

TO: OHSAA Volleyball Officials

FROM: Diane Plas, DoD for OHSAA Volleyball

RE: MISC. INFORMATION

I typically do not combine this much information into one email but feel the value of having ALL of this information in one place is worth the length. I encourage each of you to read this in its entirety. We are in a very fluid and ever-changing situation right now. It is important to stay on top of every aspect that impacts the sport of volleyball. As of today, it appears that several school systems will not have FALL sports.

PLEASE NOTE: State mandates from the governor or local mandates by school districts or health boards supersede everything. It will be important to check the rules at your location each week.

TWIV: Pre-Season Issue (Attached as well)

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Volleyball/2020/TWIVPreseasonIssue.pdf>

2020 VOLLEYBALL STATE RULES MEETING (ONLINE)

Volleyball officials are required to complete the State Rules Meeting. The Volleyball Online Rules Meeting went live on Wednesday, July 29 at 9:00am—please see the Rules Meeting deadlines below. You MUST have a myOHSAA profile to view the Rules Meeting.

To access the Rules Meeting, please follow these steps:

1. Login to your myOHSAA account (<http://officials.myohsaa.org/Logon>)
2. Click on the “Rules Meetings” icon
3. Click on “Find a State Rules Meeting”
4. Search for your sport specific State Rules Meeting using the ‘Sports’ and ‘Meeting Type’ drop-down menus
5. Click on ‘View Meeting’

The Volleyball Rules Meeting will be available from July 29 to August 20 at 11:59pm without penalty. Beginning on August 21, there will be a \$50 late fee to view the Rules Meeting. The final deadline of the Volleyball Rules Meeting is October 5 at 11:59pm. Beginning at 12:00am on October 6, the Volleyball Rules Meeting will no longer be available and the penalty shall apply. Since the Volleyball Rules Meeting is online, the meeting is available for viewing 24/7 from July 29 until October 5 at 11:59pm. We encourage you to complete the meeting prior to August 20 to avoid paying the \$50 late fee.

VERY IMPORTANT – VIDEO QUALITY IS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE SPEED OF YOUR INTERNET!

2020 Online Meetings for Local Meeting Credit

The 1st Online Local Meeting is available on myOHSAA under the last option of your dashboard. Specific details of this program have already been emailed directly to you. These meetings will be posted for approximately 7 days and can be viewed multiple times, but each meeting will only count as 1 local meeting credit, regardless of the number of times the meeting is view. There will be 1 meeting credit for viewing each of the meetings posted.

COVID Specific Statements

<https://ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ohsaa-releases-return-to-play-guidelines-and-sport-specific-recommendations>

Attached and specific verbiage below:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Volleyball/2020/VolleyballModificationsRecommendations.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=VVbvX130DxiKiO6zWQXnBBNdqiSi6hRvrehdqXQBJeY%3D>

2020-21 Volleyball Recommendations

With the support from the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee and the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the considerations outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list and there might be additional steps in each school, city, and state to help prevent the spread of virus. Even when taking all precautions, there will still be risk of transmitting illnesses. Everyone should stay vigilant about the health of members of their teams. Lastly, the situation with COVID-19 is rapidly changing. These considerations may quickly become outdated. Please keep up with the latest from the CDC and other health officials in your state.

2020 NFHS RULE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPORTANT REVISION AS OF 7.29.20

(Please Note – These revisions are NOT reflected in the current OHSAA Online Document. The principal changes will be updated and the specific wording may be changed. There will be an updated document prior to the first match. This is ALL a very fluid situation!)

Pre-Match Conference

Limit attendees to one coach from each team, first referee and second referee. One team captain may attend as well.

Move the location of the pre-match conference to center court with one coach and one referee positioned on each side of the net. All four individuals maintain a social distance of 3 to 6 feet.

REPLACE THE FOLLOWING:

Suspend the use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will serve first in set 1 and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present and a coin-toss may take place for that reason only.

WITH (Revised 7.29.20):

Suspend the use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will have the choice to serve or receive for set 1 with first serve alternating for each subsequent non-deciding set.

Suspend roster submission at the pre-match conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials' table before the 10-minute mark.

Team Benches

Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches and courts between sets. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present, and this will be communicated prior to the beginning of the match, no later than at the pre-match conference. Sanitizing chairs in between a bench switch is recommended. If the teams switch benches during the match, the following procedure must be followed to avoid close contact between the teams in switching courts. The team to the R1's left will pick up gear and water bottles, and the entire team will go around the R1 stand to the new bench. The team to the R1's right will pick up gear and water bottles, and the entire team will switch in front of the officials' table.

Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

Deciding Set Procedures

Move the location of the deciding set coin toss to center court with team captains and the second referee maintaining the appropriate social distance of 3 to 6 feet. A coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive.

Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches/courts before a deciding set. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present. Sanitizing chairs in between a bench switch is recommended.

The only time there will be the coin toss option of choice of bench/side is if the referees have determined there is a disadvantage to one side of the court and, the teams have switched sides after each set.

Substitution Procedures

Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the second referee and the player and substitute by encouraging substitutions to occur within the substitution zone closer to the attack line.

Officials Table

Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer, libero tracker and timer with a recommend distance of 3 to 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location if a scorer's table cannot properly fit this individual at the table with the recommended distances.

Pre and Post Match Ceremony

Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained during the pre-match ceremony. Handshakes and/or fist bumps shall be eliminated before and after the match.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for Coaches:

Communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.

Consider conducting workouts in "pods" of same students always training and rotating together in practice to ensure more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.

Keep accurate records of those athletes and staff who attend each practice in case contact tracing is needed.

Sanitize equipment as often as time permits, including warm-up balls.

If supplying flag for line judge, allow for proper sanitization of flag.

Recommendations for Students:

Consider making each student responsible for their own supplies.

Students should wear their own appropriate workout clothing (do not share clothing), and individual clothing/towels should be washed and cleaned after every workout.

Hand sanitizer should be plentiful at all contests and practices.

Athletes should tell coaches immediately when they are not feeling well.

Cloth face coverings/masks are permitted, if an individual prefers to wear one. Cloth face coverings/masks are not required (NFHS Rule 4-1-4).

Gloves are permissible (NFHS Rule 4-1-1).

Bring your own water bottle.

Recommendations for Officials:

Bring personal hand sanitizer. Wash hands frequently.

Do not share equipment.

Follow social distancing guidelines. Consider six feet minimum distance when carding or talking to others (players, coaches, other officials).

Electronic whistles are permitted, if an official prefers to use one. Electronic whistles are not required.

Do not shake hands including in the pre-game and post-game ceremony.

Use of radios to communicate with partner is permissible.

Line judges may supply their own flag.

Cloth face coverings/masks/shields are permitted, if an individual prefers to wear one. Cloth face coverings/masks are not required.

Gloves are permissible.

Recommendations for Parents

(A family's role in maintaining safety guidelines for themselves and others):

Make sure your child and immediate household members are free from illness before participating in practice and competition (if there is doubt stay home),

Provide personal items for your child and clearly label them.

Disinfect your students personal equipment after each game or practice.

Volleyball Rules Interpretations - 2020-21

By NFHS on July 22, 2020

<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/volleyball-rules-interpretations-2020-21/>

SITUATION 1: Team A is playing with only seven players on its roster. One player is designated as the libero. An injury occurs to one of the position players on Team A and he/she cannot continue in the match. The coach for Team A cannot locate the extra team uniform and sends the libero into the set as the exceptional substitute in his/her current libero uniform. The set continues without further delay. **RULING:** Incorrect procedure. **COMMENT:** Team A should do everything it can to locate a team uniform. This includes assisting the injured player away from the playing area to switch jerseys with the libero/exceptional substitute. If the injured player cannot remove his/her jersey and a team jersey cannot be located, a loss of rally/point shall be awarded to the opponent for an illegal uniform, and the state association shall be notified. Play resumes with the libero as the exceptional substitute. (4-2 PENALTIES 3, 10-3-6c, 10-4-3b)

SITUATION 2: A player on Team B's bench is questioning the line judge's judgment, influencing his/her decision on an in/out call in the first set. The first referee issues a yellow conduct card to the head coach as a warning to control his/her bench personnel. The card is recorded on the scoresheet and the head coach is allowed to continue to stand and coach his/her players. During the third set, the first referee issues a red conduct card to the head coach as the team's second offense for bench conduct. The card is recorded on the scoresheet, a loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent and the head coach is required to remain seated throughout the rest of the match. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** Cards for unsporting conduct carry over from set to set. A yellow

conduct card issued to the head coach for actions by the head coach, assistant coach(es) or team bench in Set 1 does not require the head coach to remain seated. A second unsporting conduct card issued to the coach for inappropriate actions by the head coach, assistant coach(es) or team bench does require the head coach to remain seated for the remainder of the match. (12-2-6, 12-2-8, 12-2 PENALTIES, 12-2 NOTES 2)

SITUATION 3: The head coach of Team A is issued a yellow conduct card for disrespectfully addressing an official. The card is recorded on the scoresheet and the match proceeds without further penalty. The coach continues to stand and coach his/her team in the appropriate area. In the same set, a player on the court for Team A is issued a yellow conduct card for using profanity. Since this is the second conduct card given in the match to Team A, a red card is issued to the coach, a loss of rally/point is awarded to the opponent and the coach is notified that he/she must stay seated for the remainder of the match. **RULING:** Incorrect procedure. **COMMENT:** The head coach assumes responsibility for the team bench. Any conduct card issued for behavior by a head coach, substitute, assistant coach(es) or team attendant is assessed to the head coach. Conduct cards assessed to players on the court are assessed to the player committing the violation. The head coach only loses his/her ability to stand when a red conduct card for first serious offense or second minor offense is issued to bench personnel. (12-2-6, 12-2-9, 12-2 PENALTIES)

REMINDER

There are many resources available on my DoD Page.

<https://ohsaa.org/Officiating/DOD>