

Online Rules Meetings  
Available until August 30!  
Available through the link on  
the Volleyball Page here:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/default.asp>

**Coaches: Are you a member of the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association?** If not, please consider joining this outstanding organization. Click here to learn more:

[www.ohsvca.org](http://www.ohsvca.org)

### Sports Medicine Issues

Although the serious injury rate for volleyball is relatively low compared to other sports – **there were 17 reported injuries that might have been concussion related in Ohio interscholastic volleyball last season** - you have an obligation to keep informed about issues involving concussion and heat related illness – an entirely preventable condition. Please visit our web site at these links to review information on these issues:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/default.htm>

### WHO TO CONTACT?

Questions about VB rules? Coaches should contact Deborah Moore or Diane Plas. Officials should contact their local association interpreter. Questions about OHSAA rules? Coaches should contact Debbie. Eligibility questions? – Please see your principal or AD.

# THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL



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## Protocol for Pre-Match

Many questions from officials have centered on what is the OHSAA-adopted protocol for pre-match ceremonies. Although the OHSAA has not adopted an official protocol, we recommend, unless school or conference procedures dictate otherwise, the protocol as outlined in the 2013-14 Officials Manual, Pages 59-61.

## R2 initials the Scoresheet after each Set and the Match

A rule change in 2013-14, specifically in 5-4-4e and 5-5-3(18), now requires the R2 to initial the scoresheet after each set and for final verification of the match results. It is no longer required that the R1 sign anything. Both officials should leave the playing area quickly at the conclusion of the match, and there should be no issue with verification as the R2 will have already confirmed the match point status with the R1 prior to that point. In order to assist head coaches with their rating responsibilities, it is acceptable for both officials to place a label on the scoresheet with their names and ID numbers. This label does not take the place of the R2's responsibilities during a match.

## Concussion Legislation Reminders

This past April, Gov. Kasich signed HB 143 into law. This law mirrors regulations that the OHSAA has had for the last several years with just a few exceptions. During the 2012 season, officials removed 17 volleyball players from competition for exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussion. Although our sport is considered rather "low risk" for these injuries, coaches and officials must be constantly vigilant in protecting students from further injury.

Coaches, please encourage your students and their parents to view one of the free online concussion courses sponsored by NFHS or the CDC, and even though you are required to complete a concussion course when you renew your Pupil Activity Permit, why wait? Take it now. Officials, please be certain that you are aware of your responsibility to file the Concussion Report Form in the event that a player is removed from a contest under your supervision.

## Warm-up Times for 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Matches

We have received reports of schools and or conferences reducing warm-up time for middle school students to ten minutes or less. We find such a practice ill advised and would discourage school administrators from providing anything less than 15 minutes of warm-up for volleyball students in these grades. If a school has another warm-up facility available for both teams, the school might decide to shorten the warm-up, but absent such a facility, 15 minutes of on-court warm-up is the minimum time. A 20-minute warm-up is the standard protocol for volleyball.

## NFHS Rules Bulletin

The first rules bulletin was published August 15, 2013 on the NFHS Arbiter Hub. Click on this link to view:

<https://nfhs-volleyball.arbitersports.com/front/105417/Site/Volleyball-Rules-Information/2013-14-Volleyball-Rules-Interpretations>

**Corrections to Rules Book:** Page 8, 1-2-3a. The serve/receive and playing areas for set No. 1 are determined by a coin toss...; Page 21, 5-4-3c(21). Rule reference is (5-4-4d); Page 39, 10-2-1a. Signal #16 19; Page 39, 10-2-4. Signal #16 17; Page 59, Signal #21A. Left arm should be extended to match Time-out signal.

**Corrections to Case Book and Manual:** Page 74, Diagram 6. TEAM B Serving Order should be 3, 5, 7c, 9, 11, 13; Pages 83 and 85, Signal #21A. Left arm should be extended to match Time-out signal.

**Corrections to Preseason Guide:** Page 8, 5-7-3eb; Page 11, Signal #21A. Left arm should be extended to match Time-out signal.

There are six play situations listed. Please go to the website for the full bulletin.