



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

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TO: Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators
FR: OHSAA Executive Director's Office

The following updates and reminders are being sent electronically to member school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators. Please share this update with other interested administrators and coaches on your staff.

OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings Begin April 17

The OHSAA will host in-person Athletic Discussion Meetings for school administrators in each of the six OHSAA athletic districts later this month and in May, where the focus will be a review of the upcoming referendum issues from Director of Compliance Kristin Ronai. The registration link is here: <https://ohsaameetings.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>, and we ask that athletic administrators complete the registration process for not only themselves but also superintendents and principals. OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute will also be on hand at the meetings to discuss current issues of interest. Meetings will take place as follows:

Monday, April 17, 10:00 to noon — Quest Conference Center, **Westerville**
Tuesday, April 18, 10:00 to noon — Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, **Athens**
Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 to 12:30 – Auditorium, **Streetsboro** High School
Thursday, April 27, 1:30 to 3:30 – Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, **Cambridge**
Friday, April 28, 10:00 to noon – Community Auditorium, **Clayton Northmont** High School
Monday, May 1, 9:00* to noon – Camden Falls Reception & Conference Center, **Tiffin**
(*combined with Northwest District Athletic Board awards ceremony)

There are 13 total referendum items this year (one Constitution, 12 Bylaw), and superintendents, principals and athletic administrators are highly encouraged to review and discuss these issues together before member school principals will vote upon the issues between May 1 and 15. Details on all the approved referendum issues are here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/FINAL-2023ReferendumItems.pdf>.

OHSAA District Athletic Board Election Process

Administrators have recently received a separate email that explains the process to submit nominations for expired or unexpired OHSAA District Athletic Board positions and also shows the specific positions available. Nominating petitions for these positions must be completed through *myOHSAA* by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30. Voting for these positions will take place between May 1 and 15, with terms officially beginning on August 1, 2023.

Expiring terms (August 1, 2023-July 31, 2029) are: **Central:** Class AA (Ryan Fitzgerald, incumbent); **East:** Class AA (Chad Shawger, incumbent); **Northeast:** Class A (Ryan Kleber, incumbent); **Northwest:** Class A (Keith Mora, incumbent); **Southeast:** Class AAA (Aaron Hammond, interim/incumbent), and **Southwest:** Class AAA (Tim Cook, incumbent). Unexpired terms are: **Central:** Class AA, August 1, 2023-July 31, 2028 (Scott Beery, interim), and **Southwest:** Female Representative, August 1, 2023-July 31, 2026 (Ashley Johnson, interim).

For more information on the election process, **prospective candidates should read articles 7-2-1 through 7-9-1 of the OHSAA Constitution** (pages 28-29 of the 2022-23 *OHSAA Handbook*), which can be accessed here:

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

OHSAA Finance Team To Present Review of Winter Tournaments

On Thursday, May 4, starting at 8:30 a.m., the OHSAA finance team, led by Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl and Controller Laura Vermilya along with Executive Director Doug Ute, will be hosting a virtual meeting for member school administrators to provide a financial review of the OHSAA's winter tournaments. All administrators are welcome to participate, so please use this link (<https://www.ohsaa.org/meetings>) to register for that meeting and receive your link. The link to access the meeting will be located in the "Additional Information" section of your confirmation email. If you have any questions on connectivity, please contact OHSAA Manager of Membership Services and Compliance Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org).

OHSAA Award Certificates

The annual OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards (Archie Griffin, NFHS Award of Excellence, etc.) and other miscellaneous school awards are now available through your school's *myOHSAA* account for you to print. These awards are available through June 30, 2023, on both high school and 7th & 8th grade school accounts. We encourage school administrators to communicate internally and follow the on-screen instructions and parameters in *myOHSAA* to select your recipients for each of these awards. Awards will print in color provided you use a color printer, and you can choose the type of paper used for the printing. Be sure to indicate any special paper used through the printing properties of your printer.

2023-24 Pre-Participation Physical Exam (PPE) Form Available Later This Month

The Pre-Participation Physical Exam form for the 2023-24 school year will be available on the OHSAA website later this month. The latest version will be available here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/physicalexamform>.

The 2023-24 PPE form has been authorized by the OHSAA's Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine (JACSM), which last met in February. The form was originally developed for youth student-athletes by the American Academy of Pediatrics. A Spanish version of the history portion of the form is also included on the OHSAA website. The medical clearance must be completed once every 13 months and kept on file at the school indefinitely. **Although use of the OHSAA-adopted PPE is not required (for example, a school via its Board policy could accept another type of physical exam), signing all four consent forms is required before a student may commence any athletic participation in a member school.** In Ohio, a physician (MD, DO), a doctor of chiropractic (DC), a physician's assistant (PA) and an advanced practice nurse (ANP) are eligible to complete the exam and sign the form.

Former "10-Day Rule" for Coaching in Team Sports Extended Beginning this May; Start Date for Fall Coaching Moved Up; Additional Coaching Days Permitted in Soccer

The OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office in February to extend the beginning date of permissible team sport coaching in the summer to May 15, starting this year. The regulation also extends the former "OHSAA 10-day rule" (General Sports Regulation 7.5.1) to 13 days. Effective immediately, General Sport Regulation 7.5.1 shall read*: Members of a school team's coaching staff in the team sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball may coach students from their school teams **for a maximum of 13 days from May 15 through July 30** *Note: This information will be reflected in the 2023-24 OHSAA Handbook, with any necessary editorial changes in all related General Sports Regulations. General information:

- The 13-day maximum applies to the entire coaching staff and not toward each individual coach (for example, each coach of a team is not entitled to 13 different days of coaching).
- The 13-day maximum does not translate to hours (for example, 13 days does not permit 312 total hours of coaching).
- This regulation is different than Sports Regulation 8, which is regarding Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction. Please review that regulation, which is NOT the same as team instruction.
- In the sport of football, only non-contact football is permitted.
- Student-athlete participation shall not be made mandatory from May 15 – July 30.

Also, the start date for coaching fall sports teams in 2023 has been moved to **Monday, July 31** (was previously August 1), due to the fact that August 1 is a Tuesday this year. The Board also approved this recommendation at its February meeting.

Additionally, and continuing with a regulation that was new last year, football teams are permitted to conduct their five days of acclimatization between July 17 and July 30, giving that sport 18 total days of non-mandatory coaching between May 15 and July 30. Similar to football, girls and boys soccer teams have also been given an additional five days of non-mandatory practice between July 17 and 30 to help participants better prepare for their first contest, which in 2023 is permissible on August 11. The latter regulation was also approved by the Board of Directors in February.

Reminders for School Teams Taking Spring Break Trips

School teams may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state **one time per sport per interscholastic season** to compete in contests in any location that does not border Ohio subject to approval from the Executive Director's Office. To obtain and complete the required form to request this travel permission, go to: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/NonBorderingStateApproval.pdf>.

Should a school travel to a non-bordering location to compete in contests on more than one occasion, it shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11. A school which travels to a non-bordering location without approval from the Executive Director's Office shall be subject to a fine and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11. Additionally, school-sponsored teams and individuals may not travel out of state for practice purposes. However, if the school is traveling outside the boundaries of the states/province that border Ohio for the one-time per season competition opportunity, the school squad may also practice during that trip.

Basketball Out-of-Season Reminders

School coaches are permitted to coach non-school teams (AAU, AYBT, GYB, etc.) outside the season with players from your school teams on it. Before they coach and have voluntary practice outside the season, read these regulations that must be followed:

- 1.) The No-Contact Period must be followed. It still exists and means that your school coach will NOT be permitted to coach starting with the first day after the school's last interscholastic contest and ending 28 days later. This means that no coach, paid or volunteer and approved by the Board of Education, shall coach or provide skill instruction to team members in the sport of basketball during this no-contact period. This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for purposes of non-interscholastic competition.
- 2.) General Sports Regulation 7-3-1 has changed the number of team members that can participate together on a non-interscholastic team. Effective August 1, 2022, a non-interscholastic team may now have three (3) players that played for the same school team. Whether a school coach or a non-school coach is coaching a non-school team, only three players from the same school team are permitted.
- 3.) There can be no rotating players from your school teams from one non-school game to another. In other words, a team that consists of three players from your school does NOT mean that non-school team can use three different players in each game in which it plays or cannot move players in and out of that same non-school team from one weekend to the next. This is true whether or not the school coach is coaching the non-school team.

For more details, please review OHSAA General Sports Regulation 7.3.1, which can be accessed here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>.

OHSAA March Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes Available

Here is a link to the minutes from March 18, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/20230318BoardMinutesSpecial.pdf>.

Please feel free to share this link with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in the board minutes.

For information published in the March 23, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateMarch222023.pdf>

For information published in the March 7, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateMarch72023.pdf>

For information published in the February 21, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateFebruary212023.pdf>

For information published in the February 7, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateFebruary7,2023.pdf>

For information published in the January 24, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateJanuary24,2023.pdf>

For information published in the January 10, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateJanuary10,2023.pdf>

For additional information published in past OHSAA Administrator Updates through December 31, 2022, please see page 3 of the November 29 edition at:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/11292022AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

Thank you for your attention to this information. Please contact us if we can be of service!