

To: Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association Members
From: Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Media Relations
Re: Contest Results Announced Today and Other Updates

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Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association Updates

Contest Results Divided into Two Divisions

On Thursday afternoon, May 12, the results of the 2021 OPSWA writing and photography contest will be announced. You will notice that the contest results are divided into two divisions instead of four, which was the result of the total number of entries being lower this year than normal. Division 1 and 2 entries were combined into division 1, while division 3 and 4 entries were combined for a new division 2.

The contest is the only source of funding for the OPSWA, so we hope that more members will enter the contest next year for content produced during the 2022 calendar year. This will be discussed at the OPSWA member meeting in late July along with additional ways that OPSWA members can become more involved.

OPSWA Officers

Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association members conducted officer voting in April. Congratulations to the following four individuals who were elected to a two-year term from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2024:

President: Eric Frantz, MaxPreps.com
Vice President: John Kampf, Willoughby News Herald
Vice President: Tom Wilson, Lancaster Eagle-Gazette
Vice President: Jake Furr, Mansfield News Journal

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the officers with any OPSWA suggestions or issues. OPSWA officers select the Hall of Fame (members can nominate potential honorees), vote for All-Ohio teams (with the district chairmen, listed below), determine any changes to OPSWA procedures, etc. Thank you to all members who were on the officer ballot. They have all committed to remaining involved with OPSWA work.

OPSWA Member Meeting

We are planning for an in-person OPSWA member meeting in late July 2022 at the OHSAA office. The last two in-person meetings were cancelled due to the pandemic.

OPSWA Membership List

Please check the district membership lists, and if you are aware of any edits, please email Tim Stried at tstried@ohsaa.org. The membership lists are posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/membership>. The goal is that OPSWA members utilize the list to communicate with other members for such things as exchanging information on out-of-area opponents, facility details, etc.

OPSWA Members Encouraged to Join All-District Voting Process

Since 2017, the OPSWA has coordinated the All-District and All-Ohio teams in football and basketball. All OPSWA members are encouraged to be a part of the selection process for the all-district teams in football and basketball. The All-Ohio teams are based on the work and nominations of the district committees. Please contact your district chairperson to be a part of the process.

Northeast Lakes: Matt Goul, Cleveland.com
Northeast Inland: Chris Beaven, Canton Repository
Northwest: Mark Hazelwood, Norwalk Reflector
Southeast: Paul Boggs, Portsmouth Daily Times

East: Jeff Harrison, Caldwell Journal-Leader
Central: Steve Blackledge, PressProsMagazine.com, retired from Columbus Dispatch
Southwest: Football – Greg Shoemaker, TriStateFootball.com and John Cummings, Miami Valley Newspapers;
Basketball – John Cummings, Miami Valley Newspapers and Scott Halasz, Xenia Daily Gazette

Hall of Fame

The 2020 induction class for the OPSWA Hall of Fame was honored at the 2022 boys basketball state tournament. They include Craig Dunn (Logan), Mark Huber (Wilmington), and the late Pat Galbincea (Cleveland Plain Dealer). The Hall of Fame ceremony did not take place in 2020 or 2021 due to the pandemic.

The complete OPSWA Hall of Fame list is posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/HOF>

OPSWA ID Badges Available

The OHSAA produces ID badges for OPSWA members that include the member's photo and their media outlet logo(s). Any OPSWA member that wants a new ID badge should email their headshot and media outlet logo, if desired to Tim Stried. There is no cost for the ID badge and a green OHSAA lanyard is included.

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