



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.

Current List of 2023 Referendum Issues Available; Dates & Sites Set for Athletic Discussion Meetings

The OHSAA Board of Directors has approved recommendations from the Executive Director's Office to place 10 items (one Constitution; nine Bylaw) up for referendum vote of the membership for 2023. Member school principals will vote upon these issues between May 1 and 15. A few additional referendum items to place before the membership may be approved by the Board soon.

Details on the current approved referendum issues are here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/ApprovedRefItems-Feb2023.pdf>.

In addition, 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. Registration information was recently sent to school administrators and asked 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 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** (Please note that the **DAY** listed in the invitation was not correct. **Tuesday, April 18, is the correct day and date**).

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)

Tickets Remain on Sale for Upcoming OHSAA Tournaments

Tickets remain on sale for the upcoming OHSAA winter state tournaments. These tickets must be purchased online through the OHSAA's digital ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing, or Ticketmaster by going to <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. Here is additional information:

Girls Basketball

Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, University of Dayton Arena

Boys and Girls Division I Bowling

Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl

Boys and Girls Wrestling

Friday-Sunday, March 10-12, Schottenstein Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus

Ice Hockey

Saturday and Sunday, March 11-12, Nationwide Arena, Columbus

Boys Basketball

Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, University of Dayton Arena

For questions, contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager Claire Duesdieker Keohane at claired@ohsaa.org.

OHSAA February Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

Here is a link to the minutes from February 16, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/20230216BoardMinutes.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.

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 – 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 – Friday, March 10

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 3

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>.

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; Additional 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.

Ordering Soccer Uniforms Soon? Reminder: Penalty 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>.

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.

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 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!