

2010-2011 NCAA POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Page 21, Rule 2 – Net Measurements

The specifications for the net are clearly described in Rule 2. All net specifications, including the variance from the ends of the net to the middle of the net, should be adhered to. As described in Rule 2.1.1.4, the net must remain taut throughout and maintain the required dimensions – the use of a dowel rod at the end of each net to secure the cables will help meet this requirement. The net must be placed directly over the center line, and should maintain its integrity and position even while the referees and players move around it. If the referees identify that net specifications are not met and cannot be remedied for the current event, the referee will communicate with the school administration or conference and the NCAA secretary-rules editor after the event.

Page 85, Rule 18.1.1 & Page 95, Rule 18.5 – Line Judges

The line judges are defined as members of the required officiating corps, and Rule 18.5 specifies the line judges' duties. It is vital that line judges are trained and given an opportunity to practice their skills before actually working at an event. Line judges should be required to arrive 30 minutes prior to the match, dressed as instructed in Event Management on page 97. Training tools and certification opportunities offered by the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) are described in detail in Appendix B.

Event Management

New language emphasizes that fan behavior and location should be monitored by event management to present the least possible interference with the match. Restricting fans from the playable area through the use of stanchions or establishing fan walkways that are not part of the playable area are among the suggestions.

Event Management

New language describes use of the scoreboard horn/buzzer for warm-up protocol, timeouts, and intervals between sets.