



Ohio High School Athletic Association

THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL | ISSUE 1

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TO: Volleyball Head Coaches

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RE: *This Week in Volleyball – Issue 1*

STATE RULES MEETING

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 on **Friday, July 22 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. Please contact Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org) for any questions regarding your myOHSAA profile or Rules Meeting access. Once the Rules Meeting is live on July 22 at 9:00am, you may follow these steps:

1. Login to your myOHSAA account (<http://officials.myohsaa.org/Login>)
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 at any time online from July 22 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 3 at 11:59pm**. Beginning at 12:00am on October 4, 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 22 at 9:00am until October 3 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 3 at 11:59pm is **REMOVAL FROM THE POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT**.

CHANGES TO GENERAL SPORT REGULATION 7

Beginning on August 1, 2022, changes to the 2022-23 OHSAA Handbook go into effect, most notably the change to *General Sports Regulation 7*. Previous *General Sports Regulation 7 (Non-Interscholastic Participation)* with *General Sports Regulation 8 (Individual Instruction Regulation)* are now combined. The purpose of this combination was to simplify the two subjects since there tended to be a large amount of confusion between the two. There were previously two numbers being utilized—the "50% limitation" of how many players could participate together on a non-interscholastic team and the individual instruction number (4 for majority of sports, 6 for baseball and softball, etc.) detailing how many players a school coach could provide individual instruction to at one time. With the new *General Sports Regulation 7*, there is now **one number** that is the same for both scenarios—how many can participate together with a non-interscholastic program from the same school and how many can receive individual instruction from a school coach at one time.

All sports were affected, but this **number for Volleyball will be 3**. This means that the non-interscholastic participation number remains the same; however, the number permitted for individual skill instruction has decreased from 4 to 3 for the sport of Volleyball. Almost all sports had changes to the number, whether their non-interscholastic or individual skill instruction amount increased/decreased.

All details of the non-interscholastic and individual skill instruction remain the same—the only thing that changed was combining this into one Regulation and creating one number. Please review the Volleyball State Rules Meeting for more information. This information was sent to all Athletic Directors in the July 13 Administrator Update and we plan to provide more resources for all sports, which will be available in August. The complete language of *General Sport Regulation 7* will be available for viewing at the beginning of August.

BEACH/SAND VOLLEYBALL

This is mentioned in the 2022 State Volleyball Rules Meeting, but I did want to make a note of it. The NFHS and the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) have provided great education on the topic of beach volleyball being considered a different sport than indoor volleyball, as the sport is played with only two players and on sand, most notably. With that said, the OHSAA supports the education and data that these are in fact different sports—therefore, student-athletes are permitted by OHSAA Regulation, to participate on a beach volleyball team during the school season. Please remember that schools and/or coaches are able to prohibit this type of competition during the school season—that would need to be determined by your school.

For more information on the differences between the two sports, please visit the FAQ document provided by AVCA at this link:

<https://www.avca.org/res/uploads/media/High-School-Beach-Volleyball-FAQ-NFHS-3-16-.pdf>

Thank you!