

## 2025 BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

**NOTE:** The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on **February 19, 2025**.

The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

### 1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The Board of Directors of the OHSAA will manage and administer the Boys Volleyball tournaments through the Executive Director's office.

The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date or time of any Regional or State Tournament assignment.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA.

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids.

Girls are not permitted to participate on the boys volleyball team if they participated on the girls volleyball team during the **2024-25** girls volleyball season.

### 3. DIVISIONS

There will be two Divisions, I and II, in the Boys Regional and State Volleyball Tournaments.

### 4. BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Only recognized school teams sponsored by member schools are eligible to participate.

### 5. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

Member schools wanting to participate in the **2025** OHSAA Boys Volleyball Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their **2024-25** OHSAA Sports Participation Form in **myOHSAA**. Tournament entry confirmation begins August 1, **2024** and ends April **21, 2025**. Schools that change their tournament participation after April **21, 2025** will be subject to a penalty of \$50.

### 6. OFFICIALS

Referees shall hold an OHSAA Class 1 Volleyball permit in all OHSAA Regional and State sponsored tournaments. The decisions and rulings of the officials are final.

Scorers, timers, scoreboard operators and line judges should be trained, experienced adults (no high school students) in all OHSAA tournament series matches. OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 permit Volleyball officials should be used whenever possible. Match officials for the Regional Tournaments will be selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Executive Director's office.

## REGIONAL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

REGIONAL QUALIFYING: **MAY 10 – 17, 2025**

REGIONAL SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS: **MAY 19 – 24, 2025**

### 1. REPRESENTATION TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS – 2025

Teams shall be divided into four (4) different Regions, with an assigned Regional manager.

### 2. HIGHER SEED HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. **The higher seed on each bracket shall be the home team.** The home team shall be responsible for all game arrangements along with the tournament manager, except the selection of game officials.
- B. Dates of games have been pre-determined by the OHSAA office. Games shall be played at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both participating schools and pending game officials' availability for proposed time.
- C. The "home" Athletic Director or other designee shall serve as the site manager and fulfill all obligations of site manager duties as designated by the OHSAA office.
- D. All tournament games up until the Regional Final will be played at the site of the higher seed.
- E. The OHSAA reserves the right to adjust game times and dates as necessary.

### 3. PLAYER CERTIFICATION

The names of the 15 players who are to participate must be provided to the manager prior to each match. Any 15 eligible players in uniform will be permitted on the playing court or bench for any set. Names and numbers of the 15 to play must be given to the second referee by the coach (*NFHS Rule 7-1-a*) at the timed pre-match conference. These 15 may be changed throughout the tournament. It is the responsibility of the coaches and the tournament manager to ensure that the number of players in uniform does not exceed 15 for each match. A player who exceeds the 15-player limitation for a match is an ineligible participant. If either team is over the limit, it must be corrected at once. Failure to comply with the regulation at any time after notification by the manager shall result in the forfeiture of the match.

### 4. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a tournament unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education/governing board. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representatives shall be disqualified. The school representative should be present throughout the tournament.

### 5. ADMISSION

#### *SPECTATORS*

The admission fee for Regional Tournament tickets shall be \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults and will be available for sale on the OHSAA Ticketing webpage.

*NOTE:* Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

#### *TEAM*

22 persons, including a maximum of 15 players in uniform, shall be admitted at the pass gate by the OHSAA travel party list, which is to be certified by the principal or principal's designee.

#### *SCHOOL PERSONNEL*

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 8 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 8 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

#### *CHEERLEADERS*

Six cheerleaders, or five cheerleaders and a mascot, and sponsor shall be admitted to the session in which their team plays by a pass list certified by the principal or designee.

### 6. TEAM AWARDS

Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the Regional Finals or State Volleyball Tournaments.

REGIONAL FINALS: A trophy and game ball shall be presented to the Regional winner. A trophy will be presented to the Regional runner-up.

### 7. RULES OF PLAY

The 2024-25 NFHS Volleyball Rules shall be used.

### 8. VOLLEYBALL

The official ball that shall be used for all volleyball tournament competition is the Molten Flistatec V5M5000 volleyball.

### 9. REQUIRED ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT FORMS

***Note: Failure to submit forms in the required format by the deadline established may result in a fine.***

All schools shall file the following forms electronically beginning with the first round of the tournament: Travel Party List, Cheerleader Pass List (if applicable), and Match Roster/Lineup Form. The tournament manager will transmit these forms electronically to the next level of the tournament. These forms can be found on the volleyball page of the OHSAA web site (<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball-Boys>).

***Regional Finalists shall send the following:***

**Program Information** to the Regional Final manager and Tim Stried ([tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org)): Team Photo; Team Photo Identification Form; Team Bench List, School Information Form and Season Results Form. These forms can be found on the Volleyball Tournament Information page of the OHSAA web site (<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball-Boys>).

## 10. TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

**NOTE:** The established date for all volleyball seeding and drawing meetings in Ohio is Sunday, **May 4, 2025** at 2:00 PM.

### VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE

1. Coaches shall seed on-line using the OHSAA web site ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)) and the procedure that has been developed by the OHSAA.
2. Within the OHSAA seeding procedures, schools will submit their season-to-date record for all matches played through **Thursday, May 1**. These records are due by 9:00 AM on **Friday, May 2**. Coaches are to remain ethical in the information submitted.
3. Tournament seed balloting begins at 3:00 PM on **Friday, May 2** and ends at 10:00 AM on **Saturday, May 3**. All coaches are required to participate in the seed balloting. Balloting includes the season-to-date records of all teams within a qualifying tournament.
4. The Tournament Draw meeting shall be **Sunday, May 4** at a time (preferably 2:00 PM) and place subject to the discretion of the tournament manager in each Regional area. The Tournament Draw meeting may be scheduled virtually. Schools shall be required to complete their voting for seeding no later than **10:00 AM on Saturday, May 3**. All schools shall be seeded.
5. Schools shall be placed on the online seed sheet in alphabetical order.
6. The team with greatest number of votes shall be seeded #1, second highest #2, etc, until all teams are seeded. In case of a tie, the team with most votes at the better seed wins the tie breaker. If there is still a tie, a coin toss shall be conducted.
7. If a school does not participate in the online seeding procedure prior to the draw, that school shall receive the last seed and go on the bracket last. If a school does not participate in the meeting to set the bracket, that school shall be placed on the bracket last by the manager.
8. If more than one school does not participate in the seeding or does not have a representative at the meeting, the schools will be placed on the bracket last in alphabetical order by school name – **A – Z in 2025**.
9. Schools that fail to send a coach or administrator to a mandatory draw/seed meeting or fail to seed as instructed will be fined **\$150**.
10. Coaches of boys volleyball schools shall be advised that when it is their turn to place their school on the bracket, they should do so swiftly and without delay. Prior preparation is imperative in order that the bracket meeting shall be completed in a timely manner. No school shall be permitted to pass.
11. Sample brackets will be distributed to each manager. Samples of brackets are included in the manager's materials and can be found on the OHSAA website.
12. The tournament manager will distribute brackets to representatives of participating teams.
13. All brackets shall designate date and time of match with the home team being listed on the top of the bracket.

## 11. MEDIA – REGIONAL

Reservations are to be made directly with the tournament manager.

## 12. VIDEOTAPE REGULATIONS AND TELEVISION

### OHSAA Tournament Contests:

#### a) *Videotaping or filming by participating schools:*

Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager and it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted.

#### b) *Videotaping or filming by spectators:*

1. Shall be for personal use;
2. Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching;
3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators;
4. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans;
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator's equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment;
6. Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area;
7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment;
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises;
9. Managers shall post signage regarding this regulation using materials provided by the OHSAA and shall insure that regular public address announcements are made.

- c) *Television*: Tape-delayed broadcast requests shall be made to the tournament manager. Live broadcast requests shall be directed to the Executive Director's office.

### 13. RADIO BROADCASTING APPLICATION

Radio, Press and Photographers – All requests for space shall be directed to the tournament manager for Regional games. Credential requests for State Tournament games shall be Directed to Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Media Relations. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.

No sponsorships that include alcohol, tobacco, gambling, firearms, political parties or candidates or any other advertising not considered in agreement with the philosophy of the high school athletic program are acceptable. This includes all live broadcasting as well as tape replays of games. The OHSAA reserve the right to discontinue the broadcasting by any station considered to have been in poor taste of incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the Association.

### 14. PHOTOGRAPHERS

Flash pictures of the players shall not be taken during the progress of the sets and/or matches. **This ruling is meant to protect the vision of the players.** Photographers desiring to take pictures shall make previous arrangements with the respective tournament manager. **The number of photographers and their locations** shall be determined by the tournament management.

### 15. SIGNS AND BANNERS

Signs, school banners, balloons, pennants, shakers, debris such as confetti, noisemakers such as horns, bells sirens, drums, etc., are not permitted. School officials are reminded to emphasize this Regulation at school events.

### 16. WARM-UP PERIOD

Adequate time for warming up shall be provided all competing schools. There will be a 30-minute warm-up on the playing court by both teams. Once the coin toss has been conducted, teams shall be provided 10 minutes of ball handling on their side of the net. The remaining 20-minute warm-up shall be divided into the following designated times in order:

1. 2 minutes – both teams ball handling on their side of the net
2. 6 minutes – the serving team has the whole court\*
3. 6 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court\*
4. 3 minutes – the serving team has the whole court\*
5. 3 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court\*

**\*NOTE:** There may be no use of volleyballs in the facility while team is not on the court for the designated time. This includes, but is not limited to, auxiliary gyms and hallways.

The 30-minute warm-up **shall** be conducted at all levels of the OHSAA volleyball tournaments.

### 17. OHSAA TOURNAMENT MATCH LIMITATIONS

In all OHSAA sponsored volleyball tournaments, teams will not be permitted to participate in more than two matches per day.

### 18. INTERRUPTED MATCHES

When a volleyball match is interrupted and cannot be resumed due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority, the match shall be resumed from the point of interruption. The score and lineup will be the same when it is resumed as it was at the moment of suspension.

### 19. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA tournaments, any student or coach ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for contests the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in volleyball until the next two regular season/tournament contests have been played. Any student or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for contests the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in volleyball until the next four regular season/tournament contests have been played.

Individuals ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or fighting shall be reported to the OHSAA Sport Administrator by the tournament manager. The OHSAA Sport Administrator will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

## **20. PROPERTY DAMAGE**

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to work with the OHSAA Finance Department to invoice offending schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts, if applicable. If damage is extensive, the OHSAA Executive Director's Office and/or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the school administrators of the competing schools.

## **21. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Regional and State Volleyball Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights regarding the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the OHSAA Executive Director's Office for the Regional and State Tournaments.

## **22. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING**

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

## **23. PROHIBITED SALES**

The sale or the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

## **24. RAFFLES**

50/50 raffles are permitted if approved by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office and follow the IRS guidelines. There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of bowling tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending at the conclusion of the tournament(s) if approval is not received by the Executive Director's Office.

## **25. SPECTATOR ATTIRE**

Shirts/appropriate attire shall be worn by all spectators at all OHSAA indoor tournaments.

## **26. FAILURE TO APPEAR**

If a volleyball team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the tournament match, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A "no contest" shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance into the next round of competition. See "No Contest" under Section 21 of the General Sports Regulations. All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by the OHSAA Executive Director's office.

The OHSAA, in collaboration with the administrative staff and the tournament manager, may delay or reschedule a volleyball tournament match provided it is practical to delay or reschedule such a match.

Failure to show up for a scheduled tournament contest \$150, plus cost of officials scheduled to officiate, any site expenses incurred by the OHSAA, team expenses incurred by the opposing team.

# **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL OHSAA BOYS STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 30 AND SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025**

*Wittenberg University | Springfield, Ohio*

## **1. REGULATIONS**

The same regulations for Regional Volleyball Tournaments shall apply to the State Volleyball Tournaments in addition to those listed below.

## **2. MANAGER**

The State Volleyball Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA with the Wittenberg University cooperating.

## **3. INFORMATION FOR STATE FINALISTS**

There will be an online meeting available on Sunday, May 25 for all State Finalists. Volleyball administrator, Emily Mason, will be available for questions any time prior to the State Tournament.

## **4. STATE TOURNAMENT DRAW**

A tournament draw shall be conducted by Senior Sport Administrator, Emily Mason, at the OHSAA office.

## 5. ADMISSION

### *SPECTATORS*

The admission fee for the State Volleyball Tournament shall be \$10.00 for a student ticket and \$15.00 for an adult ticket and will be available for purchase on the OHSAA Ticketing webpage.

*NOTE:* Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

### *TEAM*

22 persons, including a maximum of 15 players in uniform, shall be admitted at the pass gate by complimentary bag tags, which will be distributed to teams upon arrival at Wittenberg University.

### *SCHOOL PERSONNEL*

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 8 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 8 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

### *CHEERLEADERS*

Six cheerleaders, or five cheerleaders and a mascot, and sponsor shall be admitted to the session in which their team plays by a pass list certified by the principal or designee.

### *BANDS*

No bands shall be permitted.

## 6. OFFICIALS

Officials for the State Tournaments will be selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Executive Director's office. The names of the officials assigned to the State Tournaments will not be announced until match time. The assignment of officials and the decisions of the officials will be final.

## 7. AWARDS

Team trophies will be presented to the State Champion and Runner-Up. In addition, awards will be presented to individual members and the entire 22-person travel party. Additional individual awards may be ordered by contacting Croton Craft at 1-800-947-5521.

## 8. VOLLEYBALL

The official ball that shall be used for all volleyball tournament competition is the Molten Flistatec V5M5000 volleyball.

## 9. MEDICAL COVERAGE

An Athletic Trainer will be on site at all times during the tournaments.

## 10. WARM-UP PERIOD

Teams may **not** be on the match court until 30 minutes prior to their contest start. There will be an auxiliary gym available for warm-up prior to each match.

Adequate time for warming up shall be provided all competing schools. There will be a 30-minute warm-up on the playing court by both teams. Once the coin toss has been conducted, teams shall be provided 10 minutes of ball handling on their side of the net. The remaining 20-minute warm-up shall be divided into the following designated times in order:

1. 2 minutes – both teams ball handling on their side of the net
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4. 3 minutes – the serving team has the whole court\*
5. 3 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court\*

**\*NOTE:** There may be no use of volleyballs in the facility while team is not on the court for the designated warm-up period. This includes, but is not limited to, auxiliary gyms and hallways.

**NOTE:** There will be an auxiliary gym available for team warm-up prior to the official designated 30-minute warm-up time.

The 30-minute warm-up **shall** be conducted at all levels of the OHSAA Volleyball Tournaments.

## 11. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations and requests for credentials are to be submitted to Tim Stried, OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214. P: 614-267-2502; E: [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org)

**12. LIVE TELEVISION**

Requests shall be directed to the Executive Director's office for live telecasts.

**13. NO PRACTICE SESSIONS**

There will be no volleyball practice on the playing area during the 2025 State Tournaments other than pre-match practice/warm-up.