

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2023 VOLLEYBALL – SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

SEEDING PROCESS. Per the direction of the Southwest District Athletic Board, all teams in a bracketed tournament will be seeded. All online voting materials will be emailed to the Athletic Director who will provide this information to the coach. The coach will make comments pertinent to his/her team online from Sunday, October 1, to Wednesday, October 4. Online voting will begin on Thursday, October 5, 2023 and conclude at NOON on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2:00 p.m. The tournament manager will distribute in either written form or spreadsheet the tally of all votes no later than 2 hours prior to the manager's meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023. All ties will be broken prior to the placement of teams on the brackets. By board action, starting with the 2021-22 tournaments, ties will be broken as follows:

10.a.1.) The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.

10.a.2.) If the results are still tied, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss. The school that calls the toss shall be the first one to appear in the alphabet (official school name without the respective city name ahead of it unless the city name is part of the official school name), going from A to Z in even-numbered years and Z to A in odd-numbered years.

In Open Placement Tournaments (formerly open draw tournaments) or tournaments involving two or more sectionals in which schools go to the sectional of their choice, the team may go on any bracket provided that the bracket is open and it is that coach's turn.

By board action, starting with the 2011-2012 tournaments, the coach cannot vote for his/her school in the seeding process, and the highest and lowest votes for each school will be dropped in the final tabulation. By board action, starting with the 2013 spring tournaments, a coach that does not vote in a bracketed tournament loses his/her highest score, second highest score, and lowest score prior to final calculation.

Once the seeds have been determined for each team in the tournament, the seeds will go onto the brackets in order of seed. The first seeded team will go on followed by the second seeded team.

By board action, starting with the 2022-23 tournaments, Passing shall be permitted as follows:

- The number of schools advancing to the district tournament may pass
- All others must place themselves on the bracket when their seed is called

This process will continue until the bracket is filled.

Any team that does not show at the tournament placement meeting will go on the bracket last. Any school that does not vote online by Saturday, Noon, October 7, 2023, will not be permitted to vote at a later time and his next highest vote will be dropped prior to final tabulation. Any school that does not meet voting requirements but does attend the placement meeting will receive the votes that the school received for seeding purposes and will be seeded accordingly. If a coach is late for the seed meeting and has missed his/her opportunity to go on the bracket, his/her absence will be determined as a pass, and will be given an opportunity to go on once he is in attendance. If more than one coach does not show up, the tournament manager will flip a coin to determine the order of placement on the bracket.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, the following fine structure is in place:

Failure to submit seeding information when prescribed by OHSAA regulations. Fine of \$50.00.

Failure for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. The tournament manager shall attempt to call the head coach and/or athletic administrator from the school(s) not present in order for a representative from the missing school(s) to participate in the tournament draw/seed meeting electronically/virtually. If no one attends - Fine is \$150.00.

Failure to show up for tournament contest/refusal to finish a contest which has been started and suspended for any reason. Fine of \$150.00 plus cost of officials, site expenses, and team expenses incurred by opposing team, except for presale ticket revenue.

An appeals procedure shall be established and communicated by the OHSAA.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, all cellular telephones and other electronic devices (i.e. laptop computers or iPads) that could be utilized for transmitting information shall be turned off by all individuals in attendance during the draw/seed meeting until such time that the meeting is adjourned.

1. All tournament managers should receive a copy of the Girl's Volleyball Regulations from the OHSAA office and the manager will go over all rules and regulations, as well as share the results of the coaches voting for seeds. These regulations must be strictly observed. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Poggi, Board Secretary, Cell Phone: 513-600-3078. SWDAB-sec@ohsaa.org
2. Tickets for all sectional and district tournament games will be sold online through HomeTown Ticketing at www.ohsaa.org/tickets. Gate sales are permitted but will be done electronically via HomeTown Ticketing provided the event is not sold out. No cash sales are permitted per OHSAA rules. Ticket prices will be:
 - a. Admission for all sectional and district tournaments are:
 - Student (6 years old +) - **\$5.00**
 - Adults - **\$8.00**
 - Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission
 - A \$10.00 Cash at the gate option will be offered at all High School sites.
 - b. School Administrators Passes: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for eight school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have eight tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament. **There is no admittance without a QR code from HTT.**
3. Per adopted board motion: Schools hosting a tournament contest and choosing not to charge admission will have a penalty levied against them.
4. Charging to park is permitted at the District Championship site provided that it is at a high school venue and a high school club or organization is collecting the money (\$5.00 parking charge). Charging is only applicable at District Championship site. A sign indicating what group parking is benefiting is required.
5. A time schedule for starting each match shall be adhered to. The warm-up period shall be 30 minutes as follows: Ten minutes of hall handling. 1) Two (2) minutes both teams ball handling on their side of the net; 2) Six (6) minutes the serving team has the whole court; 3) Six (6) minutes the receiving team has the whole court; 4) Three (3) minutes the serving team has the whole court; 5) Three (3) minutes the receiving team has the whole court. The R2 shall sound a whistle 15 seconds before the end of each team warm-up period.
6. A total of 22 free admittance per team on the night they are performing will be permitted. Admittance will be for 15 players, 3 coaches, 2 managers, and 2 statisticians. A check-off system for admittance is the responsibility of each manager. Teams defeated may return to the sectional tournament games by using the check-off system for admittance. Six cheerleaders and one advisor will be admitted by letter from the principal, given to the tournament manager at the drawing. For the district tournament, only those competing teams will be admitted by a special pass.
7. Officials and line judges will be assigned by the District Board, their designated assignor, and paid through OHSAA Dragon Fly. Each tournament will be responsible for scorer, timer, and scoreboard operation. All officials and line judges will be paid through OHSAA Dragon Fly and will not be part of the financial report.

10. The official ball that shall be used for all tournaments is the Molten IV 58L-BLK/SLV-OH. Ball will be furnished by the OHSAA.
11. Manager shall contact officials assigned to their tournament and provide them necessary information. Contact should be made two weeks prior to tournament.
12. All managers should notify all press, radio and TV stations of your tournament and give needed information for good coverage.
13. Tournament hosts should send an email to Joe Roberts at SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org to with the number of games and level hosted. At the conclusion of the district tournament all host schools will be mailed a check for the number of games they hosted x the flat fee amount per round. Flat Fees for volleyball are as follows:
 - a. 1st/2nd Round/District Semi-Finals – \$600.00 per match
 - b. District Finals - \$700.00 per match

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