

## 15. VOLLEYBALL – GIRLS

### A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### 1) Interscholastic Participation (Sports Regulation 4)

##### 1.1) Grades 9-12

1. All high school matches shall be played utilizing NFHS Volleyball rules. The libero rule shall be used for high school volleyball only.
2. All varsity dual matches shall be played in a best three of five format. Each set shall go to 25 points with no cap (must win by two points), and the deciding set shall go to 15 points with no cap.
3. All varsity regular season matches contested in any format other than a dual, head to head format, i.e., tri-matches, quadrangular matches or other multi-match tournaments, shall be played in a **best two of three format**.
4. All subvarsity matches, including junior varsity, reserve, freshmen, etc., shall be played in a best two of three format. Each set shall go to 25 points with no cap (must win by two points), and the deciding set shall go to 25 points with no cap.
5. Match limitations for each high school team and individual player are 22 matches on 20 playing dates.
6. Individual limitations for players who play in any subvarsity competition on the same day and against the same opponent consist of a maximum of five (5) sets per day per common opponent.
7. Any part of a set is considered a full set.
8. In any tournament or regular season competition, teams and/or individuals shall be permitted to play a maximum of three matches per day.
9. All regular season matches count in the 22 match limitations including subvarsity tournaments.
10. The penalty for exceeding the participation limitation during a match is forfeiture of that set in which the ineligible player is participating. When discovered, the ineligible player is removed from the set, and the match continues unless that is the deciding set of the match. If the ineligible participation is discovered in the deciding set or after the match is completed, the match is forfeited.

##### Grades 7 & 8

1. All 7 & 8th grade matches shall be played in a best two of three format. Each set shall go to 25 points with no cap (must win by two points), and the deciding set shall go to 25 points with no cap.
2. 7 & 8th grade volleyball matches shall not use the libero rule.
3. A student may participate in no more than three sets per opponent. Any part of a set is considered a full set. When playing more than one opponent, this rule applies for each opponent.
4. In any tournament or regular season competition, teams and/or individuals shall be permitted to play a maximum of three matches per day.
5. The penalty for exceeding the participation limitation during a match is forfeiture of that set in which the ineligible player is participating. When discovered, the ineligible player is removed from the set, and the match continues unless that is the deciding set of the match. If the ineligible participation is discovered in the deciding set or after the match is completed, the match is forfeited.
6. Net Height—The net height for 7 & 8th grade volleyball shall be 7'0".

- 1.2) All matches played shall be counted except a match played against the school's faculty and OHSAA tournament matches. **The faculty match must be played between August 29, 2009 and November 14, 2009.**
- 1.3) When a volleyball match is interrupted for any reason, the match shall be resumed from the point of interruption.
- 1.4) Any scheduled regular season volleyball set or match which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances such as failure of team to arrive, strikes, school closings, is "No Contest." Sets or matches not played are not included in won-lost statistics.
- 1.5) Filming or videotaping of volleyball tournament matches by one or both of the schools playing the match is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager, it is done at the expense of the school involved, and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted to film or videotape. **Filming or videotaping of a potential opponent's tournament match is prohibited.**
- 1.6) PREVIEW — A preview may be scheduled and played only during the period of time beginning with the Friday before the season begins and ending with the date of the first regular season match of the teams involved.

Previews are limited in length to two sets of 21 points each, played according to National Federation Volleyball Rules.

- 1.7) Member schools electing to participate in the *Volleyball Service Week Foundation Match* are permitted to use one of their five allotted scrimmages to play a regulation match under all normal match conditions. Foundation matches do not count against a team's record and must be played between **Saturday, August 15-Saturday, August 29, 2009**. Each participating school is required to make a \$250 contribution to the OHSAA Foundation. Please refer to the volleyball preseason manual or the Foundation website at [www.ohsaafoundation.org](http://www.ohsaafoundation.org) for important additional information.

## 2) Out-of-State Travel

A volleyball team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and games in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a volleyball team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

"School time" is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner's office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

A volleyball team may not travel out of state only to practice.

## 3) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 11 of the General Sports Regulations.

#### 4) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 4.1) A member of an interscholastic volleyball squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education **shall not participate in a non-inter-scholastic program** (tryouts, practice or contest) as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of volleyball **during the school's season** (Sports Regulation 4.3).
- 4.2) A member of an interscholastic volleyball squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education may participate in non-interscholastic volleyball prior to and after the school season under the following conditions:
- 4.21) The number of interscholastic volleyball players from the same school on a non-interscholastic squad is limited to three on the roster of that non-interscholastic squad. A roster is defined as all the members of the entire squad on that non-interscholastic squad.
- Note: Graduating seniors who are participating on a non-interscholastic volleyball squad after their final interscholastic contest of the season in the sport of volleyball are exempt from this limitation.
- 4.22) There is no limit on the number of volleyball squad members from the same school participating on the same squad during the period June 1-July 31.
- 4.23) A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament in excess of the three-player limitation after July 31 until the squad is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.
- 4.24) Non-interscholastic participation includes tryouts, training, practice and competition.
- 4.3) An intramural team is a non-interscholastic team, and all rules for non-interscholastic teams apply.
- 4.4) All-Star Games — There are many directors of non-interscholastic competitions that use the term “All-Star” in describing their events. Student-athletes in team sports who wish to participate in one of these “all-star” competitions outside the interscholastic season of their sports may do so without jeopardy to eligibility provided the students maintain compliance with Sports Regulations 4.3 and 4.5.

The purpose of this special “All-Star” regulation is to provide an opportunity for the interscholastic team sport coach to coach players from his or her own school in a competition that has the following components:

- 1) Participants shall be selected from at least four schools.
- 2) All participants shall be graduating seniors or students completing their athletic eligibility at the end of the semester.
- 3) Participants shall play in no more than two All-Star games.
- 4) Participants shall not participate until after they have participated in their final contest for their school (Sports Regulation 4.3).

Penalty: For a senior, violation of this regulation may result in the loss of athletic eligibility for the balance of the school year. For all other students, the penalty may result in loss of eligibility for the ensuing season in the sport in which the student participated in the All-Star contest.

#### 4.5) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Dates:

A volleyball athlete who has not participated for a school team in volleyball that season must cease non-interscholastic volleyball competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the State Tournaments in volleyball in order to be eligible for OHSAA Tournament competition provided applicable Bylaws and Regulations have been followed.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in volleyball who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in volleyball shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in volleyball in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: September 28, 2009.

**5) Instructional Programs**

See *Regulations for Instructional Programs* under Section 5 of the General Sports Regulations.

**6) No Contact Period — Coaches**

See *Regulations for No Contact Period — Coaches* under Section 8 of the General Sports Regulations.

**7) Penalties**

7.1) The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 4.3 (participation with a non-interscholastic volleyball squad while a member of the school's interscholastic volleyball squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic volleyball season or the ensuing volleyball season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

7.2) The penalty for a coach for violation of Sports Regulation 4.9 (Coaching Staff-Team Sports) may include suspension, probation, public censure, fine not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence or such penalty as the Commissioner may deem appropriate.

**B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12**

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 10, 2009.  
EXCEPTION: Classes begin on or before August 21, coaching may begin August 7.
- 2) First match — August 29, 2009.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournaments — October 5, 2009.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding date — October 11, 2009.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — November 14, 2009.
- 6) Scrimmages or Previews — Maximum of five scrimmages plus one preview. See 1.7 for information on the service week match.
- 7) Regular season matches — Maximum of 22 matches on 20 playing dates. Each match played opposing another school shall be counted as one match in the 22 permitted, whether played in triangular, quadrangular or invitational tournament.
- 8) Rules — National Federation Volleyball.
- 9) Officials:
  - 9.1) Varsity — One Class 1 official who shall be the referee required. The umpire shall be either Class 1 or Class 2 volleyball official.  
In the event only one OHSAA registered official arrives to officiate the match, the match may be played provided the participating coaches agree.
  - 9.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Two OHSAA Class 1 or 2 volleyball officials required.  
In the event only one OHSAA registered official arrives to officiate the match, the match may be played provided the participating coaches agree.

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- 9.3) Freshman — Referee required and umpire recommended. OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 volleyball officials required.
- 9.4) Line Judges — For varsity and reserve/junior varsity volleyball competition, all line judges shall be either well-trained adults or students not listed on the volleyball eligibility certificate for the high school.

**C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8**

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 10, 2009.  
EXCEPTION: Classes begin on or before August 21, coaching may begin August 7.
- 2) First match — August 29, 2009.
- 3) Coaching and Season end — November 14, 2009.
- 4) Scrimmages or Previews — Maximum of two scrimmages or one scrimmage and one preview.
- 5) Regular season matches — Maximum 20 matches on 16 playing dates plus one postseason tournament not to exceed four matches.
- 6) Rules — National Federation Volleyball.
- 7) Officials — Referee required and umpire recommended. OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 volleyball officials required.

<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Coaching Begins	8/10*	8/9	8/8	8/6	8/5	8/4
Earliest Preview Date	8/28	8/27	8/26	8/24	8/23	8/22
Season Begins	8/29	8/28	8/27	8/25	8/24	8/23
Non-Interscholastic Date	9/28	9/27	9/26	9/24	9/23	9/22
Sectional	10/19-10/24#	10/18-10/23#	10/15-10/22#	10/15-10/20#	10/14-10/19#	10/13-10/18#
District	10/26-10/31	10/25-10/30	10/24-10/29	10/22-10/27	10/21-10/26	10/20-10/25
Regional	11/2-11/7	11/1-11/6	10/31-11/5	10/29-11/3	10/26-11/2	10/27-11/1
State	11/12-11/14	11/11-11/13	11/10-11/12	11/8-11/10	11/7-11/9	11/6-11/8
Season Ends	11/14	11/13	11/12	11/10	11/9	11/8
Thanksgiving	11/26	11/25	11/24	11/22	11/28	11/27

Coach — No Contact Period — Starts with the first day after the last interscholastic contest; ends 28 days later.

\*See exception in B1 and C1.

#Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).

**VOLLEYBALL — GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT ROTATION**

2009-2013-2017	2010-2014-2018	2011-2015-2019	2012-2016-2020
I	IV	III	II
IV	III	II	I
III	II	I	IV
II	I	IV	III