

To: OHSAA Baseball Officials

From: Dan McGinnis, Director of Baseball Officiating Development

Re: Update on 2021 Season

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season. It's hard to believe that we are talking about baseball, but it is around the corner!

I wanted to let everyone know what is going on as of now. With COVID-19 still hanging around it seems that all plans are etched in sand waiting for the next wave to come in!

NFHS made no rule changes for the 2021 baseball season. This means we are to use the rule and casebook from last year. With regards to the Blue Book, it has been updated for the 2021/2022 season and is online. Here is the link: [OHSAA > Officiating > Directors of Officiating Development](#)

As officials, we are required to have one state meeting and a minimum of four local meetings every year. This will also pertain to the 2021 season but with a few changes. The first change is that the state baseball meeting will only be online. We will not be conducting, as in the past, state/local meetings for those who wished to attend in person. Many if not most local associations are having problems getting a site to conduct their business. To address this issue, we will be posting 6 local meetings online through myOHSAA for those who can't get to a local live meeting. Each meeting will be online for about one week and you can go into your myOHSAA profile anytime that week and view the meeting and get credit for it. The meetings will take a few days to get posted for attendance so be patient. These local meetings are being produced by local associations around the state and the dates and content will be sent out in a later email.

For a timeline, here is what we have thus far. The state interpreters' meeting will be conducted on February 9 at 4 pm. All associations have been notified of this meeting. We are looking at releasing the state meeting later that week for everyone to view. Starting the week of February 15th, we will be posting a new local meeting every week for 6 weeks (it will be online for only one week). This will take us to the beginning of the season.

I have gotten numerous calls about the protocol for next year. It is too early to speculate on what we are going to have to do for the season. The governor and the Ohio Department of Health will be the driving force to make sure that everyone is safe. Once we get closer to the season, we will keep everyone informed as to what we need to do in order to follow the guidelines set forth.

Everyone be safe and we will keep you posted when there is new information.

