

SHSAA reminders for officials and teams:

1) Serving

Within the spirit of the SHSAA there should be no attempts to intimidate or distract the server during the attempt to serve. If in the opinion of the official the 'communication' that is occurring between teammates goes beyond communication and is considered intimidating or distracting, the official is to sanction the offending team.

2) Changing of Uniforms

Teams are not permitted to change into a uniform at their bench or in public view. Teams that do so are to be penalized by a loss of serve and/or point.

3) Behavior Policy

This policy is meant to serve as a reminder of the Code of Ethics for Referees, the Code of Conduct for Participants, as well as guide the officials in the appropriate measures for applying sanctions (Rules 20, 21 and Misconduct Sanction Scale (2013-14 Rulebook)).

Participants (players and coaches)

Participants need to recognize that officials have differing perspectives on what is and is not considered an emotional reaction. The following scenarios are examples of actions that must be dealt with appropriately.

- The 1st or 2nd official hears foul language used by a participant that is loud enough to be heard by spectators, regardless of where the language is directed
- A coach yelling across the court to question a referee's decision
- Verbal comments or gestures by participants directed at an official (including line judges) in regards to a call made
- When a ball (or object) is thrown, kicked or deflected in anger by any participant

The match official has the ability to determine the extent of the offence.

MINOR MISCONDUCT: It is the duty of the referee to prevent teams / players from approaching the sanctioning level.

Stage One: The 1st referee may limit the sanctioning to a verbal warning. The official uses their whistle and makes an indication the conduct must stop. A verbal warning is not recorded on the score sheet.

Stage Two: This is a formal warning. The official warning (yellow card) is given to the player/coach but also applies to the ENTIRE TEAM. Only one official warning is given to a team for the duration of the match.

Repetition of minor offences by the same team in the same match will be sanctioned progressively.

MISCONDUCT LEADING TO SANCTIONS:

If considered more serious, the 1st referee shall consider the action in relation to the sanction scale and will apply the appropriate sanction. Sanctions are applied based on the following:

- **Rude Conduct:** actions contrary to good manners or moral principles, or expressing contempt
- **Offensive Conduct:** defamatory or insulting words or gestures. Repeated rude conduct
- **Aggression:** physical attack or intended aggression

Note: There does not have to be a verbal warning or a formal warning to an individual or team before the official applies the appropriate sanction.

Volleyball Canada, Sask Volleyball, and SHSAA recommend that there be a zero tolerance approach to misconduct.

4) VOLLEYBALL RULE CHANGE FOR 2015 (see video clips on SHSAA website)

11.3. CONTACT WITH THE NET

11.3.1. Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault.

The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing

11.4. PLAYER'S FAULTS AT THE NET

11.4.4. A player interferes with play by (amongst others):

- touching the net between the antennae or the antenna itself during his/her action of playing the ball,
- using the net between the antennae as a support or stabilizing aid
- creating an unfair advantage over the opponent by touching the net
- making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball,
- catching/holding on to the net

Players close to the ball as it is played, or who are trying to play it, are considered in the action of playing the ball, even if no contact is made with the ball.

However, touching the net outside the antenna is not to be considered a fault (except for Rule 9.1.3.)