



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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CLARIFICATION ON SET MODIFICATION

As indicated in the August 20 memo, the following Volleyball Regulation was modified for the 2020 season.

Volleyball Sport Regulation 1-6 (Interscholastic Competition – Grades 9-12)

PREVIOUS REGULATION: Individual limitations for players who play in any non-varsity competition on the same day and against the same opponent consist of a maximum of five (5)* sets per day per common opponent.

2020 REGULATION MODIFICATION:

Individual limitations for players who play in any non-varsity competition on the same day and against the same opponent consist of a maximum of five (5) sets per day per individual match.

Summary of changes: Eliminates the 5-set limitation per day per common opponent and applies to the individual match. With the possibility of an increase in dual matches on the same day, this allows individuals to not be limited to 5 sets against a common opponent in one day. This increases the opportunity for schools to fill their schedules and aligns with the set limitation for individuals if they were to participate against a different opponent.

**Three (3) sets for grades 7-8*

The only change to the set limitation is if a double-header is scheduled against the same opponent at the same level. For example, if your Varsity team plays two matches against the same opponent on the same day, it would be considered a double-header. Prior to the Regulation modification, if your Varsity team played two matches against the same opponent on the same day, student-athletes would be limited to 5 sets for BOTH Varsity matches (against the same opponent at the same level). With the modification, this now allows athletes to start their set count over in that second Varsity match against the same opponent on the same day, where they were previously limited to 5 for both matches.

Swing players (those that participate in any combination of Freshman/JV/Varsity matches) are still limited to 5 (or 3 for grades 7-8) sets.

As indicated in the summary of changes, this Regulation modification was created due to the Health Director’s Order of limiting matches to one opponent per day. With this order, the likelihood of scheduling double-headers increased, which influenced the modification. **The purpose is NOT to provide more sets to a swing player.** Please see the following scenarios for further clarification.

SCENARIO #1: School A schedules two Varsity matches against School B on the same evening. School A volleyball player, Sally, participates in all 5 sets of the first Varsity match against School B. Is Sally permitted to play an additional 5 sets in the second Varsity match against School B?

ANSWER: Yes. This is a prime example of what the 2020 Regulation modification was created for—to allow the set limitation to start over for a double-header match at the same level.

SCENARIO #2: School A schedules a JV and Varsity match against School B on the same evening. School A volleyball player, Sally, participates as a swing player between the JV and Varsity squads. With the 2020 modification, is Sally permitted 3 sets for the JV match and 5 sets for the Varsity match for a total of 8 sets on the evening?

ANSWER: No. The modification is NOT applied to matches at different levels—only multiple matches at the same level against the same opponent. This scenario was not affected by COVID-19 and the Regulation applies the same as it has previously been applied.

2020 OHSAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

The 2020 Volleyball Tournament Regulations were approved by the Board of Directors on September 14. The 2020 Tournament Regulations are posted on the Volleyball webpage and can be found [HERE](#).

We encourage you to review all Volleyball Tournament Regulations, but see below for a few of the notable changes for this year, which are highlighted in gray in the document:

- All OHSAA Tournament tickets will be sold online.
- During warm-ups, there may be no use of volleyballs anywhere in the facility that is not on the court for the designated time. This includes, but is not limited to, auxiliary gyms and hallways.
- Any student-athlete or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of the day and the following *four* contests at the same level of the ejection. I do not see this being an issue, whatsoever, in volleyball, but did want to reference the change to our Ejection Policy.
- No team expenses will be paid to member schools participating in 2020-21 OHSAA Tournaments (applies to all OHSAA sports).
- Award presentations and/or ceremonies shall be altered to practice social distancing guidelines.

The 2020 Tournament Draw is posted on the Volleyball webpage. At this time, Regional Tournaments are predicted to be at neutral sites. Should this decision change, we would go to a higher-seed host format. Once Regional Tournament sites have been determined, the tournament information page will be updated. As stated in the Tournament Regulations, all Regulations and tournament sites are able to be changed at the discretion of our office.

A huge thank you to all of you for making volleyball happen in the state of Ohio!

Final Rules Meeting Deadline

The deadline without penalty for the 2020 Volleyball Rules Meeting was August 20. There is now a \$50 late penalty applied to any school who has not viewed the Rules Meeting. The FINAL deadline is October 5 at 11:59pm. Starting on October 6, the Rules Meeting will no longer be available. The penalty for not completing this requirement is removal from the OHSAA postseason tournament.

Private Instruction During the Season

Questions about if your student-athletes can receive private instruction during the season? Visit a 2019 issue of TWIVB, which can be found [HERE](#), for further clarification and Q & A's!

OHSAA COVID-19 Correspondence

Please visit the OHSAA COVID-19 Correspondence page [HERE](#) on our website for all guidelines and resources established during the pandemic.



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