MIAA Volleyball Transition from NCAA to NFHS Rules Commencing With the 2019-20 School Year

A Volleyball Leaders Sub-Committee has been organized consisting of members from the MIAA Volleyball Committee, Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Coaches Association (MGVCA) and various officials associations. This group is assisting in the process of transitioning from NCAA to NFHS Volleyball rules for the 2019-20 school year.

The Volleyball Leaders Sub-Committee met on November 27, 2018 at the MIAA Office and from that meeting came a request to bring forward to the MIAA Volleyball Committee rules modification proposals that would modify a current NFHS rule.

At the February 5, 2019 Volleyball Committee Meeting the proposals were addressed. The Committee voted in favor of forwarding 6 of the proposals to the MIAA Board of Directors. They were approved at the March 6, 2019 BOD meeting.

Proposal #1: In set 5 of the Varsity match, teams will change courts when one team reaches eight (8) points.
MIAA Volleyball Committee approved 13-0

Proposal #2a: Allow head and assistant coaches to stand.
Proposal #2b: Players not currently in the match are allowed to stand at the end of the bench or past the end line and at least six feet away from the sideline.
Proposal #2c: Players and coaches can still be sanctioned for any unsporting conduct but would not lose the right to stand.
MIAA Volleyball Committee approved 11-2

Proposal #3: Modifying the penalties for submitting the lineup slightly late in sets 2-5.
Amend Rule 7-1-4. For Sets 2-5, the penalty for late submission of line up shall be:
• After 1:00 remaining deadline: Unnecessary Delay – Yellow Card
• At 0:00: Loss of Rally/Point to opponent to start the set.
MIAA Volleyball Committee approved 13-0

Proposal #4: Continue the use the Official’s uniform currently worn at matches.
MIAA Volleyball Committee approved 13-0