



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 Board Approves Financial Contribution for All Member Schools

At a special virtual meeting held May 22, 2024, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office to distribute \$2,000 to each member school for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Schools will receive at check from the OHSAA in August 2024.

In April 2023, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of an athletic enrichment fund for the purpose of providing a financial contribution, on an equitable basis, to each member high school's athletic department to assist with costs of equipment, uniforms, game transportation, officials and improving student sportsmanship and adult fan behavior. On an annual basis, the Board will determine whether to transfer money to the fund from operating cash and then decide the contribution amount to be provided to each school. To qualify, member schools must have returned their membership card by June 30 and have no outstanding past due invoices. Last year each eligible member school received \$1,250.

OHSAA Referendum Voting Results

The results of the 2024 OHSAA Referendum Voting, which concluded May 15, are available here:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/BallotHS2024-RESULTS.pdf>

OHSAA District Athletic Board Election Results

The results of the 2024 OHSAA District Athletic Board Elections, which also concluded May 15, are available here:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/2024DABElectionResults.pdf>

Spring Sports Dates

Softball

State: May 30-June 1, Akron Firestone Stadium. For state tournament coverage, go to:
<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Softball/Softball-2024/2024-OHSAA-Softball-State-Tournament-Coverage>

Track & Field

State: May 30-June 1, Welcome Stadium, Dayton. For state tournament coverage, go to:
<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Track-Field/2024-Track-and-Field/2024-State-Tournament-Coverage>

Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

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>

Baseball

Sectionals: 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>

2024-25 General Sports Regulations Approved by Board of Directors; Sport-by-Sport Regulations to Follow

At a special virtual meeting held May 22, 2024, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved changes to the OHSAA General Sports Regulations that will appear in the 2024-25 OHSAA Handbook. The changes become effective August 1, 2024. At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2024, the Board is expected to approve the sport-by-sport regulations that will appear in the 2024-25 OHSAA Handbook. Please check the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) for these updated documents in mid-June and then feel free to share the links with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in them.

Fall Coaching Dates for Practices and Start of Season

<u>Sport</u>	<u>First Practice Date</u>	<u>First Contest Date</u>	<u>OHSAA Sport Administrator</u>
Cross Country	Thursday, Aug. 1	Monday, Aug. 19	BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org)
Field Hockey	Thursday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 16	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Football	Thursday, Aug. 1	Monday, Aug. 19	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Golf	Monday, July 29	Monday, July 29	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Soccer	Thursday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 16	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Girls Tennis	Thursday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 9	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Girls Volleyball	Thursday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 16	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

Summer Coaching in Team Sports Extended to 13 Days for Second Consecutive Year

Administrators are reminded that this was the second spring in which the beginning date for permissible team sport coaching in the summer began May 15, and the former “OHSAA 10-day rule” (General Sports Regulation 7.5.1) has been extended to 13 days. That regulation 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 31.**” 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. The 2023-24 version 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 31.

Also, and continuing with a regulation that has been in place for a few years, football teams are permitted to conduct their five days of acclimatization between July 15 and July 31, giving that sport 18 total days of non-mandatory coaching between May 15 and July 31. Similar to football, girls and boys soccer teams have also been given an additional five days of non-mandatory practice between July 15 and 31 to help participants better prepare for their first contest, which in 2024 is permissible on August 16.

OHSAA April Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

Here is a link to the minutes from the April 25, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2023-24/20240425BoardMinutes-Regular.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.

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.**

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, and the number has increased to 200 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

Coaches' Tool Chest for 2024-2025 is Now Available

The Coaches’ Tool Chest (CTC) annual course meets the mandated requirements for Concussion, Sudden Cardiac Training/Lindsay’s Law, Sports First Aid, CPR, Mental Health and Coaching Fundamentals. CTC is also approved by the Ohio Department of Education to meet the requirement for PBIS training for coaches. This annual course takes the place of tracking down separate courses with varying expiration dates and outdated content. Join the over 500 Ohio school districts who are using CTC to certify and train coaches and staff. Everything a staff member needs to apply for, renew or maintain a valid Pupil Activity Permit is included.

Schools can also add any customized training module for their coaches. Coach's handbooks, Emergency Action Plans or any specific module all can be added with no additional costs.

Any coach can access this course at any time! One course, one certificate, once a year. Go to www.coachestoolchest.com to get started.

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:

- 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](https://lifesports.osu.edu), 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 for Spring Sports Ends June 10

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).

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