



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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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](http://www.ohsaa.org). The complimentary online meeting was available at this link beginning July 26 and until August 31 at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/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](http://www.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>

Follow me on Twitter
[@DmooreDeborah](https://twitter.com/DmooreDeborah) for VB updates throughout the season!

Season Opened For Mandatory Training/Practice On August 1!

The season has arrived and most schools have scrimmaged at least one time. Please be sure that all players who report for your squads have been cleared to play by your administrator, which means that they are eligible to participate for your school AND have been cleared to play by a physician or other medical examiner. Note the important items in the right margin of this newsletter – **YOUR MANDATORY ONLINE RULES MEETING AND YOUR PUPIL ACTIVITY PROGRAM/COACHING PERMIT.**

Coaches, if you have any questions about a student's eligibility, and such a student has not been cleared by your AD or principal, you must visit with that administrator to get clarification and the OK to allow the student to play in contests. **Please do not call the OHSAA with questions about student eligibility. Those questions must be directed to your school administrators.**

WE ARE REPEATING THIS NEXT ITEM FROM THE PRE-SEASON ISSUE BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT AND BECAUSE MOST OF OUR QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT UNIFORMS

New Uniform Rules Become Effective for the 2016 High School Volleyball Season

We continue to receive many questions about the new uniform rules which become effective at the start of this 2016 season. Both Diane Plas and I are happy to give you an opinion on your uniforms, but we are now at "crunch" time, which means that if you don't have a compliant set of uniforms at the high school (all squads) level, the penalty is your inability to use the libero.

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.** One of our prevailing issues involves a sleeve that has brightly colored stripes all the way down the sleeve. This uniform does not satisfy the definition of solid color sleeves for two reasons: 1) the stripes are not entirely along a sleeve and 2) the design clearly disrupts the integrity of the rule. So please save yourself some money and purchase a solid color uniform including the sleeves.
- 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.

Diane Plas – iplas@prodigy.net – For questions regarding NFHS VB rules

Deborah Moore – dmoore@ohsaa.org – For questions regarding NFHS VB rules and OHSAA VB regulations. For all student eligibility questions, coaches must contact their school or athletic administrators.

Have a great start to another exciting volleyball season.