



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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OHSAA Student Eligibility Appeals Process for 2023-24 School Year

UPDATED: June 14, 2023 – On occasion, school administrators, officials, coaches, parents and/or students form the opinion that a decision of the Executive Director's Office was in error and, as a result, a desire to appeal that decision arises. The Constitution of the member schools of the OHSAA anticipates this and in May 2012, the member schools authorized the Board of Directors to establish an Appeals Panel with exclusive jurisdiction to hear student eligibility appeals. In May 2017 the member schools further modified this process by authorizing the expansion of the Appeals Panel's jurisdiction to hear ALL appeals related to rulings emanating from the Executive Director's Office. At its July 2023 special meeting, the Board of Directors reauthorized the Appeals Panel process for the 2023-24 school year.

The Appeals Panel is not completely independent of the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Director's Office, and all members of the Appeals Panel either are or were professional educators from OHSAA member schools. Like the Board of Directors, the Appeals Panel has no authority to waive or modify the requirements of the Bylaws.

In the event that an appeal is requested by an OHSAA registered official, the offending official must notify the Executive Director's Office in a timely manner, preferably at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled hearing, of your desire to appeal.

In the event that an appeal is requested by a student and his/her family, please note that the procedures require that a **school administrator** notify the Executive Director's Office in a timely manner, preferably at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled hearing, of the desire to appeal a ruling that either the school or the Executive Director's Office has made. However, it is not necessary that the school/school official support or endorse a student eligibility appeal. Furthermore, unless compelled to attend pursuant to the authority vested in the Executive Director's Office, the school official is not obligated to participate in the appeals hearing unless he/she so desires.

Should the decision be made to appeal a ruling, a school administrator must notify Alexis Holderman, via email at aholderman@ohsaa.org, of the desire to appeal using the form found here:

The 2023-24 dates for appeals before the OHSAA Appeals Panel are as follows:

(the first appeal is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM, and the dates are subject to change)

- Thursday, August 3
- Thursday August 17
- Thursday, September 7
- Thursday, September 21
- Thursday, October 5
- Thursday, October 19
- Thursday, November 16
- Thursday, December 14
- Wednesday, January 3
- Thursday, January 18
- Thursday, February 1
- Thursday, February 29
- Wednesday, April 4
- Thursday, May 2
- Thursday, May 30