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TO: Volleyball Coaches, Athletic Directors, and Chapter Secretaries
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RE: 2025/2026 Volleyball Rule Modifications

The NJSIAA Volleyball Rules Interpreter is:
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The following disposition is in effect for those sections of the National Federation Volleyball Rule Book which allow for state adoptions:

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| <u>Rule 1-2-1</u> | page 10 Note 1 Note 2 | MATCH ADOPTED (2 of 3 Sets & 3 out of 5 Sets, if both schools mutually agree, prior to scheduling the match) ADOPTED (Modified match format for series other the duals) |
| <u>Rule 1-5-3&4</u> | Page 11 | TERMINATION OF SET/MATCH NOT ADOPTED (Forfeits are not awarded by game officials) |
| <u>Rule 5-1-1</u> | page 21 Note | AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS ADOPTED for State Tournaments & matches when certified officials are hired to perform line judge duties; for all other matches - each school will be responsible for a line judge (1) unless certified officials are used. |
| <u>Rule 5-3-1</u> | page 22 Note 1 Note 2 | OFFICIALS UNIFORM The uniform shirt color will be white with NJSIAA logo NOT ADOPTED (Appropriate shorts are allowed for scrimmages only & white long sleeve shirt under collared polo shirt allowed to address cold conditions) ADOPTED (Accommodations may be made for religious & medical reasons) |
| Rule 5-3-2 | Note | Black whistles should be used, unless NJSIAA authorized the use of an alternate color. |
| Rule 5-9-2b | page 29 Note | LINE JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES ADOPTED (When teams remain on the same benches throughout the match, the Line Judges must switch sides of the court between sets) |
| <u>Rule 5-9-4</u> | page 30 Note | LINE JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES ADOPTED (Host schools will provide flags & if flags are not available NFHS hand signals will be used) |
| <u>Rule 9-1-2</u> | page 36 Note | TEAM BENCHES ADOPTED (Teams may remain at the same court & bench throughout the match, if there is mutual agreement; if coaches do not agree teams will change bench) |
| <u>Rule 9-2-1</u> | page 36 | COURT PROTOCOL NOT ADOPTED (Electronic Devices can be used for coaching purposes & scorebooks only, rosters & line-ups must be submitted in written form) |
| <u>Rule 12-2</u> | pp. 53-54 | PROCEDURE FOR UNSPORTING CONDUCT VIOLATIONS Disqualification due to a progression of cards is not subject to reporting requirements to the NJSIAA. Those violations, which are flagrant and unsportsmanlike, require the submission of the Disqualification form and the additional two-match penalty. |

Match format, regular season tournaments (single of multiple days). Tournaments (single or multiple days) may be modified as per Note 2 of Rule 1-2. Matches may be modified requiring fewer points to win but not raised to require more points to win.