



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

Doug Ute, Executive Director

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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.

### **A Special Message from Executive Director Doug Ute on Sporting Behavior**

*As we wrap up the football state championships and jump right into winter sports, the OHSAA reminds administrators and coaches that we all need to work together to ensure everyone is displaying proper and appropriate sporting behavior at all times during contests and scrimmages. Winning is everyone's goal, but it is not our purpose in interscholastic athletics. Research says that the No. 1 goal of our students participating in our programs is to have fun and be around their friends and teammates. So let's remember this and understand that our programs not only afford our student-athletes the lifelong memories of playing together, but they also help prepare them for the next level of life since participation promotes citizenship and sportsmanship; instills a sense of pride in community; teaches lifelong lessons of teamwork and self-discipline, and facilitates physical and emotional development.*

*As an administrator or coach, you contribute greatly to the quality of experience of our young people. That means you are expected to provide a sound example and represent your school and community with pride and dignity. Further, that means displaying sporting behavior toward contest officials along with your team (including participants and spectators) and your opponents (including administrators, coaches, participants and spectators) at all times.*

*Interscholastic athletic programs are vital to our youth because they provide lessons that are as important as those taught in the classroom. So let's make sure that, whether we win or lose, our focus is to recognize and celebrate the commitment, dedication and determination of the young people competing.*

*Thank you for reading this important message. Please take the time to share it with your coaches and appropriate staff members.*

### **OHSAA Football State Finals This Coming Weekend; Tickets Available**

The OHSAA State Football Finals will be held at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton this coming weekend on December 1-3. Here is the schedule for the games:

Thursday, Dec. 1 7:00 – Division II Final: Akron Archbishop Hoban vs. Toledo Central Catholic  
Friday, Dec. 2 10:30 – Division V Final: Ironton vs. Canfield South Range  
3:00 – Division III Final: Canfield vs. Carroll Bloom-Carroll  
7:30 – Division I Final: Lakewood St. Edward vs. Springfield  
Saturday, Dec. 3 10:30 – Division VI Final: Maria Stein Marion Local vs. Kirtland  
3:00 – Division VII Final: New Bremen vs. Warren John F. Kennedy  
7:30 – Division IV Final: Cincinnati Wyoming vs. Cleveland Glenville

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 Season Start Dates**

**Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Bowling, Ice Hockey and Swimming & Diving:** Seasons Have Started

**Wrestling:** Season Begins – Thursday, Dec. 1

**Gymnastics:** Season Begins – Monday, Dec. 5

### **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:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
<b>Basketball</b>	Meeting now available	Late fee now required	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	Late fee now required	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	Late fee now required	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.			

### **Nominations Being Accepted for Athletic Trainer of the Year**

The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee has an athletic trainer (AT) of the year award to acknowledge ATs who are excellent stewards of our profession in the secondary school setting. Current applications are minimal. The nomination period closes December 1, 2022. Nominations do not have to come from another AT although an AT cannot self-nominate. The NATA awards one AT per NATA district and from that pool selects a national winner. The following link will take you to the NATA page that describes the criteria and allows for nomination to be made:

<https://www.nata.org/membership/honors-and-awards/ss-athletic-trainer-of-the-year>

For questions about the nomination process, contact Jennifer Rheeling, Chair, NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee, at [jennifer.rheeling@k12.dc.gov](mailto:jennifer.rheeling@k12.dc.gov).

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

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/11152022AdministratorUpdate.pdf>. Included are:

- Reminder on Approved Winter Sports Tournament Regulations
- Reminder on Upcoming Fall Sports Competitive Balance Roster Submissions Deadline
- A Link to the October 27, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Reminders of Upcoming Coaching Education Workshops at The Ohio State and Baldwin Wallace universities.
- Reminder of the new NFHS Learn free course on Name, Image and Likeness (NIL)
- Reminder of Registration being Open for the OASSA's Regional and State Cheer and Dance 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
- Update on Pupil Activity Permits for Coaches
- Preparticipation Physical Examination Requirements
- Preseason Sport Manuals Information
- Heat Acclimatization and Exertional Heat Illness Prevention Reminders
- On-Line Courses Available at NFHS Learning Center
- 2022-23 Tournament Divisional Alignments and/or Representation
- Key OHSAA General Sports Regulation and Sport-by-Changes for 2022-23 School Year
- Updating Information in *myOHSAA*

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