



# 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 Football Playoffs Details**

The regional finals will be held this coming weekend and state semifinals contests the following weekend at neutral sites, with Divisions I, II, III and V playing on Fridays and Divisions IV, VI and VII on Saturdays. The state finals will be held at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton December 1-3. Here are the remaining 2022 football tournament dates:

Nov. 18-19 Regional Finals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)  
Nov. 25-26 State Semifinals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)  
Dec. 1-3 State Championships in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium — Thursday, Dec. 1, Div. II-7:00;  
Friday, Dec. 2, Div. V-10:30; Div. III-3:00; Div. I-7:30; Saturday, Dec. 3, Div. VI-10:30; Div. VII-3:00; Div. IV-7:30

All-session general admission tickets for the state championship games are \$90 each. This package includes one general admission ticket to all seven championship games. Ticket holders are required to exit the stadium between games. All-session Stadium Club tickets are \$150 each and provide one ticket to all seven games in a theater style seats, as well as access to the indoor climate-controlled club containing its own concessions for purchase and restroom facilities. There are no assigned seats in the Stadium Club section. Patrons with club access do not need to exit the stadium between games. Additionally, the all-session Stadium Club package includes access to tour the Pro Football Hall of Fame during the OHSAA Football State Championship weekend. A limited number of 100 all-session Stadium Club tickets that include a parking pass are also available for \$210 each. These ticket holders will receive a parking hangtag for the weekend valid for Lot C near the stadium. In addition, there are single-day ticket packages available for the three games on Friday or the three games on Saturday. The three-game tickets are \$38 each and ticket holders are required to leave the stadium between games. All tickets can be purchased at [www.OHSAA.org/tickets](http://www.OHSAA.org/tickets).

### **Bylaw 4-4 (Scholarship) Important Reminder**

Administrators are reminded to make sure all winter sports athletes are scheduled for at least five (5) credits at the high school level or four (4) classes at the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade level during the second grading period. **If an athlete does not pass the five-credit/four-class standard in the second grading period, then he/she will become ineligible at the start of the fifth school day of the third grading period. Check your student-athlete schedules and work with your guidance counselor to ensure this does not happen!** For questions, please contact Kristin Ronai ([kronai@ohsaa.org](mailto:kronai@ohsaa.org)) or Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)) of our compliance staff.

### **Winter Sports Information**

**Girls Basketball, Bowling and Ice Hockey:** Seasons Begin – Friday, Nov. 18  
**Boys Basketball:** Season Begins – Wednesday, Nov. 23  
**Swimming & Diving:** Season Begins – Monday, Nov. 28

**Wrestling:** Season Begins – Thursday, Dec. 1  
**Gymnastics:** Season Begins – Monday, Dec. 5

### **Winter Tournament Regulations Approved**

The OHSAA Board of Directors approved tournament regulations for the OHSAA's winter sports during its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 27. Look for the approved tournament regulations to be posted on each sports' individual page on the OHSAA website ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)) soon. In the meantime, each winter sport currently has its respective coaches manual posted on its individual sport page. The manuals contain reminders, points of emphasis and new information for the 2022-23 season.

### **Competitive Balance Roster Data Entry Period for Fall Sports Ends Soon**

Administrators are reminded that the window to enter Competitive Balance roster data for the fall sports of football, soccer and volleyball has opened. Athletic administrators, or their designees, must submit their roster data within the ArbiterGame system (under the 'Eligibility' tab). The deadline to submit fall sports roster data is **Friday, December 16, 2022. ALL** schools that compete in a varsity contest in those sports must submit their roster data by that date. All other fall sports are **not** part of Competitive Balance. For questions, contact Kristin Ronai ([kronai@ohsaa.org](mailto:kronai@ohsaa.org)) or Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)) of our compliance staff.

## **Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements**

Please remind your coaches that all OHSAA sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. Winter sports rules meetings have been posted or will be posted in *myOHSAA*, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for winter 2023 sports:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Late Fee Begins</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	Meeting now available	Fri., Nov. 18	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Doug Ute ( <a href="mailto:dute@ohsaa.org">dute@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Wrestling</b>	Meeting now available	Fri., Dec. 2	Mon., Feb. 6 at 11:59 pm	Tyler Brooks ( <a href="mailto:tbrooks@ohsaa.org">tbrooks@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Swim/Dive</b>	Meeting now available	Tues., Nov. 29	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	Meeting now available	Fri., Nov. 18	Fri., Feb. 3 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware ( <a href="mailto:dware@ohsaa.org">dware@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Meeting now available	Tues., Dec. 6	Mon., Jan. 30 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Bowling</b>	Meeting now available	Sat., Nov. 19	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Late Fee Begins</b>	Day after first date of competition			
<b>End Date</b>	The "End Date" is the same as the tournament entry/withdraw deadline date.			

## **OHSAA October Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available**

Here is a link to the minutes from October 27, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/10.27.22.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.

## **OHSAA and Coach Beyond Initiative Hosts Positive Team Environment Seminar Nov. 22 at Ohio State**

The OHSAA is teaming up with The Ohio State University's Coach Beyond Initiative to host *Fostering a Positive Team Environment* seminar Nov. 22 at OSU's Fawcett Center in Columbus. The event will feature former Buckeye Head Coach and current Youngstown State President Jim Tressel. The one-hour seminar begins at 4:00 p.m. and will include special guests Gene Smith, OSU's senior vice president and athletic director, and Roy Hall, former Buckeye and Indianapolis Colts receiver. The Coach Beyond Initiative is part of OSU's LiFEsports program. To register for the free event, in which administrators and coaches can also participate virtually, go to [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bJy5LdD34cPXmK?jfe=new](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bJy5LdD34cPXmK?jfe=new).

## **Coaching with Empathy Workshop Scheduled for Dec. 3 at Baldwin Wallace**

The Center for Coaching Excellence at Baldwin Wallace University will host a *Coaching with Empathy* workshop on December 3 at the university's Higgins Recreation Center. While the workshop is focused on coaching, many of the skills are beneficial to anyone working with students. The day begins with check-in at 11:30 a.m. followed by a 90-minute workshop presented by the Positive Coaching Alliance. This research-based workshop demonstrates how to seamlessly integrate empathy into everyday coaching by creating strong connections, listening to athletes and understanding how kids' experiences impact how they show up to practices. As part of the workshop, participants will also receive a complimentary pass to watch the Baldwin Wallace women's and men's basketball teams take on Wilmington College in a special doubleheader starting at 2:00 p.m. in Ursprung Gym. Family members are also invited to attend the basketball games for free, which includes a complimentary voucher for the concession stand. That option may be added at registration. The cost to attend the *Coaching with Empathy* event is \$50, which includes the workshop, lunch and basketball doubleheader. Registration, which is required by November 30, is available at <https://dcl.bw.edu/coaching-with-empathy/>. For questions, please contact Kerry Bebie, Director of the Center for Coaching Excellence, at [kbebie@bw.edu](mailto:kbebie@bw.edu).

## **NFHS Learning Center Offers Free On-Line Course on Name, Image and Likeness**

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has partnered with ADVANCE, powered by Anomaly and TeamAltemus, to address Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) with a new, free course at the NFHS Learning Center that details the expectations and realities of NIL in the current interscholastic landscape. The "Name, Image and Likeness" course not only defines NIL, but it also provides examples of how it can be leveraged by high school students in states where students are permitted to benefit from NIL, identifies misconceptions that various stakeholders have about NIL and highlights aspects that students and families should consider when interested in pursuing NIL opportunities. In addition, the course explores differences in NIL and "pay-for-play," a forbidden practice that occurs when a student-athlete earns money for competing. For more information and to take the "Name, Image and Likeness" course, visit the NFHS Learning Center at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

## **Registration Available for 2022 OASSA Regional and State Cheer and Dance Championships**

The annual Ohio Association of Secondary School Association's (OASSA) Regional and State Cheer Championships and Regional and State Dance Championships will be held again this winter, and registration for both events is now open. The 2023 cheer regionals will be held at five high schools in late January and early February, with the state cheer championships scheduled for March 4-5 at Sunbury Big Walnut High School. The 2023 dance regionals will be held at four high schools in early January, with the state dance championships scheduled for January 28 at Westerville North High School. For registration information, please go to this link on the OASSA website: <https://oassa.org/state-championships/>.

**For additional information published in the November 1, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateNovember1,2022.pdf>. Included are:

- Reminder on OHSAA Tournament Tickets for School Administrators
- Reminder on Considering RefReps Curriculum to Attract New Contest Officials
- Registration Information for OHSAA Basketball Foundation Games
- Updates on Coaches' Tool Chest for Coaches' Required Certification

**For additional information published in the October 18, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateOctober18,2022.pdf>.

Included are:

- Reminder on Coaches Needing Pupil Activity Permits and Board Approval
- Regional Soccer Tournament Pre-Determined Sites
- Registration Information for OHSAA Spirit State Championships
- Link to the September 30, 2022, OHSAA Board of Director Meeting Minutes

**For additional information published in the October 4, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateOctober4,2022.pdf>.

Included are:

- Update on ArbiterSports
- OHSAA Winter Sports Coaches Mandatory Rules Meetings

**For additional information published in the September 20, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateSeptember20,2022.pdf>. Included are:

- OHSAA Moves to Virtual Platform for Officiating; Encourage Schools to Begin Curriculum
- OHSAA Board of Directors Approve Remaining Tournament Division Alignments and/or Representation for 2023 and/or 2024
- OHSAA Finance Team Reviews Spring 2022 Tournaments
- Member Schools Encouraged to Stream Events through the NFHS Network

**For additional information published in the September 6, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateSeptember6,2022.pdf>. Included are:

- Update on NFHS Learning Center's Free Sportsmanship Online Course

**For additional information published in the August 9, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/07152022AU.pdf>. Included are:

- Reminder on School's Responsibility When Hosting a Contest
- Sickle Cell Trait Guidance for Students Participating Collegiately Beginning in 2023-24

**For additional information published in the July 15, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/07152022AU.pdf>. Included are:

- Preseason Meeting Requirements with Student-Athletes and Parents
- Preparticipation Physical Examination Requirements
- Heat Acclimatization and Exertional Heat Illness Prevention Reminders
- 2022-23 Tournament Divisional Alignments and/or Representation
- Updating Information in *myOHSAA*
- Update on Pupil Activity Permits for Coaches
- Preseason Sport Manuals Information
- On-Line Courses Available at NFHS Learning Center
- Key OHSAA General Sports Regulation and Sport-by-Changes for 2022-23 School Year

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