



Administrator **UPDATE**

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NEED HELP?

✓ Spring Sports & Tournaments

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✓ Scholar-Athlete Scholarships

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

NEW ITEMS

• Spring State Tournaments Schedules and Information

Baseball

Semifinals and Finals: June 11-14

Sites: 7 17 Credit Union Park, Akron, and Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium, Canton

Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

Semifinals: June 2-3

Finals: Boys - June 6 and Girls - June 7

Sites: Semifinals at natural statewide sites; state finals at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus

Softball

Semifinals and Finals: June 3-7

Site: Firestone Stadium, Akron

Boys Tennis

First Round, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals: May 28-29

Site: Lindner Family Tennis Center, Mason

Track & Field

Semifinals and Finals: June 4-7

Site: Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, The Ohio State University, Columbus

Boys Volleyball

Semifinals and Finals: May 29-30

Site: Pam Evans Smith Arena, Wittenberg University, Springfield

Note: Find statewide tournament brackets on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) under each respective sport. For tickets, go to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>.

• Referendum and District Athletic Board Voting Results

Member schools passed 11 of 12 proposed revisions to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws during the Association's annual referendum voting period, which was held between May 1 and 15. All three 7th and 8th grade issues passed, while eight of nine high school issues passed. High school issue 2B failed, which would have allowed students at a public school that does not sponsor a particular team sport to participate in that sport at another public school, provided that the schools were within 20 miles and the superintendents of both schools approved the arrangement. To view the results, go to: www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting.

The approved Bylaw and Constitution changes, voted upon by member school principals, will go into effect August 1, unless noted otherwise.

In addition to voting for the referendum issues, member schools had the opportunity to vote for representatives to fill expiring and unexpired positions on their respective OHSAA District Athletic Boards, with terms beginning August 1, 2026. District athletic board election results can be found at: www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards.

• Schools Encouraged to Sign Up for Round 3 of This Fall’s Team Tressel Fitness Challenge

Athletic administrators and coaches play a vital role in shaping the culture of competition, teamwork and excellence within their schools, and that culture starts long before students reach the varsity level.

High school athletic departments across Ohio are asked to encourage your elementary and middle schools to join Round 3 of the Team Tressel Fitness Challenge, a free statewide initiative led by Lt. Governor Jim Tressel focused on helping students in grades 3–8 build healthy habits and strong character.



The challenge teaches students the importance of discipline, teamwork, accountability, goal setting and striving to be their best — all qualities that contribute to success both on and off the field. By promoting fitness, nutrition, sleep and personal growth, schools are helping students develop confidence, resilience, competitive spirit and a winners’ mentality at an early age.

Round 3 officially begins August 31, 2026, and schools are encouraged to register now at TeamTressel.Ohio.gov.

Schools in all 88 Ohio counties are already participating, and with your leadership, we can continue building the healthiest — and strongest — generation of students in the nation.

Participating schools may also receive a visit from Lt. Governor Tressel or one of the many former collegiate and professional athletes supporting the challenge.

• Administrators’ Entrance Procedures for State Track & Field

Schools that have at least one athlete qualify for the OHSAA Jesse Owens State Track and Field Tournament will be permitted to have three (3) administrators gain free admission each day of the tournament, which will be held June 4-7 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University in Columbus. As in the past with this event at Ohio State, NO administrator tickets will be available through your Hometown account. To gain admission, administrators must report to the southwest corner of the stadium at the gate near the Jesse Owens statue, which is the same gate where the media enters. The OHSAA staff will keep a tally of administrators as they check in each day, and no RSVP or advanced communication is needed on your part to receive this admission. After checking in, administrators can sit in any open seats in the grandstands and/or walk around if they merely want to watch the tournament.

• 2026-27 General Sports Regulations Approved by Board of Directors; Sport-by-Sport Regulations to Follow

At a special virtual meeting held May 20, 2026, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved changes to the OHSAA General Sports Regulations that will appear in the 2026-27 *OHSAA Handbook*. The changes become effective August 1, 2026. At its regularly scheduled meeting early next month, the Board is expected to approve the sport-by-sport regulations that will also appear in the 2026-27 *OHSAA Handbook*. Please check the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) for these updated documents in mid-June and then feel free to share the links with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in them.

• Fall Coaching Dates for Practices and Start of Season

| Sport | First Practice Date | First Contest Date | OHSAA Sport Administrator |
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| Cross Country | Saturday, Aug. 1 | Monday, Aug. 24 | BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org) |
| Field Hockey | Saturday, Aug. 1 | Friday, Aug. 21 | BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org) |
| Football | Saturday, Aug. 1 | Monday, Aug. 17 | Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org) |
| Golf | Wednesday, July 29 | Wednesday, July 29 | Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org) |
| Soccer | Saturday, Aug. 1 | Friday, Aug. 14 | Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org) |
| Tennis (Girls) | Saturday, Aug. 1 | Friday, Aug. 7 | John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org) |
| Volleyball (Girls) | Saturday, Aug. 1 | Monday, Aug. 17 | Michael Cornathan (mcornathan@ohsaa.org) |

REMINDERS

• 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. 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.

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

OHSAA Mission Statement

To serve our member schools and enrich interscholastic opportunities for students.