

2020 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on **September 14, 2020**.

The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

Due to COVID-19, these Regulations are subject to change.

1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The District Athletic Boards organize and conduct Sectional and District Tournaments (Constitution 7-7-1) in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The Regional and State Tournaments are under the control of the Executive Director's office.

The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date or time of any Regional or State Tournament assignment.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA.

Only girls shall be eligible to participate in the OHSAA sponsored volleyball tournaments.

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids.

3. DIVISIONS

There will be four divisions, I, II, III, IV, in the Girls Sectional, District, Regional and State Volleyball Tournaments.

4. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

A. Tournament Entry/Withdraw

Member schools wanting to participate in the 2020 OHSAA Volleyball Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2020-21 OHSAA Sports Participation Form in **MyOHSAA**. Tournament entry confirmation begins **August 1, 2020** and ends **October 1, 2020**. Schools that change their tournament participation after **October 1, 2020** will be subject to a \$150 penalty.

5. OFFICIALS

Referees shall hold an OHSAA Class 1 Volleyball permit in all OHSAA Regional and State sponsored tournaments. The decisions and rulings of the officials are final.

Referees shall hold an OHSAA Class 1 Volleyball permit in all OHSAA Sectional and District tournaments.

Scorers, Timer-Scoreboard Operator and Line Judges should be trained, experienced adults (no high school students) in all OHSAA tournament series matches. OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 permit Volleyball officials should be used whenever possible. Match officials for the Regional Tournaments will be selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Executive Director's office.

6. REPRESENTATION TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS – 2020

	IV	III	II	I
Central District	1	2	2	4
East District	1	1	2	0*
Northeast District	3	4	5	6
Northwest District	6	3	2	2
Southeast District	2	3	1	0*
Southwest District	3	3	4	4

* Combined with C				
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7. PLAYER CERTIFICATION

The names of the 15 players who are to participate must be given to the manager before each match. Any 15 eligible players in uniform will be permitted on the playing court or bench for any set. Names and numbers of the 15 to play must be given to the second referee by the coach (NFHS Rule 7-1-a) at the timed prematch conference. These 15 may be changed throughout the tournament. It is the responsibility of the coaches and the tournament manager to ensure that the number of players in uniform does not exceed 15 for each match. A player who exceeds the 15-player limitation for a match is an ineligible participant. If either team is over the limit, it must be corrected at once. Failure to comply with the regulation at any time after notification by the manager shall result in the forfeiture of the match.

8. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a tournament unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education/governing board. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representatives shall be disqualified. The school representative should be present throughout the tournament.

9. ADMISSIONS

SPECTATORS – All Sectional and District tournament tickets will be sold online at \$8.00. **Capacity limitations will be a maximum of 300 spectators.**

TEAM – Twenty-two persons including a maximum of 15 players shall be admitted at the pass gate by a list certified by the principal or principal’s designee. This list and all other tournament forms shall be completed electronically. Complimentary admission shall also be provided for the superintendent (2), principal (2), athletic administrator (2) and two others.

CHEERLEADERS – Six cheerleaders, or five cheerleaders and a mascot, and sponsor shall be admitted to the session in which their team plays by a pass list certified by the principal or designee.

10. TEAM AWARDS

Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the Sectional, District, Regional or State Volleyball Tournaments.

DISTRICT – Team trophies will be presented* to the winning and runner-up schools in each district. Awards will be presented to the individual team members, head coach and manager.

REGIONAL – A trophy and game ball will be presented* to the Regional winner. A trophy will be presented* to the Regional Runner-up.

**Presentations may be altered to comply to meet health standards and social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19.*

Individual awards may be ordered by contacting Croton Craft at 1-800-947-5521

11. RULES OF PLAY

The 2020-21 NFHS Volleyball Rules shall be used.

12. VOLLEYBALL REQUIREMENTS, RULE MODIFICATIONS & GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS – COVID-19

All NFHS and OHSAA Volleyball Requirements, NFHS Rule Modifications and General Recommendations **MUST** be adhered to at all levels of tournament. Should any of the requirements not be followed or implemented shall result in penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11.

This includes the Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines which can be found [HERE](#).

This includes the Volleyball COVID-19 Sport Requirements & Recommendations which can be found [HERE](#).

13. VOLLEYBALL

The official ball that shall be used for all volleyball tournament competition is the **Molten IV58L-BKSV-OH Super Touch black, silver and white premium leather volleyball.**

14. REQUIRED ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT FORMS

Note: Failure to submit forms in the required format by the deadline established may result in a fine.

All schools shall file the following forms electronically beginning with the first round of the tournament: Bench/Locker Room List, Team Pass List, Cheerleader Pass List (if applicable), and Match Roster/Lineup Form. The tournament manager will transmit these forms electronically to the next level of the tournament. These forms can be found on the volleyball page of the OHSAA web site (<http://ohsaa.org/sports/volleyball>).

District Champions shall send the following:

Program Information to the Regional manager and Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org): Team Photo; Team Photo Identification Form; Team Roster Form, School Information Form and Season Record Form. These forms can be found on the volleyball page of the OHSAA web site (<http://ohsaa.org/sports/volleyball>).

15. TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

NOTE: The established date for all volleyball seeding and drawing meetings in Ohio is Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

In the Sectional Tournaments that precede or do not precede District Tournaments, seeding is mandatory in the Sectional. (NOTE: This means that at least one seeding is to take place in either the Sectional or District Tournament.) THE FOLLOWING SEEDING METHOD SHALL PREVAIL FOR ALL OHSAA SPONSORED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS. **All teams assigned to the first round of the tournament shall be seeded.** For purposes of seeding, the last matches to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE

1. Tournament managers will post the records of all teams in their tournament. It is the responsibility of each school to have its records compiled as shown below and given to the tournament manager the day of the drawing. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played, e.g., 18 team schedule – Division I school:

12 wins – 2 losses – Division I
3 wins – 1 loss – Division II

All matches played shall be recorded.

2. *Voting on seeded teams:* All head coaches shall vote **via ballot which shall be made public**, selecting their choice for the #1 seeded team. The team with greatest number of votes shall be seeded #1, second highest #2, etc, until all teams are seeded. In case of a tie only the tied teams will be revoted upon. If a tie should occur the second time, a flip of the coin shall determine the seeded team.

NOTE: If electronic balloting is utilized in a District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the drawing meeting.

3. *Placement of teams on brackets:* Each District Athletic Board shall determine placement of teams on brackets. Click here to go to the regulations for each Athletic District

Central: <https://www.ohsaa.org/CDAB>
East: <https://www.ohsaa.org/EDAB>
Northeast: <https://www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB>
Northwest: <https://www.ohsaa.org/NWDAB>
Southeast: <https://www.ohsaa.org/SEDAB>
Southwest: <https://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB>

If a school fails to have a representative present (**physically or virtually**) at the seeding and drawing meeting, the manager shall place the school (s) on the bracket in accordance with procedures adopted by the District Athletic Board. Schools that fail to send a coach or administrator to a mandatory draw/seed meeting or fail to seed as instructed will be fined **\$50**.

Sample brackets will be distributed to each manager. Samples of brackets are included in the manager’s materials and can be found on the OHSAA web site.

The tournament manager will distribute brackets to representatives of participating teams.

All brackets shall designate date and time of match with the home team being listed on the top of the bracket.

16. MEDIA – SECTIONAL, DISTRICT AND REGIONAL

Reservations are to be made directly with the tournament manager.

17. VIDEOTAPE REGULATIONS AND TELEVISION

Regular Season Contests:

- a) It is permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or film regular season contests in which the school team is participating but may not be used for coaching purposes until after the contest is completed.
- b) It is not permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or film regular season or tournament contests of other school teams without the written consent of all schools participating in the contests.

OHSAA Tournament Contests:

- a) *Videotaping or filming by participating schools.*

Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager and it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted. **Managers shall post signage regarding this regulation using materials provided by the OHSAA and shall insure that regular public address announcements are made.**

- b) *Videotaping or filming by spectators.*
 1. Shall be for personal use.
 2. Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching
 3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators
 4. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans
 5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator's equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment
 6. Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area
 7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment
 8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises
 9. **Managers shall post signage regarding this regulation using materials provided by the OHSAA and shall insure that regular public address announcements are made**
- c) *Television:* Tape-delayed broadcast requests shall be made to the Tournament Manager. Live broadcast requests shall be directed to the Executive Director's office.

18. RADIO BROADCASTING APPLICATION

Application for radio broadcast shall be made directly to the tournament manager by the radio station.

If broadcasting space is limited, allocation of space shall be on a first come first serve basis. If no broadcasting space is available and regular admission seats are available and must be displaced to provide space for broadcasting, the radio station shall pay the adult admission price for each seat displaced. A maximum number of two seats may be provided for the working crew per contest.

After permission is granted to broadcast, the radio station is responsible for installation of lines and all expenses incurred. No radio station shall be issued complimentary tickets in addition to space in the radio section nor should complimentary tickets be issued to personnel from stations not broadcasting the tournaments.

No sponsorships that include beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, patent medicines, political parties or candidates or any other advertising not considered in agreement with the philosophy of the high school athletic program are acceptable. This includes all direct broadcasting as well as tape replays of games.

The District Athletic Boards and the OHSAA reserve the right to discontinue the broadcasting by any station considered to have been in poor taste or incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the Association.

19. PHOTOGRAPHERS

Flash pictures of the players shall not be taken during the progress of the sets and/or matches. **This ruling is meant to protect the vision of the players.** Photographers desiring to take pictures shall make previous arrangements with the respective tournament manager. **The number of photographers and their locations** shall be determined by the tournament management.

20. SIGNS AND BANNERS

Signs, school banners, balloons, pennants, shakers, debris such as confetti, noisemakers such as horns, bells sirens, drums, etc., are **NOT PERMITTED!** SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE REMINDED TO EMPHASIZE THIS AT SCHOOL PEP RALLIES, ASSEMBLIES, BULLETINS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

21. WARM-UP PERIOD

The warm-up period between the end of the first match and the beginning of the next match shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Adequate time for warming up shall be provided all competing schools. For Sectional and District Tournaments, a 20-minute warm-up on court by both teams is required. The 20-minute warm-up shall be divided into the following designated times in order:

1. 2 minutes – both teams ball handling on their side of the net
2. 6 minutes – the serving team has the whole court*
3. 6 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court*
4. 3 minutes – the serving team has the whole court*
5. 3 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court*

***NOTE:** There may be no use of volleyballs in the facility while team is not on the court for the designated time.

22. PRACTICE (Sectional – District)

District Boards shall set up practice regulations for tournament floors to best control the situation in their districts.

23. OHSAA TOURNAMENT MATCH LIMITATIONS

In all OHSAA sponsored volleyball tournaments, teams will not be permitted to participate **against more than one opponent per day.**

24. INTERRUPTED MATCHES

When a volleyball match is interrupted and cannot be resumed due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority, the match shall be resumed from the point of interruption. The score and lineup will be the same when it is resumed as it was at the moment of suspension.

25. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in volleyball until the next two regular season/tournament contests have been played. **Any student or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for contests the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in volleyball until the next four regular season/tournament contests have been played.**

Individuals ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct, flagrant foul or fighting shall be reported to the **OHSAA Director of Sport Management** by the tournament manager. The **OHSAA Director of Sport Management** will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

26. PROPERTY DAMAGE

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Athletic Board or

Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

27. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District, Regional and State Volleyball Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District Tournaments and the OHSAA Executive Director's Office for the Regional and State Tournaments.

28. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

29. RAFFLES PROHIBITED

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

30. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

31. SPECTATOR ATTIRE

Shirts/appropriate attire shall be worn by all spectators at all OHSAA indoor tournaments.

32. FAILURE TO APPEAR

If a volleyball team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the tournament match, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A "no contest" shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance into the next round of competition. See "No Contest" under Section 31 of the General Sports Regulations. All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a member of the respective District Athletic Board or the OHSAA Executive Director's office.

The OHSAA, in collaboration with the administrative staff, District Athletic Boards and/or Board of Directors, and the tournament manager, may delay or reschedule a volleyball tournament match provided it is practical to delay or reschedule such a match.

2020 GIRLS REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 & 7, 2020

1. REGULATIONS

The Regulations for Girls Volleyball Tournaments shall apply to the Regional Volleyball Tournaments in addition to those listed below.

2. ADMISSION SPECTATORS

The admission fee for Regional tournaments will be \$10.00 per session and will be available for sale online (only) through Hometown Ticketing. The semifinals will be one session and the finals one session.

NOTE: All spectators, regardless of age, will be charged regular admission.

Capacity limitations will be a maximum of 300 spectators.

TEAM AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Twenty-two persons including a maximum of 15 players in uniform shall be admitted at the pass gate by a list certified by the principal or principal's designee. Following the completion of the District Tournament, this pass list and all other tournament forms shall be transmitted electronically to the regional tournament manager. Complimentary admission shall also be provided for the superintendent (2), principal (2), athletic administrator (2) and two others.

BANDS

No bands shall be permitted.

3. EXPENSES

No team expenses will be paid to member schools participating in 2020-21 OHSAA Tournaments.

4. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

All requests for space shall be directed to the Tournament Manager. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at pass gate.

High school radio, press and photographers must purchase a ticket or receive a pass from one issued to the school personnel.

5. LIVE TELEVISION

Requests to televise any Regional match LIVE should be directed to **Tim Stried** at the Ohio High School Athletic Association, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214. Telephone (614) 267-2502.

6. WARM-UP PERIOD

There will be a 20-minute warm-up on playing court by both teams. The 20-minute warm-up shall be divided into the following designated times in order:

1. 2 minutes – both teams ball handling on their side of the net
2. 6 minutes – the serving team has the whole court*
3. 6 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court*
4. 3 minutes – the serving team has the whole court*
5. 3 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court*

***NOTE:** There may be no use of volleyballs in the facility while team is not on the court for the designated time.

The 20-minute warm-up **shall** be conducted at all Regional Tournaments.

7. PRACTICE SESSIONS

A team that has not played a match on a Regional floor during the **2020** Sectional or District Volleyball Tournament may arrange for one practice session. Arrangements are to be made with the tournament manager, after the Regional drawing, provided its opponent has played a match on the floor during the **2020** Sectional or District Tournaments. If neither team has played a match on the Regional floor during the Sectional or District Tournaments or if both teams have played a match on the Regional floor during the Sectional or District Tournaments, then there shall be no practice allowed on the Regional floor for either team. There shall be no expenses allowed for such practice.

8. AWARDS

A team trophy and the game ball will be presented* to the Regional Champion. The Runner-up team will receive a trophy.

**Presentations may be altered to comply to meet health standards and social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19.*

9. OFFICIALS

Officials for the Regional Tournaments will be selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Executive Director's office. The names of the officials assigned to the Regional Tournament will not be announced until match time. The assignment of officials and the decisions of the officials will be final.

10. MEETING OF REGIONAL SEMIFINALISTS

A meeting of representatives from schools that qualified for the Regional Tournaments may be held **virtually** on Sunday, **November 1, at the discretion of the manager**, to receive final instructions. The Regional Manager shall notify teams of the time and place of the meeting, if held.

11. REQUIRED ELECTRONIC TOURNAMENT FORMS

Note: Failure to submit forms in the required format by the deadline established may result in a fine.

Regional qualifiers shall transmit electronically the following **Program Information and Tournament Forms** to the OHSAA to the attention of Tim Stried at tstried@ohsaa.org : Team Photo, Team Photo Identification; Team Roster/Pass List Form, School Information Form; Season Record Form; Official Match Roster and Starting Lineup Form and Cheerleader Pass List.

These forms can be found on the volleyball page of the OHSAA web site at

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/volleyball/tournament-info>

46th ANNUAL GIRLS STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS
THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11-13, 2020

Location To Be Determined

1. REGULATIONS

The same regulations for Sectional, District, Regional Volleyball Tournaments shall apply to the State Volleyball Tournaments in addition to those listed below.

2. MANAGER

The State Volleyball Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA with the **host site** cooperating.

3. INFORMATION FOR STATE FINALISTS

There will be an online meeting available on Sunday, November 8 for all State Finalists. All qualifying schools shall receive a **box at their Regional Final that will include all necessary items and information for the State Tournament.** Volleyball administrator, Emily Gates, will be available for questions any time prior to the State Tournament.

4. STATE TOURNAMENT DRAW

A tournament draw was conducted by Director of Sport Management, Emily Gates, on **Tuesday, September 1.**

5. ADMISSION

SPECTATORS

The admission fee for State Tournaments will be **\$12.00** per session and **will be available for sale online (only) through Hometown Ticketing.** Both Thursday's and Friday's semifinal matches and Saturday's final matches are each one session.

NOTE: All spectators, regardless of age, will be charged regular admission.

TEAM AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Twenty-two persons including a maximum of 15 players in uniform shall be admitted at the pass gate by a list certified by the principal or principal's designee. This list and all other tournament forms shall be completed electronically and transmitted to the OHSAA by the Regional Tournament Manager. [Click here to access a copy of all forms.](#) Eight tickets for all sessions shall be issued via the State Finalist packet (superintendent (2), principal (2), athletic administrator (2) and two others.

CHEERLEADERS – Six cheerleaders in uniform or five cheerleaders and a mascot, and sponsor shall be admitted to the session in which their team plays by a pass list certified by the principal or designee.

BANDS

No bands shall be permitted.

6. EXPENSES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

No team expenses will be paid to member schools participating in 2020-21 OHSAA Tournaments.

7. OFFICIALS

Officials for the State Tournaments will be selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Executive Director's office. The names of the officials assigned to the State Tournaments will not be announced until match time. The assignment of officials and the decisions of the officials will be final.

8. AWARDS

Team trophies will be presented to the State Champion and Runner-up. In addition, awards will be presented* to individual members, the head coach and manager of both teams. Additional individual awards may be ordered by contacting **Croton Craft at 1-800-947-5521.**

**Presentations may be altered to comply to meet health standards and social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19.*

10. VOLLEYBALL

The official ball that shall be used for all volleyball tournament competition is the **Molten IV58L-BKSV-OH Super Touch black, silver and white premium** leather volleyball.

11. PHYSICIAN

A physician and athletic trainer will be on duty at all times during the tournaments.

12. WARM-UP PERIOD

Teams may **not** be on the match court until 20 minutes prior to their contest start. Main clock will start at 20 minutes. There will be an auxiliary gym available for warm-up prior to each match.

13. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations and requests for credentials are to be submitted to Tim Stried, OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214. Phone: 614-267-2502; Email: tstried@ohsaa.org

14. LIVE TELEVISION

Requests shall be directed to the Executive Director's office for live telecasts.

15. NO PRACTICE SESSIONS

There will be no volleyball practice on the playing area during the 2020 State Tournaments other than pre-match practice.