



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Administrator Update

TO: Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators

FR: OHSAA Executive Director's Office

The following updates and reminders are being sent electronically to member school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators. Please share this update with other interested administrators and coaches on your staff.

Five OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings Remain

The OHSAA hosted its first Athletic Discussion Meeting for school administrators earlier this week in Athens, and five more meetings remain. The meetings feature OHSAA Director Kristin Ronai reviewing the upcoming OHSAA referendum issues on which member school principals will vote in May, and OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute discussing a few current issues. Remaining meetings are as follows:

Monday, April 18, Noon to 2:00 — Quest Conference Center, **Westerville**

Wednesday, April 20, Noon to 2:00 – Community Auditorium, **Clayton Northmont High School**

Monday, April 25, 1:45 to 3:45 – Sheraton Suites, **Cuyahoga Falls**

Tuesday, April 26, 9:00 to Noon – The Centre at **Bluffton**

Thursday, April 28, 1:30 to 3:30 – Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, **Cambridge**

Those still hoping to register can do so here: <https://ohsaameetings.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>.

To review the 2022 OHSAA referendum items, go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/FINAL-2022ReferendumItems.pdf>.

Additional referendum information is available here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting>.

Finance Team To Present Review of OHSAA Winter Tournaments

On Monday, April 25, starting at 8:30 a.m., the OHSAA finance team led by Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl and Controller Laura Vermilya will be hosting a virtual meeting for member school administrators to provide a financial review of the OHSAA's winter tournaments. All administrators are welcome to participate, so please use this link to register for the meeting:

<https://ohsaameetings.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>. The link to access the meeting will be located in the "Additional Information" section of your confirmation email. If you have any questions on connectivity, please contact OHSAA Manager of Membership Services and Compliance Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org).

Spring Sports State Online Rules Meetings Required

This is a reminder that 2022 OHSAA state rules meetings for each spring sport are currently live. Completion of these meetings is required for tournament participation. Please have the head coach, an assistant coach or the athletic administrator complete the meeting prior to the final meeting date* for each sport (*coincides with the tournament entry/withdraw without penalty date). All rules meetings are available through *myOHSAA* and can be accessed through the 'Rules Meeting' icon. Here are the timelines, deadlines and additional information OHSAA spring sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Sport Administrator
Baseball	Currently live	Already started	Mon., May 2 at 11:59 p.m.	Emily Gates egates@ohsaa.org
Lacrosse (B)	Currently live	Already started	Mon., May 2 at 11:59 p.m.	Tyler Brooks tbrooks@ohsaa.org
Lacrosse (G)	Currently live	Already started	Mon., May 2 at 11:59 p.m.	Tyler Brooks tbrooks@ohsaa.org
Softball	Currently live	Already started	Mon., Apr. 25 at 11:59 p.m.	Kate Barnett kbarnett@ohsaa.org
Boys Tennis	Currently live	Already started	Mon., Apr. 25 at 11:59 p.m.	Dustin Ware dware@ohsaa.org
Track & Field	Currently live	Already started	Mon., Apr.25 at 11:59 p.m.	Dustin Ware dware@ohsaa.org
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition.			
End Date	The "End Date" is the same as the tournament entry/withdraw deadline date.			

OHSAA District Athletic Board Election Process

Administrators should have received a separate email that explained the process to submit nominations for expired or unexpired OHSAA District Athletic Board positions. Nominating petitions for these positions must be completed through *myOHSAA* by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. Voting for these positions will take place between May 1 and 15, with terms officially beginning on August 1, 2022.

The OHSAA Board of Directors recently approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office to modify a portion of the district athletic board election process this year. With five of the six district athletic boards having expiring and/or interim positions available in the **same** classification, it was determined that the person receiving the most votes in those situations will be awarded the longer term available on that board for that particular classification, while the person receiving the second-highest number of votes will be awarded the shorter term available. There are 13 other expiring and/or interim positions that will be voted upon that do not have duplicate classification positions available and will follow the normal election process.

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 2021-22 *OHSAA Handbook*).

OHSAA March 19 and April 4 Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes Available

Here are links to the minutes from March 19, 2022, and the April 4, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meetings:

[https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2021-22/March19,2022,BoardMinutes\(Special\).pdf](https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2021-22/March19,2022,BoardMinutes(Special).pdf).

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2021-22/04042022BoardMinutesSpecial.pdf>

Note that the Board gave approval for updated school enrollment (EMIS) data that will be used for governance purposes and for tournament divisional alignments for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years (although enrollments are combined with Competitive Balance data in the eight Competitive Balance sports to determine divisional alignments, with the latter data collected and recalculated on an annual basis).

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

OHSAA Award Certificates

The annual OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards (Archie Griffin, NFHS Award of Excellence, etc.) are now available through your school's *myOHSAA* account for you to print. These awards are available through June 30, 2022, on both high school and 7th & 8th grade school accounts. We encourage school administrators to communicate internally and follow the on-screen instructions and parameters in *myOHSAA* to select your recipients for each of these awards. Awards will print in color provided you use a color printer, and you can choose the type of paper used for the printing. Be sure to indicate any special paper used through the printing properties of your printer.

NFHS Foundation Approves Purchase and Distribution of Wet Bulb Globe Thermometers

The NFHS Foundation recently announced the approval of a grant program in which 5,000 wet bulb globe thermometers have been purchased and will be distributed to high schools across the country. Wet bulb globe thermometers are an important tool for minimizing heat-related illness during outdoor activities and measure the heat stress in direct sunlight, accounting for temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun angle and cloud cover. High schools can use the thermometer's reading to help determine if the weather is appropriate to hold outdoor activities. Approximately 2,500 thermometers will be distributed in April, with another 2,500 to be delivered to schools in time for late-summer workouts. **The OHSAA Executive Director's Office has been informed that there will not be enough available for ALL of Ohio's schools. If you are interested in obtaining a wet bulb globe thermometer, please send an email to: wetglobebulb@ohsaa.org** (yes, that email address is correct).

ODE's Ohio Teacher-of-the-Year Nomination Deadline Extended

The nomination period for the 2023 Ohio Department of Education's Ohio Teacher-of-the-Year has been extended through April 30, 2022. The program annually recognizes exception teachers and celebrates their effective, inspiring work both inside and outside the classroom. For more information, go to:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Media/Ed-Connection/March-28-2022/Ohio-Teacher-of-the-Year-Nomination-deadline-extend>.

To nominate an individual, go to: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Ohio-Teacher-of-the-Year-OTOY/Ohio-Teacher-of-the-Year-Nomination-Information>.

For more information on the ODE Teacher-of-the-Year program, go to:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Ohio-Teacher-of-the-Year-OTOY>.

OHSAA Board Resolution Cards

The OHSAA Constitution requires the board of education or similar governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing its schools that were members during the 2021-22 school year to continue membership for the 2022-23 school year. The OHSAA Board Resolution Card, which requires a signature from the governing body's president and superintendent/head of school, was mailed in mid-January. Please read the instructions that accompanied the card, complete the required items and return the card to the OHSAA office using the pre-stamped envelope provided **no later than June 30, 2022**. For questions, please contact either Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org) or Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org).

NFHS to Host Virtual Women's Sports Summit in May

The National Federation of State High School Associations will host a women's sport summit, "Better Together: Women and Sport Leadership Virtual Summit," May 1-3, 2022, for administrators, coaches and officials at the interscholastic level.

This is an outstanding professional development opportunity – held during the 50th anniversary of Title IX being enacted into law – will include keynote addresses by Betsy Butterick (Communications Specialist), Violet Palmer (first female NBA referee) and Dr. Jen Welter (first female NFL coach). The three-day event will combine standalone speakers and moderated panels for three different tracks (administrators, coaches and officials), as well as general sessions for all attendees. For information about the Summit, go to: <https://bit.ly/3s45YD4>. To register, go to: <https://meetings.nfhs.org/btwls22/>.

To Review Information That Previously Appeared in the OHSAA Administrator Update, Go Here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdate02182022.pdf>

Items included:

- OHSAA Reinstates 10-Day Rule for Team Sports Beginning this June
- OHSAA Announces Future Basketball Season Starting, Ending and Tournament Dates Through 2025-26
- Membership Encouraged to Support Suicide Prevention Awareness with Uniform Patches
- School Officiating Class Opportunities Workshop Available to View on YouTube

Thank you for your attention to this information and for the work you are doing with our student-athletes. Please contact us if we can be of service!