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VOLLEYBALL MID-SEASON MEMO – 2009-2010

TO: All Volleyball Coaches and Contest Officials

FROM: Deborah B. Moore, Associate Commissioner

RE: Answers to Early Season Questions

Two issues have been presented that need immediate clarification. Please find the official interpretations below.

CONTEST LIMITATIONS AND SCORING

- I. High School** – Grades 9-12 (Also referred to as Varsity, J.V., Reserve, Freshmen or other Non-Varsity labels)
 - a. 22 matches on 20 playing dates
 - b. Any individual who is playing in any non-varsity sets has a five (5) set limitation per common opponent
 - c. Limit of three (3) matches per day regardless of the opponent or the scoring system used. Note: The set limitation listed in b. DOES NOT apply to players who do not play any non-varsity sets.
 - d. When playing outside Ohio, the match limitation applies even if the scoring system is different.
 - e. All varsity head to head matches shall be played in a best of five format as per NFHS rules. All sets shall be played to 25 with no cap. The fifth and deciding set, if played, shall be played to 15 with no cap.
 - f. All other high school matches, whether non-varsity or varsity in a multiple match format shall be played in a best of three format with all sets played to 25 with no cap.

- II. Grades 7-8**
 - a. 20 matches on 16 playing dates with one post season (meaning after all regular season matches have been competed) tournament not to exceed four matches.
 - b. Limit of three (3) matches per day.
 - c. Limit of **three sets per common opponent**. This means that a player may play any combination of three sets in both the 7th and 8th grade matches when the opponent is the same.

- d. When playing outside Ohio, the match and set limitations apply even if the scoring system is different.
- e. All 7th-8th grade matches shall be played in a best of three format with all sets played to 25 with no cap.

RISK MINIMIZATION DURING WARM-UPS

In 2008 one of the Points of Emphasis from the NFHS, which was adopted by the OHSAA, was the development of regulations to protect the safety of individuals who were actively involved in the official warm-up. Such individuals could be coaches, parent volunteers, students who are not participating in the match, statisticians, scorekeepers, etc. In order to minimize risk, the following shall be observed.

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.

Appropriate footwear means shoes that can be safely worn on a court. Flip flops are not acceptable for this type of activity. Neither are high heeled shoes which may pose a danger. Officials must use their judgment relative to other types of “street shoes” taking into account the policy of the facility relative to the type of footwear permitted on the court.

Note that this policy refers to **active involvement in the warm-up**. It has no bearing on the shoes a coach might be wearing during a match or how table personnel are attired. Although the policy does not address line judges, their footwear is always subject to the discretion of the First Referee. If the R1 does not feel that the line judge can perform his or her duties due to the type of shoes the individual is wearing, the R1 may request that the line judge either change or be replaced.