



## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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**TO: All Member HS Principals, ADs, Assistant ADs and Athletic Secretaries**

**RE: November 2019 Membership Update**

Happy November!

Hopefully you have had a great school fall sports season. The OHSAA fall sports tournaments are wrapping up over the next few weeks, and winter sports are beginning practice. Please be sure you are continuing to check your school's myOHSAA account on a regular basis for accuracy, especially with the start of a new sports season.

### **PRE-SEASON PARENT MEETINGS – WINTER SPORTS**

Don't forget to enter the date(s) of your Pre-Season Parents Meetings on your school's myOHSAA account. Meetings for grades 9-12 are to be recorded on the high school's myOHSAA account, while 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade meetings are recorded in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade school's myOHSAA account. If one meeting was held for all grades, the date must be recorded on **both** accounts.

Bylaw 3-1-4 requires the meeting date(s) to be entered in myOHSAA by a school administrator. Please login to your school's myOHSAA account today and click the Pre-Season Parent Meeting link to view or enter your meeting dates.

**Schools that fail to enter their pre-season parent meetings are subject to a \$500 penalty per sport season. Schools that are subject to this penalty for the 2019 fall sports season will be invoiced on December 1. Therefore, make sure your meetings have been entered in myOHSAA to avoid this penalty.**

### **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS VOTING BY ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

As a general reminder, tournament officials ballots must be submitted **by athletic directors** by December 1, 2019. If you are in need of assistance when completing this, please reach out to either Brenda Murray or Ronald Sayers. Failure to submit a tournament officials ballot may incur a penalty.

### **TOURNAMENT ENTRY – WINTER SPORTS**

Please review your school's Tournament Entry for 2019-20 for accuracy ASAP. Your district athletic board needs this information to accurately plan for sectional and district tournaments. Please note there is a tournament entry/withdraw deadline for each OHSAA tournament sport. Tournament entry or withdraw requests made after the specified date, or failure to withdraw from a tournament after this date, may incur a penalty.

### **STATE RULES MEETINGS – WINTER SPORTS**

The purpose of the required OHSAA State Rules Meeting is to provide coaches and officials with valuable updates and reminders regarding the rules of the sport along with other OHSAA regulations. The required state rules meetings for coaches of **basketball, bowling, gymnastics, swimming and diving and wrestling** have been available online through myOHSAA since 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16. The ice hockey state rules meeting became available on Friday, November 1. Ice hockey coaches did receive an email regarding the start of the meeting.

Please see the [October 15 Winter Sports Rules Meetings](#) memo for more information regarding deadlines, contact information and how to access the meetings.

### **SPORT SPECIFIC UPDATES**

**Bowling** – Starting with the 2019-20 season, all bowlers must wear **black** bottoms. More information regarding the change in the uniform regulation can be found on page 17 of the [2019-20 Bowling Coaches' Manual](#).

For the 2019-20 school year the OHSAA will permit a student who has bowled for the school team to bowl **in up to two** non-school events PROVIDED that a pre-approved waiver is obtained from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office. This waiver can be found through the [Bowling Sport Page](#) on ohsaa.org and must be submitted to Roxanne Price ([rprice@ohsaa.org](mailto:rprice@ohsaa.org)) prior to the non-interscholastic event taking place. For more information, please see pages 18 and 19 of the [2019-20 Bowling Coaches' Manual](#).

Finally, beginning on August 1, 2020, the USBC set forth a regulation requiring that only a **dry** towel be used to clean bowling balls during competition. If the foreign substance cannot be removed with a dry towel, a USBC approved cleanser may be used with consent from a contest official, tournament manager or upon agreement of competing coaches. More information can be found on page 20 of the [2019-20 Bowling Coaches' Manual](#).

**Wrestling** – At the October 24 Board of Directors meeting, an increase in the Dual Team Wrestling Tournament entry fee was approved. The fee will now be **\$100**. This is a change from last year when the fee was \$50. Participating schools will be sent an invoice for this entry fee. Additionally, all wrestling schools will be invoiced for the Wrestling Weight Management fee of \$30 after the winter sports season has ended.

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

Our October memo is included below with several other important links and communications that have gone out recently:

[myOHSAA Monthly Checklist](#)

[October Membership Update – High Schools](#)

[Fall Competitive Balance Roster Entry Period is Open](#)

[New Competitive Balance Tiering Option within Arbiter](#)

[AD Scoop: Issue 2 – October](#)

August Administrator Workshop Videos

- [Morning Session](#)
- [Afternoon Session](#)

[ArbiterSports Resource Center](#)

[Competitive Balance Resource Center](#)

As always, the OHSAA Membership Services team is here to serve you. Please contact us with any questions.

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**IMPORTANT FALL SPORTS DATES – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>November 1</b>	Coaching begins for basketball, bowling, gymnastics, ice hockey and swimming and diving
<b>November 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching begins for wrestling</li> <li>• Bowling season begins</li> </ul>
<b>November 22</b>	Girls basketball and ice hockey seasons begin
<b>November 25</b>	Swimming and diving season begins
<b>November 27</b>	Boys basketball season begins
<b>December 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for athletic director's to submit for fall sports tournament officials ballot</li> <li>• Deadline for coaches to rate fall sports officials</li> <li>• <b>Fall Sports Competitive Balance roster entry period <u>closes</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>December 2</b>	Gymnastics season begins
<b>December 5</b>	Wrestling season begins
<b>December 13</b>	Deadline to enter/withdrawal from tournament without penalty for Team Wrestling.