



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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State Basketball Information:

Boys: As previously shared, next year the boy's state basketball tournament will be held at St. John Arena on the campus of The Ohio State University, 3/18-3/20.

Girls: Today we announce that the Girls Basketball State Tournament is moving to the University of Dayton, 3/11-3/13. UD Arena will host girls' basketball state tournament for the next three years. Please official press release on our website and/or social media.

All future dates can be found at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/calendar/FutureDates#GBasketball>

*The 2022-2023 dates will be available and updated once approved at the May OHSAA Board meeting.

National Federation (NFHS) Updates:

Please see the link below regarding changes that have been made at the national level, these were released on May 11, 2020.

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/game-forfeiture-process-clarified-in-2020-21-high-school-basketball-rules-changes/>

Stay Home Ohio → Stay Safe Ohio

As we are transitioning from the 'Stay-at-Home' order to the 'Stay Safe' order, we will continue to update our coaches with new information. Currently, under the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) order, all school buildings and facilities should remain closed. There is currently only one change that I would like to mention with this transition, specifically regarding basketball. Under the old order, we were discouraging any student-athlete from leaving their living space to go and do training anywhere else. However, under the new order, it would be appropriate for a student-athlete to use an *outdoor basketball hoop at a friend or coach's residence.*

-This should be done only if the student-athlete does not have a hoop at their residence.

-Workouts should be done individually with the student-athlete's own ball (to eliminate any surface spread of the virus).

-If a rebounder is needed, it should be done by someone with whom the student-athlete is currently residing.

-If this is to be done at the coach's residents, he/she should NOT be present at the workout (no physical contact order is still in place)

-OHSAA catastrophic insurance would not cover any injury during these workouts.

Mental Health: *Please remember that this is a very difficult time for all (adults and student-athletes alike)*

-Don't make anything mandatory, but rather, give options and longer timeframes

-ODH Mental Health & Addiction Services: website: <https://mha.ohio.gov/>, phone: 1-800-985-5990, Text: 66746

ODH Recommendations: *What You Can Do: The more we can reduce spread, the more likely we are to have sports*

- Wear a cloth mask or face covering if you have to go out and practice social distancing.
- Stay home if you are sick and isolate yourself from others in your household.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes with your arm or inner elbow, and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Prevent the spread of misinformation by learning the facts about COVID-19 from reliable sources such as the CDC, ODH and Columbus Public Health.
- Fight fear and stigma by understanding that you cannot tell if someone is at risk for spreading COVID-19 based on how they look. Viruses cannot target people from specific populations, ethnicities or racial backgrounds. Treat everyone with compassion, kindness and respect.

Professional Development:

During this time, please take advantage of many courses that are being offered through our allied organizations, specifically:

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): <https://nfhslearn.com/>

National/Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrator Association (NIAAA/OIAAA): <https://members.niaaa.org/page/SpringLearning>

Ohio Basketball Coaches Association (OHSBCA): <https://oh.nhsbca.org/>