

This Week in Volleyball



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The Ohio High School Athletic Association

- **ONLINE MAKEUP MEETING WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

If you have not completed the online meeting makeup meeting, you will need to complete this online meeting at a cost of \$50 as soon as possible. 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. We are working to insure that our data are accurate in terms of who has completed this requirement. Schools will be notified via their athletic administrator if the school coach has not complied. Officials will receive an email if they have not complied.

- **NO OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION IN NON-SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PERMITTED DURING THE INTERSCHOLASTIC SEASON**

The OHSAA has received many calls and emails asking for clarification on what a volleyball player can do with non-interscholastic programs during the volleyball season. The short answer is **nothing**.

The sports regulation which controls in this matter is found in Gen. Sports Regulation 4.3 (as well as VB regulation 4.1) and reads as follows:

4.3 Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs – Team Sports – A member of an interscholastic squad sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board in a team sport (Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Ice Hockey, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball) shall not participate in an athletic contest, tryouts or any type of training or practices on a non-interscholastic squad or as an individual in a team sport in the same sport during the school's interscholastic sports season.

The goal here is to insure that we protect the interscholastic volleyball season. We would never want to promote any activity that could cause a student to lose eligibility or become injured. We also need to insure that our interscholastic volleyball coaches have full control over their programs and are not subject to requests for training outside the school environment that may not be in the best interest of the student or of the program in general. The volleyball season is relatively short. Students have plenty of time for private instruction and other types of training once the season has concluded. Your assistance in conveying this message to parents and other interested parties is greatly appreciated.

- **MUSIC DURING THE PREMATCH CONFERENCE**

Many schools like to play music during the pre-match warm-up. It is the responsibility of school administration to screen this music for appropriate content and to insure that the music is not so loud as to be a distraction to spectators and all others at the match. Having said that, we are requesting that **all music be turned off during the pre-match conference**. There is no NFHS rule requiring this action; however, it becomes difficult for coaches and captains to hear pre-match conference instructions by the first referee when the pre-match warm-up music is blaring.

We request host management to insure that the music does not start until the conference is finished and the players have moved to the court for the official warm-up.

- **OHSAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS**

A quick glance at the OHSAA volleyball page at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/tournamentinfo.htm#District> shows that all six districts sites are now displaying the sectional and district information for schools that are playing tournament volleyball this season. Remember that it is the responsibility of our respective District Athletic Boards to conduct the sectional and district tournaments which includes overseeing the seeding and drawing procedure and (if applicable) placing schools into sectional tournaments. Any coach who has a question about a sectional or district tournament matter should see his or her athletic administrator or principal who may then direct the question to a representative of the district athletic board.