

## Volleyball Officials Memo #2 September 10, 2021

Hello! Thank you to all officials using the crew cards. An athletic director contacted Lisa Brinkmeyer at the IGHS AU and stated they had received a crew card and the coach and AD wanted to know what they needed to do with it since they had not received one before. Awesome to see some strides being made!

**Clarification for Warm-up Protocol:** Teams are permitted to warm-up off the court when their opponent is on the court for their six-minute court time.

**Official Education:** There is an Overlap and Alignment Video for you to watch and learn on IGHS AU website. Click on the Officials' tab and scroll down and select the Overlap Video Link.

Please take time to review the following NFHS rule modifications so they can be properly enforced. It is as important to be respectful when applying these rules as it is knowing them.

1. **NFHS Spandex Rule Modification** – The modification is outlined on the IGHS AU website for your review. The modification allows for athletes to play with multiple logos on their waistband only.
2. **NFHS Hair Adornment Rule Modification** – Rule 4-1-6 – While the NCAA and USA Volleyball have rules language that allows for hair adornments, these items are noncompliant per NFHS rules. The NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee is sensitive to how this rule is enforced. The committee believes equipment rule compliance begins with coach/player education and responsibility to ensure all players are properly equipped falls directly on head coaches.
  - In the instance a player is found to be wearing a hair adornment(s) not meeting the requirements of Rule 4-1-6, the following steps should be taken by the officials to avoid disqualification or cutting out of secured hair adornments:
  - Notify the head coach of the rule violation (be proactive and watch players in warm-ups for this violation).
  - If the adornment **can** easily be removed, it must be removed before they may play.
  - If the adornment **cannot** be removed easily, the player must secure the adornment(s) in a way it is not a risk to anyone (i.e. pulling their hair back with the adornments not being able to swing freely).
  - The athlete will be allowed to compete in that match with adornment removed or secured.
  - At the conclusion of the match, the official should notify the IGHS AU.
  - IGHS AU will inform AD/head coach of their team's needs to be properly equipped the next match.

**For this week's memo, read Rule 5-4-1-2-3-4 and Rule 5-5-1-2-3. You never know what you might learn that could help you be a better official or confirm what you are doing is correct.**

**Certification Status** – Please click here to view the list of officials who have completed all requirements to be considered postseason eligible. If your name is on this list and you **do not** want to be considered for postseason assignments, please contact Sherry at [sherry@ighsau.org](mailto:sherry@ighsau.org) to have your name removed. If your name is on this list and you only want to be considered for line judge assignments, please contact Sherry at [sherry@ighsau.org](mailto:sherry@ighsau.org). If your name is not on the list, contact Sherry at [sherry@ighsau.org](mailto:sherry@ighsau.org).

**To enter your postseason availability, please follow the steps below:**

- Sign into **Dragonfly**
- On the left-hand side of screen, click on **Assignments**
- Go all the way to the right side of the screen and click on the **Create Block**
- Put in the date you want to block and click save. If you need to block more dates just click on the **Create Block** for each date you need to block.
- While you are in the **Create Block**, click on the **distance** if you need to make a change for certain days that you may be traveling from another location other than your home address or if you have a limit to the number of miles you want to travel
- You can also click on the **Conflicts**, to list any school(s) that you have a conflict with.

Good Luck with your upcoming matches and remember...

**ARE THE DECISIONS WE ARE ABOUT TO MAKE  
IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE IOWA GIRL?**

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