



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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2023 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DRAW

The 2023 Volleyball Tournament Draw is now posted to the OHSAA Volleyball webpage, with a direct link [HERE](#).

As you can see, we still have a few Regional sites that are listed as "TBD". Once those are determined, we will update the Tournament Draw on the Volleyball webpage. Please keep in mind that we will publish the Statewide Tournament Brackets by Wednesday, October 11, following the Tournament Draw Meetings taking place across the state on Sunday, October 8.

NOTE: Once the brackets are published on the Statewide Tournament Brackets webpage by Wednesday, October 11, the brackets will be the most up to date information, regarding date, time and location information. **Again, once the brackets are posted, any changes will be made to the brackets and not the Tournament Draw document.** Per the OHSAA Volleyball Tournament Regulations, site, date and/or location changes may be made to the 2023 Volleyball Tournament Draw.

VOLLEY FOR THE CURE & SPECIAL EVENTS

Schools are permitted to hold a special event that supports a specific cause (i.e., Volley for the Cure) and special uniforms may be worn, as long as the special uniforms meet all of the uniform requirements outlined in *NFHS Rule 4-2*. Typically, the example we see most is the request to wear pink uniforms to support breast cancer, in a Volley for the Cure event. In this example, pink uniforms may be worn, assuming the uniform requirements listed in *NFHS Rule 4-2* are met (i.e., logo and number requirements). This includes the requirement of the libero being in a completely contrasting uniform color from the rest of the team. As an example, if the team is in a pink uniform top, the libero could be in a white or black uniform top, as white and/or black completely contrasts from pink.

Please keep in mind that the special event uniforms are not limited to pink, nor limited to Volley for the Cure. They may be any color and support any appropriate cause or initiative.

Approval does not need to be received by the OHSAA office to wear a special uniform, as long as all of the NFHS rules on uniforms (NFHS Rule 4-2) are met, including the libero being in a contrasting color from the rest of the team. However, please do not hesitate to reach out to Emily Mason and ask!

There are more restrictions on if your team is looking to wear another type of special item, other than a different colored uniform top (i.e., bows in hair, special memorial patch, etc.), so please reach out to Emily to make sure those items would be compliant, prior to ordering.

2023 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The 2023 Volleyball Tournament Regulations were approved by the Board of Directors on August 31, 2023. The 2023 Tournament Regulations are posted on the Volleyball webpage and can be found [HERE](#).

We encourage you to review all Volleyball Tournament Regulations, prior to participation in the OHSAA postseason tournaments, beginning in October. The Volleyball Tournament Regulations will apply at every level (Sectional, District, Regional and State Tournaments). All items highlighted in gray are new for 2023. Most of the changes are date changes to reflect the 2023 season; however, I have listed a few of the notable changes below:

- The Tournament Entry/Withdraw deadline is now one week earlier than in years past. Typically, the Tournament Entry/Withdraw deadline was the Monday prior to the Tournament Draw Meeting date. The new Tournament Entry/Withdraw deadline is two Mondays prior to the Tournament Draw Meeting date. **For 2023, this date is Monday, September 25.** Schools that change their tournament participation after September 25, 2023 will be subject to a penalty of tournament ineligibility until paid. *Please connect with your Athletic Director to make sure your school's tournament participation has been entered into myOHSAA.*
- The OHSAA Tournament ticket prices were established by the Board of Directors and are listed throughout the Tournament Regulations, as there are different ticket prices at each level of the tournament.
 - **NEW:** As part of the latest budget bill, Ohio legislature proposed that schools accept cash at school affiliated events. This law goes into effect on October 4, 2023. You will note in the Tournament Regulations that the OHSAA currently plans to provide a discounted ticket rate for customers that choose to purchase tickets online, rather than with cash.
- Individual medals will now be provided at the Regional Tournament Finals. Previously, individual medals were provided at the District and State Tournament Finals, in addition to the trophies provided to the Champion and Runner-Up teams.
- If a school fails to provide a representative at the Volleyball Tournament Draw Meeting on Sunday, October 8 (meeting details determined by your respective District Athletic Board), the school will be fined \$150.

THANK YOU!

Final Rules Meeting Deadline

The deadline without penalty for the 2023 Volleyball Rules Meeting was August 19. There is now a \$50 late penalty to view the Volleyball Rules Meeting. The FINAL deadline is October 2 at 11:59pm. Starting on October 3, the Rules Meeting will no longer be available. **The penalty for not completing this requirement is removal from the OHSAA postseason tournament.**

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