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NFHS Volleyball Weekly Rule Interpretations

Roster/Lineup

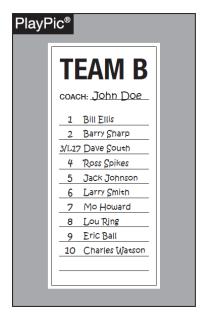
Coaches: It is the coach's responsibility to ensure all potential players are listed on the team roster and the roster is submitted to the second referee during the prematch conference. Coaches are also responsible for submitting lineups on time and maintaining the integrity of the game by not attempting to view the opposing team's lineup between sets.

Officials: It is the officials' responsibility to check the team rosters and lineups for accuracy before turning them over to the official scorer. When checking rosters, referees should check to make sure the number of players correlates with the number of players on the roster. When checking lineups, the referee should make sure there are no duplicate numbers, see if a libero is being used in the set and the number is listed in the proper place, ensure that a captain is designated and, if using, write the submitted lineup on the referee's lineup card(s), before

ensuring all lineups are recorded properly in the scorebook.

SITUATION 1: Between sets two and three, the head coach for Team A (home team) asks the scorer for the opponent's lineup before the one-minute mark between sets. The scorer informs the head coach that the lineups are not to be shared until after both teams have submitted their lineups, they have been entered on the scoresheet and time has elapsed to make changes. RULING: Correct procedure. COMMENT: Coaches should not request the lineup of the opposing team before they have submitted their lineup, and time has expired to make changes without penalty. It should not be the responsibility of the scorer to remind coaches of this procedure as it is the responsibility of coaches to uphold the integrity of the game. (Officials Manual 7.1.2)

Team South Greenville Set # 2 Libero # 9	
Serve 🗵 Receive 🗌	
I	2
II	4
III	6
IV	8c
V	12
VI	14





SITUATION 2: During the first set, player No. 55 on Team A enters the substitution zone and the scorer notifies the second referee that No. 55 is not listed on the roster. A loss of rally/point is awarded to Team B. Later in the same set No. 20 on Team A enters the substitution zone and the scorer again notifies the R2 that No. 20 is not on the roster. A second loss of rally/point is awarded to Team B. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** Coaches should include all potential players on the team roster regardless of if they are in attendance to start the match. In order to avoid multiple penalties for an incorrect roster, the R2 should confirm with both coaches when the rosters are submitted that all potential players are entered on the roster and again if a player must add during the match. (7-1-1 PENALTIES 3)

SITUATION 3: During the first set, players No. 55 and No. 20 on Team A enter the substitution zone. The scorer notifies the second referee that No. 55 and No. 20 are not listed on the roster. A loss of rally/point is awarded to Team B. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** Only one penalty point is awarded for multiple roster additions if discovered during the same dead ball. If a coach knows they have omitted multiple players from the roster, they should notify the R2 and scorer during the same stoppage to avoid multiple penalties. (7-1-1 PENALTIES 3)