



# 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.

### Schools Can View the OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference Beginning Monday

In conjunction with the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation Student Leadership Conference was held in November, and administrators are welcome to gather school groups to view the presentation beginning Monday, January 16, at: <https://mjvirtualevents.com/ohsaa/mid-oh-slc>. The presentation lasts approximately two hours and will be available for viewing through February 17, 2023. The theme of the leadership conference is "Leave a Legacy – Be the Voice of Change," and features four highly acclaimed speakers in **Harvey Alston**, opening keynote speaker: "Be the Voice," followed by **Deb Hult**: "Creatiing Actions," **Omari Pearson**: "Creating a Shared Vision" and **Jason Michaels**: "Overcoming Difficulties." Note that to view the conference, simply click on the link above (no passwords are needed and there is no cost).

### Bylaw 4-4 (Scholarship) Important Reminder

Administrators are reminded to make sure all winter sports athletes are scheduled for at least five (5) credits at the high school level or four (4) classes at the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade level during the third grading period. If an athlete does not pass the five-credit/four-class standard in the third grading period, then he/she will become ineligible at the start of the fifth school day of the fourth grading period. Check your student-athlete schedules and work with your guidance counselor to ensure this does not happen! For questions, please contact Kristin Ronai ([kronai@ohsaa.org](mailto:kronai@ohsaa.org)) or Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)) of our compliance staff.

### Mandatory Winter 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. Winter 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 winter 2023 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Basketball	Meeting now available	Late fee now required	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Doug Ute ( <a href="mailto:dute@ohsaa.org">dute@ohsaa.org</a> )
Wrestling	Meeting now available	Late fee now required	Mon., Feb. 6 at 11:59 pm	Tyler Brooks ( <a href="mailto:tbrooks@ohsaa.org">tbrooks@ohsaa.org</a> )
Swim/Dive	Meeting now available	Late fee now required	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
Ice Hockey	Meeting now available	Late fee now required	Fri., Feb. 3 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware ( <a href="mailto:dware@ohsaa.org">dware@ohsaa.org</a> )
Gymnastics	Meeting now available	Late fee now required	Mon., Jan. 30 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
Bowling	Meeting now available	Late fee now required	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Late Fee Begins</b>	Day after first date of competition			
<b>End Date</b>	The "End Date" is the same as the tournament entry/withdraw deadline date.			

### Reminders: Winter Sports Tournament Entry and Update Administrators in myOHSAA

Athletic administrators are encouraged to check the accuracy of their school's tournament entry in *myOHSAA* for ALL sports, but especially winter sports. The deadline to enter and withdrawal from winter tournaments is January 23, 2023 (basketball, bowling and swimming & diving); January 30, 2023 (gymnastics); February 3, 2023 (ice hockey) and February 6, 2023 (wrestling). In addition, please 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?).

### December OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes Available

Here is a link to the minutes from December 1, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/12.1.22.pdf>. **The first OHSAA referendum items for 2023 that were approved by the Board are reflected in these minutes.**

Here is a link to the minutes from December 16, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/12.16.22BoardMinutesSpecial.pdf>. A recommendation to approve tournament travel stipends to schools that participated in OHSAA fall 2022 regional and state tournaments that was approved by the Board is reflected in these minutes.

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

### **Ordering Soccer Uniforms Soon? Reminder: Penalties 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 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: <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 opens 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 data for the fall sports of football, soccer and volleyball has passed. For questions, contact Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)) or Alexis Holderman ([aholderman@ohsaa.org](mailto: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](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)) or Alexis Holderman ([aholderman@ohsaa.org](mailto:aholderman@ohsaa.org)).

### **Attention Athletic Administrators: Plenty of Online Resources Available to Provide Assistance**

The OHSAA would like to remind athletic administrators that plenty of online resources are available to assist you in your jobs. Here are just a few to assist:

- The National Federation of State High School Associations' **NFHS Learning Center** ([www.nfhslearn.org](http://www.nfhslearn.org)): The leader in online education for the interscholastic community, NFHSlearn.org offers in-depth timely and pertinent virtual courses for administrators, coaches, contest officials, students and parents and has offerings in sports and the performing arts. Of the nearly 90 courses offered, many are free.
- **Athletic Director Insider** ([https://twitter.com/ad\\_insider](https://twitter.com/ad_insider)) focuses on providing new and helpful content to athletic administrators looking to learn and excel with new videos and articles posted weekly. The AD Insider is also available on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ADInsider/>; Instagram at: [https://www.instagram.com/ad\\_insider/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/ad_insider/?hl=en), and via podcasts through such services as Amazon, Apple and Spotify.
- The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (**NIAAA**) and Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (**OIAAA**) websites has a host of tools and resources available at: <https://members.niaaa.org/page/resources> and <https://www.ohioiaaa.org>.
- The **Coaches' Tool Chest** provides athletic administrators with an efficient, simple method to ensure all of your coaches are compliant with their Pupil Activity Permit requirements. More than just meeting the legally mandated minimum requirements, the Coaches' Tool Chest adds a professional development piece as well and focuses on one certificate, once per year. For more information, go to: <https://coachestoolchest.com>.

### **Free Crisis Text Line to Support Teens' Mental Health Available**

In a partnership with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the Crisis Text Line (CTL) is available at no cost, 24/7, for teens across the country for mental health support and crisis intervention. The text-based service, available in English and Spanish, empowers a community of trained volunteer crisis counselors to provide confidential support to teens in their moments of need. To utilize the service, individuals are encouraged to text a keyword to 741741 if they are experiencing a mental health crisis – anything from suicidal thoughts or abusive relationships to difficult conversations with parents or anxiety about school workload.

## **Dale Gabor, Former OHSAA Administrator and Director of Officiating Development for Cross Country and Track & Field, Honored**

Former OHSAA administrator and director of officiating development for cross country and track & field Dale Gabor, who died October 28, 2021, following an extended illness, had a recognition plaque bearing his name dedicated and blessed at Cleveland St. Ignatius High School in early December along with signage recognizing the school's track that bears his name. Gabor spent nearly 50 years at St. Ignatius, including 25 as the school's athletic administrator before retiring from that position in 2008 and joining the OHSAA staff. A member of the OHSAA Officials, Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators and St. Ignatius High School Athletic halls of fame and winner of such awards as the NFHS Ohio Award for Outstanding Service and the OHSAA Naismith Award for Meritorious Service, Gabor is survived by his wife Linda, daughter Tricia and son Stephen.

## **Spring Sports State Online Rules Meetings Required**

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 will be posted soon in *myOHSAA*, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for spring 2023 sports:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Late Fee Begins</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Lacrosse (B)</b>	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 18	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Tyler Brooks ( <a href="mailto:tbrooks@ohsaa.org">tbrooks@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Lacrosse (G)</b>	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 18	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Tyler Brooks ( <a href="mailto:tbrooks@ohsaa.org">tbrooks@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Softball</b>	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Tennis (B)</b>	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 25	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware ( <a href="mailto:dware@ohsaa.org">dware@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware ( <a href="mailto:dware@ohsaa.org">dware@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Volleyball (B)</b>	Wed., Jan. 25 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 11	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
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**For additional information published in past OHSAA Administrator Updates, please see page 3 of the November 29 edition at:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/11292022AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

**To view OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute's mid-year update, please go to:**

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/11152022AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

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