
COMMENTS ON THE 2021-22 RULES CHANGES

4-1-6a, b (NEW) — The NFHS Board of Directors recommends each sport specific rules committee beginning with volleyball address rules requiring state association authorization of religious headwear if there is no evidence to support a risk minimization concern. This change allows players to wear head/hair coverings for religious purposes while requiring the headwear to fit securely and be made of non-abrasive or soft materials. The rules maintain that head coverings worn for medical reasons must be approved by the state association.

5-3-1, 5-3-1 NOTES — There has been growing support by both officials and administrators to add gray and/or cyan blue to the options for officials' uniforms, keeping up with trends in the game. This change allows state associations to determine the allowable color(s). In addition to the white short or long-sleeved polo-style shirt, state associations may add gray and/or bright blue (cyan) options while maintaining that officials must dress in like colors. The change to the NOTE simplifies and modernizes the accommodations for varying climate conditions within the competition facility.

7-1-4 PENALTIES, 9-9-1b (NEW) — This change aligns the penalty for late lineup with that of a late roster while also offering a penalty escalation. The loss of rally/point penalty for failure to submit the lineup no later than two minutes prior to the end of the timed prematch warmup and one minute prior to the end of the timed interval/intermission between sets has been eliminated. An unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card) is the appropriate penalty with the escalation of a second unnecessary delay (administrative red card – loss of rally/point) if not submitted by the end of the timed prematch warmup or interval/intermission. The assessment of the penalty will take place at the start of the match if not submitted before the end of the warmup or the next set if issued between sets.