



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Wednesday, December 2, 2020

**TO: Member HS Principals, ADs, Assistant ADs and Athletic Secretaries**

**RE: December 2020 Membership Update**

Happy December!

The fall sports season is behind us and the winter sports season has begun! Please read this memo in its entirety. Helpful reminders and information are included as well as a link to the monthly myOHSAA checklist and a list of important upcoming dates for December and January.

## **COVID-19 SUSPENSIONS**

We understand that some districts have suspended sports and activities for the next several weeks. **If your district has taken these steps, please respond to this email with the name of your school district, the date the suspension will end/be re-evaluated, and what, if anything, must change for your district to lift the suspension.**

## **INVOICING**

Membership Services provided invoices to our member schools that include tournament entry fees (only for the sports of boys and girls cross country, boys and girls golf and girls tennis) and any General Sport Regulation 6 violations at the end of November. Please check your email for a message from Brenda Murray ([bmurray@ohsaa.org](mailto:bmurray@ohsaa.org)) that contains a PDF, or two, of the invoice(s) for your school. If you have any questions, please reach out to [membershipservices@ohsaa.org](mailto:membershipservices@ohsaa.org) for assistance.

## **PRE-SEASON PARENT MEETINGS – WINTER SPORTS**

Don't forget to enter the date(s) of your Pre-Season Parents Meetings on your school's myOHSAA account. Meetings for grades 9-12 are to be recorded on the high school's myOHSAA account, while 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade meetings are recorded in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade school's myOHSAA account. If one meeting was held for all grades, the date must be recorded on **both** accounts.

Bylaw 3-1-4 requires the meeting date(s) to be entered in myOHSAA by a school administrator. Please login to your school's myOHSAA account today and click the Pre-Season Parent Meeting link to view or enter your meeting dates.

## **TOURNAMENT ENTRY – WINTER SPORTS**

Please review your school's Tournament Entry for 2020-21 for accuracy ASAP. Your district athletic board needs this information to accurately plan for sectional and district tournaments.

Please note there is a tournament entry/withdraw deadline for each OHSAA tournament sport. Tournament entry or withdraw requests made after the specified date, or failure to withdraw from a tournament after this date, may incur a penalty. Please see the entry and withdraw dates below.

Should you school not sponsor sports for the 2020-21 winter season due to Covid-19, please make sure your Tournament Entry is set to 'No,' but your 'Sports Offered' is set to 'Yes' for those sports ***you would have offered***, not all of them. This will allow those coaches that would have led your winter teams to continue to receive important communications from our office throughout the season.

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

Our November memo is included below with several other important links and communications that have gone out recently:

[myOHSAA Monthly Checklist](#)

[Membership Update – November 2020](#)

[COVID-19 Correspondence](#)

[ArbiterSports Resource Center](#)

[OHSAA Open Positions](#)

As always, the OHSAA Membership Services team is here to serve you. Please contact us with any questions.

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### **IMPORTANT FALL/WINTER SPORTS DATES – DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Description</b>   |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>December 1</b>  | Late fee begins for swimming and diving state rules meeting  |
| <b>December 3</b>  | Wrestling season begins  |
| <b>December 4</b>  | Late fee begins for wrestling state rules meeting  |
| <b>December 7</b>  | Gymnastics season begins   |
| <b>December 8</b>  | Late fee begins for gymnastics state rules meeting   |
| <b>December 18</b> | Deadline to enter football, boy and girls soccer and volleyball competitive balance roster data into ArbiterGame |

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| <p><b>December 24-25;<br/>December 31-<br/>January 3</b></p> | <p>OHSAA office closed – Staff available via email (<a href="#">Who to Contact</a>)</p>  |
| <p><b>January 25</b></p>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline to change BOWLING tournament participation without penalty</li> <li>• Deadline to complete the BOWLING state rules meeting</li> <li>• Deadline to change GIRLS BASKETBALL tournament participation without penalty</li> <li>• Deadline to complete the BASKETBALL state rules meeting</li> <li>• Deadline to change SWIMMING AND DIVING tournament participation without penalty</li> <li>• Deadline to complete the SWIMMING AND DIVING state rules meeting</li> <li>• Deadline to change WRESTLING tournament participation without penalty</li> <li>• Deadline to complete the WRESTLING state rules meeting</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>January 31</b></p>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tournament draw date for the following sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bowling</li> <li>○ Girls Basketball</li> <li>○ Swimming and Diving</li> <li>○ Wrestling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |