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- **UPDATE ON OPTIONAL TESTING** – In the White Book we had advised you that Optional Rules Testing for umpires would be available mid-February with a completion deadline of mid-March. We have the testing ready but there have been technical issues with making it available to all of you. Our central office is working on these and the test will be available using the Arbiter’s testing platform. We expect to release the test to all umpires in the middle to late March timeframe. Once it is released all umpires will have three weeks to complete the test. Watch for upcoming bulletins and correspondence on this topic. We apologize for the delay – unfortunately our previous testing software is not available for the testing this year. **Umpires who complete the optional rules test will receive additional point credit for their tournament officials rating as follows:**

**94% and above – 3 points**

**86% - 92% - 2 points**

**80-84% - 1 point**

- **Reminder** – our Mechanics Clinics continue this weekend at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls on Sunday. As this clinic is coming up in the next couple of days please email me at [swdoc@fuse.net](mailto:swdoc@fuse.net) if you would like to attend. This allows us to have enough instructors, pitchers/catchers, gifts, and lunches. For our final clinic next weekend in Reynoldsburg please continue to send registrations to the OHSAA office as instructed on the clinic list below which includes all clinic details. The registration form is at the end of this bulletin.

**Note that the South Webster Mechanics Clinic (February 26) has been cancelled due to a site conflict – those who have registered for this location have already been contacted about moving to another date and site. Thanks for your cooperation!**

These clinics, designed to help umpires improve their skills and be identified for potential advancement, will emphasize plate and base mechanics. Staff will be from the OHSAA Softball Umpire Instructional Team and will include OHSAA softball tournament observers. Umpires

attending will receive credit for their required state meeting and one local rules meeting. **Attendees will also receive three points added to their TOURNAMENT SELECTION SCORE.**

The cost of each clinic will be \$60 which includes all instruction, lunch, and a registration gift. Immediate registration is encouraged – this allows us to have the proper number of instructors, lunches and gifts. **NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR ALL CLINICS!**

This will be a working clinic – attendees should come prepared for both plate and base drills in an indoor setting. Please bring your plate equipment - OHSAA umpire uniform is recommended. Please also bring gym shoes as the weather will likely require that these be indoor events. Stations will be rotated in order that attendees can work with each instructor. Questions should be directed to Clinic Director Jerry Fick, OHSAA Director of Officials Development – Softball at [swdoc@fuse.net](mailto:swdoc@fuse.net).

**For Registration - Mail form at the end of this bulletin to: OHSAA, Attention Officiating Department, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214** Note – Clinic registration will start at 9AM and program will begin at 930AM. In case of inclement weather participants will be notified by email and the clinic will be rescheduled.

- **Dates and Sites for remaining Mechanics Clinics are -**

**Sunday, February 27 – Northeast – Walsh Jesuit High School – 4550 Wyoga Lake Rd. - Cuyahoga Falls**

**Sunday, March 6 – Central - Reynoldsburg HS LIVINGSTON CAMPUS – Columbus - 6699 EAST LIVINGSTON AVE.**

- Hold the date – Our Pre-Tournament Clinic will be held Sunday, May 15 at Waggoner Rd. Junior High School in Reynoldsburg. Registration will begin at noon and the clinic will conclude around 4PM. All OHSAA umpires our welcome. In addition to other information we will highlight the three umpire system used in our Regional and District games.
- The online state meeting is still available. To access, log in to your myOHSAA profile, click the “Rules Meetings” icon in the top right, click “Find a State Meeting” from the left side menu, then select “Softball” from the “Sports” dropdown menu, “Official” from “Meeting Type” dropdown menu, and then click “Search”. You may view the online meeting on any device except for a Google Chromebook. A Google Chromebook is a type of laptop computer, entirely different from the popular internet browser Google Chrome. You may view the online meetings using the internet browser Google Chrome.
- **Online Local Meetings** – as previously announced there will be two of these with one available mid March and one mid April. Details and login instructions will be emailed to all umpires when these are published.

# OHSAA 2022 SOFTBALL UMPIRES MECHANICS CLINICS

## REGISTRATION FORM

Select Location:

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 12 – East – East Muskingum Middle School – 13120 John Glenn School Road - New Concord

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 19 – Northwest – Glenwood Middle School – 1715 N. Main St. - Findlay

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, February 20 – Southwest – Stebbins High School – 1900 Harshman Rd. – Riverside

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 26– Southeast – South Webster High School 10529 Main St, South Webster

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, February 27 – Northeast – Walsh Jesuit High School – 4550 Wyoga Lake Rd. - Cuyahoga Falls

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, March 6 – Central - Reynoldsburg HS LIVINGSTON CAMPUS – Columbus - 6699 EAST LIVINGSTON AVE.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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OHSAA Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Years Registered as an OHSAA Softball

Umpire \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with payment of \$60 to: ***OHSAA, Attention Officiating  
Department, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH  
43214***

***Make checks payable to OHSAA***

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