



# Administrator **UPDATE**

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## NEED HELP?

### ✓ Winter Sports & Tournaments

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## NEW ITEMS

### • Attention Athletic Administrators: Need Help With the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program?

Athletic administrators were sent information via email (and principals were copied) on the process to begin nominating qualified senior student-athletes for a one-time \$1,000 OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship. Here are two questions?

- 1.) Was the email **NOT** received, or
- 2.) Was the email received but you are having problems activating the process (which likely means issues with your User Name and Password)?

If you answered 'YES' to either question, please email Bob Goldring at the OHSAA Office for help at [bgoldring@ohsaa.org](mailto:bgoldring@ohsaa.org).

For details on the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship program, go here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/OHSAA-Scholarships>

### • Winter Tournament Brackets and Information

Draws for all OHSAA winter tournaments have been completed with the exception of the boys divisions I and II basketball draws, which will take place Sunday, Feb. 22. For statewide basketball and ice hockey tournament brackets, go to the OHSAA website as follows:

#### Girls Basketball

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Girls/Girls-Basketball-2025-26/2026-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

#### Boys Basketball

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Boys/Boys-Basketball-2025-26/2026-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

#### Ice Hockey

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Ice-Hockey/2025-26-Ice-Hockey/2026-Ice-Hockey-State-Tournament-Coverage>

For school assignments for sectional and/or district Bowling, Gymnastics, Swimming & Diving and Wrestling tournaments, visit your specific OHSAA District Athletic Board website by going to:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards>.

### • Protect Their Vision, Power Their Play

Every year, more than 22,000 kids under 18 are treated in emergency rooms for eye injuries - many of them caused during sports. The good news? Most of these injuries are preventable. Wearing proper protective eyewear can reduce the risk of eye injury by up to 90 percent. When kids feel confident their eyes are protected, they play harder, smarter and without fear of getting hit by the ball. **Superspecs** is an Ohio-based program that provides free, high-quality protective eyewear to kids across the state. Applications for the 2026-27 school year open July 1. This gear goes fast, so mark your calendars! You can learn more at [superspecs.org](https://superspecs.org) and help young athletes see the game clearly and play with confidence.

play hard  
don't blink



superspecs

## • Tickets Remain on Sale for Upcoming Winter Tournaments

Tickets remain on sale for the upcoming OHSAA winter state tournaments and must be purchased online through the OHSAA's digital ticketing partner, Hometown, or Ticketmaster by going to [www.ohsaa.org/tickets](http://www.ohsaa.org/tickets). Here is additional information:

### Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving

Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 24-28  
C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton

### Gymnastics

Saturday-Sunday, Mar. 7-8  
Hilliard Bradley High School

### Ice Hockey

Saturday-Sunday, Mar. 14-15  
Nationwide Arena, Columbus

### Boys and Girls Division II Bowling

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28  
HP Lanes, Columbus

### \*Girls Basketball

Thursday-Saturday, Mar. 12-14  
University of Dayton Arena  
Wright State University, Dayton  
Vandalia-Butler High School

### \*Boys Basketball

Thursday-Sunday, Mar. 19-22  
University of Dayton Arena  
Wright State University

### Boys and Girls Division I Bowling

Friday-Saturday, Mar. 6-7  
HP Lanes, Columbus

### Boys and Girls Wrestling

Friday-Sunday, Mar. 13-15  
Ohio State Schottenstein Center., Columbus

\*See more details on the state basketball tournaments schedules on the next page

For questions, contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager Claudia Markoff at [cmarkoff@ohsaa.org](mailto:cmarkoff@ohsaa.org).

## • 2026 Spring Sports Schedules

Spring practices have started for some sports. Here is a calendar of important dates for the OHSAA's spring sports season:

### Baseball

Coaching/tryouts/instruction: Monday, Feb. 23  
Scrimmages and/or Previews: 4 after practice begins  
First contest: Friday, Mar. 27  
Non-interscholastic deadline: Monday, Apr. 6

### Boys Tennis

Coaching/tryouts/instruction: Monday, Mar. 9  
Scrimmages: 1 after practice begins but before first contest  
First contest – Friday, Mar. 27  
Non-interscholastic deadline: Monday, Apr. 13

### Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

Coaching/tryouts/instruction: Monday, Feb. 16  
Scrimmages: 3 after practice begins  
First contest: Friday, Mar. 13  
Non-interscholastic deadline: Monday, Mar. 30

### Track & Field

Coaching/tryouts/instruction: Monday, Feb. 23  
Scrimmages: none permitted  
First contest: Friday, Mar. 27  
Non-interscholastic deadline: Monday, May 4

### Softball

Coaching/tryouts/instruction: Monday, Feb. 16  
Scrimmages: 4 after practice begins (or 3  
scrimmages and 1 preview)  
First contest: Saturday, Mar. 21  
Non-interscholastic deadline: Saturday, Mar. 21

### Boys Volleyball

Coaching/tryouts/instruction: Monday, Feb. 23  
Scrimmages and/or Previews: 6 after practice begins  
First Contest: Friday, Mar. 13  
Non-interscholastic deadline: Monday, Mar. 31

## REMINDERS

### • Mandatory Online Spring Sports Rules Meetings Requirements

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

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Baseball	Wed., Feb. 11, 2026	Sat., Mar. 28, 2026	Mon., Apr. 27, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
Lacrosse (B)	Mon., Feb. 9, 2026	Sat., Mar. 14, 2026	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton ( <a href="mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org">mbritton@ohsaa.org</a> )
Lacrosse (G)	Mon., Feb. 9, 2026	Sat., Mar. 14, 2026	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton ( <a href="mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org">mbritton@ohsaa.org</a> )
Softball	Mon., Feb. 16, 2026	Sun., Mar. 22, 2026	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Kelly Schoenly ( <a href="mailto:kschoenly@ohsaa.org">kschoenly@ohsaa.org</a> )
Tennis (B)	Fri., Feb. 13, 2026	Sat., Mar. 28, 2026	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	John Kronour ( <a href="mailto:jkronour@ohsaa.org">jkronour@ohsaa.org</a> )
Track & Field	Mon., Feb. 9, 2026	Sat., Mar. 28, 2026	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	BJ Duckworth ( <a href="mailto:bduckworth@ohsaa.org">bduckworth@ohsaa.org</a> )
Volleyball (B)	Wed., Feb. 4, 2026	Sat., Mar. 14, 2026	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )

**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 [mcornathan@ohsaa.org](mailto: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>.

## • OHSAA State Basketball Tournaments Schedules

### Girls State Tournament

#### Thursday, Mar. 12

11:00 - Div. III SF, WSU\*  
 12:00 - Div. IV SF, UD\*  
 5:00 - Div. VI SF, WSU\*  
 6:00 - Div. I SF, UD\*

#### Friday, Mar. 13

11:00 - Div. VII SF, WSU\*  
 12:30 - Div. IV F, UD  
 3:45 - Div. III F, UD  
 5:00 - Div. V or II SF, WSU\*  
 6:00 - Div. II or V SF, VB\*  
 7:00 - Div. VI F, UD

#### Saturday, Mar. 14

10:45 - Div. VII F, UD  
 2:00 - Div. V or II F, UD  
 5:15 - Div. II or V F, UD  
 8:30 - Div. I F, UD

**Keys:** SF = semifinal; F = final; UD = University of Dayton; WSU = Wright State University; VB = Vandalia Butler High School  
 \* = Second game begins 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game

### Boys State Tournament

#### Thursday, Mar. 19

12:00 - Div. IV SF, WSU\*  
 6:00 - Div. III SF, UD\*

#### Friday, Mar. 20

10:45 - Div. V SF, UD\*  
 12:00 - Div. VII SF, WSU\*  
 4:15 - Div. IV F, UD  
 6:00 - Div. VI SF, WSU\*  
 7:30 - Div. III F, UD

#### Saturday, Mar. 21

11:00 - Div. II SF, WSU\*  
 1:00 - Div. V F, UD  
 4:15 - Div. VII F, UD  
 5:30 - Div. I SF, WSU\*  
 7:30 - Div. VI F, UD

#### Sunday, Mar. 22

12:00 - Div. II F, UD  
 3:15 - Div. I F, UD

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## • OHSAA Board Resolution Cards for Membership

The OHSAA Constitution requires the board of education or similar governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing its schools that were members during the 2025-26 school year to continue membership for the 2026-27 school year. The OHSAA Board Resolution Card, which requires a signature from the governing body's president and superintendent/head of school, were mailed recently. Please read the instructions that accompany the card, complete the required items and return the card to the OHSAA office using the pre-stamped envelope provided no later than June 30, 2026. For questions, please contact Alexis Holderman at [aholderman@ohsaa.org](mailto:aholderman@ohsaa.org).

## • OHSAA and The Ohio State University Coach Beyond Program Updates

### Hosting Great Tryouts: Tips from Coach Beyond

Tryouts can shape an athlete's entire experience. So how do you get them right? Coach Beyond has a short training sharing insightful ideas on best practices for tryouts. From designing an effective evaluation process to setting transparent selection criteria and communicating decisions with care, this session offers tools every coach can use. Watch it here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpiLj\\_mm7cA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpiLj_mm7cA).

### Support the Ohio Coach Survey Wave II

The OHSAA and The Ohio State University Coach Beyond Program are conducting a coaches' study to examine the training needs, interests and practices of Ohio coaches. Whether paid or volunteer, coaching young children or adolescents, working in schools, community programs, developmental leagues, or competitive clubs, the perspective from coaches matters. **Please forward the link to this voluntary survey to your coaches.** Their insights will help improve resources for coaches across the state. Any coach over age 18 is eligible. All perspectives are valuable. Thank you for helping strengthen youth sport in Ohio! The survey is available here: <https://go.osu.edu/ohiocoachsurvey>.

**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. That training of coaches, which goes beyond the X's and O's, has exceeded that goal and we have reached over 52,000 coaches in Ohio. 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.