



RULE 3 - GAME EQUIPMENT

What You Need To Know



NET AND MARKINGS - PADDING

- Any exposed steel cable and/or metal tensioning device through the top and bottom of the net shall be covered
- The standards, Referee's platform, and floor/wall cables shall be padded as follows:
 - Standards must be padded to a minimum height of 5 ½ feet with at least 1 inch padding
 - Front and sides of Referee's platform must be padded in the same manner as the standards
 - Any guy cables or rigid braces must be padded to a minimum height of 5 ½ feet with at least ½ inch padding
- Penalty - Match shall not be played. Chapter and UIL shall be notified



NET, ANTENNAS, PLATFORM

○ Height of net

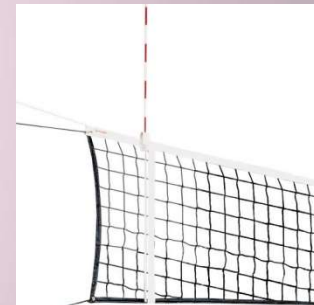
- 7 feet 4 1/8 inches at center of net
- Edges shall not exceed this height by more than 3/4 inch (could be exceptions)

○ Net antennas

- Attached to net in line with the outside edge of the sideline
- Extend upward at least 2 1/2 feet
- Fastened securely at top and bottom of net

○ Referee's platform

- Must be safe and stable
- Elevates Referee's head 2 to 3 feet above the top of the net
 - Height disadvantaged - be prepared to supply your own lift for platform



THE BALL



- Shall be all white panels (2009)
 - May have writing to identify game ball or school's possession
 - In 2010 multicolored panels will be allowed
- Inflated to 4.3 to 4.6 psi of air pressure
 - Recommended - every official have an air pressure gauge and an air pump
- Home team shall provide game balls
- Shall have the NFHS Authenticating Mark
- Recommend a backup ball be available at scorer's table

OFFICIAL'S TABLE

- Scorebook
 - Supplied by the host team
 - Kept at the official's table
- A scoreboard visible to teams, officials, and spectators is required
- Consists of official scorer, libero tracker, timer, and respective assistants
- Shall be at least 6 feet outside the court sideline opposite the First Referee



TEAM BENCHES

- Shall be on the same side as the official's table opposite the First Referee
- Placed no closer to the sideline than 6 feet
- Placed no closer than 10 feet to the center line extension
- Should have enough seating for all players

Penalty – When game equipment, other than required padding, does not meet rule specifications, the match shall be conducted and the improper conditions reported to the Chapter

