NFHS Volleyball Rules Transition Plan for 2019-20

On August 7, 2018 the MIAA Board of Directors voted to support the change put forward by the Tournament Management Committee for all MIAA sports to follow NFHS rules beginning in 2019-20. This necessitated the development of a plan to implement NFHS rules for the sport of volleyball.

At the suggestion of volleyball sources planning was put off until the end of the 2018 fall season. A Volleyball Leaders Sub-Committee consisting of MIAA Volleyball Liaison Rich Riley and representatives from the MIAA Volleyball Committee, Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Coaches Association and various officials’ boards first met on November 27, 2018. From that meeting came a request to forward to the MIAA Volleyball Committee 6 rules modification proposals. At the February 5, 2019 full committee meeting each proposal was addressed. The MIAA Volleyball Committee voted in favor of forwarding the 6 proposals to the MIAA Board of Directors. The BOD approved them at their March 6th meeting.

The Volleyball Leaders sub-committee also met on February 5, 2019 (following the MIAA Volleyball Committee meeting) and the educational aspect of the transition was discussed. Dates and locations for NFHS rules workshops were established. On March 16, 2019 a workshop for coaches was held at the annual Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Coaches Association Clinic. Two regional workshops for officials’ board representatives and assigners took place at the MIAA Office on March 18, 2019 and at Holyoke High School on March 20, 2018. These workshops provided attendees with a more detailed understanding of rules differences.

Dates and locations of future workshops and any other pertinent information will be published on the volleyball sports page found on the MIAA website.