



# 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.

### **Four OHSAA Regional Update Meetings Remain**

The OHSAA will be conducting four more in-person Regional Update Meetings this month for school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators. The meetings are designed to provide updates and reminders on key issues, and attendance is highly recommended. All meetings will run from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and staff will be available afterward to answer questions. The remaining dates and locations are:

- Wednesday, Sept. 7, **Athens** (Ohio University Inn & Conference Center)
- **\*\*Tuesday, Sept. 13, Cleveland** (DoubleTree by Hilton, Independence)
- Thursday, Sept. 15, **Cambridge** (Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center)
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, **Findlay** (Findlay High School Auditorium)

**\*\*Registration has closed. Site has reached capacity (240)**

To register for the Athens, Cambridge or Findlay meetings, go to: <https://ohsaameetings.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?teams=2>. For questions, contact the OHSAA Executive Director's Office at 614-267-2502.

### **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.

"It's great that the Coaches' Tool Chest will be providing the PBIS content," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "If fact, I can't say enough positive things about the overall platform since it's all-encompassing, will save coaches time and is less costly. Coaches' Tool Chest helps the OHSAA's commitment to maintain the best and safest environment for our participants."

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](http://www.coachestoolchest.com) or email [info@coachestoolchest.com](mailto:info@coachestoolchest.com).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:claired@ohsaa.org) or 614-549-6973.

## **Schools Encouraged to Participate in the Extra Yard for Teachers Recognition Program**

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the College Football Playoff Foundation ([@CFPEXtraYard](#)), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving as the community engagement arm of the College Football Playoff, is pleased to present the Extra Yard for Teachers Program. [Extra Yard for Teachers](#) is dedicating a week to shine a spotlight on our work and collaborate with all of its partners with unique activations that inspire and empower teachers. The 2022 Extra Yard for Teachers Week is Sept. 16-24. Here is how schools can recognize great teachers across the country through the High School Game Ball recognition program:

### **Extra Yard for Teachers Game Ball Recognitions (High School):**

- The CFPF will provide participating high school representatives with a special EYFT / NFHS co-branded football and an Extra Yard for Teachers T-shirt to recognize a great teacher.
- The special game ball will be presented to an educator at a home football or other game during Extra Yard for Teachers Week (sometime between Sept. 16-24).
- Schools participating will be required to take a photo or video of the game ball delivery presentation for use on NFHS, State Association and Extra Yard for Teachers social media as further recognition of the coaches and the great teachers.
- A social post with the use of the hashtag **#ExtraYardGameBall** will ensure that the teacher being recognized will automatically be entered into a random drawing to be selected to join the College Football Playoff Foundation at the 2023 National Championship football game in Los Angeles as part of their Educator Special Guests and Experience.
- CFPF has set up an online order process for delivery of the balls and t-shirts directly to High School administrators, coaches and teachers that are interested in participating.

### **How to Participate:**

- ADs, coaches and principals can use this link to nominate a teacher: <https://bit.ly/NFHSGameBall>. Once there, follow the steps to request the EYFT/NFHS co-branded football: 1.) Scroll down and click the button “2022 Game Ball Delivery Request Form;” 2.) Input your credentials (if you’ve participated previously) or Click the “Sign Up!” Blue button. In the drop-down menu: 1.) Select “I am a member or associated with the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS);” 2.) Input your name, email address and create a password, click “Sign Up!” Button; 3.) Click “Start Shopping” blue button; 4.) Click the image: “Teacher Recognition Game Ball Kit;” 4.) Input your quantity of kits needed; 5.) Click – “Add to Cart” the “View cart” red button will drop down, click it; 6.) Click “Checkout;” 7.) Input shipping information; 8.) Complete the check-out process. The deadline to request the Game Ball Kit/participate in the initiative is Sept. 9.

## **Registration is Now Open for the Academic Excellence for All Conference**

Registration is currently open for the Ohio Department of Education’s free *Academic Excellence for All* Conference, which will be held Oct. 14, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. The conference will provide Ohio educators with the opportunity to learn how to address gaps in academic achievement, specifically those exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The mission of the conference is to provide an opportunity for all educators (P- 16) to become familiar with research and strategies that support the six components of the *Academic Excellence for All* framework: 1.) equitable student access; 2.) culturally responsive practices; 3.) student-centered learning; 4.) diverse staff of excellent educators; 5.) family and community engagement, and 6.) school climate

The keynote speaker is Ohio’s own Kurt Russell, 2022 National Teacher-of-the-Year from Oberlin High School. Other highlights include a panel discussion with Ohio superintendents and 30 breakout sessions presented by teachers, administrators, members of higher education and experts throughout Ohio. To register for the free event, click [here](#). Please share this information with individuals you feel would be interested in attending this conference. For further information, contact [equity@education.ohio.gov](mailto:equity@education.ohio.gov).

## **Sportsmanship Course Updated in NFHS Learning Center with Call for Better Behavior at Contests**

One of the longest-running and most utilized online education courses in the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Learning Center has been updated with an urgent call for better behavior and conduct by everyone at high school games and contests. The free “*Sportsmanship*” course, which debuted on the NFHS Learning Center in 2011, has been delivered to more than 920,000 individuals in the past 11 years, and is among the top five most popular courses offered through the NFHS’ online education center. Given the decline in behavior – especially by non-student groups – at high school games, the updated course reiterates the critical importance of positive behaviors by everyone: parents, coaches, students, officials and others.

In the opening of the revised course, Dr. Karissa Niehoff, CEO of the NFHS, addresses the behavior of parents and other fans at high school games and its effect on the state of officiating around the country. “Parents and other fans must come to school events to cheer for their school’s players, not against the officials or opponents,” Niehoff said. “We all have the opportunity to change this negative and dangerous culture of spectator behavior. It starts with each of us, no matter our role – coach, student, administrator, official, fan or parent. We all must commit to treating one another with dignity and respect.”

The free “*Sportsmanship*” course is one of 88 online courses – 68 of which are free – available at [www.NFHSLearn.com](http://www.NFHSLearn.com).

**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:

- Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements
- 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!