



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.

Mark Your Calendars → OHSAA to Host Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Summit in April

The OHSAA will be hosting *Better Together: A Summit on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging* on April 8, 2022, at the Quest Conference Center, 9200 Worthington Road, Westerville. The summit is aimed to assist school administrators and coaches in creating environments where ALL students feel honored, supported and accepted. Complete details, starting time, speakers and registration information will be available soon.

Mark Your Calendars → OHSAA to Host Athletic Discussion Meetings in April

The OHSAA will return to in-person meetings in April when it hosts Athletic Discussion Meetings for school administrators in each of the six OHSAA athletic districts. Registration information was sent to administrators earlier this week and asked athletic administrators to complete the registration process for not only themselves but also superintendents and principals within their school/district. The meetings will 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 current issues of interest. Meetings will take place as follows:

Wednesday, April 6, 10:00 to noon — Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, **Athens**

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**

High Importance → School Enrollment Data Available for Review/Appeal

Last week, the Executive Director's Office notified schools via individualized emails of their proposed enrollment data to be used for placement within tournament divisions for both the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years (and for determining school classification for governance purposes). **Schools have until Friday, March 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to review and appeal their numbers** if they believe an error has been made. Once the deadline has passed, no additional appeals will be accepted. **Therefore, it is extremely important you work with your school's EMIS/EAS coordinator to ensure the accuracy of the proposed numbers prior to the appeal deadline.**

The proposed numbers and appeal form are located at the following links:

PROPOSED NUMBERS: <https://www.ohsaa.org/school-resources/school-enrollment>

APPEAL FORM: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/AppealsForm2022.pdf>

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).

OHSAA February Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

Here is a link to the minutes from February 17, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2021-22/02172022BoardMinutes.pdf>.

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

State Basketball Tournaments Ticketing Information

All-session tickets for the upcoming OHSAA girls and boys basketball state tournaments at the University of Dayton Arena are currently on sale by going to www.ohsaa.org/tickets. All tickets are digital and must be purchased online in advance. Blocks of tickets will be held for the fans of the 16 participating teams that advance to the state tournament, but a large number of all-session ticket are still available. The girls state basketball tournament is Thursday through Saturday, March 10-12, and the boys state tournament is Friday through Sunday, March 18-20. The divisional rotation for the state tournaments this year is Division III, II, IV and I. Parking fees are included in the ticket cost and fans are encouraged to carpool.

Girls semifinal games are doubleheader sessions for the semifinals March 10 and 11 and begin at 12:00 and 6:00. The championship games are each single sessions on March 12 and are at 10:45, 2:00, 5:15 and 8:30. All boys semifinals and finals are single session contests with game times each day at 10:45, 2:00, 5:15 and 8:30.

Member Schools' Tournament Responsibilities/Regulations During COVID

With OHSAA winter tournaments upon us, the Executive Director's Office reminds administrators that the fall memo that was sent is still in place which provides reminders as they relate to Bylaw 3-1-1 (Bylaw 3-1-1, Administrative Responsibility, and Tournament Participation Agreement); positive COVID cases and quarantines, and the OHSAA tournament postponement and cancellation policy. The memo has been updated for the winter, so please take time to read this prior to your teams starting winter tournament play. The memo can be accessed here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdate01182021.pdf>

Please note that there currently are NO state mandates regarding vaccinations, masks and social distancing, although local executive orders, ordinances in some cities and requirements set by the local health department, local school district and/or host tournament facility may be in place. **Protocols set locally may be different for your participants and spectators at an away/neutral/tournament site than those in place at your home facilities.**

Spring Sports State Online Rules Meetings Required

This is a reminder that 2022 OHSAA state rules meetings for each spring sport (ice hockey and wrestling) 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	Tue., Feb. 8 at 9:00 a.m.	Sun., Mar. 27	Mon., May 2 at 11:59 p.m.	Emily Gates egates@ohsaa.org
Lacrosse (B)	Tue., Feb. 8 at 9:00 a.m.	Sat., Mar. 19	Mon., May 2 at 11:59 p.m.	Tyler Brooks tbrooks@ohsaa.org
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Softball	Wed., Feb. 9 at 9:00 a.m.	Sun., Mar. 27	Mon., Apr. 25 at 11:59 p.m.	Kate Barnett kbarnett@ohsaa.org
Boys Tennis	Wed., Feb. 9 at 9:00 a.m.	Sat., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 25 at 11:59 p.m.	Dustin Ware dware@ohsaa.org
Track & Field	Wed., Feb. 9 at 9:00 a.m.	Sun., Mar. 27	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.			

To Review Information that appeared in the February 18 OHSAA Administrator Update, go here:

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

Items included were:

- OHSAA Board of Directors Approves Additional Referendum Items
- 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
- OHSAA Board of Directors Approves Modified District Athletic Board Election Process
- 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!