



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.

Referendum and District Athletic Board Voting Continue Through Tomorrow (Wednesday, May 15)

Voting on the 2024 OHSAA referendum issues ends tomorrow (Wednesday, May 15) at 4:00 p.m. Member school principals are voting in *myOHSAA* on six OHSAA items, all of which are Bylaw issues. Principals are encouraged to confer with their superintendents/heads of school and athletic administrators about the proposals before casting their votes. To review the 2024 OHSAA referendum items, go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/2024ReferendumIssues-MarchApproved.pdf>.

As a reminder, voting is required via Constitution Article 8-1-9, although principals have the option to abstain on any issues while completing their ballot.

Voting also ends tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. (Wednesday, May 15) for OHSAA District Athletic Board positions. Member school principals are voting for candidates in positions in their classification within their district only and/or any at-large positions within their district. Expiring terms (August 1, 2024-July 31, 2030) are: **Central District**-Class AAA representative (Molly Feesler, incumbent); **East District**-Class AA representative (Jeff Wheeler, incumbent); **Northeast District**-Class A representative (Bill Nye, Ph.D., incumbent); **Northwest District**-Class AA representative (Jeff Snyder, incumbent); **Southeast District**-Class AAA representative (Bo Arnett, incumbent), and **Southwest District**-Class A representative (Matt Macy, incumbent). Unexpired terms are: **Central District**-Class A representative (Lindsey Smith, 2023-24 interim), term August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2026; and 7th-8th grade representative (Matt Gallatin, Ed.D., 2023-24 interim), term August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2027; **Northeast District**-7th-8th grade representative (Bill Conley, 2023-24 interim), term August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025; and **Southeast District**-Ethnic Minority representative (Joe Turner, 2023-24 interim), term August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025). **Referendum and DAB positions voting results will both be posted on the OHSAA website Thursday, May 16.**

Reminder: Update Administrators 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?). **ATTENTION PRINCIPALS: If you have an interim athletic administrator, please enter their information in your school's myOHSAA account, under Staff Management, so the OHSAA can continue to send correspondence to your school.**

Spring Sports Dates

Baseball

Sectionals: May 11-18; **Districts:** May 20-25; **Regionals:** May 30-31; **State:** June 7-9, Akron Canal Park

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Baseball/2024-Baseball/2024-Statewide-Baseball-Tournament-Brackets>

Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

Regional Qualifying: May 14-23; **Regional Semifinals and Finals:** May 28-31; **State Semifinals and Finals:** June 4-8 (finals June 7-8 at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus: girls on Friday, boys on Saturday)

Boys Statewide Brackets: to come at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Boys/2024-OHSAA-Boys-Lacrosse/2024-Boys-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

Girls Statewide Brackets: to come at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Girls/2024-Girls-Lacrosse/2024-Girls-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

Softball

Districts: May 13-18; **Regionals:** May 22-25; **State:** May 30-June 1, Akron Firestone Stadium

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Softball/Softball-2024/2024-OHSAA-Softball-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

Boys Tennis*

Districts: May 13-18; **State:** May 23-24, The College of Wooster

Track & Field*

Districts: May 13-18; **Regionals:** May 22-25; **State:** May 30-June 1, Welcome Stadium, Dayton

*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 Qualifying: Regional Semifinals and Finals: May 13-18; **State:** May 25-26, Wittenberg University, Springfield

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball-Boys/Boys-Volleyball-2024/2024-OHSAA-Boys-Volleyball-State-Tournament-Coverage>

OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Deadline Has Passed for Student Applicants, School Counselors

The OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program application process is well underway, and the application timeline is below. Note that the submission deadline for student candidates has passed, as has the deadline for school counselors to submit their portion of the application(s). The OHSAA and its six District Athletic Boards annually award college scholarships to high school graduates after selections are made by each of the OHSAA's six District Athletic Boards. Last year, 169 students each received a one-time, non-renewable \$1,000 award. That number has been expanded to 200 scholarships for the 2023-24 school year. Here is the scholarship application timeline:

- **Wednesday, April 10, 2024** – Deadline for all student candidates to submit their applications
- **Monday, April 29, 2024** – Deadline for school counselors to submit their portion of the applications
- **Wednesday, May 1, 2024** – Spring sport addendum entry/update opens
- **Monday, June 10, 2024** – Deadline for spring sport addendums to be submitted

Ohio State Coach Beyond Program Offers Student-Athlete Mental Health Trainings

The Ohio State University's Coach Beyond program has a **FREE** one-hour training session on Supporting Student-Athlete Mental Health that is approved for the new PAP requirements in Ohio. Here are the links for more information and to register: • Northwest Ohio Training on May 14 (**TONIGHT**) https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NyqdPxlxVGmv1c at **Eastwood HS** • Northeast Ohio Trainings on May 30 and 31 https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ezLdgpJz2ZMHYqi at **Akron Administration Building**.

About Coach Beyond: In 2021, the OHSAA and LiFEsports at The Ohio State University started collaborative work to change the landscape of coach training and education in Ohio. Ultimately, this partnership grew into a statewide initiative known as Coach Beyond. Over the last three years, a team of coaches, athletic administrators, OHSAA administrators and LiFEsports leaders set out to audit coaching education, conduct a statewide needs assessment, design and pilot trainings and ultimately train 15,000 coaches by June 2024. We are excited to share that [LiFEsports at The Ohio State University](#), in partnership with the OHSAA, has reached this goal, training 15,000 coaches to go beyond the X's and O's! Congratulations to everyone on the state team, LiFEsports and the OHSAA. To learn more about Coach Beyond, please visit this website: <https://lifesports.osu.edu/coach-beyond/about-coach-beyond/>.

Competitive Balance Roster Data Entry Period Opens for Spring Sports

Administrators are reminded that the window to enter Competitive Balance roster data for the spring sports of baseball and softball opened on **May 1, 2024**. Athletic administrators, or their designees, must submit their roster data within FinalForms. The deadline to submit baseball and softball roster data is **Monday, June 10, 2024**. **ALL** schools that compete in a varsity contest in those sports must submit their roster data by that date. All other spring sports are **not** part of Competitive Balance. For questions, please contact either Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org) or Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org) of our eligibility staff.

OHSAA Award Certificates

The annual OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards (Archie Griffin, NFHS Award of Excellence, etc.) and other miscellaneous school awards are available through your school's *myOHSAA* account for you to print. These awards are available through June 30, 2024, on both high school and 7th & 8th 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.

2024-25 Pre-Participation Physical Exam (PPE) Form Available

The Pre-Participation Physical Exam form for the 2024-25 school year is currently available on the OHSAA website. The latest version can be accessed here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/physicalexamform>.

The 2024-25 PPE form has been authorized by the OHSAA's Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine (JACSM), which last met in October and reviewed the form virtually last month. The form was originally developed for youth student-athletes by the American Academy of Pediatrics. A Spanish version of the history portion of the form is also included on the OHSAA website. The medical

clearance must be completed once every 13 months and kept on file at the school indefinitely. **Although use of the 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 practice nurse (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 2023-24 school year to continue membership for the 2024-25 school year. The OHSAA Board Resolution Card, which requires a signature from the governing body's president and superintendent/head of school, has been mailed. 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, 2024**. For questions, please contact Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org).

OHSAA Offers Grant to Host a Blood Drive

The OHSAA has partnered with Versiti through The Leaders for Life student leadership program. Leaders for Life is more than a club. It's an opportunity to save lives, gain leadership skills and become an influencer for good in your community. This program empowers volunteers to save lives through blood donation in high school while also having the opportunity to win money for their school. Administrators are encouraged to share this information with school counselors and leaders of your FFA and National Honor Society. If a student organization is interested, please leave contact information at: <https://form.jotform.com/240076184229052>.

NFHS Learning Center On-Line Courses Available

The OHSAA encourages the membership to utilize the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Learning Center, which is an outstanding on-line educational tool that offers several courses for coaches, administrators, contest officials, students and parents. Many of the courses are free. The NFHS "course-of-the-month" for May is **Understanding Copyright and Compliance**, which can be accessed here: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses>. This course helps to define copyright and compliance and discusses concepts such as Fair Use, public domain, copyright infringement penalties and much more. It has been designed for several leaders including spirit coaches and school and athletic administrators.

In addition, administrators can go to the dashboard on the NFHS Learning Center to access **My Staff Tool**, allowing courses to be sent to coaches while also giving administrators the ability to view coaches' real-time course progress and access their course completion data. For more information, visit www.NFHSLearn.com.

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