



Administrator **UPDATE**

**2025-26
School Year
No. 4**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

NEED HELP?

✓ **Fall Sports & Tournaments**

Cross Country: BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org)

Field Hockey: Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

Football: Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)

Golf: Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)

Soccer: Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)

Tennis (Girls): John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)

Volleyball (Girls): Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

✓ **Eligibility**

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✓ **Officiating**

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✓ **Finance**

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✓ **Technology (Final Forms/DragonFly)**

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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

✓ **Job Postings/Open Dates**

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✓ **Sports Medicine**

Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

✓ **Tournament Tickets**

Claudia Markoff (cmarkoff@ohsaa.org)

✓ **Competitive Balance**

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✓ **General Questions**

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✓ **Executive Director**

Doug Ute (dute@ohsaa.org)

NEW ITEMS

• **Fall Sports Tournament Dates**

With tournament season just around the corner for fall sports, here are some key upcoming dates:

Golf

Draw/Seed Meeting – completed

Sectional Trnts. – Sept. 17-27

District Trnts. (Div. II) – Sept. 22-Sept. 27

District Trnts. (Div. I) – Sept. 29-Oct. 4

District Trnts. (Div. III) – Sept. 29-Oct. 4

State Trnt. (Div. II) – Oct. 6-7

State Trnt. (Div. I) – Oct. 12-13

State Trnt. (Div. III) – Oct. 13-14

Field Hockey

Draw/Seed Meeting – Oct. 5

Regional Trnts. – Oct. 13-25

State Semifinals – Oct. 30

State Final – Nov. 1

Soccer

Draw/Seed Meeting – Oct. 5

Sectional Trnts. – Oct. 13-18

District Trnts. – Oct. 20-25

Regional Trnts. – Oct. 28-Nov. 2

State Semifinals – Nov. 4-5

State Finals – Nov. 7-10

Girls Volleyball

Draw/Seed Meeting – Oct. 5

Sectional Trnts. – Oct. 13-18

District Trnts. – Oct. 20-25

Regional Trnts. – Oct. 27-Nov. 1

State Semifinals – Nov. 6-8

State Finals – Nov. 8-9

Girls Tennis

Draw/Seed Meeting – Sept. 21

Sectional Trnts. – Sept. 29-Oct. 4

District Trnts. – Oct. 6-11

State Trnts. – Oct. 16-17

Cross Country

Draw/Seed Meeting – Oct. 5

District Trnt. – Oct. 18

7th-8th Grade Invitational – Oct. 19

Regional Trnts. – Oct. 25

State Trnts. – Nov. 1

Football

Trnt. Pairings Announced – Oct. 26

Regional First Round – Oct. 31

Regional Quarterfinals – Nov. 7

Regional Semifinals – Nov. 15

Regional Finals – Nov. 21

State Semifinals – Nov. 28

State Finals – Dec. 4-6

• **OHSAA Fall State Tournaments and Dates**

Golf (Division II Boys) – Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6-7: NCR Country Club, Kettering

Golf (Division II Girls) – Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6-7: Heatherwood Country Club, Springboro

Golf (Division I) – Sunday and Monday, Oct. 12-13: Firestone Country Club, Akron

Golf (Division III Boys) – Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 13-14: NorthStar Golf Club, Sunbury

Girls Tennis – Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16-17: Lindner Family Tennis Center, Mason

Field Hockey – Thursday, Oct. 30 (Semifinals) and Saturday, Nov. 1 (Finals): Thomas Worthington High School

Cross Country – Saturday, Nov. 1: Fortress Obetz, Obetz

Soccer – Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 4-5 (girls Tuesday, boys Wednesday) and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8 (girls), and Sunday and Monday, Nov. 9-10 (boys): Semifinals at Statewide Neutral Sites, Finals at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus

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• OHSAA Fall State Tournaments and Dates, Continued

Girls Volleyball – Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 6-9: Semifinals Nov. 6, 7 and 8 at Sites in Dayton area TBA; Finals Nov. 8-9 at Nutter Center

Football – Friday, Nov. 28 (Semifinals) and Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6: Semifinals at Statewide Neutral Sites; Finals at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, Canton

• OHSAA August Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

Here is the link to the minutes from the August 28, 2025, OHSAA Board of Directors Regular Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2025-26/20250828BoardMinutes.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.

• Schools Can Apply to Become Purple Star School in Ohio

Many OHSAA member schools have already been recognized as Purple Star Schools, which those who show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. There are currently more than 600 Purple Star Schools in Ohio – a statewide coalition for military families and pre-K-12 students, and the local educators who support these frontline, hero families. To read more about this designation and if interested in how to apply to become a Purple Star School, please visit this link: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Military-Resources/Schools/Purple-Star-Award>.

REMINDERS

• OHSAA Student Leadership Conference October 7 in Akron

The annual OHSAA Student Leadership conference will take place on Tuesday, October 7, at Firestone High School's Kersker Auditorium in Akron. Student-athletes, coaches, administrators and staff from the northeast district are invited to attend this event. Check-in will begin at 9:15, the conference will run from 9:30 to 1:30 and lunch will be provided. Hosted by the Akron Public Schools, this free conference will offer valuable leadership insights and networking opportunities. Attendance is limited. Schools still interested in attending should email Joe Vassalotti, coordinator of athletics and secondary education for the Akron Public Schools at: jvassalo@apslearns.org.

Featured speakers include **R.J.Nemer**, president of the University of Akron; **Kemp Boyd**, executive director of Love Akron and head football coach at Akron Garfield High School; **Julie Jones**, a mental health and performance coach who founded SSB Performance, LLC, and is a former collegiate softball coach; **Shawn Harper**, a national motivational speaker and former NFL offensive lineman, and **Sue Ramsey**, also a motivational speaker who led Ashland University to the 2013 NCAA Division II women's basketball national championship.

Joe Vassalotti, OHSAA Executive Director **Doug Ute** and **Carla Chapman, Ed.D.**, chief of community relations and strategic engagement, Akron Public Schools, will also speak. Special thanks to **Harvey Alston** for organizing and planning the event.

• 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 FinalForms, and details will be sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for fall 2025 sports:

Sport	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Football	Mon., Sept. 29, 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Field Hockey	Mon., Sept. 22, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Girls Volleyball	Mon., Sept. 22, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Soccer	Mon., Sept. 22, 11:59 PM	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Golf	Deadline Has Passed	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Girls Tennis	Deadline Has Passed	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Cross Country	Mon., Sept. 22, 11:59 PM	BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org)

If the OHSAA sport administrator is unavailable to answer questions regarding credit, contact Michael Cornathan in the OHSAA Office at mcornathan@ohsaa.org.

For details on how to view the meetings in FinalForms, go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/FinalForms-CoachesRulesMeetingsInstructions.pdf>.

• Plan to Recognize Fall Sports Contest Officials October 6-12

The OHSAA is celebrating our contest officials for their hard work and dedication. Mark your calendars the week of October 6-12, 2025, for OHSAA Fall 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 during the week as well as use your social media accounts to show your appreciation. Please tag @OHSAASports on X and show us what your school is doing to show our officials love. Thank you for your participation! Additional OHSAA Officials Appreciation Weeks will be January 12-18, 2025, and April 6-12, 2025.

• Schools Encouraged to Enhance Efforts to Create Better Contest Environments

With the fall season upon us, let's continue to work together to ensure everyone is displaying proper and appropriate sporting behavior at all times to create better environments for our contests and events. As was mentioned in the last edition of the Administrator Update, Administrators needing assistance in best practices for sporting behavior will find **plenty of resources available on the OHSAA website** at OHSAA.org/Respect-The-Game. Included are:

- Sporting behavior scripts for one or two students to read live prior to home games
- Ideas to assist administrators in creating a positive school environment
- Ideas to assist administrators in setting expectations for parents
- Ideas to assist administrators in engaging with student fans
- Ideas to assist administrators in protecting officials
- Ideas to assist administrators in supporting coaches and student-athletes
- Printable sporting behavior posters and banners
- Sporting behavior scripts for public address announcers
- Guidelines for public address announcers
- And more!!!

In addition . . .

- Public address announcers a play key role in promoting sporting behavior
 - NFHS Learning Center provides a free course on public address announcing available at: nfhslearn.com/courses/p-a-announcing

• Ohio State Coach Beyond Program

Coach Beyond and USCAH Provide Pupil Activity Permit (PAP) Option

LiFEsports and the U.S. Council for Athletes' Health (USCAH) have partnered to develop a coach training package that meets the Pupil Activity Permit requirements in Ohio. The package includes state-approved Coach Beyond content, such as our Supporting Student-Athlete Mental Health and Coaching Essentials (Fundamentals of Coaching) courses. All trainings were created in collaboration with and alongside coaches and athletic directors, as well as experts in sports medicine, strength and conditioning, mental health, youth development, and sport psychology. Click here to learn more about the individual package or bulk pricing for your school:

<https://uscah.com/ohio-pupil-activity-coaching-permit-coursework/>

<https://uscah.com/cdn/USCAH-Ohio-Requirements-for-Schools-5.22.2025.pdf>

Build Team Connections with The Web We Weave Activity

Coaches often face challenges with building connections and collaboration among their players, and yet team cohesion is critical for success! Coach Beyond outlines an activity to bridge gaps between players and helps athletes identify points of similarity and connection. This activity, called The Web We Weave, is easy to implement and perfect for those mid-season bumps in team dynamics. Check out how to facilitate it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPri2U4cRVc>.

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 four 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 our training of coaches to go beyond the X's and O's has exceeded that goal! Congratulations to everyone on the state team, LiFEsports and the OHSAA.

OHSAA Mission Statement

To serve our member schools and enrich interscholastic opportunities for students.