



Ohio High School Athletic Association

Doug Ute, Executive Director

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

TO: Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators

Ohio High School Athletic Association Technology Update

OHSAA Announces Transition to DragonFly Athletics

Ohio High School Athletic Association Executive Director Doug Ute has announced that the OHSAA will be transitioning to DragonFly Athletics as a technology solution for the 2023-24 school year beginning July 1, 2023. Dragonfly will connect schools and assigners with contest officials and in a single, robust platform that can handle game scheduling, officials' assignments and electronic payments and in the future will include additional features such as officials' registration and testing. Established in 2000, DragonFly is an all-in-one, cloud-based sports management platform, with headquarters in Hartselle, Ala.

"We are excited about DragonFly's modernized, more efficient solution for our school administrators, contest officials, assigners and the OHSAA," Ute said. "We realize a change like this is not easy, especially in a state the size of Ohio, but we have confidence that DragonFly and the OHSAA will team up to make the change as seamless as possible."

Ute also noted that various constituents have provided invaluable input and guidance on this change.

"DragonFly has joined us to make a commitment to provide support for school administrators, officials and assigners," Ute said. "We're also excited that Dragonfly will customize their product to Ohio's unique needs."

Since DragonFly is a partner with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), there will be no software license fee costs to either the OHSAA or member schools. DragonFly is also a partner with current OHSAA providers HomeTown Ticketing, MaxPreps and new partner FinalForms, and, besides the NFHS, works with 15 other state high school athletic and/or athletic and activities associations including Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Maryland and North Carolina.

The OHSAA has partnered with ArbiterSports' platform for many of these services since 2015. "I want to thank ArbiterSports for the service they have provided," Ute said.

The goal of the OHSAA is to have DragonFly export as much current data as possible from other software systems. More information will be coming soon.

Administrators are highly encouraged to learn more and participate in a virtual meeting hosted by the OHSAA and DragonFly on **Thursday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m.** The meeting is intended to provide updates on the move to DragonFly and to answer questions. To register for that meeting and receive your link, please use this link:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/meetings>. The link to access the meeting will be located in the "Additional Information" section of your confirmation email.

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