

This Week in Volleyball



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The Ohio High School Athletic Association

- **Mandatory rules interpretation meeting – MAKEUP MEETING WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 3, 2010**

If you have not completed the online meeting makeup meeting, you will need to complete this online meeting at a cost of \$50 by this Friday, September 3 at Midnight. Coaches and officials who have still not completed the meeting 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. Failure to complete this meeting will result for coaches in the school's ineligibility for the post-season OHSAA tournament and for officials, suspension as an OHSAA official as well as ineligibility for post-season tournament selection.

- **Middle School Student Are Not Permitted to Participate on High School Teams** – OHSAA bylaw 1-1-2 requires that "students enrolled below grade seven are ineligible for interscholastic athletics. **Students enrolled in grades 7 or 8 are INELGIBLE for interscholastic competition on the same squad with students in grade 9 or higher.** EXCEPTION: A student who attains the age of 15 prior to August 1 is eligible for interscholastic athletics only at the high school level not to exceed eight semesters." The following sports regulation also support this notion that middle school sports are for students in grades 7-8 and high school sports for students enrolled at the high school level (grades 9-12). Sports Regulation 33.3 stipulates: **"7th and 8th grade students may not practice with, participate on the same team with or compete against 9th-12th grade students."** Schools that violate these regulations may be subject to penalties which include a fine or possibly suspension of the coach.
- **Media Regulation on Flash Photography and Strobe Lights** – The following regulation is found in the OHSAA tournament regulations: **18. PHOTOGRAPHERS** Flash pictures of the players shall not be taken during the progress of the sets and/or matches, except where photographers use speed light cameras. **This ruling is meant to protect the vision of the players.** Photographers desiring to take pictures shall make previous arrangements with the respective tournament manager. **The number of photographers and their locations** shall be determined by the tournament management.

Decisions relative to flash photography and strobe lights during the regular season shall be made by host management. Officials should check with the host management to ascertain the regulations that are applicable at that site.

- **Additional Reminder About Line Judges** - It has come to our attention that some schools are choosing to ignore VB Regulation 9.4 and are not providing either well-trained adults or non-playing students as line judges. Please be advised that failure to adhere to this requirement shall bring a penalty from the OHSAA. In addition, officials who are confronted with this situation shall conduct the match without line judges and then report the offending school to the office as soon as possible.
- **Great Start to the Season** – We are now underway with the regular season, and we want to wish you the very best as we begin the 2010 season. Officials please contact your local interpreters for any questions you might have during the season. Coaches, feel free to contact Deborah Moore at dmoore@ohsaa.org .