CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS

Officials are NOT responsible for enforcing or determining the protocols for the coronavirus.

RETURN TO PLAY

For all recommendations for “Return to Play” please refer to:

CLARIFICATIONS

The following is clarification of frequently asked questions:

1. Pre-match Conference - should be held in a safe location where officials, coaches and captains can maintain appropriate distance.

2. The Sportsmanship Message should still be read.

3. Timing of warm-ups should be mutually agreed upon by the two teams and would also follow the safety precautions established by the home school.

4. Coin Toss
   a. Beginning of Match – Visiting Team shall call the toss. Choices would then be “Serve or Receive”
   b. Deciding Set – Home Team shall call the toss. Choices would then be “Serve or Receive”

5. If a team refuses to play due to the home school not following Covid-19 protocols a lengthy and thorough discussion with both schools should occur prior to the forfeit being declared.

6. Per Rule, the home team is responsible for securing all auxiliary personnel. The home team should make a determination whether to use line judges or not use line judges.

7. The use of flags or hand signals shall be determined by the home school.

8. All safety equipment (masks, gloves, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the teams for determination.

9. Substitutions
   a. Remind the teams to report close to the ten foot line as quickly as possible.
   b. The whistle for substitution should be blown when a coach CALLS for substitute or a player ENTERS the zone.

Note: There might be a slight delay if the substituting player is coming from a different location then the bench. Allow for the exchange without penalty of delay.
HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR OFFICIALS

To make this unique situation smoother and workable for all there are a few things that the official can do:

1. Check with your local league for any further instructions that they may have provided.

2. Prior to the match check with the home school (as recommended by “Return to Competition”)

3. Check to see if you are going to be required to sign a waiver and if so what that waiver is going to include. If not in agreement with that waiver, then make a determination whether you will officiate that match. (Do not wait until the time of the match).

4. Prior to the commencing of the match, verify with the home school:
   a. What forms of sanitation will be used for the game volleyballs and how will the rotation of game balls occur
   b. What procedure is to be used for warm-ups
   c. Will the match be with line judges or no line judges
   d. Identify the table officials and their roles
   e. How will both teams substitute – from bench or other location

5. If something unforeseen arises during the match, make a judgement call considering safety first. The Rules should not be set aside by officials, unless they are determined by the protocols for the coronavirus.

6. If any questions arise during the season, please call your Chapter Interpreter, District Interpreter or the State Interpreter for help. They will be able to help you regarding any Rule Situation.

7. If any changes are made to protocols you can find them on the PIAA web site.

Officials can find additional information on the capacity limitations at:
http://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/Volleyball%20Updates(1).pdf

Please check back for updates on the Volleyball page of the PIAA website.

BE SAFE

PATIENCE BY ALL IS GOING TO BE NECESSARY