



# Administrator **UPDATE**

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## **NEED HELP?**

### ✓ Spring Sports & Tournaments

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<https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/Bulletin-Board-Memos>

## **NEW ITEMS**

### • Referendum and District Athletic Board Voting Continues Through Friday (May 15)

Voting on the 2026 OHSAA referendum issues ends Friday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. Member school principals are voting in *myOHSAA* on the 12 OHSAA items, one of which is a Constitution proposal and 11 that are Bylaws, with three of those being 7th-8th grade proposals being voted upon by 7th-8th grade principals. Principals are encouraged to confer with their superintendents/heads of school and athletic administrators about the proposals before casting their votes. To review the 2026 OHSAA referendum items, go to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting>.

As a reminder, voting is required via Constitution Article 8-1-9, although principals have the option to abstain on any issues while completing their ballot.

Voting also ends Friday at 4:00 p.m. for OHSAA District Athletic Board positions. Member school principals are voting for candidates in positions in their classification within their district only and/or any at-large positions within their district. Each district athletic board has two positions with expiring terms, and those elected will serve six-year terms from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2032. In addition, there are four unexpired terms that also must be filled, and two positions (East Class AAA and Southwest Class AA) that are currently being filled on an interim basis, but those six-year terms both expire July 31, 2026.

**Referendum and DAB positions voting results will both be posted on the OHSAA website Monday, May 18.**

### • OHSAA April 23, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

Here is the link to the minutes from the April 23, 2026, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2025-26/20260423BoardMinutes.pdf>.

Please feel free to share this meeting minutes link with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in them.

### • Upcoming OHSAA Spring Tournaments Schedules and Information

#### **Baseball**

Sectionals: May 18-23; Districts: May 25-30; Regionals: June 2-4; State: June 11-14 at 7 17 Credit Union Park, Akron, and Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium, Canton.

#### **Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse**

Regional Qualifying: May 14-20 (DII); Regional Qualifying: May 18-21 (DI); Regional Semifinals and Finals: May 26-29; State Semifinal: June 2-3; State Finals: Boys - June 6 and Girls June 7 at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus

#### **Softball**

Sectionals: May 11-16; Districts: May 18-23; Regionals: May 27-30; State: June 3-7, Firestone Stadium, Akron

### Boys Tennis\*

Sectionals: May 11-16; Districts: May 18-23; State: May 28-29, Lindner Family Tennis Center, Mason

### Track & Field\*

7th-8th Grade Championship: May 16, Hilliard Darby High School; Division I Super Regional Preliminaries: May 18-19; Division II-V Districts: May 18-23; Regionals: May 27-30; State: June 4-7, Jesse Owens Stadium, The Ohio State University, Columbus

### Boys Volleyball

Regional Qualifying: May 9-16; Regional Semifinals and Finals: May 18-23; State: May 29-30, Wittenberg University, Springfield

**Note:** Statewide tournament brackets are available on the OHSAA website ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)) under each respective sport. Visit the respective OHSAA District Athletic Board websites for links to school tournament assignments and results for the sports of boys tennis and track & field: [www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards](http://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards).

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## • Memorial Golf Tournament Complimentary Grounds Tickets Available for June 3 Practice Round/Pro-Am

The PGA's Memorial Tournament, presented by Workday, is excited to again welcome high school girls and boys golf teams on Wednesday, June 3, to Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio. This special day is open to OHSAA sanctioned golf teams, coaches and families. High School athletic administrators and golf coaches can request complimentary grounds tickets for their respective teams by visiting [www.thememorialtournament.com/ohsaa](http://www.thememorialtournament.com/ohsaa). Wednesday's full schedule of events include:

- Practice Round
- Salute to Service Day – Honoring Military Members, Veterans and First Responders
- Workday Golden Bear Pro-Am – Official Pro-Am
- Memorial Honoree Ceremony featuring Tournament Honorees David Graham and Allan Robertson (posthumously)

Registration will close at midnight on Saturday, May 30. Tickets will be delivered to the registrant's email address no later than Sunday, May 31. Please allow five business days for tickets to be loaded into your account. The Memorial Tournament Ticket Office will send further instructions on how to manage tickets and other relevant information on Wednesday's Pro-Am. For questions, email [ticketoffice@thememorialtournament.com](mailto:ticketoffice@thememorialtournament.com).

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## • Cincinnati Princeton Student Completes Service on NFHS National Student Advisory Council

Heaven Sneed, a senior at Cincinnati Princeton High School, is completing her one-year term as one of 16 student leaders from across the country serving on the the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National Student Advisory Council (NSAC). The NFHS's NSAC is made up of two students from each of the eight NFHS geographic sections. Each member is actively involved in sports or performing arts at their school and attends several meetings throughout the school year, where they provide the NFHS with perspectives on the current landscape of high school athletics and activities. The students also develop ways to gather insight on the experiences of peers at schools across their regions and identify and communicate areas where support may be needed from the NFHS or state associations.

Besides helping the Vikings' basketball team earn a state championship and two state runner-up finishes during her career, Sneed's service includes extensive work with youth through basketball clinics, elementary school field days, reading initiatives and church-based childcare and Sunday school programs along with volunteering at a number of other community and regional events. In addition, her service extends to supporting the elderly and families in need through nursing home visits, assisted living outreach and food distribution programs. Sneed was an OHSAA student ambassador at the 2024 NFHS National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis, participated in Princeton High School's Student Leadership Summit and will conclude her term on the NSAC by participating in a student-led panel discussion during the annual NFHS Summer Meeting June 26-29 in Salt Lake City.

Following graduation, Sneed will attend Ohio University, where she plans to pursue a pre-law track while studying political science and philosophy.

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## • Former OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Blair Irvin Dies

Former OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Blair Irvin died on April 26, 2026, at the age of 96. Irvin, who resided in Westerville, served as an assistant commissioner at the OHSAA for 22 years between the 1980-81 and 2001-02 school years. He also served on the OHSAA's Southwest District Athletic Board for nine years starting in 1970 and was a member of the OHSAA's Board of Control in 1973 and 1974. A graduate of Beaverdale, Pa., High School, Irvin earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Miami University. He began his career in education as a teacher and coach at Covington High School in 1953, serving as head basketball, assistant football and track & field coach from 1953-58. He became the head football coach at Covington in 1958. Irvin then moved to Greenville High School in 1961 to become assistant principal and head football coach. He served as a graduate assistant football coach at Miami in 1967. A year later, Irvin returned to Covington High as principal before serving as that district's superintendent from 1972 to 1980. Irvin received a National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Citation Award for service in 1998 and also served on the NFHS football, swimming & diving and track & field rules committees. He was elected to the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1987. Irvin is survived by his wife, Patricia, and their two daughters, Holly and Shannon, and their families.

## REMINDERS

### • 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>.

### • Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Submission Deadlines Pass; Spring Sports Participants' Addendums Due June 15

The deadline for the 2026 OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program for student applicants and school counselors has passed. 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](mailto:bgoldring@ohsaa.org). For details on Scholar-Athlete Scholarships, go here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/OHSAA-Scholarships>.

### ***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 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.