

This Week in Volleyball



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- **One last reminder to all schools** – high school and 7-8th grade – Please be sure to conduct **pre-season meetings for parents and students** who are going to play or tryout for volleyball no later than two weeks after the beginning of the season – which is August 15, 2011. If your meeting is scheduled later, we are providing some discretion this fall for a later date. Please have your principal or athletic administrator request the waiver from Brenda Murray in our office. If you have not held your meeting, see your principal or athletic administrator immediately! The list of items to cover is extensive, and this meeting can be an effective communication tool between the coach, parents and students. There is a new DVD that can be used to communicate important information, and we are continuing to promote the free course on head injuries and concussion that is highly recommended for every parent and student. You can access this free course at www.nfhslern.com.
- **Mandatory rules interpretation meeting** - We will conclude our face-to-face rules meetings on Monday, August 15 at Salem High School, and we are pleased with the number of coaches and officials who have viewed the online meeting. Please note that if you have not attended a meeting by August 15, you will have until August 31 to view the online meeting. After August 31 at midnight, you will have to pay the \$50.00 late fee to view the meeting and avoid the penalty for failure to attend. **There is no quiz associated with this meeting this year.** Officials will be able to check that attendance was recorded on MYOHSAA. For coaches, we hope to be able to send a confirmation email in the next week.
- **Line Judges** – Sports Regulation 9.4 stipulates “For varsity and reserve/junior varsity volleyball competitions, all line judges shall be either well-trained adults or students not listed on the volleyball eligibility certificate for the high school.” It is violation to fail to provide these officials at high school varsity and J.V. matches. Line judges are highly recommended for 7-9th grade competition.
- **Jewelry** – This is a reminder that all jewelry must be removed before warm-ups and competition. It is not permissible for a player to place tape or a band-aid over jewelry. Coaches, please insure that your students understand this important safety rule.
- A reminder that once a student is selected to an interscholastic volleyball team and actually participates in a contest (defined as a scrimmage, preview or regular season match), that **student shall not participate in contests, tryouts or any type of team or group training or practices with a non-interscholastic program** (JO club, YMCA, church, etc.) until after the interscholastic volleyball season has concluded for that student. This means after that individual student has played in her last contest for the school. **A player may receive individual skill instruction – one-on-one training – at any time including during the season provided such activity does not violate any Board of Education, school or coach’s policy.**
- **Concussion Management** – All schools and all officials shall have available the two concussion forms that might need to be used during a contest. The **Concussion Report Form** is found here <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/OHSAA%20Concussion%20Report%20-%202011.docx> and is used by the official to document when a player has been removed from a contest due to the observation of signs/symptoms/behaviors that are consistent with concussion. Please don’t forget to make the notation in the score book that a player has been removed “Concussion Management.” A player so removed shall not return to practice or competition until written clearance is provided by a physician or a licensed athletic trainer. The written authorization, which is denoted as the **“Authorization to Reenter”** found here <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/Authorization%20to%20reenter%20-%20no%20concussion%20-%20July%202011.docx> shall be kept by the school and a copy retained by the contest official after submission to the OHSAA. This Authorization to Reenter form must be signed by an M.D., D.O. or A.T.
- **Warm-ups** – Please remember that anyone involved in the pre-match warm-up must be attired with shoes that are suitable for movement (no flip-flops) and should be free of any cell phones and/or music devices. Officials should remind coaches and captains of this rule at the pre-match conference.
- **Videotaping Matches** – The OHSAA sports regulations prohibit the taping of any match in which a school is not participating without written permission from all school involved. However, officials, as part of their training, may wish to film a match. We encourage this filming for training purposes and suggest that this action be cleared with host management prior to filming a match so that there will be no confusion.