



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 are updates and reminders for member school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators. Please share this update with other interested administrators and coaches on your staff.

OHSAA State Tournament Dates and Locations

Cross Country – Saturday, Nov. 4: Fortress Obetz, Obetz

- State tournament qualifiers and schedule:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Cross-Country/Cross-Country-2023/2023-Cross-Country-Tournament-Coverage>

Field Hockey Semifinals – Thursday, Nov. 2, Thomas Worthington High School; Finals – Saturday, Nov. 4: Thomas Worthington High School

- State tournament bracket: <https://officials.myohsaa.org/Admin/Bracket/PublicBracket?TournamentId=3249>

Soccer Semifinals – Tuesday, Nov. 7 (girls) and Wednesday, Nov. 8 (boys) at neutral sites; Finals – Friday, Nov. 10 (girls), and Saturday, Nov. 11 (boys): Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus

- Boys regional and state tournament brackets:

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

- Girls regional and state tournament brackets:

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

Volleyball – Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 9-11: Nutter Center, Wright State University, Dayton

- Regional and state tournament brackets:

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

Football (Finals) – Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2: Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, Canton

- Regional tournament brackets:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Football/Football-2023/2023-OHSAA-Football-Playoffs-Coverage>

OHSAA Football Playoffs Details

The remaining schedule for the 2023 OHSAA football playoffs is as follows:

Nov. 3 Regional Quarterfinals – Higher Seeded Team Hosts

Nov. 10 Regional Semifinals – at Neutral Sites

Nov. 17 Regional Finals – at Neutral Sites

Nov. 24 State Semifinals – at Neutral Sites

Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2 State Championships in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium (Thursday, Nov. 30, Div. II – 7:00; Friday, Dec. 1, Div. VI – 10:30, Div. III – 3:00, Div. I – 7:30; Saturday, Dec. 2, Div. Div. VII – 10:30, Div. V – 3:00, Div. IV – 7:30)

OHSAA Tournament Ticket Gate Prices Adjusted

OHSAA tournament tickets sales will continue to be available online for all contests, but the Association has announced that all ticket prices at the gate for cash sales will be the same as online prices for the remaining fall regional and state tournaments. Prices for those tournaments are as follows:

- Regionals: \$12 adults, \$9 students (gate or online)
- State semis: \$16 adults, \$13 students (gate or online)
- State finals: \$16 adults, \$13 students (gate or online)

Note: Cash can only be accepted at school venues. For regionals, state semis and finals not held at a high school, only online ticketing is available.

Reminder: State Law Requires All Coaches to Have PAP and to be Board-Approved

With OHSAA fall tournaments either under way, administrators are reminded that state law REQUIRES individuals who direct, supervise or coach in your athletics program to have a valid **coaching or pupil activity permit**. That requirement is codified in OHSAA Bylaw 6-1-2 and applies to all coaches, whether paid or volunteer. In addition, OHSAA Bylaw 6-1-3 requires that all coaches be

approved by the Board of Education or similar governing board in non-public schools. For more information, visit the Ohio Department of Education website at: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits>.

Athletic Administrators and Coaches to Receive MaxPreps Basketball RPI Information

With the OHSAA Board of Directors recently approving a recommendation that the MaxPreps Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) be used for seeding for all girls and boys basketball tournaments beginning with this year’s tournaments, athletic administrators and basketball coaches will soon be receiving detailed emails that describe the formula and provide information on how to create a MaxPreps account and how to report scores. A separate document will also be posted on the OHSAA website to fully describe how the MaxPreps RPI calculations work. It is anticipated that the RPI rankings will only be accessible via the OHSAA website (www.OHSAA.org), and the first composite rankings will be posted on or around Jan. 10, 2024. Once rankings are live, they will be updated daily.

Need Assistance with Sporting Behavior at Your School? Help Available on OHSAA Website

The OHSAA has created tools for school administrators to assist in your sporting behavior efforts to create better environments at your schools when hosting contests or events. Go to the OHSAA website at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Respect-the-Game> for tools, recommendations and reminders. Administrators are highly encouraged to utilize these tools and develop a program for teaching and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship within your entire school community. Included categories on the OHSAA website are:

- Tools to Assist Administrators
- Preseason Parent Meetings
- Sportsmanship Responsibilities
- Recent Positive Sporting Behavior Reports
- 2023-24 OHSAA Officials Appreciation Week
- Public Address Scripts
- Public Address Announcer Guidelines
- Audio Public Service Announcements
- Video Public Service Announcements
- Program Ads
- Posters and Banners
- Contest & Event Management Guidelines

Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your winter sports coaches that all OHSAA sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. Rules meetings have been posted or will be posted in *myOHSAA*, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for winter 2024 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Basketball	Meeting now available	Fri., Nov. 17	Mon., Jan. 22 at 11:59 PM	Doug Ute (dute@ohsaa.org)
Bowling	Meeting now available	Sat., Nov. 18	Mon., Jan. 22 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Gymnastics	Meeting now available	Tues., Dec. 5	Mon., Jan. 29 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Ice Hockey	Meeting now available	Sat., Nov. 18	Fri., Feb. 2 at 11:59 PM	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Swim/Dive	Meeting now available	Tues., Nov. 28	Mon., Jan. 22 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Wrestling	Meeting now available	Fri., Dec. 1	Mon., Feb. 5 at 11:59 pm	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition			
End Date	The "End Date" is the same as the tournament entry/withdraw deadline date.			

It’s Not Too Late to Register for OHSAA Basketball Foundation Games

Member school administrators are reminded that an approved OHSAA Foundation Game is permitted in the sport of basketball. Foundation Games may be played anytime from the team’s last pre-season scrimmage until the first sectional tournament game. Member schools may elect to participate by substituting a Foundation Game for one of the five allotted scrimmages. This game can be played as an “exhibition” game, utilizing all normal playing rules, but the win/loss does not count toward the team’s record. Another option is to dedicate a regular season contest as a Foundation Game (which WOULD count as one of your school’s 22-allotted contests), and the win/loss does count toward the team’s record. To apply for a Foundation Game and view more details, including the cost per team, go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/OHSAAFoundation/FoundationGameApplication.pdf>

Start Date for Contests in 7th-8th Grade Boys Basketball is December 1

Just as it is at the high school level, administrators should note that the start date for contests in 7th-8th grade boys basketball is Friday, Dec. 1. Two different start dates listed in the OHSAA Handbook and posted on the OHSAA website are incorrect. Please let your administrators and coaches at the 7th-8th grade level know of this date. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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