



Girls' Volleyball Updates:

Volleyball Student-Athletes, Coaches, Officials, and Administrators:

The PIAA understands the unique situation the limited capacity in the Targeted Mitigation Order puts the Girls' Volleyball community in. As we try to work through the limitations it is important that the girls' volleyball athletic community remain flexible. The PIAA continues to advocate to the Governor's Office on the limit of 25 and the unintended consequences that the 25 limitation puts on not only Girls' Volleyball but also Water Polo, additionally Representative Reese (R-Mt. Pleasant) has authored legislation for changes to these limitations.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions we have been receiving:

1. Who should be included in the 25?

- 2-Officials, 2-Line Judges (Optional), 1-Scorer, 1-Libero Tracker, 1-Timer = As required by the rule book.
(The Scorer, Libero Tracker, & Timer, doesn't necessarily have to be 3 different people (Minimum of 2) but needs to be done effectively.)
Total of 4 - 7
- 6 student-athletes per team are required on the court at a time.
Total of 12
- 1 coach per team.
Total of 2

Which leaves **4 - 7 (If not using line judges & combining table positions)** additional people at the schools' discretion. (Student-athletes, Coaches, Athletic Trainers, Game Manger, etc.)

2. Can we eliminate line judges?

Yes, for the 2020-2021 school year line judges are optional.

3. Can line judges be an eligible player?

No, line judges may not be an eligible player because a line judge must hold the same positions relative to the court throughout the match.

4. Can line judges use hand signals rather than flags?

Yes, line judges can use hand signals rather than flags.

5. Can a potential substitute be located in another room/area and then enter the gymnasium?

Yes, substitutes can be in another room/area and report to the substitution zone.
Substitution procedures will then continue.

6. Can team members located in another area switch places with team members on the bench during live play?

Yes. (If the 25 standard remains Officials will need to be flexible on the time it will take for substitutions to occur.)

7. Is there a required warm-up procedure?

No, the only requirement is that a timed warm-up period shall be afforded to each team.

8. If an official has a temperature when doing a self-health assessment at home what happens?

An official should immediately reach out to the school and assignor to let them know.

Officials Manuel:

- a) If a Contest official accepts a contract for an assignment and is unable to complete the assignment, the official, either directly or through the assignor (if any), must locate a replacement official who is registered in the applicable sport. PIAA does not determine the method by which such a replacement is selected.

If an official does not timely arrive at the Contest site, is unwilling to officiate, or is unable to complete a contest, can the match continue with one official?

Yes, however not one official can be assigned, two officials must be assigned to a contest.

Below is the PIAA Policy:

ABSENCE OR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFICIAL AT CONTEST

Where a PIAA-registered official engaged to officiate a Contest does not timely arrive at the Contest site, is unwilling to officiate, or is unable (for medical or other reasons) to complete a Contest that is underway, the participating schools and/or Contest manager shall proceed as follows:

1. An effort should be made to find a replacement PIAA-registered official to officiate the Contest.
2. If (1) no PIAA-registered official willing to officiate the Contest can be located within a reasonable period of time, (2) the Contest was to have multiple officials, and (3) one or more officials remain available to officiate, the schools, with the consent of the remaining official(s), may agree to proceed with the Contest. This should only occur if the schools and officials agree that they can do so without posing an increased risk of injury to the participants. The Contest may not proceed if any participating school, or the remaining official(s), believes that proceeding would result in an increased risk of injury. This provision will only apply when the number of required officials falls below the number listed in the corresponding NFHS rules book.
3. If no PIAA-registered official is available to officiate the Contest, or the parties cannot agree to continue under #2 above, the Contest may not proceed. Reasonable efforts should be made to reschedule the Contest. If the Contest was already underway before the loss of an official, the rescheduled Contest will resume at the point of suspension, subject to the rules of the contest.

9. Can Volleyball be played outside?

Historically, the NFHS Volleyball rule book has been written specifically for indoor Volleyball. PIAA treats Volleyball as an indoor sport.

10. If a school does not follow COVID-19 guidelines who reports that and to who?

Host schools and coaches, administrations of both competing schools are responsible for adherence to any mandated procedures.

11. Can the official make changes to rules as they see fit, due to facility?

Officials are not permitted to modify any playing rules other than those mentioned on this document and those posted in the Return to Competition Guidelines.

Modifications to playing rules can only be completed by action of PIAA Board of Directors.

Concerns regarding potential issues with facilities should be discussed with school administration during the time leading up to the contest.