

IGHSAU Volleyball Officials Preseason Memo
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Can you believe that the 2022 season is about to begin? The officials' clinics held over the past few weeks were well-attended and hopefully each of you is ready to use what they learned. Below are a few reminders to get the season off to a great start:

Rules Meeting Credit Reminder --- We are receiving several inquiries as how to receive credit for the rules meeting once you have viewed it. Please login to your DF account and select COMPLETE MY REGISTRATION on your TODAY page. On the VB rules meeting line, select START and then IMPORT FROM NFHS LEARN. Please confirm on your DF account that you have completed the entire process to receive credit for viewing the rules meeting.

Match Preparations:

- Arrive at your match at least 30-45 minutes before game time
- Dress appropriately – make sure you are wearing a white or blue shirt (partners should match) with the new logo. Old logo is not to be used. Contact Sherry if you need to purchase the \$5 adhesive patch.
- Have a pre-match conference with your partner and a debriefing following the match
- Observe warmups
- Have a constructive pre-game with the bench personnel. Explain the new rule with wrong server/illegal libero replacement along with your normal discussion items. They can help you do a great job.
- Be proactive with the coaches on getting their rosters and lineups in on time. If they do not, please assess an unnecessary delay (yellow first or red second) at the beginning of the match after lineups are checked by the R2 (from a lineup card).
- Use line-up cards of some sort when checking starting line-ups.
- Give each coach at the pre-game conference your crew cards. Crew cards are on the IGHSAU website on the OFFICIALS page under VOLLEYBALL.
- New line-up sheets are to be used by the teams this year. Make sure they use them. Can be found on the OFFICIALS page under VOLLEYBALL.
- In the pre-game conference, explain to the players and coaches the new adaptation that it is allowable for the players to stand at the **END** of the bench. They need to decide before each set if they are going to stand or not. If they stand, that area becomes nonplayable area. Teams do not have to let you know; you can observe this. If they start the set sitting, they need to sit for the remainder of that **set**, and it will be playable area. Players should not be outside the side boundary line which is usually the basketball court line. They should not wrap at endline.
- Teams will occupy the same bench/side throughout the match if there is no discernible disadvantage. Coaches need to agree if there is a disadvantage. If a consensus cannot be reached, the officials will have the final decision if a disadvantage is present.

Observations – If you would like to be observed, please send your request to debricharz@ighsau.org. We will also be randomly observing matches throughout the season. If an observer is at your match, please allow 10 minutes after the match for a debriefing.

Postseason/State – If you want to be considered, please send me your schedules at debricharz@ighsau.org

DragonFly – If you have any questions or issues, please contact Sherry at sherry@ighsau.org. She is very helpful.

Have a great season and THANK YOU for all you do for high school volleyball and The Iowa Girl!

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