



THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

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2024 Regional & State Volleyball Tournament Draw

The 2024 Regional and State Volleyball Tournament Draw is posted on the Volleyball webpage ([HERE](#)). The Regional sites are currently listed as "TBD" but will be updated by the beginning of next week.

Contact Jim Hammar

Please make sure to utilize our Volleyball Director of Officiating Development, Jim Hammar, for any questions regarding the NFHS Volleyball Rules Book. This includes any rule interpretations and/or any uniform questions.

Jim's email address is jhammar@ohsaa.org.

Please continue to reach out to Emily Mason with any OHSAA Regulation or administrative rule questions.



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RULES MEETING REMINDER – FINAL DEADLINE TONIGHT

The final deadline for the Volleyball Rules Meeting is Monday, September 23 at 11:59 PM. Beginning at 12:00 AM on September 24, the Volleyball Rules Meeting is no longer available, and the penalty shall apply.

The penalty for not viewing the Volleyball Rules Meeting by September 23 at 11:59 PM is **REMOVAL FROM THE POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT**.

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 list in FinalForms. You must be listed as the volleyball coach with the correct email address to receive credit. Your Athletic Director received a reminder email this morning if you have not been credited for viewing the Volleyball Rules Meeting. Please contact Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org) for questions regarding your myOHSAA profile, FinalForms or Rules Meeting access.

VOLLEY FOR THE CURE UNIFORMS

If your school would like to wear a special uniform for a cause/special event (i.e., Volley for the Cure, breast cancer awareness month, etc.), you are permitted to do so, as long as the uniform meets all of the uniform requirements listed in *NFHS Volleyball Rule 4-2*. This includes the number requirements—to name a few, the number shall be:

1. Permanent and clearly visible;
2. No more than two digits (0-99);
3. A plain, Arabic numeral of solid color, where either the body of the number is a color that is in sharp contrast to the color of the uniform top, regardless of trim;
4. At least 4 inches tall on the front of the top and at least 6 inches tall on the back of the top;
5. Placed so the number on the front of the uniform is no more than 5 inches down from the shoulder seam or bottom edge of any neckline ribbing.

Additionally, the libero must still be in a completely contrasting uniform color from the rest of the team. As an example, if the special event is Volley for the Cure, and the team wants to wear a pink uniform top, the libero must be in a contrasting color uniform top (i.e., white or black).

NOTE: A waiver* does not need to be filled out and sent in for the sport of volleyball.

*There are a few sports (i.e., basketball, soccer) that by NFHS Rules, require a white uniform for the home team; therefore, a pink uniform for the home team would require a waiver. This is not necessary for the sport of volleyball, since there is no "home team" white color requirement for the uniform.

LIMITATION OF SETS | GRADES 7-8 AND 9-12

Per *Volleyball Regulation 6* and *Volleyball Regulation 3 (Grades 7 & 8)*, volleyball student-athletes are limited to a maximum number of sets per common opponent in the same day. **Athletes in grades 9-12 may participate in a maximum of 6 sets per day per common opponent and athletes in grades 7-8 may participate in a maximum of 3 sets per day per common opponent.**

A few items to remember:

- Since this is an OHSAA administrative rule, tracking set participation is the responsibility of the coaching staff/school. It is not the responsibility of the official to determine, since this is not a NFHS playing rule, but an OHSAA Regulation (administrative rule). The official may work with the scorer and/or coach(es) to answer any questions; however, the tracking of the set participation is a responsibility of the school.
- **PENALTY:** The penalty for exceeding the participation limitation during a match is forfeiture of 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.

Q: I have a high school volleyball player that I want to participate in both the JV and Varsity matches on the same night. Is that allowed?

A: Yes, as long as they only participate in a maximum of 6 sets. As examples—3 sets in the JV match and 3 sets in the Varsity match (totaling 6). Or 2 sets in the JV match and 4 sets in the Varsity match (totaling 6).

Q: What if a high school (grades 9-12) volleyball player is on the court prior to the start of her 7th set, but is removed prior to the whistle being blown to begin the set? Does that mean she is ineligible?

A: No—if the whistle was not blown, participation in that set had not occurred. She may be removed prior to the whistle being blown and is not considered ineligible.

Q: What if a high school (grades 9-12) volleyball player is on the court prior to the start of her 7th set and it is discovered after the whistle has been blown and the ball has been served? Does that mean she is ineligible?

A: Yes—if the whistle was blown and play begins, participation in that 7th set had occurred. She should be immediately removed upon discovery and is considered an ineligible athlete. Should the offending team be victorious, they must forfeit their victory, due to playing an ineligible player.