

**Online Rules Meetings**  
**LAST DATE TO TAKE THE**  
**ONLINE VOLLEYBALL**  
**RULES MEETING FREE OF**  
**CHARGE IS August 28**  
**GO TO THIS LINK:"**

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

After August 28, the link will close and access will be provided for a \$50 fee. Have your credit card ready and contact Emily Gates at 614-267-2502 Ext 107 to participate in the make-up meeting. The make-up meeting will be available only until September 11.

**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](http://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.

<http://ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbmanual.pdf>

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# THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL



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## CONCUSSION PROTOCOL REVIEW

Although students who play the sport of volleyball are not at an extremely high risk of sustaining a concussion, there are reports of students who do sustain this type of injury during the season. It is good to review the required procedures as expressed in the national playing rules, the OHSAA sports regulations and, now in state law, that were put in place to protect participants. **OFFICIALS:** Please be advised that anytime you see a player go down during a contest and upon observation you believe she is exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion, you are required to remove that player from the contest and ensure that the scorebook is noted of that action – "CM #10 (12-13)". The R2 should then be sure to notify the coach that the athlete shall not return to play (RTP) that same day. The R1 must file a form

<http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/OHSAAConcussionReport.pdf> to the OHSAA denoted the removal of a player suspected of sustaining a concussion. **COACHES:** You, along with any medical personnel, shall not permit a player to return to a practice or a match who you suspect may have sustained a concussion. The rules for RTP are expressed in your manual here:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbmanual.pdf> along with a form that your school must retain once a player who was concussed has been cleared to return. Please take these obligations seriously. If you err, it is better to do so on the side of being conservative rather than permitting a player who may have sustained a serious injury to continue to participate.

Please be advised that there is no headgear that can prevent a concussion. As the rules do not permit players to wear any headgear, the OHSAA will not approve these devices.

## NEW DIVISIONS AND REPRESENTATION

Here are the new divisions for the 2015 OHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournaments:

A reprint of divisional representation for all sports and this information are also available on our website.

Division I	327 and more – 196 schools
Division II	181 – 326 - 198 Schools
Division III	105-180 - 198 Schools
Division IV	104 and less - 198 Schools

As soon as we receive confirmation from our District Athletic Board relative to any district site changes, we will conduct the regional and state draws in this office with a representative of the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association. Please watch the Volleyball page at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/default.asp> and Twitter @DmooreDeborah for the latest information.

## PROTECTING STUDENTS

USA Volleyball's SafeSport Program has many resources designed to keep young people safe while participating in the sport of volleyball. Click here to access the site:

[https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/SafeSport/safesport\\_home.html](https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/SafeSport/safesport_home.html) In addition, the OHSAA also has information on its website regarding the NFHS online course "Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment" at this link <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/misc/2012CoachEducationCourse.pdf>. This course is designed to provide information on hazing, bullying and inappropriate relationships to more high school coaches, school administrators and the general public.

## SUMMARY COMPARISON OF USAV, NCAA AND NFHS RULES

For those of you who coach and/or officiate across rules systems, this handy comparison chart, published by the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) is available at the link below.

[http://www.pavo.org/Portals/0/docs/2015\\_Rule\\_Comparison\\_NCAA-NFHS-USAV.pdf](http://www.pavo.org/Portals/0/docs/2015_Rule_Comparison_NCAA-NFHS-USAV.pdf)