

Online Rules Meeting

THE ONLINE VOLLEYBALL RULES MEETING HAS CLOSED.

If your school has not attended, your team shall not be able to play in the OHSAA tournament.

Officials who have not participated shall be suspended in 2016.

THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL



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2015 OHSAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND DRAWS

As many of you are aware, the Board had to postpone approval of the fall sports tournament regulations and the regional and state draws in several sports due to the reconfiguration of the divisions. On Tuesday, September 8 via a conference call with the Board of Directors, the 2015 Volleyball Tournament Regulations and the Regional and State Draws were approved. That document is posted here: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbreglts.pdf>. Our sincere thanks to Columbus Whetstone High School head volleyball coach, Mr. Errole Rembert, who assisted with the 2015 Regional and State Draws at the OHSAA office representing the volleyball coaches in Ohio.

NFHS VOLLEYBALL WEBINAR – SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

On September 14, 2015 Director of Development for Volleyball Officiating, Diane Plas, Volleyball Official Rick Brown and Sport Administrator, Deborah Moore will participate in a nationwide volleyball webinar sponsored by the NFHS. The purpose of this meeting is to clarify some rules changes that have caused some confusion across the nation. We will be able to provide better guidance on some of these issues after the session so be on the lookout for more material in subsequent issues of TWIVB.

GOT QUESTIONS?

This is a friendly reminder of to whom you should direct questions. **COACHES:** If you have questions about NFHS volleyball rules, you may direct them to Diane Plas or Deborah Moore. Questions about OHSAA volleyball regulations, for example set limitations, contracting of matches, media issues, etc., should go to Deborah Moore. Questions about eligibility issues should go to your athletic administrator or principal who will then contact Deborah Moore if they need assistance. That is not your role as a contest official. **OFFICIALS:** If you have questions about NFHS volleyball rules, please direct them to your local association interpreter first. Then if the interpreter needs assistance, he or she can reach out to Diane Plas. Questions about OHSAA volleyball regulations should go to Deborah Moore. **Officials are requested not to provide any eligibility information to coaches even if asked.**

WORKING WITH THE VOLLEYWRITE SCORER

Electronic scoring offers some real advantages over paper scoring. The OHSAA Scorer for the State Tournament uses the VolleyWrite software on a laptop which incorporates OHSAA/NFHS playing rules to allow very quick recordings of lineups, captain and libero identification, points scored, penalties, libero serving, libero replacements, with the software displaying a series of checkpoints to ensure the proper player replaces the libero, legality of substitutions (player on roster, player on only one "line" in the service rotation) along with a viewable/printable scoresheet and Libero Tracking Sheet.

There is an optional display toward the court to show number of time-outs and substitutions used by both teams. The display can quickly show a second referee, upon request, player order in the front row and back row for both teams. A VolleyWrite Scorer (VWS) is assisted by a "spotter" who partners with the Scorer to capture all substitutions and libero exchanges. A flash drive is used as a back up, and some schools will also have a second VolleyWrite device available (iPad version, for example).

The key points for a second referee who is working with a VWS is to have a pre-match discussion of the information the R2 will be looking for. This includes number of time-outs used by both teams, number of subs used, libero in/out for both teams at a time-out, libero serving, wrong server information upon service contact, libero rotating to the front row, wrong player replacing the libero, a libero preparing to serve in a second position in the serve order in the same set, proper players on the court and in correct positions to start a set. In other words, this is essentially the same information the R2 would want from a scorer using a paper scoresheet. So, what is different?

The speed of recording information is much faster. Legibility is never an issue in viewing the scoresheet which can be produced with a quick click. Illegal actions are caught by the software. The VWS can very quickly validate and record substitutions and is prompted by the software when an illegal substitution has been requested to notify the R2 so a delay can be charged rather than a rally occurring with a wrong player on the court. Errors in recording can be corrected quickly and easily. The key is that the VWS and spotter still must partner effectively to capture pertinent match information.

Online Resources

NFHS Learning Center:

<http://nfhslearn.com/>

OHSAA General Sports' Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/reglts/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

OHSAA Volleyball

Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/reglts/vb.pdf>

Volleyball Manual:

<http://ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbmanual.pdf>

NFHS Volleyball Correction Slides:

<http://www.nfhs.org/mygroup/groupview/Download?file=Files/Volleyball/Information of Interest/2015 Volleyball Correction Slides.pptx&fileName=2015 Volleyball Correction Slides.pptx>

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