



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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New Warm-up Protocol for OHSAA Tournaments

The OHSVCA has recommended a new warm-up system that the Board of Directors has approved as mandatory for OHSAA tournaments.

Please remember that during a team warm-up period, all personnel actively conducting warm-ups shall be properly attired for the duties required. Special attention shall be given to ensure that auxiliary personnel are wearing appropriate footwear for active participation and electronic devices such as music devices and cell phones are not being used. **Although the OHSAA does not mandate a particular warm-up time or protocol for regular season play, the Association recommends the following system, which shall be used for all high school OHSAA tournament matches.**

The 20-minute warm-up shall be divided into the following designated times in order:

1. 2 minutes – both teams ball handling on their side of the net
2. 6 minutes – the serving team has the whole court
3. 6 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court
4. 3 minutes – the serving team has the whole court.
5. 3 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court.

The R2 shall sound a whistle 15 seconds before the end of each team warm-up period.

Some questions have been posed to the OHSAA concerning this new procedure. For example, some officials want to know if the team not occupying the court is permitted to engage in any activity off court or if the OHSAA is going to enforce the collegiate rule that mandates that the off-court team remain at the bench area.

The OHSAA advises that officials handle these situations on a case-by-case basis and that all coaches use good judgment in managing their teams off court. The "off court" team is allowed to do warm-up drills as long as there is enough room, and they do not interfere with the team on the court. Safety of all is certainly a priority. Officials should monitor but NOT micro-manage this. We are asking for documentation of actual issues to see if there is a need to adopt something more restrictive like the NCAA has.

Volleyball Tournament Regulations and Tournament Draw ON HOLD

The Board of Directors, in its August 6 meeting, has tabled all fall tournament regulations, tournament set-ups and the regional and state draws in order to reconfigure the enrollment data for each member school. This process will affect representation which has already been posted. As soon as the data are recalculated, we will post these enrollment numbers on the OHSAA website and I will put them out on Twitter @DmooreDeborah. We apologize for any inconvenience this will create for you. We will get this information out to you just as soon as possible

VolleyWrite – Updates for 2015



VolleyWrite will again be used at the state tournament this year and is being offered at a significant discount to all Ohio schools for use during the season.

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- There are short **Training Videos** on YouTube. Go to YouTube and search for VolleyWrite, or go to the Videos page at VolleyWrite.com.
- **Help buttons** in the top right corner of each screen connect you with the section of the User Manual addressing that particular tab. 
- The **About tab** contains contact information and links to the videos on YouTube.
- E-mail questions, suggestions or problems during the season to Info@VolleyWrite.com or call them at **(513) 400-5937**.

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Online Rules Meetings
In 2015, all meetings will be conducted online. There will no longer be a rules meeting conducted at the OHSVCA clinic. There is an online meeting for coaches and a separate one for officials, both of which can be accessed from the volleyball page at ohsaa.org. The complimentary online meeting will be available at this link beginning July 23 through August 28 at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/default.asp>.

Get Your Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit Updated!

Schools that permit coaches to coach (Paid or volunteer) without a valid Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit issued by the ODE will be fined \$250.00 per coach. Log onto the "Sports Medicine" Page at ohsaa.org for more information on how to obtain your Permit. Remember that when you renew or receive a new permit, **you must show evidence of having completed an online Concussion Education course.**

Volleyball Manuals for Coaches and Officials

We are no longer mailing the **Volleyball Manual**. Please click on this link to access this publication and either print it or download to your computer or mobile device.
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