

# This Week in Volleyball



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- **ONLINE RULES MEETING A SUCCESS**

Over 900 volleyball coaches and 2,000 officials completed the online version of the state rules meeting this year. The actual numbers are higher due to the fact that the system records a coach or an official each time he or she accesses the online meeting. We know we had coaches and officials view the meeting more than one time which accounts for the higher numbers. At any rate, we believe that this option has been well-received, and we will continue to deliver this information as an option in subsequent years.

- **PUPIL COACHING PERMIT**

As we are preparing to release our tournament entry forms and other tournament information, coaches should be aware that on this year's entry form, your principals will have to certify that each of you who expect to coach in the OHSAA tournament have a valid Pupil Activity/Coaching Permit (PAP) issued by the State Department of Education. The entry form will require each school to list all coaches who will be coaching, that is, sitting on the team bench, and their state ID number. The state ID number is the number that will pop up when the coach's name is entered into the public interface on the ODE web site. The ID number is important as it enables us to track these permits when a coach has a name that is duplicated in the system. The state ID is not the actual permit number. It is not necessary for a coach to carry his or her permit to a competition. Submission of each name and correct ID number on the form which is collected by the first level tournament manager is all that is required. **So....check to insure that you have this important permit.**

- **REMINDER ABOUT ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION DURING THE SEASON**

We continue to get questions from coaches who either wish to have their players receive extra instruction during the season or who do not desire this additional training. The rules were rewritten to allow for a compromise from the previous regulation by permitting individual, one-on-one instruction only if it is deemed permissible by board, school or coach's policy. 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 any 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.**

- **HEAD COACH'S PRIVILEGE TO STAND AND COACH DURING A LIVE BALL**

Rule 12-2-6 was amended a few years ago to provide only the head coach the privilege of standing in the libero replacement zone to coach his or her own players. This privilege does not extend to assistant coaches or any other person seated on the bench. Assistant coaches are permitted to stand only in certain cases which are delineated in 12-2-5 items a-e. Officials are expected to warn and penalize assistant coaches who do not comply with this rule. Head coaches, please remember that you are responsible for controlling your bench. If a card is issued to an assistant or to anyone on the team bench, the privilege of standing to coach during that match shall be rescinded.

- **UNSPORTING CONDUCT**

You may recall that we reported no ejections of any players or coaches during the 2010 season. We are certainly off to a good start in 2011. However, please be advised that we have instructed our officials to use one verbal warning and then the penalty cards to desist unsporting and inappropriate conduct by players and coaches alike. Coaches, please remember that you are role models for our students, and we expect you to conduct yourselves in a manner that is consistent with the goals of education-based athletics programs. Thanks for remembering the great influence that you have on your students!

- **TOURNAMENT DRAW**

The Board of Directors approved the regional and state tournament draws on September 8, 2011. Click here to retrieve <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbgrlts.pdf>