



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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**Monday, August 3, 2020**  
**Administrator Update**

**TO:** OHSAA Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators  
**FR:** Bob Goldring, Interim Executive Director

Good afternoon! As has been done previously, we wanted to provide updated information on the plan to begin our sports seasons. This update will be brief and is provided to give clarity to the Ohio Department of Health Director's Order related to our sports programs that was released on Saturday, August 1.

Section 10 of Order has not changed since the first Order that was released earlier in July. As has been the case for several weeks but has now gained more attention from school administrators, coaches and the public since the OHSAA contact sports that include football, soccer and field hockey were permitted to begin official practices as of August 1, intra-team contact is permitted in the form of practices and scrimmages. Contact with another team in the form of scrimmages and contests is currently not permitted unless the competition is in compliance with all of the requirements in this section of the Order. This contact is also referred to as school vs. school or inter-team.

It is important to remember that the Health Director's Order is temporary, we continue to work with the Governor's Office and Department of Health regarding potential modifications to various sections of the Order and all parties are in concert in targeting late August as the start of permissible school vs. school contests in the sports of football, soccer and field hockey. We will certainly keep the membership apprised of any changes to the Director's Order in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time, and we will continue to provide updates as they become available!