

AD SCOOP

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our fall tournament hosts! Please look for a list of host schools in the next OHSAA Magazine. Without our host AD's, schools, and all of their staff, our tournaments are simply not possible. We truly cannot thank you enough!

Golden Megaphone & Military Appreciation:

Please encourage your student sections to visit the page below and participate in the 'Battle of the Golden Megaphone' as well as Military Appreciation Night.

Military Appreciation Night is planned for January 17th

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Respect-the-Game/Battle-for-the-Golden-Megaphone/Golden-Megaphone-2019-20>

Service:

As we get closer to the holidays, I encourage you and your team to think of ways to give back to your community and those that surround you. I STRONGLY encourage and endorse The 2nd & 7 Foundation.

'The 2nd & 7 Foundation' partners with nearly 130 universities, public school districts and private schools in Ohio. Through these partnerships, college and high school student-athletes visit 2nd-grade classrooms to share the importance of reading and education. The athletes read one of the 'Hog Mollies' stories and discuss the important life lesson in the book. Each of the books contains a different lesson, such as teamwork, healthy habits, kindness, manners, sportsmanship, dream discovery, leadership, etc. Every 2nd-grade student is then given a copy of the book to take home. This free program is extremely easy to implement and benefits both the 2nd-grade students and your high school student-athletes.

Here is a link for more information about getting started: <https://www.secondandseven.com/reading-program/become-program-ambassador/>

Pre-Season Meetings: While most of you have already completed your winter pre-season meetings with coaches, players, and parents, I have attached 2 slides that I hope you will add for the spring. These slides have been designed through our partnership with The Ohio Opioid Education Alliance. We will continue to provide tools and information for you to disseminate and educate regarding the opioid epidemic.

Basketball Point of emphasis affecting YOU:

Pre-Game Meeting with Administrator on Supervision and Crowd Control: It is a necessity to have game an administration representative to meet with the official crew. This meeting will allow for communicating the expectations of each group. The contest officials are there to manage the contest which includes the players and coaches. It is the expectation that school administration will manage the student body, parents and all other spectators.

Game administration is responsible to be proactive in crowd supervision and control. Administration should address inappropriate spectator behavior before it escalates.

Spectator behavior remains a critical concern. Too often, spectators are using abusive language toward coaches, players and officials. Spectators are also approaching the court, team areas and locker rooms - places that used to be "off limits" - to confront participants.

Game administrators must create and follow security procedures and support efforts to have offending spectators removed from the premises. Proactive policies lead to fewer problems. It is the game administrator's ultimate responsibility to provide a safe environment for coaches, players and officials. **Do not wait for the official to point out the problem.**

Ejection report:

Soccer: 361 this year (394 last year)

Field Hockey: 1 this year (1 last year)

Volleyball: 1 (4 last year)

Football: Currently at 388 (374 last year). This is the fifth straight year football has seen an increase in ejections. It is the highest number on record, dating back to when we first started tracking ejection data in 1994. The vast majority of that number come from fighting/leaving the bench area during a fight.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

