



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

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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.

➔ Make Plans Now to Attend OHSAA Regional Update Meetings; Participate in Virtual Administrator Workshop

The OHSAA Executive Director's Office will be conducting in-person Regional Update Meetings beginning this week and continuing in September for school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators in each of the six OHSAA athletic districts. The meetings are designed to provide updates and reminders on key issues, and attendance is highly recommended. All meetings will run from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and staff will be available afterward to answer questions. The dates and locations are:

- Thursday, Aug. 25, **Columbus** (Quest Conference Center, Westerville)
- Tuesday, Aug. 30, **Cincinnati** (Sharonville Convention Center)
- Wednesday, Sept. 7, **Athens** (Ohio University Inn & Conference Center)
- Tuesday, Sept. 13, **Cleveland** (DoubleTree by Hilton, Independence)
- Thursday, Sept. 15, **Cambridge** (Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center)
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, **Findlay** (Findlay High School Auditorium)

If you still need to register, go here: <https://ohsaameetings.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?teams=2>.

In addition, the OHSAA will be hosting one more Administrator Workshop that will provide an overview of important issues in the areas of compliance and sport management. Designed specifically for new administrators but also for those who desire to "brush-up" in these areas, this **virtual** Administrator Workshop is on Monday, Aug. 29, between 9:00 a.m. and noon. To register for that workshop, go to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/meetings>.

For questions, contact the OHSAA Executive Director's Office at 614-267-2502.

Help Contest Officials By Clarifying Their Rates of Pay

The OHSAA Executive Director's Office reminds athletic administrators to please make sure the specific rate of pay is indicated on contest officials' contracts. If your school works with an officiating assigner, please remind them to indicate the rate of pay on the contracts. In addition, if an established conference/league rate of pay is in place **AND POSTED**, it is sufficient to mark contacts "league rate."

Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your coaches that all 10 OHSAA fall sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. Rules meetings have been posted in *myOHSAA*, and details were sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for fall 2022 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Football	On-line Meeting Available	Thur., Aug. 25	Sat., Oct. 1, 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Field Hockey	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Volleyball	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Soccer	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Golf	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Sept. 12, 11:59 PM	Tyler Brooks (tbrooks@ohsaa.org)
Girls Tennis	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Sept. 12, 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Cross Country	On-line Meeting Available	Today (Tues., Aug. 23)	Monday, Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition			

Public Address Announcers Play Key Role in Promoting Educational Athletics, Sporting Behavior

With the purpose of interscholastic athletics to prepare our students for the next phases of their lives, administrators are reminded that public address announcers play a key role in not only supporting this message but also promoting sporting behavior at our various athletic contests. Administrators are reminded that the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Learning Center has a free course on public address announcing that is designed to provide the best practices of announcing at high

school events by explaining the expectations of school administration, appropriate behavior before and during a competition and the specific times during an event where announcers should be active. Multiple audio examples of P.A. announcers are provided to help illustrate what to do and what not to do while announcing. To take the course for yourself or to share with your public address announcer, go to: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/p-a-announcing>.

Reminder: Penalty for Non-Compliant Soccer Uniforms Begins August 1, 2024

As athletic administrators look ahead in ordering team uniforms for future use, please be reminded that, in accordance with National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Rule 4.1 and effective August 1, 2024, teams who are found to be in violation of the uniform requirements shall be subject to a \$100 fine per occurrence. Failure to have NFHS compliant uniforms by the start of the OHSAA post-season in 2024 shall result in removal from the OHSAA Tournament. For further details, please see uniform regulations [HERE](#).

OHSAA Football Playoffs Details

The 2022 OHSAA football playoffs will have feature many of the same elements as last year's tournament. Each region will qualify 16 teams to the playoffs (448 total teams; 64 teams per division); regional first-round and regional quarterfinal games will be hosted by the higher seeds and will all be held on Fridays, and regional semifinals, regional finals and state semifinals contests will be held at neutral sites with Divisions I, II, III and V playing on Fridays and Divisions IV, VI and VII on Saturdays. Teams must play a minimum of eight regular contests in order to be considered for playoff qualification. The state finals will return to Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton December 1, 2 and 3. **In early September, forms will be distributed to athletic administrators to ask for your consideration and information in regards to hosting regional semifinal, regional quarterfinal and/or state semifinal contests.** Here are football dates to remember for 2022:

Sept. 13	First Weekly Computer Points Released (after week 4)
Oct. 22	Regular Season Ends
Oct. 23	Final Computer Points and Playoff Qualifiers Announced (top 16 schools in each region)
Oct. 28	First-Round Playoff Games – Higher Seeded Team Hosts
Nov. 4	Regional Quarterfinals – Higher Seeded Team Hosts
Nov. 11-12	Regional Semifinals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)
Nov. 18-19	Regional Finals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving
Nov. 25-26	State Semifinals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)
Dec. 1-3	State Championships in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium

For additional information published in the August 9, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/07152022AU.pdf>. Included are:

- Reminder on School's Responsibility When Hosting a Contest
- Sickle Cell Trait Guidance for Students Participating Collegiately Beginning in 2023-24

For additional information published in the July 15, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/07152022AU.pdf>. Included are:

- Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements
- Preseason Meeting Requirements with Student-Athletes and Parents
- Preparticipation Physical Examination Requirements
- Heat Acclimatization and Exertional Heat Illness Prevention Reminders
- 2022-23 Tournament Divisional Alignments and/or Representation
- Updating Information in *myOHSAA*
- Update on Pupil Activity Permits for Coaches
- Preseason Sport Manuals Information
- On-Line Courses Available at NFHS Learning Center
- Key OHSAA General Sports Regulation and Sport-by-Changes for 2022-23 School Year

Thank you for your attention to this information. Please contact us if we can be of service!