



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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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://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbmanual.pdf>

Follow me on Twitter
@DmooreDeborah for VB updates throughout the season!

VOLLEYBALL IS VOLLEYBALL

We continue to receive questions about whether students who have become members of their school teams are eligible to participate with a non-school team during the season. The answer to that question is "no," and the reference is found in Sports Regulation 7, Non-School Programs or Teams. Sand or beach volleyball has become very popular in Ohio. However, there is no exemption to this regulation for volleyball played on that surface. Once a student has become a member of her volleyball team by participating in a contest, she must cease any non-school volleyball regardless of the surface on which it is played, where it is played or whether it is competition, tryouts (including a colleges or universities) training, practice, etc. **until after she has played in her last match for the school.** The reason for these rules is to maintain a level playing "field," preserve the integrity of school programs, and, interestingly, look out for the safety of all players.

NEW DIVISIONS AND REPRESENTATION

The new volleyball divisions have been approved by the Board and can be found here: <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/sptdivis15.htm> Representation will be posted as soon as possible and then added to the tournament regulations and the volleyball preseason manual which is currently posted to the volleyball page. As soon as we receive confirmation from our District Athletic Board relative to any district site changes, we will conduct the regional and state draws in this office with a representative of the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association. Please watch the Volleyball page at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/default.asp> and Twitter @DmooreDeborah for the latest information.

OFFICIALS AND COACHES

Although we had hoped this would be an "easy" year in terms of major rules changes, there are still many questions about the new rules, in particular the rule relative to unnecessary delay and the issuing of administrative cards. Diane Plas, our Director of Development for Volleyball Officiating, has compiled a helpful memo to address some of the questions that have arisen. This memo was blasted to all volleyball association officers and is now posted here for all to review: <http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/directorsbulletins.htm>

OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL

The OHSAA has adopted the Molten IV58L-BKSV-OH Super Touch white, silver and black premium volleyball as the "Official Ball of the OHSAA." This ball shall be used in all **OHSAA volleyball tournament competition** for the 2015 season. Schools may continue to use an all white ball for regular season contests as per NFHS rules or may choose to use another Molten colored volleyball for the regular season.

REGULAR SEASON BEGINS ON AUGUST 22

Volleyball schools may begin regular season competition on Saturday, August 22. Please take a moment to review your schedule to ensure that there are no more than 22 regular season matches contracted for your varsity and non-varsity squads. Seventh and eighth grade squads may play 20 matches on no more than 16 playing dates plus one post-season (after the regular season 20 matches) tournament not to exceed four matches. Please remember that the consequence for exceeding the match limitation is severe – denial of OHSAA tournament participation for the high school which is in violation.