



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.

OHSAA Board of Directors Approves Additional Referendum Items at February 16 Meeting

The OHSAA Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office to place five (5) additional items up for referendum vote of the membership during its regularly scheduled meeting on February 16. This brings the count to a total of 10 referendum items (one Constitution; nine Bylaw) for 2023, which member school principals will vote upon between May 1 and 15. A few additional referendum items to place before the membership may be approved by the Board next month. Details on the approved referendum items will be posted soon on the OHSAA website at:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting>.

OHSAA Board of Directors Approves Recommendation to Extend the 10-Day Rule for Team Sports Beginning this May; Start Date for Fall Coaching Moved Up; Addition Coaching Days Permitted in Soccer

At the February 16 OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office to extend the beginning date of permissible team sport coaching in the summer to May 15, starting this year. The regulation also extends the former "OHSAA 10-day rule" (General Sports Regulation 7.5.1) to 13 days. Effective immediately, General Sport Regulation 7.5.1 shall read*: Members of a school team's coaching staff in the team sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball may coach students from their school teams **for a maximum of 13 days from May 15 through July 30** *Note: This information will be reflected in the 2023-24 OHSAA Handbook, with any necessary editorial changes. General information:

- The 13-day maximum applies to the entire coaching staff and not towards each individual coach (for example, each coach of a team is not entitled to 13 different days of coaching).
- The 13-day maximum does not translate to hours (for example, 13 days does not permit 312 total hours of coaching).
- This regulation is different than Sports Regulation 8, which is regarding Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction. Please review that regulation, which is NOT the same as team instruction.
- In the sport of football, only non-contact football is permitted.
- Student-athlete participation shall not be made mandatory from May 15 – July 30.

Also, the start date for coaching fall sports teams in 2023 has been moved to **Monday, July 31** (was previously August 1), due to the fact that August 1 is a Tuesday this year. The Board also approved this recommendation at last week's meeting.

Additionally, and continuing with a regulation that was new last year, football teams are permitted to conduct their five days of acclimatization between July 17 and July 30, giving that sport 18 total days of non-mandatory coaching between May 15 and July 30. Similar to football, girls and boys soccer teams have also been given an additional five days of non-mandatory practice between July 17 and 30 to help participants better prepare for their first contest, which in 2023 is permissible on August 11. The latter regulation was also approved by the Board of Directors at their February meeting.

OHSAA Board of Directors Approves Team Sport Travel Stipends for OHSAA Winter and Spring Tournaments

The OHSAA Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office to provide travel stipends to schools that participate in OHSAA's winter and spring team tournaments. The stipends will be as follows: ice hockey regional finalists and boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball and boys and girls lacrosse regional qualifiers - \$750 per game; and ice hockey, girls and boys basketball, baseball, softball and boys and girls lacrosse state qualifiers - \$1,500 per game.

Boys State Tennis Tournament Moves to Ohio State; Dates Change Slightly

Due to construction at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, the OHSAA Boys State Tennis Tournament this spring will move to The Ohio State University Varsity Tennis Courts in Columbus. The facility has 10 courts and seating for large crowds. The dates will be Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26. Should there be inclement weather, the tournament will move next door to the new Ty Tucker

Tennis Center, which features six indoor courts and theater style seating for spectators. No determination for sites of the state girls or boys tennis tournaments beyond this spring have been made.

OHSAA to Host Athletic Discussion Meetings in April and May

The OHSAA will again host in-person Athletic Discussion Meetings for school administrators in each of the six OHSAA athletic districts in April and May. Registration information will be sent later this month asking athletic administrators to complete the registration process for not only themselves but also superintendents and principals. Director Kristin Ronai will review the upcoming OHSAA referendum issues on which member school principals will vote in May, and Executive Director Doug Ute will discuss current issues of interest. Meetings will take place as follows:

Monday, April 17, 10:00 to noon — Quest Conference Center, **Westerville**

Tuesday, April 18, 10:00 to noon — Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, **Athens**

Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 to 12:30 – Auditorium, **Streetsboro** High School

Thursday, April 27, 1:30 to 3:30 – Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, **Cambridge**

Friday, April 28, 10:00 to noon – Community Auditorium, **Clayton Northmont** High School

Monday, May 1, 9:00* to noon – Camden Falls Reception & Conference Center, **Tiffin**

(*combined with Northwest District Athletic Board awards ceremony)

State Basketball Tournaments Ticketing Information

Superintendents, principals, athletic administrators and head girls and boys basketball coaches were sent information recently about the digital ticketing purchase process for the state girls and boys basketball tournaments. The ticket window for schools opened February 2. That process has replaced the paper forms schools were sent in the past and is being handled by our digital ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing.

Each OHSAA member school has access to purchase up to eight (8) all-session tickets for the girls tournament AND eight (8) all-session tickets for the boys tournament before tickets are available to the public. Those eight tickets can be located together. Each school has been provided with one presale code for the girls tournament and a separate one for the boys tournament. Purchasers have the opportunity to click on and select their seats from a seat map of the University of Dayton Arena. All-session ticket sales will be valid through Friday, March 3, or until your school's presale code has been used to purchase your eight (8) all-session tickets. All-session tickets sales for the public began Monday (February 6).

Both 2023 state basketball tournaments will again be held at the University of Dayton Arena, with the girls tournament Thursday through Saturday, March 9-11, and the boys tournament Friday through Sunday, March 17-19. For more questions, including the steps to claim tickets contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager, Claire Duesdieker Keohane, at claired@ohsaa.org.

Reminders: Update Administrators in myOHSAA

Athletic administrators are encouraged to login to your *myOHSAA* account to provide updates in **Staff Management** (are all your coaches listed?; are your principal and superintendent listed and are their emails correct?).

Ordering Soccer Uniforms Soon? Reminder: Penaltiy for Non-Compliant 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 complaint 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: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Soccer/Uniform-Regulations-Soccer>.

Competitive Balance Roster Data Entry Period Opens for Winter Sports

Administrators are reminded that the window to enter Competitive Balance roster data for the winter sports of boys basketball and girls basketball opened on **February 1, 2023**. Athletic administrators, or their designees, must submit their roster data within the ArbiterGame system (under the 'Eligibility' tab). The deadline to submit basketball roster data is **Monday, April 3, 2023**. **ALL** schools that compete in a varsity contest in those sports must submit their roster data by that date. All other winter sports are **not** part of Competitive Balance. Note that the deadline for submitting Competitive Balance roster date for the fall sports of football, soccer and volleyball has passed. For questions, contact Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org) or Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org) of our compliance staff.

OHSAA Board Resolution for Membership 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 2022-23 school year to continue membership for the 2023-24 school year. The OHSAA Board Resolution Card, which requires a signature from the governing body's president and superintendent/head of school, will be mailed later this month. Please read the instructions that accompany 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, 2023**. For questions, please contact either Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org) or Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org).

Mandatory Spring Sports Online Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your coaches that all OHSAA sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. These are required in order for your school to participate in the OHSAA tournament for that specific sport and participation must be by either the varsity head coach, varsity assistant coach or athletic administrator. Spring sports rules meetings have been posted in *myOHSAA*, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for spring 2023 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Baseball	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (B)	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 18	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (G)	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 18	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Softball	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Tennis (B)	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 25	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Track & Field	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Volleyball (B)	Wed., Jan. 25 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 11	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@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.			

For information published in the February 7, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateFebruary7,2023.pdf>

For information published in the January 24, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateJanuary24,2023.pdf>

For information published in the January 10, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateJanuary10,2023.pdf>

For additional information published in past OHSAA Administrator Updates through December 31, 2022, please see page 3 of the November 29 edition at:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/11292022AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

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