



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.

Referendum Voting Continues Through May 15

Member school principals have until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, to vote on the 13 OHSAA 2023 referendum issues. The voting, which takes place in *myOHSAA*, includes one Constitution item and 12 Bylaw items. Principals are encouraged to confer with their superintendents/heads of school and athletic administrators about the proposals before casting their votes. To review the 2023 OHSAA referendum items, go to:

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

As a reminder, voting is required via Constitution Article 8-1-9, although principals have the option to abstain on any issues while completing their ballot.

District Athletic Board Voting Continues Through May 15

Member school principals have until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, to vote for expiring or interim positions that are open on their respective District Athletic Boards. Principals will vote for candidates running for positions in their classification within their district only and/or any at-large positions within their district. 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).

OHSAA Board Approves Athletic Enrichment Fund; Financial Contribution to be Given to All Member Schools

At a special virtual meeting held April 13, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Executive Director's Office that the Association establish an "athletic enrichment" fund for the purpose of providing a financial contribution, on an equitable basis, to each member high school's athletic department to assist with costs of equipment, uniforms, game transportation, officials and improving student sportsmanship and adult fan behavior. The fund will be established with an initial transfer from OHSAA operations of \$3 million. On an annual basis, the board will approve a transfer to the fund from operating cash and will determine the contribution amount to each school. To qualify, member schools must have returned their membership card by June 30 and have no outstanding member dues or fines. As part of its action on April 13, the Board also approved a recommendation to distribute \$1,250 to each member school for the 2022-23 fiscal year that schools will receive in August 2023.

OHSAA Finance Team To Present Review of Winter Tournaments Thursday

On Thursday, May 4, starting at 8:30 a.m., the OHSAA finance team, led by Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl and Controller Laura Vermilya along with Executive Director Doug Ute, will be hosting a virtual meeting for member school administrators to provide a financial review of the OHSAA's winter tournaments. All administrators are welcome to participate, so please use this link (<https://www.ohsaa.org/meetings>) to register for that meeting and receive your link. The link to access the meeting will be located in the "Additional Information" section of your confirmation email. If you have any questions on connectivity, please contact OHSAA Manager of Membership Services and Compliance Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org).

Spring Sports Dates

Baseball

Tournament Draw: Sunday, May 7

Sectionals: May 13-20; **Districts:** May 22-27; **Regionals:** June 1-2; **State:** June 8-10, Akron Canal Park

Statewide Brackets: to come at <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/baseball>

Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

Tournament Draw: Sunday, May 7

Regional Qualifying: May 12-21; **Regional Semifinals and Finals:** May 22-28; **State Semifinals and Finals:** May

30-June 3 (finals June 3 at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus)

Boys Statewide Brackets: to come at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Boys/2023-Boys-Lacrosse/2023-Boys-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

Girls Statewide Brackets: to come at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Girls/2023-Girls-Lacrosse/2023-Girls-Lacrosse-Tournament-Coverage>

Softball

Sectionals: May 6-13; **Districts:** May 15-20; **Regionals:** May 24-27; **State:** June 1-3 Akron Firestone Stadium

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Softball/Softball-2023/2023-OHSAA-Softball-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

Boys Tennis*

Sectionals: May 8-13; **Districts:** May 15-20; **State:** May 25-26, Outdoor Varsity Tennis Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus

Track & Field*

Districts: May 15-20; **Regionals:** May 24-27; **State:** June 2-3, Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, The Ohio State University, Columbus

*Visit the respective OHSAA District Athletic Board websites for links to school tournament assignments and results:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards>

Boys Volleyball

Regional Qualifying: May 6-13; **Regional Semifinals and Finals:** May 15-20; **State:** May 27-28, Wittenberg University, Springfield

Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball-Boys/Boys-Volleyball-2023/2023-OHSAA-Boys-Volleyball-State-Tournament-Coverage>

Spring Tournaments Ticketing

Virtually all ticketing for OHSAA spring tournaments is being handled digitally by the OHSAA's digital ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing, and will be available soon and open to the public by going to <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. The exception is the OHSAA State Track & Field Tournament at Ohio State's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium and the OHSAA State Boys Tennis Tournament at Ohio State's Outdoor Varsity Tennis Center, where tickets will be available soon through Ticketmaster but can be accessed via the link listed above.

2023-24 Pre-Participation Physical Exam (PPE) Form Available

The Pre-Participation Physical Exam form for the 2023-24 school year is now available on the OHSAA website by going to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/physicalexamform>. The 2023-24 PPE form has been authorized by the OHSAA's Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine (JACSM) with the origins developed for youth student-athletes by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The only change to the 2023-24 form(s) is that the JACSM voted to approve the removal of the "Additional Questions" that were listed on page 3 of the 2022-23 PPE Form. The JACSM confirmed that these no longer needed evaluated from a Sports Medicine perspective. A Spanish version of the history portion of the form is also included on the OHSAA website.

The complete document contains the *History Form* (2 pp.), *Supplement for Athletes with Disabilities Form* (1 p.), *Physical Exam Form* (1 p.), *Medical Eligibility Form* (1 p.), *OHSAA Authorization (HIPAA) Form* (1 p.), *OHSAA Consent Form* (1 p.), *Concussion Form* from the Ohio Department of Health (3 pp.) and the *Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form* from the Ohio Department of Health (1 p.). The medical clearance must be completed **once every 13 months** and kept on file at the school indefinitely. Although use of this OHSAA-adopted PPE is not required (for example, a school via its Board policy could accept another type of physical exam), **signing all four consent forms is required** before a student may commence any athletic participation in a member school. In Ohio a physician (MD, DO), a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC), a Physician's Assistant (PA) and an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) are eligible to complete the exam and sign the form.

OHSAA and U.S. Army Partner on Statewide Scholar-Athlete Program

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced that the United States Army will be the presenting sponsor of a statewide scholar-athlete program. The nominating link is below, and submissions will be accepted through May 15. The program will recognize the achievements of deserving student-athletes in Ohio, highlighting their success in the classroom and on the field of play in their respective sport(s). Junior and senior student-athletes at an OHSAA member school can be nominated for the program. The criteria to be nominated includes having a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 or higher and play at least one junior varsity or varsity OHSAA sport during the 2022-23 school year. Deserving student-athletes will receive an official certificate, and some students will be recognized at OHSAA state championship events this spring. Note that this program is different than the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program. The nomination link is: <https://form.iotform.com/230453992327157>.

Ryan Day to Speak at Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Free Virtual Medical and Health Symposium

Ryan Day, head football coach at The Ohio State University, will be one of the nationally recognized speakers at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's 2023 Medical and Health Virtual Symposium, which will focus on the importance of mental health. Day is a strong advocate for mental well-being and will present his session, "Speaking Up and Speaking Out on Mental Health," on Friday, May 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The **FREE** three-day virtual symposium, which is open to all OHSAA school administrators, team

physicians, athletic trainers and school nurses, is May 4-6 and offers world-class educational sessions including a “live” rotator cuff surgery and industry experts addressing key health and medical issues. To view the full agenda, the list of featured speakers and to register, go to: <https://mhs.digitellinc.com/mhs/live/9/page/95>.

OHSAA Award Certificates

The annual OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards (Archie Griffin, NFHS Award of Excellence, etc.) and other miscellaneous school awards are now available through your school’s *myOHSAA* account for you to print. These awards are available through June 30, 2023, on both high school and 7th & 8th grade school accounts. We encourage school administrators to communicate internally and follow the on-screen instructions and parameters in *myOHSAA* to select your recipients for each of these awards. Awards will print in color provided you use a color printer, and you can choose the type of paper used for the printing. Be sure to indicate any special paper used through the printing properties of your printer.

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).

Former “10-Day Rule” for Coaching in Team Sports Extended Beginning this May; Start Date for Fall Coaching Moved Up; Additional Coaching Days Permitted in Soccer

The OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting approved a recommendation from the Executive Director’s Office in February 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 in all related General Sports Regulations. General information:

- The 13-day maximum applies to the entire coaching staff and not toward 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 its February 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 in February.

For information published in the April 18, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/04182023Administrator%20Update.pdf>

For information published in the April 4, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/04042023AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

For information published in the March 23, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateMarch222023.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>

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