



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## **ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

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**TO:** Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators  
**FR:** OHSAA Executive Director's Office

The following updates and reminders are being sent electronically to member school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators. Please share this update with other interested administrators and coaches on your staff.

### **OHSAA Referendum Voting Results**

The results of the 2023 OHSAA Referendum Voting, which concluded yesterday, are available here:  
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/BallotHS2023Results.pdf>

### **OHSAA District Athletic Board Election Results**

The results of the 2023 OHSAA District Athletic Board Elections, which also concluded yesterday, are available here:  
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/About-the-OHSAA/DAB/051623ElectionPositionsTermsNamesResults.pdf>

### **OHSAA Announces Technology Move to DragonFly Athletics**

As a reminder, the OHSAA recently announced that it 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. To review the two memos on the change, go here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/20230503DragonflyMemo.pdf>  
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/20230504DragonflyMemo2.pdf>

To view **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)** regarding the transition, go here:  
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/DragonFlyTransitionFAQs.pdf>

Administrators are highly encouraged to learn more and participate in a virtual meeting hosted by the OHSAA and DragonFly on each of the next several Thursdays starting at 8:30 a.m., with the next meeting scheduled for May 18.

**Thursday's Meeting Link →** To participate in this Thursday's (May 18) meeting, please go here: [bit.ly/DF051823](https://bit.ly/DF051823). There is no need to pre-register for this meeting. To watch last week's meeting, go here: <https://youtu.be/XT4wAc9smvQ>.

### **OHSAA Mourns the Loss of Former Associate Commissioner Fred Dafler**

Former longtime OHSAA staff member Fred Dafler died on May 10. Dafler, 95, who resided in Dublin, Ohio, was an assistant commissioner at the OHSAA between August 1969 and July 1977 before serving as associate commissioner until his retirement in February 1995. During his 26 years on the staff, he was extremely instrumental in growing the OHSAA's officiating program and sportsmanship program along with the sports of football, cross country and track & field. A graduate of Lanier High School in West Alexandria, Ohio, he received numerous awards over the years, including the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Athletic Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award and the prestigious NFHS Citation Award, and he was selected into the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame and both the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association and the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches halls of fame.

### **OHSAA April Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available**

Here is a link to the minutes from the April 27, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:  
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/20230427BoardMinutes.pdf>

Please feel free to share these links with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in the board minutes.

### **Spring Sports Tournament Dates and Brackets**

#### • **Baseball**

**Sectionals:** May 13-20; **Districts:** May 22-27; **Regionals:** June 1-2; **State:** June 8-10, Akron Canal Park

**Statewide Brackets:** <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Baseball/2023-Baseball/2023-Statewide-Baseball-Tournament-Brackets>

- **Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse**

**Regional Qualifying:** May 12-21; **Regional Semifinals and Finals:** May 22-28; **State Semifinals and Finals:** May 30-June 3 (finals June 3 at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus)

**Boys Statewide Brackets:** to come at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Boys/2023-Boys-Lacrosse/2023-Boys-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

**Girls Statewide Brackets:** to come at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Girls/2023-Girls-Lacrosse/2023-Girls-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

- **Softball**

**Districts:** May 15-20; **Regionals:** May 24-27; **State:** June 1-3 Akron Firestone Stadium

**Statewide Brackets:** <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Softball/Softball-2023/2023-OHSAA-Softball-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

- **Boys Tennis\***

**Districts:** May 15-20; **State:** May 25-26, Outdoor Varsity Tennis Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus

- **Track & Field\***

**Districts:** May 15-20; **Regionals:** May 24-27; **State:** June 2-3, Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, The Ohio State University, Columbus

\*Visit the respective OHSAA District Athletic Board websites for links to school tournament assignments and results:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards>

- **Boys Volleyball**

**Regional Semifinals and Finals:** May 15-20; **State:** May 27-28, Wittenberg University, Springfield

**Statewide Brackets:** <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball-Boys/Boys-Volleyball-2023/2023-OHSAA-Boys-Volleyball-State-Tournament-Coverage>

## **Spring Tournaments Ticketing**

Virtually all ticketing for OHSAA spring tournaments is being handled digitally by the OHSAA's digital ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing, and will be available by going to <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. The exception is the OHSAA State Track & Field Tournament at Ohio State's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium and the OHSAA State Boys Tennis Tournament at Ohio State's Outdoor Varsity Tennis Center, where tickets will be available through Ticketmaster but can be accessed via the link listed above.

## **Former "10-Day Rule" for Coaching in Team Sports Extended Beginning this May; Start Date for Fall Coaching Moved Up; Additional Coaching Days Permitted in Soccer**

The OHSAA Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office in February to extend the beginning date of permissible team sport coaching in the summer to May 15, starting this year. The regulation also extends the former "OHSAA 10-day rule" (General Sports Regulation 7.5.1) to 13 days. Effective immediately, General Sport Regulation 7.5.1 reads\*: "Members of a school team's coaching staff in the team sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball may coach students from their school teams **for a maximum of 13 days from May 15 through July 30**" \*Note: This information will be reflected in the 2023-24 OHSAA Handbook, with any necessary editorial changes in all related General Sports Regulations. General information:

- The 13-day maximum applies to the entire coaching staff and not toward each individual coach (for example, each coach of a team is not entitled to 13 different days of coaching).
- The 13-day maximum does not translate to hours (for example, 13 days does not permit 312 total hours of coaching).
- This regulation is different than the General Sports Regulations on Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction, which begins at 7.9 and can be accessed here: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>. Please review that regulation, which is NOT the same as team instruction.
- In the sport of football, only non-contact football is permitted.
- Student-athlete participation shall not be made mandatory from May 15 – July 30.

Also, the start date for coaching fall sports teams in 2023 has been moved to **Monday, July 31** (was previously August 1), due to the fact that August 1 is a Tuesday this year. The Board also approved this recommendation at its February meeting.

Additionally, and continuing with a regulation that was new last year, football teams are permitted to conduct their five days of acclimatization between July 17 and July 30, giving that sport 18 total days of non-mandatory coaching between May 15 and July 30. Similar to football, girls and boys soccer teams have also been given an additional five days of non-mandatory practice between July 17 and 30 to help participants better prepare for their first contest, which in 2023 is permissible on August 11. The latter regulation was also approved by the Board of Directors in February.

## **2023-24 Pre-Participation Physical Exam (PPE) Form Available**

The Pre-Participation Physical Exam form for the 2023-24 school year is now available on the OHSAA website by going to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/physicalexamform>. The 2023-24 PPE form has been authorized by the OHSAA's Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine (JACSM) with the origins developed for youth student-athletes by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The only change to the 2023-24 form(s) is that the JACSM voted to approve the removal of the "Additional Questions"

that were listed on page 3 of the 2022-23 PPE Form. The JACSM confirmed that these no longer needed evaluated from a Sports Medicine perspective. A Spanish version of the history portion of the form is also included on the OHSAA website.

The complete document contains the *History Form* (2 pp.), *Supplement for Athletes with Disabilities Form* (1 p.), *Physical Exam Form* (1 p.), *Medical Eligibility Form* (1 p.), *OHSAA Authorization (HIPAA) Form* (1 p.), *OHSAA Consent Form* (1 p.), *Concussion Form* from the Ohio Department of Health (3 pp.) and the *Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form* from the Ohio Department of Health (1 p.). The medical clearance must be completed **once every 13 months** and kept on file at the school indefinitely. Although use of this OHSAA-adopted PPE is not required (for example, a school via its Board policy could accept another type of physical exam), **signing all four consent forms is required** before a student may commence any athletic participation in a member school. In Ohio a physician (MD, DO), a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC), a Physician's Assistant (PA) and an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) are eligible to complete the exam and sign the form.

### **OHSAA Award Certificates**

The annual OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards (Archie Griffin, NFHS Award of Excellence, etc.) and other miscellaneous school awards are now available through your school's *myOHSAA* account for you to print. These awards are available through June 30, 2023, on both high school and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade school accounts. We encourage school administrators to communicate internally and follow the on-screen instructions and parameters in *myOHSAA* to select your recipients for each of these awards. Awards will print in color provided you use a color printer, and you can choose the type of paper used for the printing. Be sure to indicate any special paper used through the printing properties of your printer.

### **OHSAA Board Resolution for Membership Cards**

The OHSAA Constitution requires the board of education or similar governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing its schools that were members during the 2022-23 school year to continue membership for the 2023-24 school year. The OHSAA Board Resolution Card, which requires a signature from the governing body's president and superintendent/head of school, will be mailed later this month. Please read the instructions that accompany the card, complete the required items and return the card to the OHSAA office using the pre-stamped envelope provided **no later than June 30, 2023**. For questions, please contact either Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)) or Alexis Holderman ([aholderman@ohsaa.org](mailto:aholderman@ohsaa.org)).

### **Mark The Date: OHSAA Spirit State Championships Slated for December 9**

For the third straight year, the Ohio High School Athletic Association will be hosting the OHSAA Spirit State Championships at Wittenberg University in Springfield. The date for the 2023-24 championships is Saturday, December 9. Registration and additional details will be shared with the membership in the fall.

### **Reminder: Update Administrators and Coaches in myOHSAA**

Athletic administrators are encouraged to login to your *myOHSAA* account to provide updates in **Staff Management** (are all your coaches listed?; are your principal and superintendent listed and are their emails correct?).

**For information published in the May 2, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateMay22023.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=IWJuaD9wMnoApn241ZhhVqeixBQLwSYJHWZoGMk4iwU%3D>

**For information published in the April 18, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/04182023Administrator%20Update.pdf>

**For information published in the April 4, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/04042023AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

Thank you for your attention to this information. Please contact us if we can be of service!