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- **Prematch Conference (1-2-4a; 1-6-2; 1-6-3; 2-1-10; 5-4-1h, k; 5-6-1; 7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 1; 9-1a; 12-2-3)**
  - Limit attendees to one coach from each team, first referee and second referee.
  - Move the location of the prematch conference to center court with one coach and one referee positioned on each side of the net. All four individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
  - Suspend the use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will serve first in set 1 and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets.
  - Suspend roster submission at the prematch conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials’ table before the 10-minute mark.
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- **Team Benches (5-4-4b, 9-1-2, 9-1-2 NOTE, 9-3-3b)**
  - Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches and courts between sets. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. **This determination should be made by the conference prior to the match.**

  - Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet.
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• *Deciding Set Procedures [1-2-4b, 5-4-4c, 5-5-3b(26), 9-2-3c]*
  – Move the location of the deciding set coin toss to center court with **one captain from each team** and the second referee maintaining the appropriate social distance of 6 feet. A coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive.

  – Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches/courts before a deciding set. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. **This determination should be made by the conference prior to the match.**
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• **Substitution Procedures (2-1-7, 10-2-1, 10-2-3, 10-2-4)**
  – Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between the second referee and the player and substitute by encouraging substitutions to occur within the substitution zone closer to the attack line.

• **Officials Table (3-4)**
  – Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer, libero tracker and timer with a recommend distance of 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.

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- Volleyball Officials Manual Considerations
  - *Pre and Post Match Ceremony*
    - Establish volleyball specific social distancing match protocols including the elimination of handshakes before and after the match.
Volleyball Rules Interpretations

- **Rule 4-1 EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES**
  - Cloth face coverings are permissible. (4-1-4)
  - Gloves are permissible. (4-1-1)

- **Rule 4-2 LEGAL UNIFORM**
  - Long sleeves are permissible. (4-2-1)
  - Long pants are permissible. [4-2-1i (1)]
  - 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. [4-2-1h (3), 4-2-1i (2)]

- **Rule 5-3 OFFICIALS UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT**
  - By state association adoption, long-sleeved, all-white collared polo shirt/sweater are permissible. (5-3-1 NOTES 2)
  - Electronic whistles are permissible. (5-3-2a, b)
  - Cloth face coverings are permissible.
  - Gloves are permissible.