

Draw Meeting
The volleyball draw meeting is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. for your sectional draw to start your school on the tournament trail. You will receive more details from your sectional manger shortly. Good luck!

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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THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL



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UNSPORTING CONDUCT

The state of sporting conduct in interscholastic volleyball is generally good. We have many great rivalries and outstanding programs in Ohio due to the dedication of talented coaches and supportive administrators that are committed to seeing our students develop maximally through engagement in this sport. We receive very few reports of either coach or spectator misbehavior during the season, but when we do, we want to give school authorities every chance to respond and make corrections where necessary. No one wants to deny student spectators the opportunity for a spirited, loud, fun experience in support of their high school classmates in this exciting sport. However, students must remember that respect for one's opponent, which is what makes the competition so incredible, is a responsibility that we all share. We expect school and athletic administrators to monitor students and desist acts of inappropriate behavior before they start to affect the match. No contest official wants to halt play and request that host management handle an issue of fan misconduct. However, the rules do require the R1 stop play when misbehavior becomes disruptive and inconsistent with the educational values associated with interscholastic athletics.

We ask coaches and officials to review Rule 12 – Conduct - in the NFHS rules book. This rule has not been amended in several years, and although the NFHS and the OHSAA have not emphasized the rule of late, due to the fact that conduct is usually so outstanding in our programs, it is worthy of attention from time to time.

ASK THE REFEREE

An official asked about a scenario that took place recently. A coach listed a player inaccurately on both her roster and the lineup. The deadline for both has passed before the referee noted these errors.

Detailed Analysis (provide by Rick Brown)

NFHS Rule 7, Section 1 (Roster and Lineup) lists separate penalties for an inaccurate roster (the submission deadline has passed) and for an inaccurate lineup (submission deadline has passed). As such, the fact pattern presented would require two separate penalties and an award of two points to the opponent. Both penalties could have been prevented if the team jersey numbers were viewable.

Penalty 1 under 7-1-1 (Roster) states that the "failure to submit to the scorer no later than 10 minutes before the end of timed prematch warmup, a written, accurate roster including teammates' names and uniform numbers results in a loss of rally/point being awarded the opponent when the inaccuracy is discovered. Rules 7-1-2 and 7-1-4 address the requirement and timing of submitting an accurate written lineup. The penalty for "failure to submit to the scorer no later than two minutes prior to the end of timed prematch warmup, a written, accurate, numeric lineup results in a loss of rally/point being awarded to the opponent at the start of that set."

NFHS rules list these as separate penalties so this situation requires two penalties resulting in two penalty points. As described, the team had both an inaccurate roster AND an inaccurate lineup so two points and the serve must be awarded the opponent. If the penalized team had the first serve, the match starts with the receiving team rotating one position and serving to start the set/match.

The NFHS Casebook 7.1.1 SITUATION A addresses an inaccurate roster. The individual player in question was listed with an incorrect number, 21 instead of 4. The set begins with a loss of rally/ point awarded to the opponent and roster is corrected.

7.1.2 SITUATION B is on point re: the inaccurate lineup: "If a player is listed on the lineup and that number does not exist, the loss of rally/point penalty is for having submitted an inaccurate lineup. This is not a substitution as No. 7 (in the Case Book Situation - read No. 21 in your example) does not exist, is not on the roster and cannot be substituted.

What's not addressed in Rule or Casebook in terms of the loss of rally to the opponent is - if the serving team is penalized -the first server for that team will not serve, the receiving team will rotate and will serve [at 2-0](#). I would direct the scorer to record the first penalty on the line of the serving team's first server. The second penalty point should be marked on the line of the receiving team's first server along with both penalty points.