

To: Spring Sport Association Secretaries

From: Tyler Brooks, Director of Officiating & Sport Management

Re: Update on Spring Sports

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Please review this email in its entirety. I am happy to answer questions related to the spring sport season, but I am currently working through urgent winter sport issues that will have to take priority at this time. Thank you for your patience.

Local Association Meeting Requirements

1. Associations are permitted to hold meetings this season.
2. Meetings could be held in the traditional in-person setting provided all local and state requirements are met.
3. Virtual meetings are permitted this season. An association who uses virtual meetings must have a method of tracking attendance.
4. Associations are not required to hold meetings this season in order to maintain their status with OHSAA.

Local Association Items

1. Associations are encouraged to reduce or eliminate membership fees if association costs have been reduced this season. This has occurred in other sport seasons as associations determine that they are not able to meet in person because of facility issues.
2. Associations will be instructed to hold their normal association vote for tournament officials.
 - a. We will be waiving the minimum game requirements for tournament eligibility for both this season's tournament and next year's tournament.
 - b. I will email associations the normal association vote information on May 1.
 - c. Reminder: The association vote will include 30% of total association membership, an increase from 25% in previous years.

Meeting Opportunities and Requirements

1. The OHSAA will not be suspending officials for failure to obtain four (4) local meeting credits.
2. The OHSAA will still be requiring each official to complete the state meeting requirement.
3. Online Local Meetings Through myOHSAA
 - a. In select sports the OHSAA will be providing optional online local meeting opportunities for officials
 - i. These sports are:
 1. Baseball
 2. Softball
 3. Boys lacrosse
 - ii. These sports are still considering providing online educational opportunities
 1. Girls lacrosse
 2. Track & field
 - b. An email will be sent to all appropriate officials when their first online meeting is available for viewing through myOHSAA
 - i. Local secretaries will have no responsibility in crediting members who complete an online meeting through myOHSAA. They will be credited through the OHSAA office.

Miscellaneous Items

1. There will be no preseason mailing for the sports of baseball, softball, boys lacrosse, and girls lacrosse. Track & field officials will receive the officials manual in the mail because it is a two-year publication.

2. As always, umpires who work both BB and SB must attend the state meetings in both sports.
3. The online state meetings are tentatively scheduled to be available on Wednesday, February 10. We will email all spring sport officials directly when the online meetings are available.

Spring Sport Renewal Deadline

The final day to renew a spring sport *without a late fee* has been moved to January 31. The final day to renew a spring sport, *with the \$50 late fee* is February 28, 2021. You may view the renewal status of your association members through the Members link along the left side your myOHSAA account as Local Secretary. If you send a reminder, to avoid confusion please specify in the memo whether you are sending the message to all members, or only those members who have not renewed. Officials can view their permit expiration by clicking the Permit Card link along the left side of their myOHSAA official account, a June 30, 2021 expiration date indicates the official has successfully renewed for the 2020-21 school year.

Tournament Questionnaires

On January 15, the tournament official questionnaire will be available to all Class 1 officials who were also Class 1 last year. The questionnaire will be available in the OHSAA Tournaments section of all eligible officials' myOHSAA accounts. Officials will be emailed individually as well, but please take some time to remind your association members to complete the tournament questionnaire once available on January 15.



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