

2020 COVID-19 VOLLEYBALL ***NFHS Rule Considerations***

In support of the guidance to opening up high school athletics the NFHS volleyball rules committee created considerations for state associations to consider whether any possible rules could be altered for the 2020 volleyball season. The following will outline the considerations the UIL volleyball will make for this next season only (2020).

Team Benches (5-4-4b, 9-1-2, 9-1-2 NOTE, 9-3-3b)

- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches between sets. Prior to warm-ups, the home team will select bench (1-6-1) to be at the entire match, for all matches played on a given night.
- Suspend the use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will serve first in set 1 and sets.
- Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

Pre-match Conference (1-2-4a; 1-6-2; 1-6-3; 2-1-10; 5-4-1h, k; 5-6-1; 7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 1; 9-1a; 12-2-3)

- Suspend roster submission at the pre-match conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials' table.
- Limit the attendees to the head coach and one captain from each team and the R1 and R2.
- Hold the conference at center court with the head coach, one captain and a referee on each side of the net.

Deciding Set Procedures [1-2-4b, 5-4-4c, 5-5-3b(26), 9-2-3c]

- Move the location of the deciding set coin toss to center court with team captains and the second referee making the coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive.
- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches before a deciding set.

Substitution Procedures (2-1-7, 10-2-1, 10-2-3, 10-2-4)

- Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the second referee and the player and substitute by encouraging substitution zone closer to the attack line.

Pre-match Ceremony

- Both teams (starting players and/or entire team) will line up on their respective end lines.
- The R1 will whistle and motion for teams to advance to the attack line where the players will wave to their opponents.
- The R1 will whistle to release the players to line up in their starting positions.

Post-match Ceremony

- The R1 will display the end of set signal (signal 21).
- Using both open hands with arms extended, the R2 will point toward the attack lines.
- The teams will line up on their respective attack lines facing their opponents and wave to thank them for the match.