



2020-21 Volleyball Rule Changes during Covid-19

1. Pre-match conference – Limit attendees to one coach from each team, home administrator and 1st and 2nd referee. The coin toss will determine serve/receive. Suspend roster submission at the pre-match conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials' table before the 10-minute mark.
2. Team Benches – Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches between sets. Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet. Only allow starting 6 players plus libero on endline before the match.
3. Deciding Set Procedures – Move the location of the deciding set coin flip to center court with team captains and the second referee maintaining the appropriate social distance of 3 to 6 feet. A coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive. No other options. They will stay on the same side.
4. Substitution Procedures – Maintain social distancing between the 2nd referee and the player and substitute by encouraging substitutions to occur within the substitution zone closer to the attack line.
5. Officials Table – Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer, libero tracker and timer with a recommended distance of 3 to 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team scorekeeper will need to stay on their team bench.
6. Pre and post-match ceremony – Establish volleyball specific social distancing match protocols including the elimination of handshakes, fist bumps, etc. before and after the match.
7. Eliminate the use of flags for the line judges.

Volleyball Rules Interpretations (officials' uniform, equipment, and accessories)

1. Equipment and Accessories – Cloth face coverings and gloves are permissible. Gaiters will also be allowed.
2. Legal Uniforms – Long sleeves are permitted as well as long pants. Under garments are permissible, but must be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top or bottom.
3. Officials Uniform and Equipment – Electronic whistles, cloth face coverings and gloves are all permissible.

LHSOA Volleyball Officials will not work any match if the LHSAA mandates are not being followed (masking requirements for non-participants, # of people in the gym, etc.)

