



Administrator **UPDATE**

2025-26
School Year
No. 16

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

NEED HELP?

✓ Spring Sports & Tournaments

Baseball: Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

Lacrosse: Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)

Softball: (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)

Tennis (boys): (jkronour@ohsaa.org)

Track & Field: BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org)

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

✓ Eligibility

Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org)

Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org)

Lizzy Wilson (lwilson@ohsaa.org)

✓ Membership Services

Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org)

✓ Officiating

Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)

Charles Anderson (canderson@ohsaa.org)

Amanda Harding (aharding@ohsaa.org)

Keaton Jones (kjones@ohsaa.org)

✓ Finance

Laura Vermilya (lvermilya@ohsaa.org)

✓ Technology (FinalForms/DragonFly)

Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org)

Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org)

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

✓ Job Postings/Open Dates

Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org)

✓ Sports Medicine

Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

✓ Tournament Tickets

Claudia Markoff (cmarkoff@ohsaa.org)

✓ Competitive Balance

Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org)

Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org)

✓ Scholar-Athlete Scholarships

Bob Goldring (bgoldring@ohsaa.org)

✓ Athletic Discussion Meetings

Bob Goldring (bgoldring@ohsaa.org)

✓ General Questions

Michelle Kern ([mkern@ohsaa.org](mailto:m kern@ohsaa.org))

✓ Executive Director

Doug Ute (dute@ohsaa.org)

NEW ITEMS

• Tickets Remain on Sale for Boys State Basketball Tournament

Tickets remain on sale for the OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament that will be held this coming Thursday through Sunday, March 19-22. Semifinals will be held at the University of Dayton Arena or Wright State University's Nutter Center, while all finals will be at UD. Tickets must be purchased online through the OHSAA's official digital ticketing partner, Hometown, by going to www.ohsaa.org/tickets. The schedule for the state tournament is:

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

Keys:

SF = semifinal

F = final

UD = University of Dayton

WSU = Wright State University

* = Second game begins 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game

• 2026 Athletic Discussion Meeting Dates and Sites Set

The 2026 OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings have been finalized with the dates and locations for the six meetings listed below. OHSAA Directors Kristin Ronai or Ronald Sayers will review the 2026 referendum issues and Executive Director Doug Ute will discuss a few topics of current interest to administrators involved with or interested in the school's interscholastic athletics program. Meetings will last approximately two hours, and there is no cost to attend. The meetings are intended for superintendents, high school principals, high school athletic administrators, 7th-8th grade principals and city supervisors. Attendance is highly encouraged. To register, go here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/meetings>.

Here are the sites and dates for the 2026 meetings:

- **Southeast** — Tuesday, April 14 – 10:00 a.m., Logan High School Auditorium
- **Southwest** — Wednesday, April 15 - 10:00 a.m., Clayton Northmont Community Auditorium
- **Central** — Monday, April 20 – 10:00 a.m., Quest Conference Center, Westerville
- **East** — Thursday, April 23 – 1:30 p.m., Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, Cambridge
- **Northeast** — Monday, April 27 – 10:00 a.m., Streetsboro High School Auditorium
- **Northwest** — Tuesday, April 28 – 9:00 a.m., Camden Falls Reception & Conference Center, Tiffin

REMINDERS

• Current List of 2026 Referendum Items Available

The OHSAA Board of Directors has currently approved recommendations from the Executive Director’s Office to place nine items (all Bylaws, including three 7th-8th grade issues) up for referendum vote of the membership for 2026. Member school principals will vote upon these issues between May 1 and 15. A few additional referendum items to place before the membership may be approved by the Board at a special closed meeting later this week. Details on the current approved referendum issues are posted here and will be updated if necessary:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/2026RefItemsAsOfFeb26.pdf>.

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

The deadline for students to submit their applications is **Friday, April 10**.

• Mandatory Online Spring Sports Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your coaches that all eight 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	Currently available	Sat., Mar. 28, 2026	Mon., Apr. 27, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (B)	Currently available	Sat., Mar. 14, 2026	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (G)	Currently available	Sat., Mar. 14, 2026	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Softball	Currently available	Sun., Mar. 22, 2026	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Tennis (B)	Currently available	Sat., Mar. 28, 2026	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Track & Field	Currently available	Sat., Mar. 28, 2026	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	BJ Duckworth (bduckworth@ohsaa.org)
Volleyball (B)	Currently available	Sat., Mar. 14, 2026	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason (emason@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 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 and The Ohio State University LiFEsports Program Updates

State Champion Student-Athletes on Coaching for Success

LiFEsports at The Ohio State University and the Ohio High School Athletic Association sat down with Dublin Jerome High School state champion student-athlete Nikitha Suresh (girls golf), Calan DeWalt (boys soccer) and Brady Barnum (boys golf) who shared how coaches can create champions on and off the field! You can watch it here:

<https://go.osu.edu/championshipcoaching>.

Wrap Up Winter Sports with Quality End-of-Season Banquets

Check out Coach Beyond’s best tips and tricks for hosting successful banquets to end a sports season. This training features Joe Roberts (athletic administrator at Cincinnati Princeton), Landon Zellars (cheer coach at Princeton) and Nate Maust (soccer coach at Dublin Jerome) as they discuss strategies that work for celebrating student-athlete successes. Don’t wait to watch! Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA4yCjps0Rk>.

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 75,000 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.