



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.

OHSAA Moves to Virtual Platform for New Officials; Schools Encouraged to Offer Curriculum

Facing a growing shortage of interscholastic sports officials across Ohio, the OHSAA has moved all classroom instruction for new officials to the convenient virtual platform RefPrep **and is also asking member schools to offer the online officiating curriculum during the school day for students to begin the process of becoming a licensed official.** While adults are continually encouraged to consider becoming a licensed sports official, but the OHSAA believes that getting high school students interested in officiating will help quickly replenish the number of officials in the near future.

Persons interested in becoming an official should first create a profile at <https://officials.myohsaa.org/Logon>. The online education platform is available at <https://www.refreps.com/refprep>. "We are doing something to attack this issue and our member schools have said they want to help," said Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director. "If there are no officials, there are no games. RefPrep is a good online tool to learn the basics of officiating and it's available anytime, so in addition to being available to use within schools, it's also available for adults who otherwise couldn't get to an in-person class."

Schools are encouraged to provide credit options for students who take an officiating course, such as physical education or work force development. The OHSAA also plans to work more with Ohio colleges and universities to offer officiating classes, as many already have done so for years. "This is work force development and instant employability," Ute said. "A licensed official can begin working games and earning money almost right away, and there are many other benefits of being an official, such as staying involved in sports, staying physically active and being a part of a team."

A number of schools across Ohio have already begun offering the RefPrep class. Schools interested in getting involved and seeking feedback may consider contacting these high schools or districts that are currently offering an officiating curriculum: Bellevue; Bluffton; Cardington-Lincoln; Carey; Cincinnati Deer Park; Cleveland Metropolitan School District; Collins Western Reserve; Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Fort Jennings; Galion Northmor; Lima Senior; Macedonia Nordon; Monroe; Oak Harbor; Old Fort; Orwell Grand Valley; Pemberville Eastwood; Portsmouth West; Rawson Cory-Rawson; Salineville Southern Local; Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic; Shelby; Toledo Whitmer; Van Wert Lincolnview; Whitehouse Anthony Wayne. More information about OHSAA officiating is available at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating>.

Tournament Divisional Alignments and/or Representation

At its September 1, 2022, meeting, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved tournament divisional alignments and/or representation for the remaining winter sports and all spring sports. Here are links to see the specific sports' information:

Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving (2023 and 2024 representation): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/swimming>

Boys Wrestling (2023 and 2024 representation): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/wrestling>

Boys Basketball (2023 - Competitive Balance sport – revised from 6/9/22 meeting): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/boysbasketball>

Boys Lacrosse (2023 and 2024 division alignments): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/blacrosse>

Girls Lacrosse (2023 and 2024 division alignments): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/glacrosse>

Boys Tennis (2023 and 2024): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/boystennis>

Boys and Girls Track & Field (2023 and 2024): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/track>

Boys Volleyball (2023 and 2024 division alignments): <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Volleyball-Boys>

Baseball (2023 - Competitive Balance sport): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/baseball>

Softball (2023 - Competitive Balance sport): <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/softball>

Here is a link to the entire minutes from September 1, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/09.01.2022.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.

You Are Invited → [HomeTown Ticketing/OHSAA Fall Tournament Ticketing Webinars Upcoming](#)

Administrators are invited to join the Ohio High School Athletic Association and HomeTown Ticketing, the OHSAA's digital ticketing partner, during two upcoming webinars to discuss ticketing for the upcoming OHSAA fall tournaments. These webinars will explain the ticketing process, including redeeming tickets for school administrators and procedures for schools hosting tournament contests. Additionally, there will be a Q&A session so all of your questions can be answered. The two dates are:

- Tuesday October 4 @ 9 AM - [REGISTER HERE](#) **or** • Wednesday October 5 @ 12 PM - [REGISTER HERE](#)

The webinars will be recorded so, even if you are not able to attend, please register so that we can send you the recording. For questions, contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager Claire Duesdieker Keohane at claired@ohsaa.org or 614-549-6973.

Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your coaches that all OHSAA sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. Rules meetings have been posted or will be posted in *myOHSAA*, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for fall 2022 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Football	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Sat., Oct. 1, 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Field Hockey	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Volleyball	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Soccer	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Mon., Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Golf	On-line Meeting Available	Deadline Passed	Deadline Passed	Tyler Brooks (tbrooks@ohsaa.org)
Girls Tennis	On-line Meeting Available	Deadline Passed	Deadline Passed	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Cross Country	On-line Meeting Available	Late Fee Due	Monday, Oct. 3, 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)

Here is the schedule for winter 2023 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Basketball	Wed., Oct. 12 at 9:00 AM	Fri., Nov. 18	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Doug Ute (dute@ohsaa.org)
Wrestling	Wed., Oct. 19 at 9:00 AM	Fri., Dec. 2	Mon., Feb. 6 at 11:59 pm	Tyler Brooks (tbrooks@ohsaa.org)
Swim/Dive	Wed., Oct. 12 at 9:00 AM	Tues., Nov. 29	Mon., Jan. 23 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Ice Hockey	Wed., Oct. 12 at 9:00 AM	Fri., Nov. 18	Fri., Feb. 3 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Gymnastics	Mon., Oct. 17 at 9:00 AM	Tues., Dec. 6	Mon., Jan. 30 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Bowling	Wed., Oct. 12 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Nov. 19	Mon., Jan. 23 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.			

Finance Team Reviews OHSAA Spring Tournaments

The finance team of the OHSAA Executive Director's Office, led by Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl and Controller Laura Vermilya, recently hosted a virtual meeting for member school administrators to provide a financial review of the OHSAA's spring 2022 tournaments. Administrators who missed the meeting can view it by going here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-exeVtQym5A>.

Member Schools Encouraged to Stream Events Via the NFHS Network

OHSAA member schools are encouraged to stream all of your events effortlessly via the NFHS Network with fully automated cameras, all at no cost to your school. Over half of all high schools in the country have chosen the NFHS Network to produce professionally-grade events online. Broadcasting your events has never been easier. The NFHS Network does the work for you so you can focus on running your program. Highlights of participation in the NFHS Network include:

- **Never pay for equipment or service**
The NFHS Network provides Pixellot cameras, software, installation and maintenance at no cost.
- **More fans reached**
The NFHS Network's exclusive fan marketing technology promotes your school's events automatically to find fans for your school and increase subscriptions.
- **Generate more revenue**
Beyond subscription revenue share, you can earn even more with advertising and sponsorships. Schools keep 100% of their advertising sales.
- **Establish equity among all your students**
Stream every game at every level, including freshman, JV and varsity. Broadcast non-athletic events like graduations and award ceremonies.

- **Give your fans more ways to watch**

For just \$12 per month, your school's fans can watch everything on the Network – your school's events, 9,000+ events featuring other schools, playoffs, championships and more – all from any device. Your fans can't make an away event? It's likely on the NFHS Network.

- **The NFHS Network team will schedule your events for you**

They'll automatically schedule your events from ArbiterSports or Dragonfly. You can also send your event details to the NFHS Network and they will schedule your events for you. Last-minute changes and edits can be made in seconds from your phone.

- **You choose where to stream your events**

Stream only to the NFHS Network: Schools receive double revenue share on monthly subscription sales.

Stream to the NFHS Network and Other Platforms (provide access to other local media partners; allow student-led groups to broadcast other platforms; install non-Pixelot camera systems in venues): Schools receive standard revenue share on monthly subscription sales.

Contact OHSAA Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl at kkiehl@ohsaa.org for more information, or reach out to the NFHS Network directly at SBP@nfhsnetwork.com.

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:

- New Mandated Requirement for Coaches is Covered by Coaches' Tool Chest
- Update on OHSAA Tournament Tickets for School Administrators
- Registration Information for ODE's *Academic Excellence for All* Conference
- Update on NFHS Learning Center's Free Sportsmanship Online Course

For additional information published in the August 23, 2022, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateAugust23,2022.pdf>. Included are:

- Reminder on Penalty for Non-Compliant Soccer Uniforms that Begins August 1, 2024
- 2022 OHSAA Football Playoffs Details

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!