2022 Girls Classic League Volleyball Rules

The Classic League plays by the Illinois High School Association rules for girls' volleyball. Rule books are available for download purchase at www.ihsa.org or www.nfhs.org . Some major rules and our "house" rules are as follows:

1. Junior Varsity players will have a shortened serving line through March 26th. Players must return to regular serving line March 27th.
2. All matches (JV and Varsity) will be best 2 out of 3 games to 21 points. If a match requires a third vv. Bym b games, a third game to 15 points is required.
    a. For the Varsity level, if one team wins the match in 2 games, a third game to 15 points is encouraged. However, if both Varsity level teams agree to not play the third game, then the game may be omitted.
3. The following are **prohibited:** jewelry, non-flat barrettes, bandaged/covered earrings/piercings (even recent piercings are not a valid reason & cannot be worn), tattoos,skin markings. Medic alert identification is allowed.
4. Uniform tops must cover stomachs; no midriff tops are allowed.
5. Warm-ups are 8 minutes total: 3 minutes full court for the home team, 3 minutes full court for the visiting team, and 2 minutes shared serving. Warm-up times may be shortened with referee and agreement from both schools coaches.
6. The set-up of the gym is at the host school's discretion. The height of the net is required to be 7 feet 4 1/8 inches (2.24m). Home teams are to supply all volleyballs. The host school must provide a responsible, trained scorekeeper and/or timer.
7. Teams should arrive no more than 15 minutes before the scheduled match time.
8. Games should begin at their scheduled start time, unless agreed upon by the host site administrator/AD, both head coaches, and the contest official.
    a. Forfeit times are as follows: 10 minutes for the first game, 15 minutes for the second game/match.
9. Teams can play with 5 people and a ghost server. Games cannot begin with 4 players; the game must be forfeited.
10. Teams may not cross-over players from one team to another within the same level/division of play. JV players are allowed to play up to the Varsity level/division when needed. Rule Number 11 restrictions apply with movement.
11. In the case that a player is moved up to the Varsity level/division, a player may only play in 4 games per night. Any appearance in a game constitutes a full, complete game.
    a. When moving players up, only enough players may move to complete a bench to the eighth spot.
    b. If it is known prior to JV level match game time that a player will be playing up, the lower level coach must inform the scorer's table at the beginning of the match which player will be moving up.
    c. If it is a last-minute decision that a player will be playing up, it will be assumed that the player being brought up has already played 3 games.
        i. Unless the JV level match was won or lost in 2 games, then it will be assumed that the player being moved up has only played two games, as the 3rd game in those matches does not count.
        ii. In the case that the JV level team has played a double header, only the games from the first match played that night will count towards games played for the player moving up.
12. Whole body contact is allowed, as long as the ball does not come to rest and there is no prolonged contact.
13. Coaches may stand at the bench, 6 feet back from the sideline, between attack and end lines. If a coach/assistant coach is given a yellow or red card, all coaches must sit for the rest of the match.

14. Substitutions take place one at a time in a single file line.
15. Coaches need to get their lineups in ASAP in between games.
16. Each team is allowed 2 timeouts per game.
17. Results should be emailed by Home Team to classicleaguescores@gmail.com
18. The season begins February 28, 2022. The season ends April 22, 2022 . The playoff meeting will be April 24, 2022 (time and place TBD). The post-season Tournament will take place April 25th – April 30th. All-Star Game is May 1, 2022 at Fenwick High School.
19. Notice: Any unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, spectators, or others will NOT be tolerated.

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