

VOLLEYBALL SEEDING AND DRAW MEETING

Head coaches: Don't forget that the mandatory seeding and draw meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 2:00 PM at a site to be determined by your tournament manager. Please be advised that schools that fail to send a coach or administrator to this meeting will be **fined \$150**.

OHSAA TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Tournament entry forms for volleyball are online forms which must be accessed and completed through the "Tournament Entry" link located in the left column of your **myOHSAA** account. Information on the tournament entry forms marked with red asterisks (*) is required. Once the tournament entry form has been submitted, click the "View" link and print the form. The form will need to be forwarded to your tournament manager per his/her instructions. Coaches, please be sure that your athletic administrator has access to this information which has been sent directly to each of them by the OHSAA office. The deadline for entering or withdrawing from the 2013 tournament without penalty is September 30.

WHO TO CONTACT?

Questions about VB rules?
Coaches should contact Deborah Moore or Diane Plas.
Officials should contact their local association interpreter.
Questions about OHSAA rules?
Coaches should contact Debbie.
Eligibility questions? – Please see your principal or AD.

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Line Judge Reminders

The importance of line judges to the match referees in today's fast paced and powerful play cannot be overemphasized. Line judges are many times not registered referees and may be parents, other adults or students; however, whenever possible, we encourage schools to consider contracting PAVO certified line judges who are also OHSAA licensed volleyball officials for their varsity matches. The burden of quality officiating in the line judge position rests with the schools. Advanced and proper training of the line judges is paramount to the quality of the officiated match.

Officials' Uniforms

Occasionally questions are referred to us by officials relative to uniform regulations for our volleyball contest officials. Here is a review of those regulations.

1. The uniforms should fit properly and be clean and neat.
2. White long or short-sleeved knit shirt with an OHSAA embroidered logo (only OHSAA authorized shirts)
3. Black skirt or black shorts with a minimum 4" inseam, or black culottes or black dress slacks.
4. Black belt (if used)
5. White shoes and white socks.
6. When needed, an all white cardigan or v-neck sweater is permissible. Beginning in the 2014 season, the only permissible sweater will be one sold by an OHSAA Authorized vendor. It is not permissible to wear a long sleeve garment under the short sleeve shirt.
7. Jewelry shall not be worn except for a wedding band and/or a medical alert necklace or bracelet. A religious medallion which is not visible is permitted. A watch is required.
8. Emblems and patches are not permitted on the officiating uniform. The only acceptable logo is the new OHSAA logo. **Exception:** An American Flag patch/emblem is optional and, if worn, shall be on the left sleeve approximately two inches below the shoulder with the star field facing to the front.
9. For OHSAA Tournaments, the uniform shall be black dress slacks, white short-sleeved knit shirt with an OHSAA embroidered logo (only OHSAA authorized shirts), white shoes and white socks.

Volleywrite™ Scoring Software

It is permissible to use the VolleyWrite™ Scoring software for keeping score at all OHSAA volleyball matches, and the program is compliant with all NFHS rules. Coaches should, as always, ensure that the official scorer is well-trained in this program. The program contains a process to enable the R2 to "initial" the sheet after every set and verify the match results. Click here to learn more about this program: <http://scoringvolleyball.com/>

Non-Interscholastic Program Participation during the Volleyball Season – SR #7.3

Unfortunately, we have had to penalize students who have violated this non-interscholastic program regulation. In spite of our best efforts to try to educate our school administrators, our coaches and of course, students, we still find that we have violations. This rule is designed to protect students and the school season by restricting participation in non-school programs such as club programs (and thanks to USAVB Ohio Valley Region for its support of our interscholastic season and rules) and any other program including those run by colleges and universities. The rule reads:

A member of an interscholastic squad sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board in a team sport (baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, soccer, softball and volleyball) shall not participate in an athletic contest, tryouts or any type of team or group training or practices on a non-interscholastic squad in a team sport in the same sport during the school's interscholastic sports season. This regulation is applicable for those invited to participate in a tryout, group training or practices at a college or in contests, tryouts, group training or practices with any non-school team such as a club.

The penalty for this violation if not discovered until after interscholastic matches have been played, is forfeiture of those matches. In addition, the player(s) involved can have additional denial of participation. **If the non-interscholastic participation takes place after the non-interscholastic cut-off date, which is September 23, 2013, then the player is ineligible for the OHSAA tournament.**

Coaches, please review this regulation with your students on a regular basis throughout the interscholastic season. Thanks!