



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.

Spring Sports Tournaments Wrap Up This Week and Next

• **Baseball**

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**

State Semifinals and Finals: May 30-June 3 (finals June 3 at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus)

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

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

• **Softball**

State: June 1-3 Akron Firestone Stadium

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

• **Track & Field**

State: June 2-3, Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, The Ohio State University, Columbus

State Qualifiers/Results: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Track-Field/2023-Track-and-Field/2023-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, with some events being handled by Ticketmaster. For all ticket purchases, go to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>.

OHSAA Continues Technology Transition to DragonFly Athletics

The OHSAA continues its 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. 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>

The next **OHSAA/DragonFly virtual transition meeting** will take place tomorrow (Wednesday, May 31), starting at 8:30 a.m.

Administrators are encouraged to join that meeting by going to: <https://bit.ly/DF053123>. There will **not** be a virtual meeting held June 1 or 8. To view **previously held virtual meetings** regarding the transition, go to:

May 11 Meeting: <https://youtu.be/XT4wAc9smvQ>

May 18 Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbVO53QhBys>

May 25 Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJnOWqD8Vc4>

Administrators, athletic staff and treasurers are highly encouraged to participate in a **face-to-face training session** throughout June that will be held at various locations throughout the state and hosted by the OHSAA and DragonFly. To see the dates and locations and to register, please go to: www.ohsaa.org/meetings.

Raising Cane's to Donate Proceeds from June 15 Sales to Support OHSAA Programs

On Thursday, June 15, Raising Cane's Ohio will host "OHSAA Night" at all its restaurants in Ohio, with 15 percent of the proceeds that night going to support student-athlete programs at the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Customers must mention the OHSAA fundraiser to qualify. With over 50 locations across Ohio, Raising Cane's is well known for its chicken finger meals and customer satisfaction. The OHSAA thanks Raising Cane's and all participants for their support!

Former “10-Day Rule” for Coaching in Team Sports Extended; Start Date for Fall Coaching Moved Up; Additional Coaching Days Permitted in Soccer

Effective immediately, the beginning date for permissible team sport coaching in the summer has been moved to May 15, and the former “OHSAA 10-day rule” (General Sports Regulation 7.5.1) has been extended to 13 days. That regulation now 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**” Other 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.

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), Doctor of Chiropractic (DC), Physician Associate/Assistant (PA) and Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANP) are eligible to complete the exam and sign the form.

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) or Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org).

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?).

Clarity Provided on NFHS Soccer Uniform Regulations

As athletic administrators look ahead in ordering team uniforms for future use, please be reminded that, in accordance with National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Rule 4.1 and effective August 1, 2026 (**note new date**), teams who are found to be in violation of the uniform requirements shall be subject to a \$100 fine per occurrence. Failure to have NFHS compliant uniforms by the start of the OHSAA post-season in 2026 shall result in removal from the OHSAA Tournament. The date has been extended to allow teams to become completely compliant with the NFHS rules whether with their home or visiting jersey.

The rule is not specifically intended to preclude the use of white features such as small white stripes; white piping around the collar or sleeves, and narrow white panels on the sides. Therefore, any white on the home jersey must not detract from the home jersey nor make it difficult to distinguish between home and away jerseys (must provide clear contrast from the visiting jersey). As shared previously, the school name/logo, numbers and manufacturer logos may be white. If you have further questions, please contact OHSAA soccer administrator Kate Barnett at kbarnett@ohsaa.org.

For information published in the May 16, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/20230516AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

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>

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