



2016-17 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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CORRECTIONS TO RULES BOOK: (Underlining shows additions; ~~strike through~~ shows deletions.)

Page 31, PENALTIES 1 and 2 (§ 7-1-4)

CORRECTIONS TO CASE BOOK AND MANUAL: Page 38, SITUATION 9.7.4, COMMENT: ~~A point is awarded to the opponent (Team S) An unnecessary delay is assessed (Team R) ...~~

CORRECTIONS TO PRESEASON GUIDE: Page 5, Pre-Season Guide Mechanigram reverse position of R1 and R2.

SITUATION 1: The head coach of School A is considering purchasing uniforms that he/she wants to use as solid-colored jerseys and contacts the state association for confirmation of compliance before purchasing. The jerseys are a tone-on-tone combination using a camo design. **RULING:** The jerseys are not in compliance with the requirements of a solid-color uniform top due to the use of tone-on-

tone; two tones are considered two colors. **COMMENT:** This uniform top would be compliant as a standard jersey. (4-2-1,2)

SITUATION 2: The coach of School A contacts the state association staff to confirm that for the solid-colored jersey, he/she may have the mascot reference (tiger head) on the back of the uniform top in a space of 4 x 4 inches and have the mascot name, "TIGERS" on the front of the solid-colored jersey. **RULING:** Compliant as a solid-color uniform top. (4-2-2)

SITUATION 3: The coach from Team S submits the lineup with No. 12 listed as both a starting position player and as the libero for the set. The second referee, in checking the lineup, notices the error. The second referee notifies the Team S coach and explains the options to correct this clerical error immediately before play begins. The coach decides to retain No. 12 as the position player and have a different player listed and become the libero for this set. Team S is

charged with an unnecessary delay as a new libero was listed to correct the clerical error. **RULING:** Incorrect procedure. **COMMENT:** There is no unnecessary delay as this is considered an allowed correction of a clerical error. This is not considered a "redesignation" of the libero. (7-1-4)

SITUATION 4: A tossed ball for serve contacts a backboard or its supports hanging in a vertical position over the serving area. This is a service fault and the first referee signals an illegal hit, Signal #3. There is no re-serve. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** This is considered as an illegal service during one team's term of service. (8-1-6, Officials Manual)

SITUATION 5: At what point does the penalty change from "unnecessary delay" to "illegal alignment" for an illegal replacement. **RULING:** The penalty changes with the whistle and signal for serve; this is for the libero and replacement only. (10-4-1)