

TO: OHSAA Volleyball Officials

RE: Covid19 Questions & Available Resources

Hello,

I hope you and your family are well and safe in these uncertain, unprecedented and troubling times. The world including officiating will establish a new “normal” as we step out of the stressful and disturbing issues we are now facing.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or suggestions for meeting topics.

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Please review the information below.

Sincerely,

Diane Plas, OHSAA DoD for Volleyball

I am starting to get questions regarding Covid19 and how it will impact volleyball officiating. Please know that all of this can change quickly and often. How the virus goes drives how all of this goes. Please use the link to see the most current Ohio Rules/Regulations/Policies issued by the Governor and Department of Health:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/advisory/Sports-Leagues-Advisory-Group.pdf>

From a recent OHSAA Communication:

- Electronic whistles – permitted
- Face coverings by officials - permitted but not required **at this time**
- Policing of non-playing rule procedures is not the responsibility of game officials
- If any changes to specific pre and post-game procedures are made that will involve officials, those changes will be emailed directly to each sport’s official if/when those decisions are finalized

Some of the emailed questions that have been asked:

LOCAL ASSOCIATION QUESTION: Local Associations will not be required to host a minimum of 6 meetings this year. These meetings can be a combination of in-person and online line meetings (includes a local association training session conducted via online platforms and the Online Local Meetings that will be available via myOHSAA).

Detailed information will be sent when these are posted. They will be released one at a time and accessible for 7 days.

OFFICIATING QUESTION #1: Who wears masks? Safe Distancing Including pregame conferences

- Table personnel/; line judges; R1&R2;

Where, When and /where not?

- Coach, Assistant Coaches, Bench personnel -same questions
- Players and Substitutes- same questions
- Media- same questions

OFFICIATING ANSWER #1: The answers to these questions have not been determined yet. There are ongoing discussions and answers will be released based on the current Covid19 and OHSAA required guidelines. **OHSAA officials will only be responsible for officiating the contest with the game's rules.** Also answered in the latest OHSAA Renewal Communication.

QUESTION #2 with ANSWERS:

- Will officials be required to wear masks? **Not at this time**
- Can an official wear a mask even if not required **Yes**
- Will electronic whistles be required? **NO** – Can they be used if desired? **YES**

If you are considering using a mask while you officiate, the electronic whistle is probably your best option. Electronic Whistles may be available from any of the sporting goods stores you presently utilize. Please be aware that these are in demand and backordering may/will be an issue.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

I want to remind you all that there are many resources available for individuals, local associations and classes.

1. NFHS.org - <https://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/volleyball/>
2. This is a communication from NFHS. I highly recommend reviewing these courses, especially while they are free:

“Officials Liaisons:

The sport-specific courses located on the Learning Center will continue to be free through July 31, 2020. Please encourage your officials to take advantage of this offering. It would be great for prospective officials to take advantage of these free course as well.

Thanks for all that you do.

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W: www.NFHS.org | www.NFHSLearn.com | www.NFHSNetwork.com”

Courses available there are:

Officiating Volleyball: Alignment

Officiating Volleyball: Ball Handling

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3. These resources are all available on OHSAA.org. They are listed on the DoD

Page (we will on updating some if necessary):

2019 Training Presentations:

Rule Changes and Points of Emphasis for 2019 [PowerPoint](#)

Unnecessary Delays [PowerPoint](#)

2018 Training Presentations:

Volleyball Picture Quiz: [Word](#) | [PDF \(Answers\)](#)

2018 OHSAA Ball Handling -[Notes Pages](#) (pdf)

2018 OHSAA BALL Handling [PowerPoint](#)

2017 Training Presentations:

Chapter 1 - Getting Started: [PPT](#) | [PDF](#)

Chapter 2 - Volleyball Officiating Crew: [PPT](#) | [PDF](#)

Chapter 3 - Basic Volleyball Rules: [PPT](#) | [PDF](#)

Official's Online Rules Meeting: [PPT](#) | [PDF](#)

NFHS Second Referee: [PPT](#) | [PDF](#)

Understanding Positions and Alignments: [PPT](#) | [PDF](#)

[Match Preparation](#)

[Libero Replacements](#)

[Center Line](#)

2016 Training Presentations – NO LONGER APPLIES:

Solid Color Uniforms: [PDF](#)

4. YouTube.com – a wealth of information. Some may be out of date but worth looking for specific topics

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nfhs+volleyball+officiating

[NFHS High School Volleyball Scoresheet/Scorebook Keeping & Libero](#)

[Tracking Tutorial](#)