



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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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 State Tournament Central**

### Schedule

Nov. 29: State Semifinals – at Neutral Sites

- **Division I:** Lakewood St. Edward vs. Powell Olentangy Liberty; Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller vs. Centerville
- **Division II:** Sunbury Big Walnut vs. Cincinnati Anderson; Akron Archbishop Hoban vs. Avon
- **Division III:** Columbus Bishop Watterson vs. London; Youngstown Ursuline vs. Toledo Central Catholic
- **Division IV:** Cincinnati Taft vs. Gnadenhutten Indian Valley; Sandusky Perkins vs. Cleveland Glenville
- **Division V:** Liberty Center vs. Canfield South Range; Ironton vs. West Liberty-Salem
- **Division VI:** Coldwater vs. Bluffton; Kirtland vs. Galion Northmor
- **Division VII:** Danville vs. Jeromesville Hillsdale; Maria Stein Marion Local vs. Columbus Grove

Dec. 5-7: State Finals – Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, Canton

- Thursday, Dec. 5, Div. II, 7:00
- Friday, Dec. 6, Div. VII, 10:30
- Friday, Dec. 6, Div. III, 3:00
- Friday, Dec. 6, Div. I, 7:30
- Saturday, Dec. 7, Div. VI, 10:30
- Saturday, Dec. 7, Div. V, 3:00
- Saturday, Dec. 7, Div. IV, 7:30

### Brackets

Brackets, including sites for this week's State 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 are available by going to [www.ohsaa.org/tickets](http://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 provide live television and streaming coverage of the state finals December 5-7 from Canton. Games can be seen on linear television for Spectrum customers or on-line by going here:

<http://SpectrumNewsApp.com> and <http://OHSAA.tv>. Streaming coverage is available here:

<http://spectrumnews1.com> and <http://OHSAA.tv>.

## **NEW! Winter Sports Season Start Dates**

**Girls Basketball:** Season Has Started

**Boys Basketball:** Wednesday, Nov. 27

**Bowling:** Season Has Started

**Gymnastics:** Monday, Dec. 2

**Ice Hockey:** Season Has Started

**Swimming & Diving:** Season Has Started

**Wrestling:** Thursday, Dec. 5

## **NEW! Sporting Behavior Scripts Available for One or Two Students to Read Live Prior to Home Basketball Games**

The OHSAA Executive Director's Office has developed two public address scripts for either one or two students to read live to those in attendance prior to basketball games to promote positive sporting behavior. While reading general sporting behavior messages is never frowned upon, hearing messages directly from a student(s) – with an emphasis on the games being played FOR THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING, **not** the parents or fans – should be more impactful. We hope your school will consider using these scripts for a student or two to read:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Respect-the-Game/PregameStudentScript.pdf>

## **NEW! Plan to Recognize Winter Sports Contest Officials January 12-18**

The OHSAA is celebrating our contest officials for their hard work and dedication. The week of Jan. 12-18, 2025, is OHSAA Winter Sports Officials Appreciation Week. With the intense scrutiny of our officials contributing to a nationwide shortage of officials, we believe it is important to show our appreciation and respect for these men and women who give their time to our student-athletes so they can play the games they love and contribute so much to the overall experience our student-athletes receive while participating in educational athletics. We ask that athletic administrators read an OHSAA-provided script (available here: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Respect-the-Game/OfficialsAppreciationWeekScript.pdf>) before ALL games that week as well as use your social media accounts to show your appreciation. Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to a great week of celebrating our officials. The OHSAA Spring Officials Appreciation Week will be Apr. 6-12, 2025.

## **NEW! Protect Your Players' Vision – Stay in the Loop with Superspecs!**

Superspecs is on a mission to keep young eyes safe while they play, learn and grow. The Ohio Ophthalmological Society's Superspecs program provides **free protective eyewear** to youth in Ohio, helping prevent sports and recreational eye injuries before they happen. From basketball to baseball, and everything in between, Superspecs is proud to equip kids with the gear they need to stay safe while they shine.

Want to be the first to know when new protective gear becomes available? It's easy! Sign up at [www.superspecs.org](http://www.superspecs.org) to stay updated. Together, we can help protect the sight and future of Ohio's youth . . . because every child deserves the chance to play safely and see the world clearly.

## **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](http://www.OHSAA.org/tickets). Single-game ticket sales for the football state finals begins Friday, Nov. 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 have been posted in FinalForms, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for winter 2025 sports:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Late Fee Begins</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	Now Available	Late Fee Has Begun	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Doug Ute ( <a href="mailto:dute@ohsaa.org">dute@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Bowling</b>	Now Available	Late Fee Has Begun	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Now Available	Tues., Dec. 3	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Kelly Schoenly ( <a href="mailto:kschoenly@ohsaa.org">kschoenly@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	Now Available	Tues., Nov. 26	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	John Kronour ( <a href="mailto:jkronour@ohsaa.org">jkronour@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Swim/Dive</b>	Now Available	Tues., Nov. 26	Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	Kelly Schoenly ( <a href="mailto:kschoenly@ohsaa.org">kschoenly@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Wrestling</b>	Now Available	Fri., Dec. 6	Mon., Jan. 27 at 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton ( <a href="mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org">mbritton@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Late Fee Begins</b>	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** requirements 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](mailto: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/>.

## **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](http://www.oassa.org).

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