



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Basketball Coaches Memo

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Our office anticipates some changes coming from the Governor's office regarding team play; if/when this happens, our office will be sure to communicate with schools and coaches. We continue to advise that the OHSAA & NFHS guidelines be followed for the safety of all students and coaches. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/OHSAAGuidance2020.pdf>

Build the Bridge Challenge:

The article below is a great story of how sports is helping to make society better. I am SO proud of our member schools who are participating. If you have not completed your 2020-21 schedule, I encourage you to read this story and see how basketball coaches can participate. Ryan Clifford, Head Boys Basketball Coach at St. Clairsville High School, also reached out about making this an initiative each year around Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is a great idea as you begin planning your schedule for upcoming years, and non-conference games.

<https://www.cleveland.com/highschoolsports/2020/06/area-football-teams-taking-racially-charged-issues-to-heart-with-build-the-bridge-challenge.html>

Basketball Divisional Breakdowns:

Tournament divisions and representation are always based on the schools that competed in the tournament the previous year, and the data includes their OHSAA Board of Directors-approved tournament enrollment from the most recent cycle of the EMIS count. The list of schools below are those schools that competed in last year's tournament and are used to determine the tournament divisions. No changes in school tournament division assignments based on Competitive Balance errors will be made unless it is determined the OHSAA Office made a competitive balance error or it is determined that a school submitted erroneous information which should have resulted in said school being placed in a higher tournament division. Changes to a school's 2021 tournament participation or enrollment will simply place that school in the appropriate tournament division. Tournament divisions will not be recalculated.

Girls: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Girls/Girls-Basketball-2020-21>

Boys: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Boys/Boys-Basketball-2020-21>

Calendar Reminder:

- As we did last year, the **GIRLS** will start their season on **Friday, 11/20**; the **BOYS** will start their season on **Wednesday, 11/25** to help schedule around the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Correction from last memo:

- 7th & 8th Grade teams may play a maximum of 2 games **per day** in post-season tournaments

General Sport Regulation Change:

- Any student or coach ejected from a contest for fighting will now be ineligible for 4 games (rather than the previous penalty of 2 games). Fighting is defined by the NFHS as **any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage an opponent in a combative manner unrelated to basketball**. Such acts include, but are not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent(s) with the arm(s), hand(s), leg(s) or foot (feet).