

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR – SCHOLARSHIP ALERT!

For those of you who attended one of the Regional Update Meetings this past fall, you may recall that our General Counsel, Steve Craig, asked you to take out your phones and scroll to January 6, 2020. He then requested that each of you who are responsible for certifying student eligibility make a note to review the second semester schedules for each of your student-athletes or better yet for all students in your building. Athletic Eligibility is based on, at the high school level, having passed five one credit courses or the equivalent in the **preceding grading period** and, at the 7-8th grade level, having passed five discrete courses in the **preceding grading period**. Most grade reporting systems will allow one to write a query to identify those students who are under scheduled and thus allow the administrator to contact those students and get them scheduled appropriately well before the end of the grading period. We advise that you take a little time to perform this task at the beginning of this current semester and over the summer prior to the beginning of the new school year. In addition, we highly recommend using this “Suggested Schedule Change” Form found here <https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Eligibility/forms/SuggestedScheduleChangeForm.pdf> to alert students and their parents to the consequence of dropping a class or altering a schedule without consulting with a school or athletic administrator.

BYLAW 4-7 - TRANSFER

As mid-January approaches, most winter sports teams are into the second half of their varsity schedule, which is the “line of demarcation,” so to speak, for the implementation of the transfer consequence for those students who have changed schools, played a sport at any high school in the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer and do not meet any exception to the transfer bylaws. The consequence is ineligibility for the second half of the season, using the varsity schedule as the reference, plus the OHSA tournament.

Please remember that via intervention by our General Assembly last summer, several transfer bylaws and their exceptions are no longer available. Those include within 4-7-2, exceptions 5 and 6; within Bylaw 4-7-4, exception 5; Bylaw 4-7-5; and some provisions within Bylaw 4-7-6 and 4-7-7. We kept the language intact within the Bylaws but have stricken the applicable text in the hope, although a long shot, that we might be able to restore those bylaws to the way they were adopted by our member school principals. We continue to get questions about the Priority or poor-performing school provisions found in 4-7-4 Exception 5 and within Bylaw 4-7-5. Transfer exceptions for those reasons are no longer available due to this legislative intervention.

On one other note, it is not necessary to seek a ruling when a student transfers and is held accountable to the transfer consequence. Most of our administrators understand this transfer bylaw and its consequence quite well and at times like to confirm with our staff which we welcome. It is necessary, for the compliance staff to make rulings on transfer exceptions, to have complete information provided before a ruling can be made. Of special concern is the exception related to **student-on-student** bullying, intimidation or harassment found in 4-7-2 exception 7 and 4-7-4 exception 6. Please be advised that the staff will not be able to make a ruling without a thorough reporting of the incidents as described in the guidance found here https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Eligibility/4-7-2Guidance_Exc7.pdf for inter-district transfers and here https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Eligibility/Bylaw4-7-4_Exc3456.pdf for intra-district transfers.

PROOF OF COACHING CREDENTIALS

Our tournament managers have been apprised of the requirement to list all coaches, paid and volunteer, who are both properly credentialed and Board-approved on the **Emergency Contact Form** found on each member's **MyOHSA** account. Particularly in individual sports, deck or floor credentials will be issued based on that form, which is accessible to all managers. This form is also accessible to all athletic administrators. Please take some time before tournaments get started to review the individuals who are listed and ensure that ALL coaches who are approved and credentialed and whom you have authorized to represent your school are listed.

Stay warm, and welcome back for the second semester!