



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

Kathleen Coughlin, Director of Sport Management

## Basketball Coaches Memo July 10, 2020

**OHSAA Covid-19 Update Page:** With this being such a fluid situation, our organization has created a page where all 'Administrator Update' communications can be found, and a record of them will live. Additionally, there are resources that may also be helpful. <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondance>  
\*\*I will always do my best to send additional updates for any basketball specific information.

**NFHS Covid-19 Course: (Informative, free, takes about 20 mins)**

The COVID 19 pandemic presents a myriad of challenges to high school athletic and activity programs. To help address some of those challenges, the National Federation of State High School Associations has developed "COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators."

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/covid-19-for-coaches-and-administrators>

**Summer Reminder:**

As mentioned previously, the OHSAA Office has no jurisdiction over team play this summer. The decisions to participate in a team camp and/or compete against other teams are made by local school districts – there are no OHSAA penalties. All questions should be directed to school administrators or your local health department who have provided you with guidance throughout this time. We do encourage that you use a school approved symptom monitoring sheet each time you are with your student-athletes. This will assist in tracking symptoms and tracing any potential spread of the virus (in the event there is a positive case).

(Sample) OHSAA Monitoring Sheet: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/OHSAACOVIDMONITORING.docx>

Here is a link to additional, short-term guidelines to help CONTACT sports continue their efforts to return to play:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Games-Leagues-Conferences-Tournaments-Contact-Sports.pdf>

July 4th Director's Order:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Second-Amended-Order-Guidance-Contact-Sport.pdf>

**#IWantASeason CAMPAIGN**

The OHSAA, in conjunction with the Governor's Office, has announced a social media awareness campaign to engage student-athletes and younger Ohioans in efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Everyone who looks forward to return to play can join in the campaign by sharing a video or photo that emphasizes how they plan to wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash their hands more regularly in order to slow the spread and keep the path open for sports to return in 2020. Those participating in the campaign should use the hashtag #IWantASeason.

**Mental Health:** *Please remember that this is a very difficult and uncertain time for all.*

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

**General Sport Regulation Change AGAIN:**

This will likely be in ALL communications leading up to the season, as I DO NOT want anyone being surprised by this 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).