



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

Doug Ute, Executive Director

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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.

### **Board of Directors Approves Final Items as 2023 Referendum Issues**

The OHSAA Board of Directors has approved recommendations from the Executive Director's Office to place two more items up for referendum vote of the membership for 2023 during a special meeting held during last week's boys state basketball tournament. That means there will be 13 total items (one Constitution, 12 Bylaw) that member school principals will vote upon between May 1 and 15. Details on all the approved referendum issues are here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/FINAL-2023ReferendumItems.pdf>.

### **Dates & Sites Set for Athletic Discussion Meetings**

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, where the main focus will be a review of the upcoming referendum issues from Director of Compliance Kristin Ronai. The registration link is here: <https://ohsaameetings.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>, and we ask that athletic administrators complete the registration process for not only themselves but also superintendents and principals. OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute will also be on hand at the meetings to 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)

### **2023 Spring Sports Schedules**

Spring sports practices and/or contests have started. Here is a calendar of important dates for the OHSAA's spring sports:

#### **Baseball**

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 4 after practice begins (or 3 scrimmages and 1 preview)

First Contest – Saturday, March 25

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 3

#### **Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse**

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 3 after practice begins

First Contest – Already Started (Friday, March 17)

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, March 27

#### **Softball**

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 4 after practice begins (or 3 scrimmages and 1 preview)

First Contest – Saturday, March 25

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Saturday, March 25

#### **Boys Tennis**

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 1 after practice begins but before first contest

First Contest – Friday, March 24

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 10

#### **Track & Field**

Scrimmages with Other Schools – none permitted

First Contest – Saturday, March 25

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, May 1

#### **Boys Volleyball**

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 5 after practice begins plus 1 preview

First Contest – Already Started (Friday, March 10)

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 3

### **Reminders for School Teams Taking Spring Break Trips**

School teams may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state **one time per sport per interscholastic season** to compete in contests in any location that does not border Ohio subject to approval from the Executive Director's Office. To obtain and complete the required form to request this travel permission, go to: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/NonBorderingStateApproval.pdf>.

Should a school travel to a non-bordering location to compete in contests on more than one occasion, it shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11. A school which travels to a non-bordering location without approval from the Executive Director's Office shall be subject to a fine and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11. Additionally, school-sponsored teams and individuals may not travel out of state for practice purposes. However, if the school is traveling outside the boundaries of the states/province that border Ohio for the one-time per season competition opportunity, the school squad may also practice during that trip.

### **Basketball Out-of-Season Reminders**

School coaches are permitted to coach non-school teams (AAU, AYBT, GYB, etc.) outside the season with players from your school teams on it. Before they coach and have voluntary practice outside the season, read these regulations that must be followed:

- 1.) The No-Contact Period must be followed. It still exists and means that your school coach will NOT be permitted to coach starting with the first day after the school's last interscholastic contest and ending 28 days later. This means that no coach, paid or volunteer and approved by the Board of Education, shall coach or provide skill instruction to team members in the sport of basketball during this no-contact period. This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for purposes of non-interscholastic competition.
- 2.) General Sports Regulation 7-3-1 has changed the number of team members that can participate together on a non-interscholastic team. Effective August 1, 2022, a non-interscholastic team may now have three (3) players that played for the same school team. Whether a school coach or a non-school coach is coaching a non-school team, only three players from the same school team are permitted.
- 3.) There can be no rotating players from your school teams from one non-school game to another. In other words, a team that consists of three players from your school does NOT mean that non-school team can use three different players in each game in which it plays or cannot move players in and out of that same non-school team from one weekend to the next. This is true whether or not the school coach is coaching the non-school team.

For more details, please review OHSAA General Sports Regulation 7.3.1, which can be accessed here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>.

### **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	Already Started	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
Lacrosse (B)	Already Started	Already Started	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg ( <a href="mailto:brugg@ohsaa.org">brugg@ohsaa.org</a> )
Lacrosse (G)	Already Started	Already Started	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg ( <a href="mailto:brugg@ohsaa.org">brugg@ohsaa.org</a> )
Softball	Already Started	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
Tennis (B)	Already Started	Sat., Mar. 25	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware ( <a href="mailto:dware@ohsaa.org">dware@ohsaa.org</a> )
Track & Field	Already Started	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware ( <a href="mailto:dware@ohsaa.org">dware@ohsaa.org</a> )
Volleyball (B)	Already Started	Already Started	Mon., Apr. 24 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.			

### **OHSAA District Athletic Board Election Process**

Administrators will be receiving a separate email in the near future that will explain the process to submit nominations for expired or unexpired OHSAA District Athletic Board positions and will also show the specific positions available. Nominating petitions for these positions must be completed through *myOHSAA* by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30. Voting for these positions will take place between May 1 and 15, with terms officially beginning on August 1, 2023.

Expiring terms (August 1, 2023-July 31, 2029) are: **Central:** Class AA (Ryan Fitzgerald, incumbent); **East:** Class AA (Chad Shawger, incumbent); **Northeast:** Class A (Ryan Kleber, incumbent); **Northwest:** Class A (Keith Mora, incumbent); **Southeast:** Class AAA (Aaron Hammond, interim/incumbent), and **Southwest:** Class AAA (Tim Cook, incumbent). Unexpired terms are: **Central:** Class AA, August 1, 2023-July 31, 2028 (Scott Beery, interim), and **Southwest:** Female Representative, August 1, 2023-July 31, 2026 (Ashley Johnson, interim).

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 2022-23 *OHSAA Handbook*), which can be accessed here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/Handbook.pdf>.

**For information published in the March 7, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**  
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateMarch72023.pdf>

**For information published in the February 21, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:**  
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateFebruary212023.pdf>

**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!