### 2019-2020 NFHS Volleyball Rules Changes

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**Rationale:** Establishes the cables and diagonal poles used to retract suspended net system as restricted play and aligns official’s treatment of a ball striking either the cables and/or diagonal poles. |
| 4-2-1, 4-2-1a(NEW), 4-2-1e(NEW), 4-2-2(NEW): | Eliminates the solid-colored uniform requirements, establishes that the libero uniform must clearly contrast with his/her teammate’s uniforms and reorganizes the legal uniform rule.  
**Rationale:** Clarifies the requirements for all legal uniforms and simplifies the requirements for the contrasting libero uniform maintaining the compliance of all currently compliant team and libero uniform jerseys. |
| 4-2-4b: | Eliminates the use of double zero (00) as a uniform number option.  
**Rationale:** Eliminates the confusion surrounding the signaling of “00” and “0”. |
| 4-2-4c: | Beginning with the 2023 season the body of the uniform number must clearly contrast with the uniform top regardless of borders. This will eliminate the allowance of borders to provide contrast between the number and the uniform.  
**Rationale:** Allows officials and scorers to easily identify uniform numbers. |
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**Rationale:** Eliminates warmup interruptions by officials requesting rosters with 10 minutes remaining on the warmups clock, allowing for a smoother warmup process for coaches, players, officials and scorers. |
| **5-9-1 NOTE:** | Establishes that the line judge shall take their position and move in line with the extension of the end line when the ball is being served near the line judge's position replacing the old technique to move directly back in line with the sideline.  

**Rationale:** Allows the line judge to watch for foot contact with the end line and move quickly back for a view of the sideline. This is a more appropriate position and transition for line judges. |
| **8-2-5g(NEW), 8-26d:** | Establishes that the ball remains dead when tossed for serve and it touches any part of the background or supports hanging in a vertical position over the serving area and is an illegal serve (Signal 14) and not a service fault.  

**Rationale:** Accurately reflect the action since the ball is not contacted for serve. |

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### 2019-2020 COMMENTS ON RULES CHANGES

**2-2, 2-3j (NEW), 2-4-1e (NEW), 2-4 PENALTIES 3 (NEW), 9-8-1i:** When the ball strikes the cables and/or the diagonal poles used to retract ceiling suspended net systems the referee will whistle to stop play and determine if the ball was playable. The referee will signal out-of-bounds or replay. This change establishes the cables and diagonal poles as restricted play and aligns officials' treatment of a ball striking either the cables and/or the diagonal poles.  

In response to overwhelming support of the elimination of the solid-colored uniform requirements by officials and coaches, this change establishes that the libero uniform must clearly contrast with his/her teammates' uniforms. Additionally, the change clarifies the requirements for all legal uniforms and simplifies the requirements for the contrasting libero uniform maintaining the compliance of all currently compliant team and libero uniform jerseys.  

**Eliminates the use of double zero (00) as a uniform number option in order to eliminate confusion surrounding the signaling of "00" and "0." Additionally, many electronic scoring systems do not have "00" as a number option.**
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#### 2019-2020 NFHS Volleyball Major Editorial Changes

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<td>5-5-3b(26):</td>
<td>Provides additional instructions for the second referee when conducting the coin toss prior to the deciding set by requiring the second referee to communicate with the first referee the serving team and the proper team benches.</td>
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<td>8-1-6, 8-2-5g:</td>
<td>Establishes the proper signal for a tossed ball that contacts a backboard or its supports hanging in a vertical position over the serving area is officials signal 14.</td>
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**NFHS Official Signals Chart:** Removes signal 7 “Legal Back-Row Attack” from the chart and establishes the signal as an informal official’s signal in the NFHS Officials Manual renumbering remaining signals.
Informal Signals
Communication is an essential proactive approach used by officials to alleviate questions about decisions and non-decisions on the court. This communication takes place between the two officials and between officials and coaches. It can take the form of verbal communication during a dead ball and nonverbal communication during play. There are times, during play, when it is necessary for the referees to communicate between each other; for instance, a discreet four-hit signal in front of the chest of the second referee can eliminate a conference between officials. The mechanics and timing of how these informal signals are to be communicated should be addressed in the referees’ prematch conference.

An additional focus of the 2019-20 NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee is on the use of informal signals used to communicate during play between officials and coaches. These signals can be used to communicate to coaches that the referee was aware of a potential decision or to provide information regarding the reason for the continuation of play. The previously labeled Signal 7, "Legal Back-Row Attack," has been removed from the NFHS Volleyball Official Signals chart, and the NFHS Volleyball Officials Manual section regarding informal signals has been expanded to include two informal signals that can be used to communicate additional information regarding a legal back-row attack. The first referee can signal that the attacker was behind the line or the ball was contacted below the height of the net.

For more information regarding the mechanics and use of informal signals, see the 2019-20 NFHS Volleyball Officials Manual/Case Book.

Side-Folding Retractable Backboards
The rule book's use of the phrase "vertical backboard" when referring to a backboard that is hanging in the vertical position (not retracted) over the playing area has created some confusion with the side-folding retractable backboards. An extended vertical backboard that is not retracted hanging over a playable area is considered restricted play and, upon contact, the referee can signal replay or out of bounds depending on if, in the judgment of the referee, the ball would have or have not remained in play. A vertical backboard raised to the side and up toward the ceiling, even though still technically vertical, is considered a playable overhead obstruction. A ball striking the raised backboard, regardless of how it is raised, above a playable area shall remain in play provided the ball contacts the raised backboard on the side of the net extended that is occupied by the team that last played the ball, and the ball is legally played next by the same team.
Ball Handling

Ball-handling decisions can be the toughest decisions a volleyball official has to make. The pace of the game and athleticism of today's athlete only makes the job of an official tougher. Ultimately, they are judgment calls. However, a focus of every official should be to have consistency in ball-handling judgment. The following criteria can be used to develop consistency when judging ball handling as the first referee:

a. Only the contact point should be considered when judging legality.

b. Outside influences such as player technique, spin, coaches' expectations or crowd reaction should not be considered when judging the legality of the contact.

c. There is no body/ball position or playing technique that automatically results in illegal contact.

Additionally, when evaluating ball handling it is important to understand the focus of an increase in continuation of play when judging second ball contacts that are directed to a teammate. Below are tips to use when assessing second ball contacts:

a. A player in good position must play the ball without discernible double contacts.

b. Less severe judgment is applied to a contact by a player who makes a challenging or spectacular play while maintaining a legal play.

c. Mishandled balls resulting in a blatant fault should still be called, regardless of the challenging or spectacular nature of the play.

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 that 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.

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.
2019-2020 PIAA MODIFICATIONS

- Adopt the 2019-2020 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book.
- Adopt Rule 1-2 NOTE 2, modification of match format is permitted for series other than dual varsity matches.
- Adopt Rule 5-9-4, line judges may use flags (red).

2019 - 2020 PIAA VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT INTERPRETERS

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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.
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OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL SIGNALS

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2. Line Violation
3. Illegal Hit
4. Delay of Service
5. Over-the-net
6. Net Fault or Net Serve
7. Illegal Attack
8. Illegal Block/Screening
9. Ball Touched
10. Four Hits
11. Double Hit
12. Ball Lands Inbounds

PlayPics courtesy of REFERENCE (www.referee.com)
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.

**OFFICIALS SIGNALS**

1. **ILLEGAL ALIGNMENT/IMPROPER SERVER/INACCURATE LINEUP**: Circular motion with arm and hand out-stretched 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.
   Note: The referees are not required to touch the net for this signal or signal net serve.
7. **ILLEGAL ATTACK** - Raise hand beside head and rotate forearm forward and downward on the offending team's side.
8. **ILLEGAL BLOCK/Screening** - Raise both hands to head height, palms forward.
9. **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.
10. **FOUR HITS** - The hand and arm on the side of the offending team is held head high, palm forward, showing four fingers.
11. **DOUBLE HIT** - The hand and arm on the side of the offending team is held head high, palm forward, showing two fingers.
12. **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.
13. **OUT-OF-BOUNDS/ANTELLA VIOLATION** - Raise both hands head high, fingers together, palms toward face, elbows bent.
14. **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.
15. **SUBSTITUTION** -- Two short whistles, rotate open hands at shoulder height two times.
16. **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.
17. **POINT** - Indicate point by extending the arm in the direction of the team that will serve next, palm perpendicular to the floor.
18. **REPLAY/RE-SERVE** - Both hands formed into fists, thumbs up and held at shoulder height in front of the body.
19. **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.
20. **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.
21. **End of Set**: Arms crossed in front of chest, hands open followed by a sweeping motion.
22. **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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      blue and gold; with lettering: PIAA Official.
   b. By action of both the Board of Directors and the Officials Council, the emblem is an integral 
      part of the officially prescribed PIAA standard uniform. As such, it must be worn on the left 
      sleeve (3 inches down from shoulder seam) of the official's standard shirt when officiating 
      in all PIAA sponsored games. An official's shirt may also have a U.S. flag attached to the 
      right sleeve (3 inches down from shoulder seam). Any other patch, emblem or identifying 
      item may be worn on an officials' jacket, but not on the officials' shirt.
   c. Each official when registered receives a PIAA emblem free of charge. Additional emblems 
      may be purchased from the PIAA Office or the PIAA officials' equipment vendor for $2.00 
      each.

2. Required Uniform Policy
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   b. All PIAA-Registered Sports Officials must wear identical uniforms during a contest.
   c. The wearing of jewelry (except wedding bands and medical-alert bracelets) and wrist 
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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' 2019-2020 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.

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.
INFECTIONOUS SKIN DISEASES & OTHER COMMUNICABLE 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 Gladiatorum, 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.
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.

SPORTS MEDICINE RECOMMENDATION

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: DISQUALIFICATIONS

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 unsportsman-like 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 in the first Contest(s) in that sport in the subsequent sport season, at the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition, 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 forwarded to the concerned school Principal and Athletic Director and 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 disqualification 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.

PIAA BY-LAWS, ARTICLE XV; SECTION 6: 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 5 : 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.
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**