



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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Season Opens On August 1!

Just as with the 2014 volleyball season, each year for the foreseeable future, coaching and instruction may begin on August 1. The exception to this rule is when August 1 falls on Sunday. In those years, the season will begin on August 2.

Last Chance to Review New Uniform Rules Before the 2016 Effective Date

We continue to receive many questions about the new uniform rules which become effective at the start of the 2016 season. If you are considering purchasing new uniforms in 2015, please be sure that the uniforms are compliant if you plan to use them for more than one season. We have been reviewing these rules for the last three years, and this bulletin will again review those rules. We will also cover these again in the online rules meeting and include them in your volleyball manual.

Beginning in July 2016, **WHICH MEANS NEXT YEAR IN THE 2016 SEASON**, the libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The libero and/or his/her teammates shall wear a solid-colored uniform top. Regarding the solid-colored top:

- The solid color uniform top shall clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the teammates' uniform top. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform.
- **Sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top.**
- Piping/trim not exceeding one inch (1") in total at its widest point may be placed along the seams and maybe a different color(s) than the uniform top.
- Lettering and colors may be a different color(s) than the uniform top.
- A single school name, mascot and/or player's name may be placed on the body of the uniform top, but shall not disrupt the integrity of the solid-colored uniform top. Designs are not permitted. A single mascot reference and/or school name may be placed on the sleeve(s), not to exceed 4 by 4 inches or 3 by 5 inches.
- Numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in Rule 4-2-4.

Feel free to send a picture to either Diane Plas or me at our email addresses if you have any questions about compliance.

Check your schedule NOW

For the past two years, schools have been denied participation in the OHSAA Volleyball Tournament series due to exceeding the contest limitation of 22 matches. Please review your schedule with your athletic administrator right now to ensure that you have scheduled and will play no more than 22 matches.

Have a Great Start to the Season!

Contact Us:

Diane Plas – jplas@prodigy.net – For questions regarding NFHS VB rules
Deborah Moore – dmoore@ohsaa.org – For questions regarding NFHS VB rules and OHSAA VB regulations. For all student eligibility questions, coaches must contact their school or athletic administrators.

Online Rules Meetings
In 2015, all meetings will be conducted online.
There will no longer be a rules meeting conducted at the OHSVCA clinic. There is an online meeting for coaches and a separate one for officials, both of which can be accessed from the volleyball page at [ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). The complimentary online meeting will be available at this link beginning July 23 through August 28 at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/default.asp>.

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://www.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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