE SITE

Cooperation with Contest management begins with timely arrival at the Contest site. Nothing makes administrators and coaches more nervous at the onset of a contest than not knowing whether the officials are going to show up.

Start the game off right by communicating your arrival time at the site with the athletic administrator. Show up, where possible, at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff. It will go a long way in helping your credibility as a quality official.

PLAY RULINGS

The PIAA Sports Medicine Committee recommends that each registered sports official have an annual physical examination and practice good health habits. Being physically fit and conveying an appropriate, positive image through proper health and nutrition habits will greatly assist all officials in keeping up with the game. After all, the game, the schools, players, coaches, spectators and fellow officials deserve no less. As importantly, officials owe good health habits to themselves and their families if for nothing more, than the health of it. If officials have any chronic health condition, officials are requested to share this information with on site medical personnel at their contest(s).

PIAA BY-LAWS: ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 8

Any coach and/or contestant who, while coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from coaching and/or participating for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next Contest day of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition. For a coach, participation in the next Contest includes any contact by the coach with members of the Team, including other coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the last Contest of the day. The Principal shall direct the coach not to attend all of the Contest(s).

Any coach and/or contestant ejected from the last Contest in that sport in a sport season shall be disqualified from coaching and/or participating at any PIAA member school or, if the student changes levels of competition, such as from junior varsity to varsity, the first Contest(s) in that sport. The official shall file a report with the PIAA Office on the form prescribed for the sport involved, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest in which the ejection occurred. Failure to file such report shall not affect the validity or consequences of the ejection.

In volleyball, the athletic director and principal must meet with the ejected coach/contestant and detail in a report what corrective action has been taken. This report then must be signed by all parties and sent to the district volleyball chairperson. This form is located on the PIAA website on the volleyball page.

When a coach or contestant is disqualified/ejected from a Regular or Post-Regular Season Contest a report must be filed by the official who disqualified/ejected the coach or contestant. When the report is received in the PIAA Office it is faxed to the concerned school Principal and Athletic Director and mailed to the respective District Chairmen, officials' representatives and sportsmanship chair. A copy is also given to the Associate Executive Director and placed in the school’s file.

OFFICIALS ARE TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE PIAA OFFICE ON THE APPROPRIATE FORM WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE EJECTION OR THEY MAY BE PLACED ON PROBATION.

Officials must complete the disqualified form online through the officials' information area of the PIAA website. Officials who repeatedly do not file the proper form in the prescribed time period may be suspended.
EXAMPLES OF DISQUALIFICATION PROVISION OF ARTICLE XII, SECTION 8

The following examples are for players or coaches and are only examples and not a complete list. What this means is a player or coach ejected from a contest at any level must sit out the remainder of the day and the next day of the next contest at that level.

**Example #1:** Player/coach gets ejected from a junior varsity contest before a varsity contest. This player/coach gets disqualified for the remainder of the day and the next day of the next junior varsity contest. If this contest is followed by a varsity contest on the same day, the player/coach gets disqualified for the varsity contest also (the whole day).

**Example #2:** Player/coach gets ejected from a varsity contest on Friday, the team’s next varsity contest is Friday. Before the varsity contest is a scheduled junior varsity contest, player/coach cannot participate in any of Friday contests.

**Example #3:** Player/coach gets ejected from a varsity volleyball game Saturday. The next varsity contest is a game on next Friday but the game gets postponed to Saturday. On Saturday, the junior varsity team is to play in another volleyball game, is player and/or coach eligible to participate in the junior varsity game?

**Ruling:** No. Since the Friday contest was postponed the next varsity game is the same day as the junior varsity game and the player/coach are not eligible to participate the whole day.

SECTION 4 VIOLATION OR CANCELLATION OF SPORTS OFFICIAL’S CONTRACT BY A PIAA MEMBER SCHOOL

If a PIAA member school violates or cancels a contract with an official, the District Committee or the Board of Directors, in their respective jurisdictions, may require a school so violating or so canceling to pay to the offended official the fee or fees for the Contest or Contests which have been provided in the official contract. Failure of a PIAA member school to live up to the terms of the contract shall be considered a violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of PIAA.

**Comment:** It has been brought to our attention on numerous occasions that officials have lost assignments or games because a school or assignor has “double booked” the contest. Officials are reminded that unless there is a written contract executed between the parties, they have no claim to any type of reimbursement from the offending school(s). Many schools have made a “good faith” effort to the officials to get them an additional assignment in the future or offer a scrimmage to pick up the lost fees. However, officially, without a written, signed, properly executed contract between the official(s) and the school(s), there is no recourse for the officials. In this day of technology it is not very hard for assignors, or schools, to execute these contracts. This is part of an assignor’s responsibility. Officials should request contracts from their assignors or schools for both parties protection.

PIAA BY-LAWS, ARTICLE XV; SECTION 3 REQUIREMENT OF WRITTEN CONTRACT

All PIAA member schools shall enter into either paper or electronic contracts on the official contract form entitled “Contract for Officials Under PIAA Rules” with all registered sports officials retained by the schools or assigned by an assignor. Registered sports officials are independent contractors and therefore, are NOT employees of PIAA, the school, or the assignor. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by PIAA.
**VOLEYBALL PLAYER, COACH, OR TEAM PERSONNEL DISQUALIFICATION FORM**

During the PIAA Volleyball Regular Season and Postseason, a disqualified volleyball player, coach, and/or Team personnel shall not be permitted to participate for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next Contest day of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the player, coach, and/or Team personnel was previously disqualified. For a coach, participation in the next Contest includes any contact by the coach with members of the Team, including other coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the last Contest of the day. The Principal shall direct the coach not to attend all of the Contest(s), in accordance with Article XIII, Section 8 of the PIAA By-Laws and NFHS Volleyball Rules 10–4–3c and 12–2 PEN 1c. The referee must complete this form on-line, as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours following the completion of the Contest in which the disqualification took place. This form can be found at www.piaa.org under the Officials Section – Officials’ Forms category.

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**REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

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**DATE OF REPORT**

**OFFICIAL’S NAME (PERSON ISSUING DQ)**

**PIAA DISTRICT**