2019-20 NFHS Volleyball Rules Interpretations

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2019-20 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book Correction: (Underlining shows additions; strikethrough shows deletions.)

Page 17, 4-2-1e: A single mascot reference and/or school name may be placed on the sleeve(s), not to exceed either 4 inches by 4 inches or 3 inches by 5 inches.

2019-20 NFHS Volleyball preseason Guide Corrections: Page 3, Play 6, Ruling 6: The referee will blow the whistle, signal out-of-bounds (#13) award a loss of rally/point to Team B and signal out-of-bounds (#13).

2019-20 NFHS Volleyball Rules PowerPoint Correction: Slide 20, Legal Uniform: When multiple predominant colors can be established neither none of the predominant colors...

SITUATION 1: Team A position players are wearing uniform tops that are a solid red on the front and back of the torso with solid white long sleeves. The libero on Team A is wearing a uniform that is a solid white on the front and back of the torso with solid red long sleeves. RULING: Illegal uniform. COMMENT: The predominant color of the team uniform top is red. The predominant color of the libero uniform top can be any clearly contrasting color. A team can use the predominant color (red) and accent color (white) of the team uniform top in reverse locations on the libero uniform top as long as they clearly contrast since red and white are clearly contrasting colors and red is the only predominant color of the team uniform top. A team with a team uniform top made up of multiple predominant colors cannot use the same colors placed differently on the team and libero uniform tops. (4-2-2)

SITUATION 2: Team A position players are wearing uniform tops that are a solid dark green on the front and back of the torso with solid black long sleeves. The libero on Team A is wearing a uniform that is a solid black on the front and back of the torso with solid dark green long sleeves. RULING: Illegal uniform. COMMENT: The predominant color of the team uniform top is dark green. The predominant color of the libero uniform top must be a clearly contrasting color. A team cannot use the predominant color (dark green) and accent color (black) of the team uniform in reverse locations on the libero uniform top since dark green and black are not clearly contrasting colors. (4-2-2)

SITUATION 3: Team A is wearing a multi-colored uniform top of approximately equal amounts gray and blue. Team A’s libero is wearing (a) the same style uniform top with the gray and blue sections reversed; (b) a predominately gray uniform with blue accents; (c) a predominately blue uniform with gray accents. RULING: (a), (b) and (c) illegal uniform. COMMENT: When it is determined that a team has multiple predominant colors (gray and blue), none of the predominant colors can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform top even if placed in different locations. (4-2-2)

SITUATION 4: After the second referee verifies the final score (15-13) of the fifth set of the match, player No. 10 removes his/her jersey on the court in frustration. The referees of the match write a report of the incident and provide it to the state association. RULING: Correct procedure. COMMENT: Incidences of unsporting behavior that would warrant a yellow or red conduct card after the match can be reported to the state association through its preferred reporting method. (4-2-7, 5-1-3)