FM League Athletic Rules and Guidelines

7th & 8th Girls Volleyball

- 1. The home team is responsible for proper equipment and court markings. (The posts must be properly padded)
- 2. At the beginning of each match, teams will be allowed five minutes for warm up. This will be at the discretion of the home team. (Five minutes for the first match; five minutes for the second match).
- 3. Matches will be played on a 60 minute clock. All matches consist of 3 games. All but the third game will be rally scoring up to 25 points and you must win by 2 points. The third game is rally scoring up to 15 points. No matches are permitted to go beyond a maximum of 30 minutes with a 5 minute warm-up. No game will end in a timeout). If a team wins the first 2 games of the match and there is time remaining on the clock. Coaches will be expected to play out the remainder of the clock as a scrimmage.
- 4. The net height will be NDHSAA regulation height.
- 5. Play the net serve.
- 6. The serving line will be 25 feet back for the 7th grade and 30 feet back for the 8th grade
- 7. Each coach will complete lineup cards for their team prior to each match and will present the card to the officials.
- 8. Jewelry is not to be worn during a match. Taping for pierced ears is allowed. Coaches will communicate this to their players and parents. Players should not bring valuables to contests as secure placement is not guaranteed.
- 9. Line judges, one from each team chosen by the coaches, will be stationed on opposite corners of the court.
- 10. If a team is going to use a locker room, be sure to bring everything with you to the gym. DO NOT LEAVE BELONGINGS IN THE LOCKER ROOMS.
- 11. It is recommended that, in addition to an official, an adult will keep score and help with the rotation.
- 12. Coaches are responsible for proper player supervision, before, during, and after matches including the bus. This will include the "bye" time during a teams set of matches
- 13. At the 7th grade level, after 5 consecutive points, the team serving will rotate one spot, but will maintain possession of the serve.
- 14. Each team is allowed one 30-second timeout per game. A timeout cannot be taken with less than two minutes left in the match.