



# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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**TO: Member JH Principals, ADs, Assistant ADs and Athletic Secretaries**

**RE: November 2019 Junior High Membership Update**

Happy November! Hopefully you have had a great school year so far!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the OHSAA 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cross Country Invitational on October 19! Invoices have been mailed and payment is due by November 30. If you have not received an invoice by the end of this week, please contact Brenda Murray ([bmurray@ohsaa.org](mailto:bmurray@ohsaa.org)) or Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)) to get a new one mailed to you as soon as possible.

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

Don't forget to enter the date(s) of your Pre-Season Parent 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.**

## **REMINDER - BYLAW 1-6-4 EXCEPTION – MULTI-SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Member schools containing grades 7 and 8 may combine students from two or more schools within the school district/system to form one or more interscholastic team in a sport provided all requirements have been met. **Requests for permission to combine students from two or more schools in the same public district or non-public system must be submitted prior to the beginning of each sports season using the form located on the OHSAA's [Eligibility page at ohsaa.org](#). The form must be completed by the superintendent or head of the public district or non-public system.** The OHSAA sent superintendents instructions to apply for this exception in August. Please ensure your school is in compliance with Bylaw 1-6-4 and has received approval to combine students from more than one school if applicable. Contact Debbie Moore ([dmoore@ohsaa.org](mailto:dmoore@ohsaa.org)) if you need assistance or have further questions.

## **SPORT SPECIFIC UPDATES**

**Basketball** – Just as a reminder, the official game ball adopted by the OHSAA for grades 7 & 8 is the **Rawlings CompOhio28.5CB**. This is required to be used for all regular season contests in grades 7 & 8. Do note, if your school is under a current contract (a contract executed before May 1, 2013, and still in term) for use of a ball other than Rawlings, the school may continue using that ball to honor its current contract. Further, any ball that is used in contests for grades 7 & 8 must have a circumference minimum of 28 1/2 inches to a maximum of 29 inches.

## **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 – Junior High Schools](#)

August Administrator Workshop Videos

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

[ArbiterSports Resource Center](#)

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

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