

# This Week in Volleyball



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- **REMINDER - ONLINE MAKEUP MEETING CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2011**

If you have not completed the online meeting makeup meeting, you will need to complete this online meeting by midnight on September 10 at a cost of \$50. 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.

- **HANDLING UNUSUAL SITUATIONS**

- **Team Arrives Late to a Match During the Regular Season** – On occasion a team, for various reasons such as transportation difficulties, a problem with a contract, etc., may arrive late to a contest. The OHSAA has no specific regulation as to what procedure must be followed when a team fails to arrive at the appointed time during the regular season. However, host management, in cooperation with contest officials, should make every effort to accommodate the schools that are waiting to compete as well as the school that may arrive late. Many variables may affect the decision of management relative to the match: when the school might arrive, the schedule for the rest of the day/evening, the ability of the contest officials to stay longer than was originally scheduled. If the team arrives within a reasonable period of time as determined by host management or the contest officials, a reasonable amount of warm-up time should be afforded to the team, at the very least 15 minutes. It is not appropriate to declare a match that will not be competed as a forfeiture or to forfeit any sets within the match. If the match cannot be competed, then the match is considered a "no contest."

- **Team Arrives Late to a Match During the OHSAA Tournaments** – OHSAA Tournament Regulation #31 states "If a volleyball team fails to appear or is not ready to play within **30 minutes of the scheduled starting time** of the tournament match, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A "no contest" shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance into the next round of competition. See "No Contest" under Section 32 of the General Sports Regulations. All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a member of the respective District Athletic Board or the OHSAA Commissioner's office. The OHSAA, in collaboration with the administrative staff, District Athletic Boards and/or Board of Directors, and the tournament manager, may delay or reschedule a volleyball tournament match provided it is *practical* to delay or reschedule such a match.

- **Interrupted Contest** - When a volleyball match is interrupted and cannot be resumed due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority, the match shall be resumed from the point of interruption. The score and lineup will be the same when it is resumed as it was at the moment of suspension.

- **USE OF CELL PHONES** – It has come to our attention that some officials, which includes referees, line judges, scorers, libero trackers and timers, are using cell phones while engaging in their duties as officials at volleyball contests. It is unacceptable for any official to use a cell phone while officiating and performing officiating support services at an interscholastic volleyball match. Host management should insure that all table personnel and line judges are aware of and compliant with this regulation. Referees should not use their cell phones until after a match has been completed.

- **PUPIL COACHING PERMIT** – Just a friendly reminder... Beginning this fall, a school that permits coaches to coach (Paid or volunteer) without a valid Pupil Coaching Permit issued by the ODE will be fined \$250.00 per coach. Log onto the <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/default.htm> for more information on how to obtain your Permit.