



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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To: All OHSAA Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators
From: Jerry Snodgrass, Executive Director

Good afternoon to each of you. In my continued efforts to keep each of you up to date with current issues related to the athletic programs in our schools, my goal is to provide you with a few updates headed into the weekend:

Important Note to all Athletic Directors

The *myOHSAA* system will be 'down' beginning this evening through late Sunday evening (March 22). We have moved up a scheduled maintenance of the system realizing the timing to do so is better now.

The OHSAA's Scholar-Athlete Program

The deadlines for student submission of the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Application has been revised to April 13. Should further postponements be necessary, we will communicate that with you.

District Athletic Board Elections

While nominating petitions are not scheduled to be completed and submitted until April 30, our office typically sent out a reminder that the process was set to open up soon. However, we are delaying that simply to stay in step with the resumption of school and will work on the adjusted date. When adjusted dates are set, we will communicate them and send out a reminder when the process will open.

Spring Athletic Discussion Meetings (Voting for Referendum Items)

Article 8 of the OHSAA's Member adopted Constitution requires our office to conduct meetings to review any proposed amendments/changes/additions to the OHSAA's Bylaws and Constitution. Prior to these being presented to the member schools, the elected Board of Directors members must approve the slate of proposals. Several I have already been approved for voting by the members and the remaining few are set to be voted upon next week. All that are approved by the Board of Directors will then be in front of all member school Principals. We have **cancelled all face to face meeting sites** set to begin in April. However, we will be providing these meetings via our Learning Management System at a schedule we are currently working on that will be communicated to you in the very near future. This will be a more efficient system for everyone.

Thank You

I appreciate everyone's assistance remotely meeting with coaches and student-athletes to help with understanding the many challenges faced continuing with school athletic programs. Like each of you, many unknowns remain that affect every aspect of the school year. Nearly 50,000 viewed our scheduled news conference (it was scheduled as an update to the public) as I reminded everyone that school athletics are an **extension of the classroom** while many want to set aside the current conditions and 'play on'. There is no intent to give student-athletes and coaches false hope, but with no other programs being able to be played/contested at this time, we feel the best option to this point has been to keep the door open, even if it is ever so slightly. When anything changes, those changes will be conveyed to our member schools first.

Other Date Adjustments:

The following dates have been adjusted (others are being monitored daily):

Late Fees for Online Rules Meetings for Boys' Lacrosse & Girls' Lacrosse:	Moved to April 11, 2020
Late Fees for Online Rules Meetings for Boys' Tennis:	Moved to April 11, 2020
Late Fees for Online Rules Meetings for Baseball, Softball & Track and Field:	Moved to April 11, 2020
7 th & 8 th Grade State Track & Field Tournament Entry Deadline:	Moved to April 17, 2020