

To: Athletic Directors, Volleyball Coaches and Officials in the CIF-SS

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Re: Risk Minimization Rule Clarification

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Throughout the season, it has become apparent that the risk minimization point of emphasis found in the 2008-2009 rulebook (pg. 48) has caused some confusion for both coaches and officials. The state rules interpreter and I have worked to come up with a working document that gives more definition and direction for this point of emphasis. Please refer below:

The following guidelines are to be observed by students not participating in the game, but participating in warm-ups:

- Closed-toed shoes are required. Student wearing sandals or those with bare feet or just socks are not to be allowed on the playing surface during warm-ups.
- Minimal jewelry will be allowed.
- Cell phones or music devices are not allowed while on the court.
- These guidelines are to be observed for students acting as a line judge during the match as well.

The following guidelines are to be observed by coaches or team supporters who are participating in warm-ups (a team supporter would be an individual who is not a student at the school over the age of 18):

- High-heeled shoes, flip flops, bare feet or just wearing socks are not allowed on the court.
 - Coaches are allowed to wear flip flops provided they are not actively participating in the warm-ups
 - Actively participating would be running around on court as in the “coach on 3” drill
 - Not actively participating would be tossing balls to a setter during the 6 minute timed warm-up period.
- Coaches and team supporters are encouraged to wear close-toed athletic footwear.
- Cell phones and music devices are not allowed while on the court.
- Jewelry is not to be regulated by the official
- These guidelines are to be observed for adults acting as a line judge during the match as well.

Cell phones or music devices are also not to be allowed at the score table during the match. Student athletes may not have them on the team bench during the match.

I hope this helps clear up the confusion.

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