



Administrator **UPDATE**

2025-26
School Year
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NEED HELP?

✓ Spring Sports & Tournaments

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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

✓ Job Postings/Open Dates

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✓ 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

• 2026-27 Pre-Participation Physical Exam (PPE) Forms Available

The Pre-Participation Physical Exam form for the 2026-27 school year is available on the OHSAA website. The latest version is accessible here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/physicalexamform>.

The PPE form is authorized by the OHSAA's Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine (JACSM), which reviews potential changes to the form each winter. The form was originally developed for youth student-athletes by the American Academy of Pediatrics. A Spanish version of the history portion of the form will also be included on the OHSAA website. The medical clearance must be completed once every 13 months and kept on file at the school indefinitely. Although use of the OHSAA-adopted PPE is not required (for example, a school via its Board policy could accept another type of physical exam), signing all four consent forms is required before a student may commence any athletic participation in a member school. In Ohio, a physician (MD, DO), a doctor of chiropractic (DC), a physician's assistant (PA) and an advanced practice nurse (APN) are eligible to complete the exam and sign the form.

• School Invoice Reminders Sent

Invoice reminders were sent to OHSAA member schools last week from the Association's finance department regarding either unpaid dues for the 2025-26 school year and/or other unpaid invoices. Schools that fail to pay dues, gate cash, fines and other unpaid invoices will not be eligible receive their annual OHSAA Athletic Enrichment Fund donation check that will be sent later this summer.

• April is Sports Eye Safety Month - Gear Up and Be More Super!

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 you calendars! You can learn more at superspecs.org and help young athletes see the game clearly and play with confidence.

play hard
don't blink



super specs

• Coaches' and Athletes' Entrance Procedures for Jesse Owens State Track & Field Tournament to Change

With the OHSAA Jesse Owens State Track & Field Tournament expanding to five divisions this spring from three, a new entrance procedure for qualifying coaches and athletes will be utilized beginning with the 2026 state tournament. For coach and participant admission, no longer will paper tickets be utilized, and instead the Association will be going to electronic tickets. In order for this to work, **please inform your head coaches that they will need to set up an account in The Ohio State University Athletic Ticket App, using the same email address that is listed in FinalForms.** Once qualifiers are known, the designated number of tickets will be created and available through each coach's account in this app. For information on how to set up an account, please have your coaches go to: <https://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/feature/digital-ticketing>.

The 2026 OHSAA Jesse Owens State Track & Field Tournament will be held June 3-6 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus. The complete state tournament schedule can be found here: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Track-Field/2026/2026StateMeetSchedule.pdf>.

REMINDERS

• Registration Continues for Upcoming 2026 Athletic Discussion Meetings

The first of six 2026 OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings was held today, and registration is still open for school administrators who plan to attend one of the other five meetings. To register, go here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/meetings>.

Here are the sites and dates for the five 2026 remaining meetings:

- **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

OHSAA Directors Kristin Ronai or Ronald Sayers will review the 2026 referendum issues and Executive Director Doug Ute will discuss topics of current interest. Meetings will last approximately two hours, and there is no cost to attend. Attendance is highly encouraged.

There are 12 items (11 Bylaws, including three 7th-8th grade issues, and one Constitution item) up for referendum vote of the membership. Member school principals will vote upon these issues between May 1 and 15. Details on the approved 2026 referendum issues can be found here:

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

• OHSAA District Athletic Board Election Process

Administrators have recently received a separate email that explains the process to submit nominations for expired or unexpired OHSAA District Athletic Board positions and also shows 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 Snivley, incumbent) and ethnic-minority representative (Scott Reeves, incumbent)
- East**, Class AAA representative Michael Dunlap, incumbent) and 7th-8th grade representative (Ray Hibbs, incumbent)
- Northeast**, Class AA representative (Reid Guarnieri, 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 Southwest's Class AA position, where the full term ends 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>.

• Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Submission Deadline Passes for Students; School Counselors' Deadline Approaching

The deadline for the 2026 OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program for student applicants has passed, and the deadline for school counselors to complete their portion of the applications is Tuesday, April 28. Deadlines for students involved in spring sports are as follows:

- Friday, May 1, 2026 – Spring sport addendum entry/update opens
- Monday, June 15, 2026 – Deadline for spring sport addendums to be submitted

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. 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>.

• 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.	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (B)	Currently available	Late fee has begun	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (G)	Currently available	Late fee has begun	Tue., Apr. 21, 11:59 p.m.	John Kronour (jkronour@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.	Michael Cornathan (mcornathan@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>.

• Leveling the Playing Field Offers Sports Equipment at No Cost

Leveling the Playing Field (LPF), a nonprofit company which redistributes sports equipment to programs in underresourced communities, is offering its gently used and/or extra equipment to Ohio's schools at no cost. Interested schools can complete an application, schedule a site visit or call and, if approved, schedule a time to pick up your equipment in LPF's Columbus location. To apply, go to: www.levelingthefield.org/applyforequipment/.

Applicants must serve economically disadvantaged children or children or adults with disabilities. For more information, visit the LPF website at www.levelingthefield.org, or contact Ohio representative Eric Rutkowski at eric@levelingthefield.org. LPF, which has provided several hundred thousand dollars worth of equipment to 150 unique programs in Ohio since January 1, also accepts equipment donations.

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>.

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

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