



Administrator **UPDATE**

2025-26
School Year
No. 17

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

NEED HELP?

✓ Spring Sports & Tournaments

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

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

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

✓ Eligibility

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✓ Technology (FinalForms/DragonFly)

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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

✓ Job Postings/Open Dates

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✓ Sports Medicine

Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)

✓ Tournament Tickets

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✓ Competitive Balance

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✓ Scholar-Athlete Scholarships

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✓ Athletic Discussion Meetings

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NEW ITEMS

• Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Submission Deadline for Students is April 10

Deadlines for the 2026 OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program are quickly approaching, with Friday, April 10, the deadline for all student candidates to submit their portion of the application. 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. Here is the scholarship application timeline:

- Friday, April 10, 2026 – Deadline for all student candidates to submit their applications
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – Deadline for school counselors to submit their portion of the applications
- Friday, May 1, 2026 – Spring sport addendum entry/update opens
- Monday, June 15, 2026 – Deadline for spring sport addendums to be submitted

For questions, 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>.

• Celebrate Officials Appreciation Week April 6-12

The OHSAA is celebrating our contest officials for their hard work and dedication. The week of April 6-12 is OHSAA Spring Sports Officials Appreciation Week. We ask that athletic administrators show your appreciation and respect for our officials, who give their time to contribute to the experience our student-athletes receive in education-based athletics, by reading the OHSAA-provided script before ALL games that week as well as use your social media accounts. The scripts are available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Respect-the-Game/OfficialsAppreciationWeekScript.pdf>.

• OHSAA and Morgan & Morgan Team Up for Triple Threat Award

The Morgan & Morgan Triple Threat Award honors Ohio high school student-athletes who participate at the varsity level in at least one sport or sport activity during each of the fall, winter and spring seasons within an academic year. To sign up for the award, complete this simple application:

<https://form.jotform.com/260855161033148>.

Please share this information with all of your high school student-athletes so they can apply for and be recognized as a Triple Threat Athlete!



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• OHSAA District Athletic Board Election Process

Administrators will soon receive a separate email that will explain the process to submit nominations for expired or unexpired OHSAA District Athletic Board positions and will also show the specific positions available for their particular school. Nominating petitions for these positions must be completed through myOHSAA by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30. Voting for these positions will take place between May 1 and 15.

District Athletic Board (six-year terms, August 1, 2026-July 31, 2032) elections that will take place to fill expiring terms are:

- **Central**, Class A representative (Daniel Snively, incumbent) and ethnic-minority representative (Scott Reeves, incumbent)
- **East**, Class AAA representative/interim (Michael Dunlap, interim) and 7th-8th grade representative (Ray Hibbs, incumbent)
- **Northeast**, Class AA representative (Reid Guarneri, incumbent) and female representative (Shyla Urban, incumbent)
- **Northwest**, Class AAA representative (Matt Hutchinson, incumbent) and ethnic-minority representative (David Alvarado, incumbent)
- **Southeast**, Class A representative (Mark Rose, incumbent) and 7th-8th grade representative (Tony Williams, incumbent)
- **Southwest**, Class AA representative/interim (Chuck Richardson III, interim) and female representative (Ashley Naff, incumbent)

There are four unexpired terms that also must be filled (plus the East's Class A position and the Southwest's Class AA position, where the full terms end this coming July 31, 2026):

- **East**, Class AA representative (Kevin Smith, 2025-26 interim), term August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2030
- **East**, ethnic-minority representative (Angelita Forte, 2025-26 interim), term August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2031
- **Northeast**, Class A representative (Steve Watkins, 2025-26 interim), term August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2029
- **Southeast**, Class AA representative (Natalie Lucas, 2025-26 interim), term August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027

For more information on the election process, prospective candidates should read articles 7-2-1 through 7-9-1 of the OHSAA Constitution (pages 28-29 of the 2025-26 OHSAA Handbook), which can be accessed here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/Handbook.pdf>.

• Mark The Date: OHSAA Winter Tournaments Financial Review is April 29

On Wednesday, April 29, starting at 8:30 a.m., the OHSAA finance team, led by Chief Financial Officer Laura Vermilya, will be hosting a virtual meeting for member school administrators to provide a financial review of the OHSAA's 2026 winter tournaments. All administrators are welcome to participate, and no advance registration is required. To access the live presentation, go here: <http://bit.ly/3Q0FhyE>.

• Preseason Parent Meeting Info Available in June

The updated OHSAA preseason parent meeting PowerPoint and handout will become available at the beginning of June. Any information that changes following the May referendum voting will be included. The OHSAA Preseason Meeting Information is available on the "School Resources" page on [OHSAA.org](https://ohsaa.org) and can be found in the middle of that page on the right-hand side.

REMINDERS

• List of 2026 Referendum Items Available

The OHSAA Board of Directors has currently approved recommendations from the Executive Director's Office to place 12 items (11 Bylaws, including three 7th-8th grade issues, and one Constitution item) 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 were approved by the Board at a special closed meeting held March 20 during the OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament in Dayton. Details on the approved referendum issues are posted here and will be updated if necessary:

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

• Registration Continues for Upcoming 2026 Athletic Discussion Meetings

The six 2026 OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings will take place next month. OHSAA Directors Kristin Ronai or Ronald Sayers will review the 2026 referendum issues and Executive Director Doug Ute will discuss topics of current interest to administrators involved with the school's interscholastic athletics program. Meetings will last approximately two hours, and there is no cost to attend. 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

• 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	Late fee has begun	Mon., Apr. 27, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (B)	Currently available	Late fee has begun	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (G)	Currently available	Late fee has begun	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Softball	Currently available	Late fee has begun	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org)
Tennis (B)	Currently available	Late fee has begun	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Track & Field	Currently available	Late fee has begun	Mon., Apr. 20, 11:59 p.m.	BJ Duckworth (bduckworth@ohsaa.org)
Volleyball (B)	Currently available	Late fee has begun	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=EA4yCjpsORk>.

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.