



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.

Fall Sports Tournament Dates

With tournament season upon us or just around the corner for fall sports, here are some key upcoming dates:

Golf

State Trnt. Begins (B I & G I) – Oct. 21

Girls Tennis

State Trnt. Begins – Oct. 21

Cross Country

District Trnt. – Oct. 22

7th-8th Grade Invitational – Oct. 22

Regional Trnt. – Oct. 29

State Trnt. – Nov. 5

Field Hockey

Regional Trnt. Began – Oct. 17

State Final – Nov. 5

Soccer

Sectional Trnt. Began – Oct. 17

State Finals Begin – Nov. 11

Volleyball

Sectional Trnt. Began – Oct. 17

State Trnt. Begins – Nov. 10

Football

Trnt. Pairings Announced – Oct. 23

Regional Trnt. First Round – Oct. 28

State Finals Begin – Dec. 1

OHSAA Football Playoffs Details

The 2022 OHSAA football playoffs will have feature many of the same elements as last year's tournament. Each region will qualify 16 teams to the playoffs (448 total teams; 64 teams per division); regional first-round and regional quarterfinal games will be hosted by the higher seeds and will all be held on Fridays, and regional semifinals, regional finals and state semifinals contests will be held at neutral sites with Divisions I, II, III and V playing on Fridays and Divisions IV, VI and VII on Saturdays. Teams must play a minimum of eight regular contests in order to be considered for playoff qualification. The state finals will return to Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton December 1, 2 and 3. Here are football dates to remember for 2022:

Oct. 22	Regular Season Ends
Oct. 23	Final Computer Points and Playoff Qualifiers Announced (top 16 schools in each region)
Oct. 28	First-Round Playoff Games – Higher Seeded Team Hosts
Nov. 4	Regional Quarterfinals – Higher Seeded Team Hosts
Nov. 11-12	Regional Semifinals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)
Nov. 18-19	Regional Finals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving
Nov. 25-26	State Semifinals – at Neutral Sites (Div. I, II, III, V on Friday; Div. IV, VI and VII on Saturday)
Dec. 1-3	State Championships in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium (Thursday, Dec. 1, Div. I, II, III or V – 7:00*; Friday, Dec. 2, Div. I, II, III or V – 10:30, 3:00, 7:30**; Saturday, Dec. 3, Div. IV, VI and VII – 10:30, 3:00, 7:30**)

*Exact division TBA; **Division assignments to times TBA

Reminder: State Law Requires All Coaches to Have PAP and to be Board-Approved

With OHSAA fall tournaments either under way or soon to begin, administrators are reminded that state law REQUIRES individuals who direct, supervise or coach in your athletics program to have a valid **coaching or pupil activity permit**. That requirement is codified in OHSAA Bylaw 6-1-2 and applies to all coaches, whether paid or volunteer. In addition, OHSAA Bylaw 6-1-3 requires that all coaches be approved by the Board of Education or similar governing board in non-public schools. For more information, visit the Ohio Department of Education website at: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits>.

OHSAA Tournament Tickets for School Administrators

Complimentary tickets for school administrators to attend OHSAA tournament events will work the same in 2022-23 as last year. All member school athletic administrators received an email on August 16 with their 'school comp code' and instructions. This comp

code allows schools to redeem tickets through HomeTown Ticketing, the OHSAA's official digital ticketing partner, when their teams are competing (three for individual sports; eight for team sports). NEW for this year at the sectional and district levels of OHSAA tournaments will be the ability for school administrators (superintendents, principals and athletic administrators) to REQUEST complimentary tickets to OHSAA tournament events not involving your school. This request needs to include the date, time and sport and should come from your official school email address. The request needs to be emailed to claired@ohsaa.org a minimum of 24 hours before the event. For questions, please contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager Claire Duesdieker Keohane at claired@ohsaa.org or 614-549-6973.

Predetermined Sites Being Utilized for 2022 Soccer Regional Contests

For the regional semifinal and final rounds of the 2022 OHSAA Soccer Tournament, predetermined sites have been selected based on this year's regional tournament draw conducted by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office. State semifinal sites have been predetermined based on location, with the primary concern of travel midweek for schools and the nature of the tournament bracket, bridging different regions in the state. These will not be made public until closer to the event. Many factors went into the consideration of sites including but not limited to location, ability to host, facility and venue size, officials' availability and field surface. Various constituents, including OHSAA District Athletic Board members and the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, were consulted in the recommendations and assignments of sites. Per the 2022 OHSAA Soccer Tournament Regulations, the OHSAA has the authority to change the date, time and site at any time for any reason. Changes will be considered in the event the change does not cause conflict for the stakeholders involved. Additionally, if a host previously indicated that they would not like to host due to their team advancing to regionals and beyond, back-up sites have already been predetermined. Current statewide tournament brackets can be accessed here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/soccer>.

Reminder: Penalty for Non-Compliant Soccer 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](#).

Registration Deadline Approaching for 2022 OHSAA Spirit State Championships

For the second straight year, the Ohio High School Athletic Association will be hosting the OHSAA Spirit State Championships at Wittenberg University in Springfield, and the deadline to register competitors is Wednesday, October 26. To register for and learn more information about the competition, go to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Spirit>. For questions about the event, contact Varsity Spirit's Jillian Queen at jqueen@varsity.com. For questions about registration and payment, contact Varsity Spirit's Seneca Reyna at seneca.reyna@varsity.com. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 10.

It's Not Too Late to Register for OHSAA Basketball Foundation Games

Member school administrators are reminded that an approved OHSAA Foundation Game is permitted in the sport of basketball. Foundation Games may be played anytime from the team's last pre-season scrimmage until the first sectional tournament game. Member schools may elect to participate by substituting a Foundation Game for one of the five allotted scrimmages. This game can be played as an "exhibition" game, utilizing all normal playing rules, but the win/loss does not count toward the team's record. Another option is to dedicate a regular season contest as a Foundation Game (which WOULD count as one of your school's 22-allotted contests), and the win/loss does count toward the team's record. To apply for a Foundation Game and view more details, including the cost per team, go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/OHSAAFoundation/FoundationGameApplication.pdf>

New Mandated Requirement for Coaches is Covered by Coaches' Tool Chest

Administrators should be aware that there has been an updated interpretation of the Ohio Administrative Code related to Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) legal team has determined that, per item 16 of rule 3301-35-15 (<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3301-35-15>) of the Code, athletic coaches working with students on a daily basis are required to have PBIS professional development and, therefore, each District EMIS Coordinator must report how coaches are receiving that professional development on an annual basis. Districts must have an implementation plan in place by June 30, 2023, with training to be completed by June 30, 2024.

The OHSAA and ODE have worked with Coaches' Tool Chest to provide the new requirement since its training platform is already in place. Coaches' Tool Chest is the OHSAA's exclusive one-stop provider for coaches training and education that allows a coach to obtain all the required coursework needed to obtain a Pupil Activity Permit (PAP) to be a valid coach in Ohio. Effective Oct. 1, 2022, PBIS professional development will be added to this already all-inclusive platform for coaches' education statewide. The cost of the training will remain \$49, including the additional PBIS content.

Coaches' Tool Chest is also working with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and will be presenting more information about its coaches' education training platform at the upcoming BASA conference in early October in Columbus. For more information, go to www.coachestoolchest.com or email info@coachestoolchest.com.

OHSAA September 30 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available

Here is a link to the minutes from September 30, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/09.30.22.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.

For additional information published in the October 4, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateOctober4,2022.pdf>.

Included are:

- Update on ArbiterSports
- OHSAA Winter Sports Coaches Mandatory Rules Meetings

For additional information published in the September 20, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateSeptember20,2022.pdf>. Included are:

- OHSAA Moves to Virtual Platform for Officiating; Encourage Schools to Begin Curriculum
- OHSAA Board of Directors Approve Remaining Tournament Division Alignments and/or Representation for 2023 and/or 2024
- OHSAA Finance Team Reviews Spring 2022 Tournaments
- Member Schools Encouraged to Stream Events through the NFHS Network

For additional information published in the September 6, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateSeptember6,2022.pdf>. Included are:

- Update on NFHS Learning Center's Free Sportsmanship Online Course

For additional information published in the August 9, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/07152022AU.pdf>. Included are:

- Reminder on School's Responsibility When Hosting a Contest
- Sickle Cell Trait Guidance for Students Participating Collegiately Beginning in 2023-24

For additional information published in the July 15, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/07152022AU.pdf>. Included are:

- Preseason Meeting Requirements with Student-Athletes and Parents
- Preparticipation Physical Examination Requirements
- Heat Acclimatization and Exertional Heat Illness Prevention Reminders
- 2022-23 Tournament Divisional Alignments and/or Representation
- Updating Information in *myOHSAA*
- Update on Pupil Activity Permits for Coaches
- Preseason Sport Manuals Information
- On-Line Courses Available at NFHS Learning Center
- Key OHSAA General Sports Regulation and Sport-by-Changes for 2022-23 School Year

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