



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.

Spring Sports State Tournament Dates and Brackets

Baseball

State Tournament: June 12-15 at Canal Park, Akron, and Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium, Canton

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Baseball/2025-Baseball/2025-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

State Semifinal: June 3-4; **State Finals:** Girls - June 7 and Boys June 8 at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus

Boys Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Boys/2025-Boys-Lacrosse/2025-Boys-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

Girls Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Girls/2025-Girls-Lacrosse/2025-Girls-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

Softball

State Tournament: June 4-8, Firestone Stadium, Akron

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Softball/2025-Softball/2025-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

Boys Tennis

State Tournament: May 29-30, The College of Wooster

State Tournament Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Tennis-Boys/2025-Boys-Tennis/2025-Boys-Tennis-State-Tournament-Coverage>

Track & Field

State Tournament: 6-7, Jesse Owens Stadium, The Ohio State University, Columbus

State Tournament Qualifiers and Information:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Track-Field/2025-Track-Field/2025-OHSAA-Track-and-Field-State-Tournament-Coverage>

Boys Volleyball

State Tournament: May 30-31, Wittenberg University, Springfield

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball-Boys/2025-Boys-Volleyball/2025-Boys-Volleyball-State-Tournament-Coverage>

NEW! Referendum and District Athletic Board Voting Results

Voting by member school principals on the 2025 OHSAA referendum issues and OHSAA District Athletic Board elections ended on May 15. All 13 referendum issues passed. Two of the items were Constitution proposals and 11 were Bylaws. To view the results of the referendum voting, go here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/BallotHS2025-RESULTS.pdf>

To view the DAB voting results, go here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/About-the-OHSAA/DAB/2025DABelectionResults.pdf>

NEW! Administrators' Entrance Procedures for State Track and Field Tournament

Schools that have at least one athlete qualify for the OHSAA State Track and Field Tournament will be permitted to have three (3) administrators gain free admission each day of the tournament, which will be held June 6-7 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University in Columbus. As in the past with this event at Ohio State, **NO** administrator tickets will be available through your HomeTown Ticketing account. To gain admission, administrators must report to the southwest corner of the stadium at the gate near the Jesse Owens statue, which is the same gate where the media enters. The OHSAA staff will keep a tally of administrators as they check in each day, and no RSVP or advanced communication is needed on your part to receive this admission. After checking in, administrators can sit in any open seats in the grandstands and/or walk around if they merely want to watch the tournament.

NEW! Season's End? Tryouts Ahead? Coach Beyond Has You Covered

As seasons wrap up, coaches might be thinking about how to celebrate their team's journey. If they're looking for tips on planning a meaningful end-of-season banquet, check out this quick video guide on Banquets, Hosting a Successful End-of-the-Year Event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA4yCJps0Rk>.

Coaches already looking ahead to next year? If they're preparing for tryouts and you want to lead them with purpose and fairness, don't miss out on this resource on best practices, Tryouts: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpiLj_mm7cA.

From the final whistle to first impression, Coach Beyond, a partnership between LiFEsports at The Ohio State University and the OHSAA, is here to help every step of the way. Visit go.osu.edu/coachbeyond for more trainings and resources.

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.

NEW! Cincinnati Princeton Student Selected to NFHS National Student Advisory Council

Heaven Sneed, a 2025-26 senior at Cincinnati Princeton High School, was one of 16 student leaders from across the country recently selected to serve on the third cohort of the National Federation of State High School Associations National Student Advisory Council (NSAC). Sneed was a reserve on Princeton's 2023 Division I state championship basketball team; was a starter on the Vikings' 2025 Division I state runner-up squad, and is also a cheerleader. She will be attending several meetings throughout the 2025 calendar year to provide NFHS student perspectives on high school athletics and activities. Two students from each of the eight NFHS regions were chosen for the NSAC, all of whom have exhibited outstanding leadership skills, achievements in academics and sports/activities, and a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities. All students have previously been a part of the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit, which is held every summer in Indianapolis. Among the roles and responsibilities of the NSAC, the 16 students will: 1.) Determine and develop actions the Council will take to gather insight on the experiences of students in high schools from the states within each section; 2.) Identify and communicate areas of support that may be needed from the NFHS and state associations, and 3.) Identify and communicate ideas for increasing student involvement in cocurricular activities, where needed.

NEW! 2025-26 General Sports Regulations Approved by Board of Directors; Sport-by-Sport Regulations to Follow

At a special virtual meeting held May 21, 2025, the OHSAA Board of Directors **approved changes to the OHSAA General Sports Regulations** that will appear in the 2025-26 *OHSAA Handbook*. The changes become effective August 1, 2025. At its regularly scheduled meeting early next month, the Board is **expected to approve the sport-by-sport regulations** that will appear in the 2025-26 *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.

NEW! Fall Coaching Dates for Practices and Start of Season

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date	OHSAA Sport Administrator
Cross Country	Friday, Aug. 1	Monday, Aug. 18	BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org)
Field Hockey	Friday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 15	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Football	Friday, Aug. 1	Monday, Aug. 18	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Golf	Monday, July 28	Monday, July 28	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Soccer	Friday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 15	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Girls Tennis	Friday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 8	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Girls Volleyball	Friday, Aug. 1	Friday, Aug. 15	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

NEW! Lots of Information Available for Prospective College Student-Athletes at NCAA Eligibility Center

Prospective college-bound student-athletes who are planning to play at a Division I or II institution should access the NCAA Eligibility Center website for plenty of useful information. The site also allows students to set up their eligibility center certification account. To view the site, go here: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.

REMINDERS

If Hosting an OHSAA Spring Tournament Contest, the NFHS Network Has Exclusivity

The NFHS Network has exclusive live video streaming rights to OHSAA postseason tournament events this spring. A contest covered by the NFHS Network can have no other live video productions, including live TV and live video streaming. Delayed video is permitted

of the same contest if the facility can accommodate the request. In some cases, OHSAA tournament contests that are not streamed by the NFHS Network are available for live video coverage (TV and streaming), which would require payment of a rights fee.

Competitive Balance Roster Data Entry Deadline Approaching for Baseball and Softball

Administrators are reminded that the window to enter Competitive Balance roster data for the spring sports of baseball and softball is open. Athletic administrators, or their designees, must submit their roster data within FinalForms. The deadline to submit baseball and softball roster data is **Friday, June 6**. **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 Scholar-Athlete Scholarships Spring Sports Addendums Due Soon

Deadlines for the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program application process have passed, with the exception of students participating in spring sports submitting their spring sports addendums. The entry period for submitting those addendums began May 1 and the deadline for final addendum submissions is **Monday, June 16**. The OHSAA and its six District Athletic Boards annually award \$200,000 in college scholarships to 200 high school graduates after selections are made by each of the OHSAA's six District Athletic Boards. Each of the 200 recipients will receive a one-time, non-renewable \$1,000 award.

Mark The Date: OHSAA Student Leadership Conference is October 7 in Akron

The annual OHSAA Student Leadership conference will take place on Tuesday, October 7, at Firestone Community Learning Center in Akron. Student-athletes, coaches, administrators and staff from the northeast district are invited to attend this event. Registration will be available at a later date.

Hosted by the Akron Public Schools, this free conference will offer valuable leadership insights and networking opportunities. Attendance is limited to 1,000 participants, with a maximum of 15 attendees from each school. Here are additional details:

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025

Site: Auditorium, Firestone Community Learning Center, 470 Castle Blvd., Akron, OH 44313

Check-in: 9:30 a.m.

Conference: 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch: Provided at no cost

Contact: Joe Vassalotti, Coordinator of Secondary Education and Athletic Administrator, Akron Public Schools (jvassalo@apslearn.org)

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