



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL | ISSUE 1

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TO: Volleyball Head Coach

FR: Emily Mason, Senior Sport Administrator – Volleyball

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 **Wednesday, July 24 at 9:00 AM**—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 list in FinalForms. You must be listed as the volleyball coach with the correct email address to receive credit. Please contact Alexis Holderman ([aholderman@ohsaa.org](mailto:aholderman@ohsaa.org)) for questions regarding your myOHSAA profile, FinalForms or Rules Meeting access. Once the Rules Meeting is live on July 24 at 9:00 AM, 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 at any time online from Wednesday, July 24 to **Friday, August 16 at 11:59 PM without penalty**. Beginning on August 17, there will be a \$50 late fee to view the Rules Meeting. **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.** Since the Volleyball Rules Meeting is online, the meeting is available for viewing 24/7 from July 24 at 9:00 AM until September 23 at 11:59 PM. *We encourage you to complete the meeting prior to August 16 at 11:59 PM to avoid paying the \$50 late fee.*

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

## **VOLLEYBALL REGULATION CHANGES**

Please see the following changes to the 2024-25 Volleyball Regulations, which are effective starting on August 1, 2024. Other changes made to the Volleyball Regulations not mentioned below, are date changes that reflect the 2024 Volleyball season.

### **VOLLEYBALL REGULATION 1.3**

Previously, *Volleyball Regulation 1.3 (PREVIEW)* stated that "A preview may be scheduled and played only during the period of time beginning the day after coaching and instruction may begin and ending with the date of the first regular season match of teams involved". *Volleyball Regulation 1.3* now states, "A preview **may be scheduled and played any time throughout the regular season**. A Preview must conform to all requirements defined in General Sports Regulation 23."

**RATIONALE:** This change was made in all team sports that permit previews. The OHSAA took away the limitation that previews could only occur prior to the first contest of the season. It is now a local school decision if they would like to schedule a preview any time throughout the regular season.

As a reminder, volleyball previews are limited in length to two sets of 21 points each and played according to NFHS Volleyball Rules.

### **VOLLEYBALL REGULATION B (GRADES 9-12) | ITEM #6**

Previously, the Volleyball Regulations limited grades 9-12 to schedule a maximum of five scrimmages plus one preview. Grades 9-12 may now schedule a maximum of six scrimmages AND/OR previews. **As the note mentions, these may be a combination of both, but may not exceed six in total.**

**RATIONALE:** This change was made in all team sports that permit previews. The OHSAA determined they did not need to control if a school schedules scrimmages or previews; this should be a local decision.

**EX 1:** School A schedules 6 volleyball scrimmages. **LEGAL.**

**EX 2:** School A schedules 5 volleyball scrimmages and 1 preview. **LEGAL—they are within the limitation of 6.**

**EX 3:** School A schedules 3 volleyball scrimmages and 3 previews. **LEGAL—they are within the limitation of 6.**

**EX 4:** School A schedules 7 volleyball scrimmages. **ILLEGAL—they exceeded the maximum of 6 permitted.**

**EX 5:** School A schedules 5 volleyball scrimmages and 2 previews. **ILLEGAL—they exceeded the maximum of 6 permitted.**

### **VOLLEYBALL REGULATION C (GRADES 7 & 8) | ITEM #4**

Previously, the Volleyball Regulations limited grades 7 & 8 to schedule a maximum of two scrimmages or one scrimmage and one preview. The change made is that grades 7 & 8 may now schedule a maximum of three scrimmages AND/OR previews. As the note mentions, these may be a combination of both, but may not exceed three in total.

**RATIONALE:** This change was made in all team sports that permit previews. The OHSAA determined they did not need to control if a school schedules scrimmages or previews; this should be a local decision.

*We realize many schools already have their scrimmages set for this year. As mentioned, this applies to all team sports that permit scrimmages and the change was not approved until the June Board of Directors Meeting.*

## **NFHS VOLLEYBALL RULE CHANGES**

The 2024-25 NFHS Volleyball Rule Changes will be covered in greater detail in the 2024 Volleyball Rules Meeting. Please see below for a quick summary of changes. **NOTE:** the changes are highlighted in gray, followed by the explained rationale.

**4-2-3 NOTE (NEW):** When a player's number changes due to blood on or damage to the uniform, the roster is corrected, and no penalty is assessed.

**RATIONALE:** Adds language regarding the proper procedure for a legal uniform number change and expands to include a damaged uniform as a legal reason for changing a uniform number.

**5-4-3c(1):** The first referee shall: 1. Whistle and direct players to their respective end lines prior to the first set only; then direct starting players onto the court to begin play;

**RATIONALE:** Allows all players on the roster, not just starting players, to stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set, encouraging the inclusion of all players in the prematch announcements.

**5-9-2b NOTE (NEW):** When, by state adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match, the line judges must switch sides of the court between sets.

**RATIONALE:** Requires line judges to switch sides of the court between sets to promote fairness when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match.

**11-4-1b:** In the case of an injury/illness during the set, a referee may interrupt play and call a referee's time-out. If the injured/ill player cannot continue play within 30 seconds, the head coach shall:

b. Complete a legal libero replacement for the injured/ill player, and may substitute for the replacement player;

**RATIONALE:** Permits a team to immediately substitute for the libero replacement, who may be playing out of position, during an injury time-out if the libero is injured or ill and cannot continue.

# Thank you!

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