

# This Week in Volleyball



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The Ohio High School Athletic Association

- **Mandatory rules interpretation meeting – THE WINDOW FOR THE COMPLIMENTARY MEETING HAS NOW CLOSED**

**If you have not attended a face to face or completed an online meeting, you will need to complete the online meeting at a cost of \$50 as the official makeup meeting.** Coaches and officials will need to call into the office, ask to speak with our assistant, Renee Moore, pay for the meeting with a credit card, and a password will be provided to enable you to gain access to the meeting site. Credit will be given once the meeting is completed. The online rules meeting will continue to be available until **Midnight, September 3, 2010.**

- **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade matches** – The office continues to receive calls and emails on this question which affects middle school volleyball. Please advise all middle school coaches that OHSAA rules do not restrict on which squad a middle school player participates. Therefore, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader could play in both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade matches, and, likewise, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader could play in both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade matches. The only restriction is the three set limitation.
- **Player Ejections** – General Sports Regulation 11.1 covers ejection for players. The regulation can be found in the General Sports Regulations which are found on the OHSAA web site here: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/GenSportsReg10-11.pdf> Officials are reminded that their sole responsibility is to verify that an ejection has taken place in accordance with NFHS rules and then notify both the member school and the OHSAA. The official has no further responsibility to insure that the two contest penalty is observed. That responsibility rests with the member school administration. The regulation reads as follows:

### **Ejection of Unsporting Conduct - Players**

Any player ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification. When ejection or disqualification of a player results from illegal substitution in baseball, softball or basketball, the two contest suspension does not apply. If the ejection or disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).

A student who is ejected or disqualified a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.

A student who has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates. It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the OHSAA tournament regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

- **Medical Appliances and Hardware** - NFHS rules and OHSAA policy request that a school get permission for a student to wear unusual medical hardware prescribed by a physician such as an insulin pump or a heart rate monitor. Knee braces and other protective equipment that are not prohibited by rule are permissible. A player who has to wear a protective soft face mask would not need permission to wear this protection. However, wearing a device such as a catcher's mask, would not be permissible as it would be deemed dangerous to others.