

PUPIL ACTIVITY
PARTICIPATION (COACHING)
PERMITS (PAPP)

The State Department of Education is the compliance administrator of this program; however, our team is tasked with assisting you with questions about the process. Each school has an e-signer who is responsible for indicating which coaches have complied with all the requirements. You can access these requirements from our website under Coaches' Corner and then by hitting the link here <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits> Please remember that ALL coaches, paid and volunteer, must possess a valid PAPP before being permitted to coach in Ohio.

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AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Be sure to bookmark this page <https://www.ohsaa.org/Eligibility> which will take you to all the guidance documents and videos which support eligibility.

COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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GUIDANCE ON ISSUES AFFECTING OUR MEMBER SCHOOLS

The compliance staff, which consists of Senior Directors Dr. Deborah Moore and Ms. Roxanne Price and Director Ms. Kristin Ronai, will author this newsletter on a monthly basis throughout the school year to highlight issues that affect member schools and the student athletes who compete for those schools. We appreciate your reading these communique's and contacting our team for additional guidance and answers to your questions.

BYLAW 4-3-1 – ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

This enrollment and attendance bylaw is by far the most confusing and misunderstood bylaw. Part of the confusion resides in the many exceptions to the bylaw that have been adopted by the General Assembly and which permit "non-enrolled" (our designation) students to participate in our member public schools. The basic bylaw permits students to be eligible only at the schools where they are enrolled and attending full time. Exception four, which relates to district-sponsored non-traditional schools which do not sponsor sports and exception six, which references state law, are the two exceptions about which we receive most of our questions.

However, in individual sports like swimming and diving, wrestling, gymnastics, etc., we are seeing compliance problems. It is permissible for a member school to sponsor just one or two students who wish to participate in an individual sport and permit them to **represent the school they attend** in both regular season and OHSAA tournament competition. The school's Board of Education or governing board in a non-public school shall approve the sport, approve a coach (which could be a coach at another school) and then decide if the student (s) is permitted to compete during the regular season, the OHSAA tournament or both. Please keep in mind that in these situations, the student (s) SHALL participate representing the school he or she attends – not the school with which the student is training and competing.

Please review the guidance here <https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Eligibility/4-3-1.pdf> which discusses this bylaw in greater detail. In addition, a video is available which discusses the participation opportunities available for the non-enrolled students covered under state law. Click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fkwe14q3H0Y&list=PLFId40HlxWrS1GGLGP2w0z3GirL4DjHSs&index=2>

BYLAW 4-7-3 – MID-SEASON TRANSFERS

Now that we are at least half-way through most of the winter sports seasons, we want to remind administrators of the bylaw governing mid-season transfers. If you have a student who transfers to your school during a sports season and that student wants to continue playing the sport she played at her previous school, if she has played in a regular season contest (not a scrimmage or a preview), then she is ineligible for the remainder of that sports season at your school. There are two exceptions to this rule: 1) bona fide move of the entire family as approved by the Office and the two schools are at least 50 miles apart; and 2) change of legal custody due to involvement of Children's Services or a similar agency and the two schools are at least 50 miles apart. The concept of "pro-rating" the student's period of ineligibility for the next school year is discussed in greater detail in the guidance here <https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Eligibility/4-7-3TransferDuringSeason.pdf> and in this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ_Y0qb_T4A&list=PLFId40HlxWrS1GGLGP2w0z3GirL4DjHSs&index=3 If you have questions about this aspect, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of our team.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!