

2023 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 August 31, 2023.

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.

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 girls 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 2023 OHSAA Volleyball Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2023-24 OHSAA Sports Participation Form in **MyOHSAA**. Tournament entry confirmation begins August 1, 2023 and ends September 25, 2023. Schools that change their tournament participation after September 25, 2023 will be subject to a penalty of tournament ineligibility until paid.

5. OFFICIALS

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

Scorers, timers, scoreboard operators 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 – 2023

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

7. PLAYER CERTIFICATION

The names of the 15 players who are to participate must be provided to the manager prior to 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 pre-match 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. ADMISSION

SPECTATORS

The admission fee for Sectional and District Tournament games shall be \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults if purchased online. There shall be an increased charge at high school venues, to accept cash. The gate ticket price (cash) shall be \$10.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults.

NOTE: Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

TEAM

22 persons, including a maximum of 15 players in uniform, shall be admitted at the pass gate by the OHSAA travel party list, which is to be certified by the principal or principal's designee. Following the completion of the District Tournament, this travel party list and all other tournament forms shall be transmitted electronically to the Regional Tournament manager.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 8 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 8 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized as a school advances in the tournament.

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 and medals shall 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 – Team trophies and medals shall 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.

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

11. RULES OF PLAY

The 2023-24 NFHS Volleyball Rules shall be used.

12. 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.**

13. 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: Travel Party 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 Bench List, School Information Form and Season Results Form. These forms can be found on the Volleyball Tournament Information page of the OHSAA web site (<http://ohsaa.org/sports/volleyball>).

14. TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

NOTE: The established date for all volleyball seeding and drawing meetings in Ohio is Sunday, **October 8, 2023**, 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 by a date established by the District Athletic Board. 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, the team with most votes at the better seed wins the tie breaker. If there is still a tie, a coin toss shall be conducted.

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. Visit the websites to view 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 **\$150**.

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.

15. MEDIA – SECTIONAL, DISTRICT AND REGIONAL

Reservations are to be made directly with the tournament manager.

16. VIDEOTAPE REGULATIONS AND TELEVISION

Regular Season Contests:

- a) It is permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or photograph regular season contests (including previews and scrimmages) of the team or individuals from one's own school. Such videotapes or photographs may be used for "in-game" coaching purposes only if it is specified in the national playing rules of the sport or in the specific sport regulations.
- b) It is permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or photograph regular season contests (including previews, scrimmages and/or practices) of teams or individuals not from one's own school only with the written consent of all schools participating in the contest(s).

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.
- 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.

17. RADIO BROADCASTING APPLICATION

For Sectional, District and Regional Tournament contests, broadcast media shall contact the tournament manager directly. Media credentials and broadcast space for the state tournament is handled by the OHSAA office. Live audio broadcasts are permitted for all levels of the tournament. Live video coverage is permitted for Sectional, District and Regional rounds of the tournament. Rights fees apply per the tournament broadcast rate card posted on the OHSAA website.

If broadcasting space is limited, allocation of space shall be set by a priority rank set the participating schools. After permission is granted to broadcast, the media outlet is responsible for any installation of new phone lines or internet lines and any expenses incurred. No complimentary tickets be issued to personnel from media outlets not covering the tournament as a working media member.

No sponsorships that include alcohol, tobacco, gambling, firearms, 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 live broadcasting as well as tape replays of games. The OHSAA and the District Athletic Boards reserve the right to discontinue the broadcasting by any station considered to have been in poor taste of incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the Association.

18. 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.

19. 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 Regulation at school events.

20. WARM-UP PERIOD

Adequate time for warming up shall be provided all competing schools. There will be a 30-minute warm-up on the playing court by both teams. Once the coin toss has been conducted, teams shall be provided 10 minutes of ball handling on their side of the net. The remaining 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. This includes, but is not limited to, auxiliary gyms and hallways.

The 30-minute warm-up **shall** be conducted at all levels of the OHSAA Volleyball Tournaments.

21. PRACTICE (*Sectional – District*)

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

22. OHSAA TOURNAMENT MATCH LIMITATIONS

In all OHSAA sponsored volleyball tournaments, teams will not be permitted to participate in more than two matches per day.

23. 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.

24. 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 Sport Administrator by the tournament manager. The OHSAA Sport Administrator 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 50/50 RAFFLES PERMITTED

50/50 raffles are permitted if approved by the OHSAA Executive Director’s Office and follow the IRS guidelines. There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of volleyball tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending at the conclusion of the tournament(s) if approval is not received by the Executive Director’s Office.

29. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale or 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.

30. SPECTATOR ATTIRE

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

31. 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 21 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.

Failure to show up for a scheduled tournament contest \$150, plus cost of officials scheduled to officiate, any site expenses incurred by the OHSAA, team expenses incurred by the opposing team.

**2023 GIRLS REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 & 4, 2023**

1. REGULATIONS

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

2. ADMISSION

The admission fee for Regional Tournament games shall be \$9.00 for students and \$12.00 for adults if purchased online. There shall be an increased charge at high school venues, to accept cash. The gate ticket price (cash) shall be \$15.00 for students and \$15.00 for adults.

NOTE: Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

TEAM

22 persons, including a maximum of 15 players in uniform, shall be admitted at the pass gate by the OHSAA travel party list, which is to be 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.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 8 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 8 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized as a school advances in the tournament.

BANDS

No bands shall be permitted.

3. 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.

4. LIVE TELEVISION

Requests to televise any Regional match live should be directed to Tim Stried at the OHSAA at tstried@ohsaa.org.

5. PRACTICE SESSIONS

Practice sessions are permitted if the host site has availability. The opportunity for a practice session on the host court must be afforded to both participating schools.

6. AWARDS

A team trophy and medals will be presented to the Regional Champion and Runner-Up. Additionally, the Regional Champion will receive the game ball.

7. 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.

8. MEETING OF REGIONAL SEMIFINALISTS

A meeting of representatives from schools that qualified for the Regional Tournaments may be held in-person or virtually on Sunday, October 29, 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.

9. 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 electronically transmit the following program tournament information forms to the OHSAA (attention of Tim Stried at tstried@ohsaa.org): Team Photo, Team Photo Identification; Team Roster/Travel Party List Form, School Information Form; Season Record Form; Official Match Roster and Starting Lineup Form and Cheerleader Pass List (if applicable). These forms can be found on the volleyball page of the OHSAA web site at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/volleyball/tournament-info>

49th ANNUAL GIRLS STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS
THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 11, 2023
Wright State University, Nutter Center
Dayton, Ohio

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 Wright State University cooperating.

3. INFORMATION FOR STATE FINALISTS

There will be an online meeting available on Sunday, November 5 for all State Finalists. Volleyball administrator, Emily Mason, will be available for questions any time prior to the State Tournament.

4. STATE TOURNAMENT DRAW

A tournament draw shall be conducted by Senior Sport Administrator, Emily Mason, at the OHSAA office.

5. **ADMISSION**

SPECTATORS

The admission fee for the State Volleyball Tournament tickets shall be \$13.00 for a student ticket and \$16.00 for an adult ticket, plus service fees, and will be available for sale online. Ticketmaster will be utilized at the State Volleyball Tournament.

NOTE: Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

TEAM

22 persons, including a maximum of 15 players in uniform, shall be admitted at the pass gate by complimentary bag tags, which will be distributed to teams upon arrival at the Nutter Center.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 8 school administrators, from Wright State University.

NOTE: School personnel complimentary admission for school administrators will not be through HomeTown Ticketing for the State Tournament.

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.

BANDS

No bands shall be permitted.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **MEDICAL STAFF**

An Athletic Trainer will be on duty at all times during the tournaments. A Physician may be present as well, or on call.

10. **WARM-UP PERIOD**

Teams may **not** be on the match court until 30 minutes prior to their contest start. There will be an auxiliary gym available for warm-up prior to each match.

Adequate time for warming up shall be provided all competing schools. There will be a 30-minute warm-up on the playing court by both teams. Once the coin toss has been conducted, teams shall be provided 10 minutes of ball handling on their side of the net. The remaining 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 warm-up period. This includes, but is not limited to, auxiliary gyms and hallways.

NOTE: There will be an auxiliary gym available for team warm-up prior to the official designated 30-minute warm-up time.

The 30-minute warm-up **shall** be conducted at all levels of the OHSAA Volleyball Tournaments.

11. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

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

12. LIVE TELEVISION

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

13. NO PRACTICE SESSIONS

There will be no volleyball practice on the playing area during the 2023 State Tournaments other than pre-match practice/warm-up.