



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## Basketball Coaches Memo October 29, 2020

### Start Dates:

The girls have been practicing since Friday, and the boys will be on the court tomorrow. We are SO excited for all our basketball teams! There have been rumors of a delayed start to the season, but these have **NOT** been coming from our office. We plan to move forward and will continue to update our member schools if there is any additional information from the Governor's office.

### Transfers

Many questions have been sent my way regarding transfer students, specifically surrounding sport offerings this winter with covid-19. Remember: If a transfer student does not meet one of the exceptions, the student athlete will become ineligible after the 11th game for the remainder of that season AND any OHSAA tournament contests. Please contact your Athletic Director with any eligibility questions. If they need additional information, those questions must be sent to our eligibility and compliance team.

### 7th & 8th Grade Reminders

A fundamental regulation (General Sports Reg. 32) prohibits 7th & 8th graders from practicing or competing with anyone above grade 8 or below grade 7. We have had several questions already about the 'great' 8th grade player that would benefit from practicing with the HS JV team—It is not permitted. Keep in mind that 7th & 8th graders may compete together/against each other (just like 9-12 may do the same), this does permit 7th graders to play on 8th grade teams and vice versa.

### "Showcases"

We are repeatedly coming across individuals conducting "Showcases" for your players to come 'showcase' their talents for college scouts, etc. Please remind your players, these are NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC events and participation is not permitted once players are part of your team.

### Non-Interscholastic Reminder #1

This is the number one violation of the sport regulations: player participation in non-interscholastic events during the season, please remind your players they are NOT permitted to practice, tryout, or compete in any non-school basketball while members of the school team. You cannot remind them enough.

### Individual Skills Workouts during the season:

-A player may receive skill training any time during the year, sometimes these can be done on in a group setting, but still MUST be individual skills ONLY.

We get many anonymous pictures sent to our office daily about violations to this rule.

Think of it this way:

If your rival came into the gym and snapped a picture, would it look like game play, or would it show individual skills?

### Scrimmage Reminders

Each of your teams (Freshmen, JV, Varsity) are permitted 5 total scrimmages and these scrimmages can be used anytime throughout the season. Please keep in mind however, that each PLAYER may only participate in 5 total scrimmages.

### Practicing with Another School

This is becoming more and more popular. Just remember – practicing with another school is the same as a scrimmage and must be counted as such. Just a reminder so you do not exceed the scrimmage limits mentioned above.

### Face coverings:

There will NOT be any requirement for face coverings to match with other team members. However, no offensive messaging will be tolerated. If the gaiter style will be worn, it must be worn the way that the manufacturer intended (for example, if a gaiter style is worn, it must be covering the nose and mouth, not pulled down around the neck, as this would be a safety concern).

### Gym Set-up:

A few have asked if team benches can be along the baseline, and the answer is no. In working with our DOD and officials, all teams should still be seated on the sideline of the court. This may require multiple rows of bleachers or seats.