



VOLLEYBALL

Exceptions

As an official registered with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) in the sport of volleyball, you may officiate matches at the junior high level. When those contests involve members of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA), rules of play are exactly the same as the National Federation rules with the following exceptions:

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EXCEPTIONS TO NATIONAL FEDERATION VOLLEYBALL RULES

1. Rally Scoring and the Let serve **will be used** at the IESA level of play in regular season or state tournament series play. 2 out of 3 sets to 25 (no cap). [NFHS rule 1-2-1]
2. During regular season play, court size shall be a minimum of 25 feet by 50 feet [NFHS rule 2-1-1].
3. The top height of the net shall be seven feet to the floor [NFHS rule 3-1-4].
4. The Libero position shall **not** be used. [NFHS rule 6-3-2]
5. *Clarification:* The number on the volleyball uniform may now be located no more than 5 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline, ribbing, placket or seam. It may contain the digits 0-9. **The numbers 00-09 are not allowed.**

When officiating matches which involve IESA member schools, the above exceptions to the National Federation volleyball rules should be enforced.

- Member schools are required to hire two IHSA registered volleyball officials for regular season matches.
- **Volleyball warm-up periods shall be 4-4-4-2 in all regular season and state tournament series play. For regular season tournaments the warm-up period may be shortened.**
- Line judges will be used at IESA state final contests. They may be used at regular season, regional, and sectional contests at the discretion of the host school. The same qualifications for line judges, as those published by the IHSA are applicable. **Line Judges must be 17 years of age.**
- Ball handling will be permitted ½ hour prior to the scheduled match time on the competition floor in Regional and Sectional play. At the State Finals, ball handling will not be permitted prior to the coin toss. This restriction on ball handling **does not** apply to regular season matches.
- After the conclusion of shared warm-up time, practice jerseys or warm-ups without numbers should be removed.

IESA Officials Approved List

If you are not already on the IESA Volleyball Officials Approved list and would like to be considered to work the IESA state tournament series, please contact the IESA Office. The address and phone number are found at the bottom of this page.

Please remember the exceptions above are for IESA matches only — not for matches involving IHSA member schools. Again, thank you for your service with the IESA and its member schools. A directory of member schools may be found on our website.

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