



# 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 Football Playoffs Details**

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

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 Football Tournament Ticket Prices**

OHSAA football tournament tickets sales will continue to be available online for all contests, and all ticket prices at the gate for cash sales will be the same as online prices for the remaining regional and state tournaments. Prices for those contests 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.

For ticket packages available for the state championship games, go to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>.

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

With the OHSAA football tournament ongoing, 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 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 should have received detailed emails that describe the formula and provide information on how to create a MaxPreps account and report scores. A separate document is also posted on the OHSAA website to fully describe how the MaxPreps RPI calculations work. That document is available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Basketball-Boys/2023-24/OHSAAMaxPreps-BKB-RPI-FAQs.pdf>

It is anticipated that the RPI rankings will only be accessible via the OHSAA website ([www.OHSAA.org](http://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.

### **Coaches Invited to Participate in Coach Beyond Virtual Program with Ohio State Women's Basketball Coach Kevin McGuff**

Administrators are welcome to share with their coaches that the Coach Beyond program, a partnership between LiFEsports at The Ohio State University and the OHSAA, will be hosting a free webinar entitled "Gearing Up for Gameday: Strategies to Prepare for the Season" with Ohio State Women's Basketball Coach Kevin McGuff on Friday, Nov. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. McGuff led the 2022-23 Buckeyes to a 28-8 record and its first Elite Eight appearance since the 1993 national runner-up team. To register for the event, go to [www.go.osu.edu/gearingupforgameday](http://www.go.osu.edu/gearingupforgameday).

## **OHSAA October 26 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available**

Here is the link to the minutes from the October 26, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2023-24/20231026BoardMinutes.pdf>. Please feel free to share these meeting minutes links with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in them.

## **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 ( <a href="mailto:dute@ohsaa.org">dute@ohsaa.org</a> )
Bowling	Meeting now available	Sat., Nov. 18	Mon., Jan. 22 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
Gymnastics	Meeting now available	Tues., Dec. 5	Mon., Jan. 29 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
Ice Hockey	Meeting now available	Sat., Nov. 18	Fri., Feb. 2 at 11:59 PM	Monroe Britton ( <a href="mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org">mbritton@ohsaa.org</a> )
Swim/Dive	Meeting now available	Tues., Nov. 28	Mon., Jan. 22 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
Wrestling	Meeting now available	Fri., Dec. 1	Mon., Feb. 5 at 11:59 pm	Dustin Ware ( <a href="mailto:dware@ohsaa.org">dware@ohsaa.org</a> )
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition			
End Date	The "End Date" is the same as the tournament entry/withdraw deadline date.			

## **Registration Available for 2023-24 OASSA Regional and State Cheer and Dance Competition**

Registration is currently open for three annual cheer and dance competitions sponsored by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Association (OASSA). The competitions include: 1.) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer and Dance State Championships that will be held Dec. 10; 2.) OASSA Dance Regional Qualifiers for high school dance teams that will be held in January, and 3.) OASSA Cheer Regional Qualifiers for high school cheer teams that will be held in February. To register, go to:

<https://oassa-cheer-and-dance.finalforms-amp.com/events>. For more information, go to: <https://oassa.org/cheer-dance/>.

## **Start Date for Contests in 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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!