

THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

Pre-Season Issue | July 22, 2021

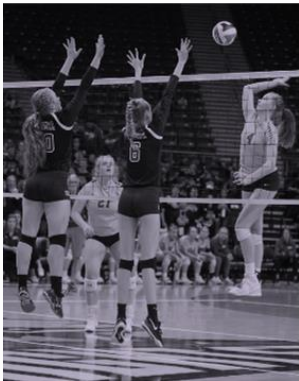


2021 SEASON DATES

July 23 – Rules Meeting Live
August 1 – First Day of Coaching
August 2 – Previews Permitted
August 20 – Season Begins
August 20 – Rules Meeting Deadline (without penalty)
September 7 – Non-Interscholastic Date
October 4 – Rules Meeting Final Deadline (w/ \$50 late fee)

VOLLEYBALL WEBPAGE

Make sure to reference our Volleyball webpage on our website! You will find necessary resources, such as the Volleyball Manual, Volleyball Regulations, NFHS Uniform PowerPoint and many more!



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2021 VOLLEYBALL STATE RULES MEETING (ONLINE)

Per General Sport Regulation 2, all head volleyball coaches are required to complete the State Rules Meeting. The Volleyball Online Rules Meeting will go live (but will be available 24/7) on myOHSAA on **Friday, July 23 at 9:00am**—please see the Rules Meeting deadlines below.

You **MUST** have a myOHSAA profile to view the Rules Meeting. Please check with your Athletic Director that your myOHSAA email address matches the email address they have listed in your school's Staff Management page on myOHSAA. You must be listed as the volleyball coach with the correct email address to receive credit. Once the Rules Meeting is live on July 23 at 9:00am, you may 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' once the State Rules Meeting has gone live

The Volleyball Rules Meeting will be available from July 23 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 4 at 11:59pm**. Beginning at 12:00am on October 5, the Volleyball Rules Meeting is no longer available and the penalty shall apply. Since the Volleyball Rules Meeting is online, the meeting is available for viewing 24/7 from July 23 at 9:00am until October 5 at 11:59pm. *We encourage you to complete the meeting prior to August 20 to avoid paying the \$50 late fee.*

The penalty for not viewing the Volleyball Rules Meeting by October 4 at 11:59pm is **REMOVAL FROM THE POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT**.

2021 NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULE CHANGES

4-1-6a, b (NEW): Allows players to wear head coverings for religious reasons that fit securely and are made of non-abrasive or soft materials while still requiring head coverings worn for medical reasons to be approved by the state association.

Rationale: Eliminates the need for authorization from the state association for the wearing of religious headwear without data to support an increased risk while maintaining the requirement for approval of head coverings worn for medical reasons – allowing the state association to review for the purposes of risk minimization.

NOTE: This is in line with Senate Bill 181 that is expected to become law soon, which does not permit restriction or question of a student's wearing of religious apparel, unless it presents a legitimate danger to participants.

7-1-4 PENALTIES, 9-9-1b (NEW): Eliminates the loss of rally/point penalty for failure to submit the lineup no later than two minutes prior to the end of the timed pre-match warmup and one minute prior to the end of the timed interval between sets. The penalty was changed to an unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card) with the escalation of a second unnecessary delay (administrative red card) if not submitted by the end of the timed pre-match warmup or interval.

Rationale: Aligns the penalty with the late roster and lessens the severity of the penalty for a late lineup.

2021 VOLLEYBALL SPORT REGULATION CHANGES

Please see below for a list of important OHSAA Volleyball Regulation changes for the 2019-20 school year:

VOLLEYBALL SPORT REGULATION 1.10 – VERBIAGE UPDATE

The previous language stated that if an athlete exceeds the set limitation and participates in a set, the result is the athlete is considered ineligible and it is a forfeit of the set. By our Bylaws and Regulations, any contest that has participation from an ineligible player is a forfeiture of the contest, not just the set. The verbiage change provides clarity and alignment with the remainder of our Handbook. Also note that the match may continue to completion; however, the result of the contest will remain the same—~~forfeiture by the offending team.~~

EXACT WORDING FROM 2021-22 HANDBOOK:

The penalty for exceeding the participation limitation during a match is forfeiture of ~~that set~~ the match in which the ineligible player is participating. When discovered, the ineligible player is removed from the set, and the match may continue to completion; however, the result of the contest shall be a forfeiture by the offending team ~~unless that is the deciding set of the match. If the ineligible participation is discovered in the deciding set or after the match is completed, the match is forfeited.~~

GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19

Ohio has lifted most statewide pandemic-related health orders, effective June 2, 2021. While these requirements have been lifted, Ohioans are still at risk for COVID-19 illness. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) urges all Ohioans to continue to follow safe protocols to protect themselves and others, especially those individuals who are not fully vaccinated. As of today, July 22, the OHSAA is not requiring the COVID-19 mandates that were in place for the 2020 season.