



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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Season Opens On August 1!

Just as with the 2015 volleyball season, each year for the foreseeable future, coaching and instruction may begin on August 1. The exception to this rule is when August 1 falls on Sunday. In those years, the season will begin on August 2.

Last Chance to Review New Uniform Rules Before the 2016 Effective Date

Our staff has been spending quite a bit of time evaluating uniforms that our member schools have submitted to us electronically. We are happy to provide this service as we do not want schools to make an expensive mistake when ordering new uniforms to comply with the new rules in volleyball. If you are considering purchasing new uniforms for the 2016 season, please be sure that the uniforms are compliant with these new rules. These rules have been in the volleyball rules book for the last **FOUR** years, so we feel fairly confident that most schools are aware. We will also cover these again in the online rules meeting and include them in your volleyball manual. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE IS THE INABILITY TO USE A LIBERO PLAYER DURING THAT MATCH..**

Beginning this season – **2016** - the libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The libero and/or her teammates shall wear a solid-colored uniform top. Regarding the solid-colored top:

- The **solid color uniform top shall clearly contrast** from the predominant color(s) of the teammates' uniform top. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform.
- **Sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top.**
- **Piping/trim not exceeding one inch (1")** in total at its widest point may be placed **along the seams** and maybe a different color(s) than the uniform top.
- Lettering and colors may be a different color(s) than the uniform top.
- A single school name, mascot and/or player's name may be placed on the body of the uniform top, but shall not disrupt the integrity of the solid-colored uniform top. Designs are not permitted. **A single mascot reference and/or school name may be placed on the sleeve(s), not to exceed 4 by 4 inches or 3 by 5 inches.**
- Numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in Rule 4-2-4.

Feel free to send a picture to either Diane Plas or me at our email addresses if you have any questions about compliance.

Check your schedule NOW

Over the last couple seasons, schools have been denied participation in the OHSAA Volleyball Tournament series due to exceeding the contest limitation of 22 matches. **Please review your schedule with your athletic administrator right now** to ensure that you have scheduled and will play no more than 22 matches.

Have a Great Start to the Season!

Contact Us:

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Online Rules Meetings
In 2016, all meetings **will be conducted online.** There will no longer be a rules meeting conducted at the OHSVCA clinic. There is an online meeting for coaches and a separate one for officials, both of which can be accessed from the volleyball page at ohsaa.org. The complimentary online meeting will be available at this link beginning July 26 at 4:00 PM through August 31 at 11:59 PM

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/airls/default.asp>

Get Your Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit Updated!

Schools that permit coaches to coach (Paid or volunteer) without a valid Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit issued by the ODE will be fined \$250.00 per coach. Log onto the "Sports Medicine" Page at ohsaa.org for more information on how to obtain your Permit. Remember that when you renew or receive a new permit, **you must show evidence of having completed an online Concussion Education course.**

Volleyball Manuals for Coaches and Officials

We are no longer mailing the **Volleyball Manual**. Please click on this link to access this publication and either print it or download to your computer or mobile device.

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

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