



Administrator **UPDATE**

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NEED HELP?

✓ Fall Sports & Tournaments

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NEW ITEMS

• OHSAA State Football Finals Ticket Sales Begin Monday

All-session and indoor Stadium Club tickets, single-day packages and a team one-day discount package go on sale Monday, Oct. 20, for the 2025 OHSAA State Football Finals that will be held Dec. 4-6 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 tickets for the football state finals will be on sale in late November.

ALL-SESSION STADIUM CLUB: All-session Stadium Club tickets are \$155 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 \$215 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 \$95 for adults and \$60 for students, or three-game, single-day packages for Friday or Saturday games only that cost \$77 for Club Seating or \$42 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 Form 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.

• Cross Country Coaches Will Receive Regional and State Information Via Email

Athletic administrators are asked to remind their cross country coaches that schools qualifying to the regional and state tournaments will be receiving communication on those respective tournaments via email. To ensure this information is received, please make sure the correct name and contact information on your coaches is listed in your school's FinalForms profile. Updates in FinalForms should be made no later than Thursday, Oct. 16.

• OHSAA Football Playoffs Details

The 2025 OHSAA football playoffs will begin soon, and this year's tournament features some new elements. Each region will qualify 12 teams to the playoffs (336 total teams; 48 teams per division); regional first-round, regional quarterfinal and regional semifinal games will be hosted by the higher seeds, and regional finals and state semifinals contests will be held at neutral sites. Like last year, all tournament contests prior to the state finals will be held on Fridays. The state finals will return to Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton Dec. 4-6. Here are football dates to remember for 2025:

Oct. 25	Regular Season Ends
Oct. 26	Final Computer Points and Playoff Qualifiers Announced (top 12 schools in each region)
Oct. 31	First-Round Playoff Games – Higher Seeded Team Hosts (top 4 seeds in each region receive a bye; Seed 5 vs. 12; Seed 6 vs. 11; Seed 7 vs. 10; Seed 8 vs. 9)
Nov. 7	Regional Quarterfinals – Top Four Seeds Host (Seed 1 vs. winner of 8/9; Seed 4 vs. winner of 5/12; Seed 2 vs. winner of 7/10; Seed 3 vs. winner of 6/11).
Nov. 14	Regional Semifinals – Higher Seeds Host
Nov. 21	Regional Finals – at Neutral Sites
Nov. 28	State Semifinals – at Neutral Sites
Dec. 4-6	State Championships in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium (Thursday, Dec. 4, Div. I, II, III or IV – 7:00*; Friday, Dec. 5, Div. I, II, III or IV – 10:30, 3:00, 7:30**; Saturday, Dec. 6, Div. V, VI and VII – 10:30, 3:00, 7:30**)

*Exact division TBA; **Division assignments to times TBA

• Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your coaches that all 10 OHSAA winter 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 winter 2026 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Basketball (G)	Fri., Oct. 17	Sat., Nov. 22	Mon., Feb. 2, 11:59 PM	Doug Ute (dute@ohsaa.org)
Basketball (B)	Fri., Oct. 17	Thu., Nov. 27	Mon., Feb. 9, 11:59 PM	Doug Ute (dute@ohsaa.org)
Bowling	Fri., Oct. 17	Sat., Nov. 15	Mon., Jan. 19, 11:59 PM	Michael Cornathan (mccornathan@ohsaa.org)
Gymnastics	Mon., Oct. 20	Tue., Dec. 2	Mon., Jan. 26, 11:59 PM	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Ice Hockey	Fri., Oct. 17	Sat., Nov. 15	Mon., Jan. 19, 11:59 PM	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Swimming & Diving	Mon., Oct. 20	Tue., Nov. 25	Mon., Jan. 19, 11:59 PM	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Wrestling	Mon., Nov. 3	Fri., Dec. 4	Mon., Jan. 26, 11:59 PM	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)

NOTES: The late fee begins the day after the first date of competition. If the OHSAA sport administrator is unavailable to answer questions regarding credit, contact Michael Cornathan in the OHSAA Office at mccornathan@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>.

• Reminder: State Law Requires All Coaches to Have PAP and to be Board-Approved

With OHSAA fall tournaments under way, administrators are reminded that state law REQUIRES individuals who direct, supervise or coach in your athletics program to have a valid coaching or pupil activity permit. That requirement is codified in OHSAA Bylaw 6-1-2 and applies to all coaches, whether paid or volunteer. 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>.

In addition, OHSAA Bylaw 6-1-3 requires that all coaches be approved by the Board of Education or similar governing board in non-public schools.

• Winter Sports Beginning of Practice (Coaching and Tryouts) Dates

Ice Hockey:	Friday, Oct. 24
Swimming & Diving:	Friday, Oct. 24
Basketball (Girls):	Friday, Oct. 24
Basketball (Boys):	Friday, Oct. 31
Bowling:	Friday, Oct. 31
Wrestling:	Friday, Nov. 14

REMINDERS

• Fall Sports Tournament Dates

With fall tournament season either upon us or just around, here are some key upcoming dates:

Golf

State Trnt. (Div. III) – Oct. 13-14

Girls Tennis

State Trnts. – Oct. 16-17

Field Hockey

Regional Trnts. – Oct. 13-25

State Semifinals – Oct. 30

State Final – Nov. 1

Cross Country

District Trnt. – Oct. 18

7th-8th Grade Invitational – Oct. 19

Regional Trnts. – Oct. 25

State Trnts. – Nov. 1

Soccer

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

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

• OHSAA Fall State Tournaments and Dates

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

Girls Volleyball – Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 6-9: Semifinals Nov. 6, 7 and 8 at Wright State Nutter Center, Vandalia Butler High School and Wittenberg University; Finals Nov. 8-9 at Wright State 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

• 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.