Volleyball Covid 19 Adaptations- A Summary

***Prematch Conference***

Only one coach from each team, first referee and second referee attend at center court with one coach and one referee positioned on each side of the net. All four individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet.

No coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will serve first in set 1 and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets.

No roster submission at the prematch conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials’ table before the 10-minute mark.

**Face Coverings**

Officials are required to wear face coverings at all times, except when doing so would inhibit the official’s health, for example: If an official’s medical condition precludes the use of a face covering, or when wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to execute a task, or if an official is experiencing trouble breathing.

There are no color restrictions on face coverings, however, all other uniform restrictions do apply.

Officials should not question anyone regarding face coverings.

**Game Ejection (COVID-19)**

NJSIAA will not tolerate any behavior by a coach or player that may jeopardize the health of our officials and other players.

Any behavior by a coach or player, that is considered non-compliant with social distance guidelines may be ejected from the game consistent with the rules of that sport.

Further escalations of this behavior could be considered a sportsmanship violation and a disqualification (DQ) should be given.

**Handshake – OFFICIALS ARE NOT TO BE INVOLVED**

**NO HANDSHAKES FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON!!!!**

***Officials must read the Sportsmanship Statement to all levels.***

***Team Benches –HOME MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY***

Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches and courts between sets. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. **This determination should be made by the conference prior to the match.**

All bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet.

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

The deciding set coin toss is at center court with **one captain from each team** and the second referee maintaining the appropriate social distance of 6 feet. A coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive.

Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches/courts before a deciding set. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. **This determination should be made by the conference prior to the match.**

All bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet.

***Player Equipment and Accessories***

Cloth face coverings are permissible.

Gloves are permissible.

Earbuds and Headphones are not permitted during warm-ups

***Officials Uniform and Equipment***

Long-sleeved, all-white collared polo shirt/sweater are permissible.

Electronic whistles are permissible. Bring Battery Backup.

Cloth face coverings are recommended.

Face shields are permissible.

Gloves are permissible.

***Scorers’ Table-–HOME MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY***

Limit table area to essential personnel only; Clock Operator/Timer, Home Scorer, Libero Tracker, Only!

All personnel must be in masks while keeping 6 ft. distancing.

Visiting team personnel may need to find another location unless additional table space is provided

***Handling of Equipment–HOME MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY***

Testing of game ball PSI is to be done by home management. Officials may observe. Officials should not touch game balls before, during or after match. During time-outs and between matches, game balls should be left on endline or held by line judges.

**It is recommended the home management measure the net.** If necessary, measure may be observed by officials.