

The following are the preliminary minutes from the April 1, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its April 25, 2024, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (April 1, 2024)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024, that was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by President Gina Franks.

Board Members Participating: Gina Franks, president; Jay Selgo, vice president; David Alvarado; Andy Bixler; Paul Stone; Jeff Wheeler, and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio) and Scott Hunt (ex-officio).

Board Members Excused: Bo Arnett, Bill Nye.

Staff Members Participating Doug Ute, executive director; Kristin Ronai, associate executive director; Laura Vermilya, senior director of finance; directors Bob Goldring, John Kronour, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried and staff member Ronald Sayers.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Jay Selgo to **adopt** the agenda for the April 1, 2024, Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to General Sports Regulation 7, Non-Interscholastic Participation, As it Pertains to Football

Director Beau Rugg said the Executive Director's Office recommended that modifications be made to General Sports Regulation 7, Non-Interscholastic Participation, as it pertains to the sport of football. Specifically, the modifications would include football with the other OHSAA team sports and permit members of an interscholastic football team to participate in non-interscholastic contests outside the football season. Some of the pertinent changes would be as follows:

- 1.) Students would be able to participate in 7-on-7 (touch or flag) football with a maximum of seven players from the same interscholastic team and no rotating of players;
- 2.) This would be permissible from the end of the school season through May 14;
- 3.) School coaches would be permitted to coach their own students except during an OHSAA no-contact period;
- 4.) All participation would be non-contact (only helmets and cleats are permitted to be worn), and
- 5.) This modification would be retroactive to August 1, 2023.

Motion by Molly Feesler, second by Andy Bixler to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

B. Recommendation to Approve Enrollment (EMIS) Figures and Classifications for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Years

Staff member Ronald Sayers provided the Board with school enrollment figures and classifications for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, and it was recommended that the figures and classifications be approved. Enrollments are based on figures submitted by schools in October 2023 to the State Department of Education's Education Management Information System (EMIS), with data reviewed by the OHSAA eligibility staff. Schools are divided as evenly as possible within each OHSAA athletic district into classifications. The OHSAA uses classifications for District Athletic Board elections.

Boys classifications are as follows (804 total schools): **Central Boys** (113 total) - 37 in Class A (enrollments of 165 and less), 38 in Class AA (enrollments of 166 to 454), 38 in Class AAA (enrollments of 455 and more); **East Boys** (56 total) - 19 in Class A (enrollments of 129 and less, 19 in Class AA (enrollments of 130 to 199), 18 in Class AAA (enrollments of 200 and more); **Northeast Boys** (228 total) - 76 in Class A (enrollments of 154 and less), 76 in Class AA (enrollments of 155 to 317), 76 in Class AAA (enrollments of 318 and more); **Northwest Boys** (160 total) - 53 in Class A (enrollments of 92 and less), 53 in Class AA (enrollments of 93 to 190), 54 in Class AAA (enrollments of 191 and more); **Southeast Boys** (71 total) - 23 in Class A (enrollments of 123 and less), 24 in Class AA (enrollments of 124 to 184), 24 in Class AAA (enrollments of 185 and more); **Southwest Boys** (176 total) - 58 in Class A (enrollments of 144 and less), 59 in Class AA (enrollments of 145 to 314), 59 in Class AAA (enrollments of 315 and more).

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Girls classifications are as follows (807 total schools): **Central Girls** (112 total) - 37 in Class A (enrollments of 171 and less), 38 in Class AA (enrollments of 172 to 433), 38 in Class AAA (enrollments of 434 and more); **East Girls** (56 total) - 19 in Class A (enrollments of 110 and less), 19 in Class AA (enrollments of 111 to 193), 18 in Class AAA (enrollments of 194 and more); **Northeast Girls** (230 total) - 76 in Class A (enrollments of 150 and less), 77 in Class AA (enrollments of 151 to 288), 77 in Class AAA (enrollments of 289 and more); **Northwest Girls** (160 total) - 54 in Class A (enrollments of 88 and less), 53 in Class AA (enrollments of 89 to 183), 53 in Class AAA (enrollments of 184 and more); **Southeast Girls** (71 total) - 23 in Class A (enrollments of 110 and less), 24 in Class AA (enrollments of 111 to 165), 24 in Class AAA (enrollments of 166 and more); **Southwest Girls** (177 total) - 58 in Class A (enrollments of 152 and less), 59 in Class AA (enrollments of 153 to 299), 60 in Class AAA (enrollments of 300 and more).

The OHSAA also uses enrollment figures to determine tournament divisional assignments, with the exception of the eight sports that have been approved to include Competitive Balance factors. Boys enrollments in grades 9, 10 and 11 are used for boys sports and girls enrollments in grades 9, 10 and 11 are used for girls sports. School enrollments that will be used for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years are currently available here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/school-resources/school-enrollment>.

Motion by Jay Selgo, second by Moly Feesler to **approve** the enrollment figures and classifications as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Paul Stone to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Motion passed 7-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(Unless noted, all meetings are on Thursdays and begin at 9:00 but are subject to change.)

2023-24 School Year: April 25, 2024, and June 6, 2024 (8:30 a.m. at Canal Park in Akron).

2024-25 School Year: August 29, 2024; September 25, 2024; October 23, 2024; January 16, 2025; February 20, 2025; April 24, 2025, and June 13, 2025 (8:30 at Canal Park in Akron).