

TO: All Non-Renewed Spring Sport Officials

FROM: OHSAA Officiating Department

RE: OHSAA Final Reminder – Feb. 28 Deadline for Spring Sport Permit Renewal

According to our records as of 7 a.m. today, you have a spring sport permit eligible for renewal. **The final day to renew a spring sport permit is this Sun., Feb. 28th.** After February 28, you will not be able to renew your officiating permit under any circumstance. While we cannot guarantee that spring sports will occur, as that decision is left up to the governor's office, local health departments, and local school districts, we are optimistic that we will have a season based on the successful sports seasons in the Fall and Winter. In the event the season is cancelled, there will be no refunds of dues or credits toward subsequent seasons. If this causes you to choose not to renew your permit, we understand and respect that decision.

Please review the original renewal memo from June 11, 2020, subsequent memo regarding an extension for spring sports on Dec. 18, 2020 and reminder sent Jan. 21, 2021, found on our website at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating/Emails-to-Officials>. In addition to those memos, we would like all officials to be aware of the following guidance.

- Electronic whistles – permitted
- Face coverings by officials - permitted but not required **at this time**
- Policing of non-playing rule procedures is not the responsibility of game officials
- If any changes to specific pre and post-game procedures are made that will involve officials, those changes will be emailed directly to each sport's official if/when those decisions are finalized