



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 Central

Details and Schedule

The 2024 OHSAA football playoffs are down to 16 teams in each of the seven divisions (112 total teams) as we enter the regional semifinals this week. Friday's games along with the regional finals and state semifinals will be held at neutral sites, and all three of those rounds will be held on Fridays. The state finals will return to Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton Dec. 5-7. Here are the remaining football playoff dates:

Nov. 15 Regional Semifinals – at Neutral Sites
Nov. 22 Regional Finals – at Neutral Sites
Nov. 29 State Semifinals – at Neutral Sites
Dec. 5-7 State Finals in Canton, Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium
Thursday, Dec. 5, Div. II – 7:00
Friday, Dec. 6, Div. VII – 10:30, Div. III – 3:00, Div. I – 7:30
Saturday, Dec. 7, Div. VI – 10:30, Div. V – 3:00, Div. IV – 7:30

Brackets

Brackets, including sites for this week's Regional Semifinals, can be found on the OHSAA website here:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Football/Football-2024/2024-OHSAA-Football-Playoffs-Coverage>.

Tickets

Tickets for all regional tournament games and the state semifinals will be available on Mondays with staggered start times. Division I and II go on sale at 10 a.m., Division III and IV go on sale at 11 a.m., and Division V, VI and VII go on sale at noon. All tickets can be purchased at www.OHSAA.org/tickets.

Details on **state championship** game tickets are listed later in this update and can also be found here:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ohsaa-announces-football-state-championships-schedule-and-tickets>

Television/Streaming

Spectrum is the official TV partner of the OHSAA and will announce its game selections for the regionals and state semifinals each Monday afternoon. The selections are available here:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Football/Football-2024/2024-OHSAA-Football-on-Spectrum-News-1>.

Live games can be viewed on linear television for Spectrum customers or on-line by going here:

<http://SpectrumNewsApp.com> and <http://OHSAA.tv>. Spectrum will also stream live some playoff games, and those are available here: <http://spectrumnews1.com> and <http://OHSAA.tv>.

Also, Spectrum will provide live television and streaming coverage of the state finals December 5-7 from Canton.

In addition, some contests not covered by Spectrum may be available on the NFHS Network, the official streaming partner of the OHSAA.

NEW! Dick's Sporting Goods Coupon Available to Ohio Customers

OHSAA partner Dick's Sporting Goods is offering a 20 percent off discount at all Ohio locations throughout the store to help you gear up for the winter season. The coupon can be used between Friday and Sunday, Nov. 15-17, and is only valid in-store on those dates and should be shown at the register during checkout. The coupon is specific to the OHSAA community and can be found here: <https://bit.ly/OHShopdays24>.

NEW! OHSAA October 24 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

Here is the link to the minutes from the October 24, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2024-25/20241024BoardMinutes.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! State Principals Association (OASSA) Accepting 2025 Principal-of-the-Year and Assistant Principal-of-the-Year Nominees in Each Zone

The Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) is accepting nominations for 2025 principal-of-the-year and assistant principal-of-the-year for Ohio middle and secondary schools. The awards program has been expanded this year to represent all 10 OASSA zones in Ohio, which will result in a more robust and diverse group of nominees. To nominate a principal, go here: <https://forms.gle/7fdSA9mEfhFpt4HZ7>. Nominations will be accepted by other administrators, school board members, state associations, teachers, staff members, community members or students and are due by Dec. 31, 2024. For questions, go to www.oassa.org.

NEW! Registration Open 2024-25 OASSA Regional and State Cheer and Dance Championships

The annual Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrator's (OASSA) Regional and State Cheer and Dance Championships will be held again this winter, and registration is now open. For more information and to register, please go to this link on the OASSA website: <https://oassa-cheer-and-dance.finalforms-amp.com/events>.

The fourth annual OASSA **7th/8th Grade Cheer State Championships** will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024, at Big Walnut High School in Sunbury.

The 2025 OASSA **Dance Regional Qualifiers** are open to varsity cheerleading teams, with participants from Grades 9-12 only. All-star teams or middle school/junior high teams/members are NOT eligible to compete. In order to compete at the State of Ohio Dance Championship, you must attend and qualify at any ONE of these four Regional Qualifier events:

- Northeast: Friday, Jan. 10, 2025, Avon Lake High School
- Northwest: Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, Sylvania Southview High School
- Central: Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, Westerville North High School
- Southwest: Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, Centerville High School

The 2025 OASSA **Dance STATE Championships** will be held Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, at Heath High School. 7th & 8th grade dance teams do NOT have to attend a regional qualifier to qualify for Dance States.

2025 OASSA **Cheer Regional Qualifiers** are open to varsity cheerleading teams, with participants from Grades 9-12 only. All-star teams or middle school/junior high teams/members are NOT eligible to compete. In order to register to compete at the State of Ohio Cheer Championship, you must attend and qualify at any ONE of the five Regional Qualifier events:

- Central: Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, Dublin Jerome High School
- Southeast: Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, Belmont Union Local High School
- Northwest: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, Whitehouse Anthony Wayne High School
- Northeast: Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025, Uniontown Lake High School
- Southwest: Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025, at Camden Preble Shawnee High School

The 2025 OASSA **Cheer State Championships** will be held Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at Dublin Jerome High School (Non-Tumbling); Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, at Sunbury Big Walnut High School (D3, D4 & D6), and Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025, at Sunbury Big Walnut High School (D1, D2 & D5).

REMINDERS

OHSAA State Football Finals Tickets on Sale

All-session and indoor Stadium Club tickets, single-day packages and a team one-day discount package are currently on sale for the 2024 OHSAA State Football Finals that will be held Dec. 5-7 at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton. Stadium Club all-session tickets include free access to tour the Pro Football Hall of Fame during the state championship weekend. The Pro Football Hall of Fame and Hall of Fame Village are located adjacent to the stadium. Tickets for the state football finals, and all OHSAA postseason tournament

contests in all sports, are available at www.OHSAA.org/tickets. Single-game ticket sales for the football state finals begin November 29.

ALL-SESSION STADIUM CLUB: All-session Stadium Club tickets are \$150 each and provide one ticket to all seven games in a theater style seat as well as access to the indoor club level of the press box containing its own concessions. Patrons with club access do not need to exit the stadium between games. The all-session Stadium Club package also includes access to tour the Pro Football Hall of Fame during the OHSAA Football State Championship weekend. A limited number of all-session Stadium Club tickets that include a parking pass are also available for \$210 each. These ticket holders will receive a parking hangtag for the weekend valid for a lot near the stadium.

ALL-SESSION GENERAL ADMISSION OR SINGLE-DAY PACKAGES: Other options include all-session general admission tickets that are \$90 for adults and \$60 for students, or three-game, single-day packages for Friday or Saturday games only that cost \$75 for Club Seating or \$40 for adults or \$30 for students for general admission seating.

TEAM ONE-DAY DISCOUNT PACKAGE: Additionally, a one-day discount package is available for football teams from elementary through high school. Teams can choose to attend the single game on Thursday, all three games on Friday or all three games on Saturday. There is a maximum of four adults who can purchase tickets for every 12 youth tickets purchased (e.g. a minimum of 12 youth tickets must be purchased per order, although there is no maximum number of youth tickets that can be purchased). The breakdown is as follows (**Note:** Purchasers will be directed to a Google page to complete information. A promo code will then be generated to complete the purchase):

Youth Tickets: \$6* Adult Tickets: \$12*

* Indicates the option of a \$10 per person add-on for a discounted Pro Football Hall of Fame tour pass

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 will be posted in FinalForms, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for winter 2025 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Basketball	Now Available	Sat., Nov. 23	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Doug Ute (dute@ohsaa.org)
Bowling	Now Available	Sat., Nov. 16	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Gymnastics	Now Available	Tues., Dec. 3	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Ice Hockey	Now Available	Tues., Nov. 26	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Swim/Dive	Now Available	Tues., Nov. 26	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Wrestling	Now Available	Fri., Dec. 6	Mon., Jan. 27 at 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition			

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! For upcoming Coach Beyond events around the state, go here: <https://lifesports.osu.edu/get-involved/lifesports-events/>.

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. This goal has been reached, with 20,000-plus coaches receiving this training. To learn more about Coach Beyond, please visit this website: <https://lifesports.osu.edu/coach-beyond/about-coach-beyond/>.

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