

This Week in Volleyball



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Today it starts! **The 2010 volleyball season.** We wish all coaches, officials and our students the best possible experience as we begin this exciting time.

- One last reminder to all schools – high school and 7-8th grade – Please be sure to conduct **pre-season meetings for parents and students** who are going to play or tryout for volleyball within two weeks of the beginning of the season. If you have not held your meeting, please plan to schedule it NOW! The list of items to cover is extensive, and this meeting can be an effective communication tool between the coach, parents and students. Please see your athletic administrator to get more information. This year the OHSAA is featuring a course on head injuries and concussion that is highly recommended for every parent and student. You can access this free course at www.nfhslearn.com.
- **Mandatory rules interpretation meeting** - We are starting our second week of face to face rules meetings, and we are pleased with the number of coaches and officials who have viewed the new online meeting. We apologize for any confusion relative to the registration protocol. Many of you have emailed us to check to see if you received credit for the course. When you registered at the beginning of Parts 1 and 2 (both coaches and officials) and Part 3 (coaches) or Part 4 (officials), your credit was documented. Officials will be able to check that attendance was recorded on MYOHSAA. For coaches, we hope to be able to send a confirmation email in the next week. Thanks again for your patience with this new program.
- **Line Judges** – Sports Regulation 9.4 stipulates “For varsity and reserve/junior varsity volleyball competitions, all line judges shall be either well-trained adults or students not listed on the volleyball eligibility certificate for the high school.” It is violation to fail to provide these officials at high school varsity and J.V. matches. Line judges are highly recommended for 7-9th grade competition.
- **Jewelry** – This is a reminder that all jewelry must be removed before warm-ups and competition. It is not permissible for a player to place tape or a band-aid over jewelry. Coaches, please insure that your students understand this important safety rule.
- A reminder that once a student is selected to an interscholastic volleyball team and actually participates in a contest (defined as a scrimmage, preview or regular season match), that **student shall not participate in any training, practices, matches, tryouts, etc. with a non-interscholastic program** (JO club, YMCA, church, etc.) until after the interscholastic volleyball season has concluded for that student. This means after that individual student has played in her last contest for the school.
- **Player with a possible concussion** – Please don't forget to make the notation in the score book that a player has been removed for suspicion of a concussion. A player so removed shall not return to practice or competition until written clearance is provided by a physician or a licensed athletic trainer. The written authorization shall be kept by the school.
- **Don't forget Volleyball Service Week.** This excellent opportunity for a community service match and project has been approved again for 2010 and may be competed **anytime during the regular season up to October 9, 2010.** Registration Deadline is August 9, 2010
- **Warm-ups** – Please remember that anyone involved in the pre-match warm-up must be attired with shoes that are suitable for movement (no flip-flops) and should be free of any cell phones and/or music devices. Officials should remind coaches and captains of this rule at the pre-match conference.
- **Dressing facilities and room for pre-match/post-match consultation** – Ohio is privileged to have many fine high school facilities. Officials should not be hesitant to request that site managers provide them an appropriate dressing area and space for pre and post match meetings. All managers will be happy to accommodate our officials if this is requested.
- **Illegal Nets** – The placement of school names, team mascots or any other type of lettering or symbols on the 2” net canvas at the top of the net is not permissible. Please see VB rule 3-1-1. Officials should report illegal equipment to the OHSAA immediately.
- **Videotaping Matches** – The OHSAA sports regulations prohibit the taping of any match in which a school is not participating without written permission from all school involved. However, officials, as part of their training, may wish to film a match. We encourage this filming for training purposes and suggest that this action be cleared with host management prior to filming a match so that there will be no confusion.