

Online Rules Meetings
The complimentary online meeting has closed. If you have not completed your rules meeting, you will need to call Tyler Brooks at the office to schedule payment and receive the authorization to make up the meeting.
September 12 is the deadline, and the meeting will cost \$50.00. Call 614-267-2502 and have your credit card ready.

VOLLEYWRITE SCORING SYSTEM

The OHSAA will be using the VolleyWrite scoring system at our State Tournaments and at as many Regional Tournaments as possible in 2014. Schools are encouraged to use the system for their regular season matches. A question has come up regarding whether or not it is required to have a paper system as a backup. The simple answer is no; however, when training a scorer on this electronic system, it is certainly acceptable to keep a scorebook as a back up to the electronic system. Visit VolleyWrite.com for more information on the scoring system.

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SCOUTING RULES

This is a friendly reminder concerning the sports regulations which govern videotaping and scouting. Media Regulation 1.b states that "It is not permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or photograph regular season contests (including scrimmages and previews) of other school teams without the written consent of all schools participating in the contest(s)." The same prohibition applies for OHSAA tournament contests and can be found in Section 2. c. Coaches please advise your representatives who might be scouting other teams on your behalf that that videotaping the matches is strictly prohibited and will require a fine upon discovery.

MUSIC, SOUND EFFECTS AND ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS

NFHS VB Rule 1-8 stipulates that the playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted prior to the start of the set during warm-ups, time-outs, between sets and following the competition. The use of artificial noisemakers shall be prohibited. This rule applies to scoreboards as well as the public address and other audio systems. Administrators and coaches should take care to review the music selections that are used for interscholastic volleyball matches to be sure that those selections are appropriate for an educational setting.

FAN BEHAVIOR

During our one face-to-face rules meeting and in the online version, we addressed issues involving dealing with unruly fans during the course of a match. NFHS VB Rule 12-3 requires that when a spectator becomes unruly or interferes with the orderly progress of the set, the first referee shall suspend the set until host management resolves the situation and the set can proceed in an orderly manner. Spectators who misbehave, whether students or adults, have no place in an education-based environment. When fans come onto the playing surface, stand right next to the opponent's team bench, scream at the opposing team in a manner that is both disruptive and inherently intimidating as well as counter to good sporting conduct, such behaviors shall be considered unruly and unsporting. In addition, offensive language, profanity and/or other disparaging comments shall never be tolerated. If no school administrator is present at a match where such behavior occurs, the home head coach shall serve in that capacity. Interscholastic volleyball has had a good record of accomplishment in terms of sporting conduct. Let's work to continue that tradition.

ONCE IT'S OVER, IT'S OVER

Occasionally our Director of Development for Officiating, Diane Plas, or I will get an inquiry about an unusual circumstance that has happened in a match. At times, the coach will tell us that he or she has video evidence that a scoring error was made or a call was incorrect, or (unfortunately in some rare cases), the match protocol was not followed. OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1 does not permit us to go back and alter the outcome of a contest. Protests arising from the decisions of the contest officials will not be considered, and their decisions are final. The Commissioner's office has no authority to order matches to be replayed or to overturn the decisions of the officials relative to the volleyball playing rules. Any disputes must be resolved before the match concludes.