



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.

NEW! Financial Contribution Mailed Last Month

At the end of July, the OHSAA mailed each eligible school an athletic enrichment fund donation check for \$2,000. If you recall, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office in the spring to distribute \$2,000 to each eligible member high school for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The Board previously 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 review OHSAA financial performance and determine 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 membership dues invoices for the year just ended. For the 2022-23 school year, each eligible member school received \$1,250.

NEW! Registration Open for OHSAA Regional Update Meetings and Administrators' Workshops

The OHSAA Executive Director's Office will be conducting in-person OHSAA Regional Update Meetings later this month and September for school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators in each of the six OHSAA athletic districts. The meetings are designed to provide updates and reminders on key issues, and attendance is highly recommended. **To register, go to:** <https://ohsaameetings.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=2>.

The dates, locations and times are: Thursday, Aug. 22, **Cambridge** (Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 10:00-12:00); Tuesday, Aug. 27, **Waverly** (Waverly High School Auditorium, 10:00-12:00); Tuesday, Sept. 3, **Streetsboro**, (Streetsboro High School Auditorium, 11:00-1:00); Wednesday, Sept. 4, **Westerville** (Quest Conference Center, 9:30-12:00*); Tuesday, Sept. 10, **Findlay** (Findlay High School Auditorium, 10:00-12:00), and Thursday, Sept. 12, **Cincinnati** (Princeton High School Matthews Auditorium, 10:00 to 12:00).

In addition, the OHSAA will be hosting Administrator Workshops that will provide an overview of important issues in the areas of eligibility and sport management. Designed specifically for new administrators but also for those who desire to "brush-up" in these areas as they relate to the OHSAA and your school, in-person Administrator Workshop options at the OHSAA Office in Columbus will take place between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 tomorrow (Wednesday, Aug. 7), and Tuesday, Aug. 20, with a virtual Administrator Workshop option available between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26. **To register, go to:** <https://www.ohsaa.org/meetings>.

NEW! Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your coaches that all 10 OHSAA fall sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. Rules meetings have been posted in *myOHSAA*, and details will be sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for fall 2024 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Football	Already Started	Sun., Aug. 25	Tues., Oct. 1, 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Field Hockey	Already Started	Sat., Aug. 17	Mon., Sept. 23, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Girls Volleyball	Already Started	Sat., Aug. 17	Mon., Sept. 23, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Soccer	Already Started	Sat., Aug. 17	Mon., Sept. 23, 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Golf	Already Started	Sat., Aug. 10	Mon., Sept. 9, 11:59 PM	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Girls Tennis	Already Started	Sat., Aug. 10	Mon., Sept. 9, 11:59 PM	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Cross Country	Already Started	Mon., Aug. 19	Mon., Sept. 23, 11:59 PM	BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org)
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition			

NEW! [New Ohio Law Requires Same Cash/Online Ticket Prices; Separate Student Ticket Prices](#)

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine recently signed into law House Bill 147, which, among other items, requires schools to charge the same prices for cash and online ticket sales, and it also requires the establishment of a student ticket price lower than the adult price. The law becomes effective in 90 days from the signing, which occurred on July 24, 2024. More detailed information about this law will be forthcoming in a legislative update next week.

NEW! [New Ohio Law AEDs in Schools and Sports Venues](#)

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine recently signed into law House Bill 47, which requires automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed in all to be placed in every public and chartered nonpublic school by Oct. 22, 2024. AEDs are devices used in cases of sudden cardiac arrest. The bill also requires the Ohio Department of Health to develop a model emergency action plan for the use of AEDs. All public and chartered nonpublic schools will be required to adopt their own emergency action plans and practice them at least quarterly. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce will develop a system for violations to be reported if schools do not properly place AEDs in their facilities or fail to adopt and practice an emergency action plan. In addition, the bill also requires schools to train teachers, administrators, coaches, athletic trainers, and anyone else supervising student-athletes on how and when to use AEDs. More detailed information about this law will be forthcoming in a legislative update next week.

NEW! [OHSAA June and July Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available](#)

Here is the link to the minutes from the June 7, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Regular Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2023-24/20240607BoardMinutes.pdf>

And here is the link to the minutes from the July 30, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2023-24/20240630BoardMinutes-Special.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.

NEW! [OHSAA 2024-25 Athletic Administrators' Welcome Packet and Handbooks on the Way](#)

The OHSAA Executive Director's Office has mailed a beginning-of-the-year Athletic Administrator Welcome Packet to the membership. The packet includes a booklet containing plenty of reminders and updates as we begin the 2024-25 school year, 2024-25 OHSAA wall calendars and an OHSAA directory of member school telephone numbers. In addition, the 2024-25 *OHSAA Handbook* is being printed and will be mailed to member school superintendents, principals, athletic administrators and guidance counselors soon. The 2024-25 Handbook can be accessed on the OHSAA website at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources>.

NEW! [Preseason Sport Manuals](#)

The OHSAA Sport Management team is again producing preseason sport manuals in cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, girls tennis and girls volleyball. These manuals contain all sorts of reminders and updates that all coaches and athletic administrators should review prior to the official start date of fall practices and contests. The preseason manuals will be posted soon on each sports' page on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org).

NEW! [Athletic Administrators Encouraged to Update Items in FinalForms and myOHSAA; OHSAA Technology Information Update Available](#)

Member school athletic administrators are highly encouraged to login to your FinalForms *and* myOHSAA accounts to ensure all items are appropriately up to date. When updating your information, please utilize these checklists:

High Schools: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/2024-25OHSAAFallChecklist-HS.pdf>

7th-8th Grade Schools: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/2024-25OHSAAFallChecklist-MS.pdf>

In addition, the first quarterly OHSAA Technology Update newsletter for the 2024-25 school year is available by going here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/memos/24-25TechnologyNewsletter-Vol1.pdf>

For questions, contact OHSAA Manager of Membership Services Alexis Holderman at aholderman@ohsaa.org. For general OHSAA technology questions, contact Senior Manager of Eligibility & Technology Ronald Sayers at rsayers@ohsaa.org.

NEW! [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. Access and instructions for completing the **online training** requirement can be found here through the USCAH platform: <https://uscah.com/cdn/FREE-Coach-Beyond-USCAH-MH-Training-QR-2.pdf>. Want an **in-person training** from Coach Beyond at your district? Reach out to coach_beyond@osu.edu to start scheduling!

Best Practices for Hosting Tryouts: Gearing up for tryouts? Check out Coach Beyond's **free** video on best practices for hosting tryouts. It includes tips for setting your selection criteria, running tryouts, and how to notify athletes who have not been selected. You can find it here: go.osu.edu/cbtryouts.

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 this goal has been reached, with 19,000 coaches receiving this training. To learn more about Coach Beyond, please visit this website: <https://lifesports.osu.edu/coach-beyond/about-coach-beyond/>.

REMINDERS

Bylaw 4-4 (Scholarship) Important Reminders

Administrators are reminded to make sure that **ALL** fall and winter student-athletes are scheduled for at least five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent at the high school level or four (4) classes at the 7th-8th grade level. If an athlete does not pass the five-credit/four-class standard in the first grading period this fall, they will become ineligible at the start of the fifth school day of the second grading period. For schools on quarters, this likely will fall toward the end of your fall season, rendering these athletes ineligible for the rest of the season. **Check your student-athlete schedules and work with your guidance counselor to ensure this does not happen!** For questions, contact Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org) or Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org) from our eligibility staff.

Heat Acclimatization and Exertional Heat Illness Prevention

Please review Heat Acclimatization and Exertional Heat Illness Prevention section in the 2024-25 *OHSAA Handbook* (following the Concussion Regulations and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Regulations) with your coaching and sports medicine staffs. The sport of **football** has a five-day required acclimatization period during the first five days of practice. All athletes joining the team at any point of the season also must participate in a five-day acclimatization period prior to any contact drills. In **cross country**, each competitor must practice a minimum of 10 days under the supervision of the coach/individual authorized by the Board of Education before competing in a contest. The regulations are here: <http://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports-Medicine/SportsMedicineRegulations.pdf>.

Fall Dates for First Contest

<u>Sport</u>	<u>First Contest Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>First Contest Date</u>
Golf	Monday, July 29	Girls Volleyball	Friday, Aug. 16
Girls Tennis	Friday, Aug. 9	Cross Country	Monday, Aug. 19
Field Hockey	Friday, Aug. 16	Football	Monday, Aug. 19
Soccer	Friday, Aug. 16		

No Contact Period in August

The mandatory no-contact period for coaches in the sports of baseball, basketball, ice hockey, lacrosse and softball began August 1, 2024, and lasts through August 31. Any coach, paid or volunteer, approved by the Board of Education to coach in those sports is prohibited from providing coaching or instruction during this time. This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for purposes of non-interscholastic competition.

Pupil Activity Permit for Coaches

Ohio law requires coaching or pupil activity permits for individuals (paid or unpaid) who will direct, supervise or coach a student activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity or activities with health and safety considerations. School districts determine which staff members need to have a permit. Details are available through the State Board of Education website at: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits>.

Coaches Required to Receive Mental Health and PBIS Training

Ohio law requires coaches to receive mental health training in order to receive their Pupil Activity Permit. This training can be completed in the context of an already existing course or a standalone course. Proof of completion must be provided to the school at which the coach is/will be employed prior to the district signing off on the coach's PAP. Additionally, the Ohio State Board of Education made a modification to a rule that now requires all individuals who interact directly with students to receive PBIS training through their district of employment. This training is not required for the PAP, but it must be completed to remain in compliance with the Ohio State Board of Education rule. Each district's superintendent is responsible in deciding which PBIS training shall be utilized.

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 in which a staff member needs to apply, 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.

Preseason Meetings with Student-Athletes and Parents

Mandatory preseason fall sports meeting must be held with student-athletes and parents no later than two weeks after the beginning of each sports season. Please read Bylaw 3-1-4 for more details. Additional reminders regarding the meetings will also be forthcoming from our Membership Services team. The OHSAA Office has again developed sample meeting agendas and a preseason meeting PowerPoint presentation that are welcome (but not required) to be used for your meetings. For more information, see the School Resources area of the OHSAA website at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources>.

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