



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Softball Bulletin

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- Our first 2023 softball bulletin comes early again this year as we have information that we would like to get to our umpires. Our bulletins will again come to you directly from the OHSAA office. We are excited to be getting back to in person state meetings, local meetings, and six Mechanics clinics being offered around the state – one scheduled in each Athletic District.
- USA Softball of Ohio will be hosting a National Umpire School in Dublin March 11 and 12 with an opening session on Friday night, March 10. Details concerning registration can be found at - http://www.usasoftballohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023_Ohio-Umpire-School.pdf
- **Other topics in this bulletin include state meeting and detailed Mechanics Clinic information (see page 3 & 4 for more details and registration form). With our first clinic coming up early in February now is the time to register. Dates and Sites for Mechanics Clinics are-**

____ Saturday, February 11 – East – John Glenn HS - 13115 John Glenn Sch. Rd. New Concord

____ Saturday, February 18 – Southwest – Lakota West HS, 8940 Union Centre Blvd. West Chester

____ Sunday, February 19– Southeast – South Webster High School 10529 Main St, South Webster

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____ Saturday, February 25 – Northwest – Glenwood Middle School – 1715 N. Main St. Findlay

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Reynoldsburg

- Softball packets are mailed by the OHSAA to all officials. Remember these are **not** sent First Class so they may be delivered at various times to umpires. If an umpire does not receive a packet the first thing to do is check and make sure that they have renewed their permit for this year! This can be checked on myOHSAA. Also, these mailings are not forwarded by the postal service. Umpires need to update their myOHSAA profile and address when they move.

STATE MEETING INFORMATION – FIRST MEETING IS JANUARY 30 - As in the past, all softball umpires must attend four local rules meeting and one state rules meeting. The OHSAA requires umpires holding permits in both baseball and softball to attend four local meetings for each sport.

The state meeting will be available both online and in person. The **BEST WAY** to start your preparation for the coming season is to attend a “face-to-face” State Rules Interpretation Meeting. There will be eight in person meetings. **Each meeting will feature sessions of about two hours and in addition to the state meeting will review the most important items that we want to cover prior to the season. By attending the entire session, you will receive credit for a local meeting in addition to the state softball meeting.** There is no need to “pre-register” for any face-to-face State meetings. The schedule is listed below with all meetings starting at 6PM.

Monday, January 30 – Columbus – OHSAA Office –Ceramic Building– 4080 Roselea Place

Tuesday, January 31 – **Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Centre Blvd. - West Chester - Cafeteria - Enter through cafeteria doors east end of building.**

Tuesday, February 7 – Oak Hill – High School – 5063 SR 93.

Thursday, February 9 – Cleveland - Garfield Heights High School – 4900 Turney Rd.

Wednesday, February 15 - New Concord – John Glenn High School - 13115 John Glenn Sch. Rd.

Thursday, February 16–Canton –Stark County Educational Service Center, 6057 Strip Ave NW

Tuesday, February 21 – Piqua – Upper Valley Career Center – 8811 Career Dr.

Thursday, February 23 – Findlay – Glenwood Middle School – 1715 N. Main St.

The online state meeting for softball will be available by the week of February . Details will be emailed to all officials and will include the deadlines for completing the meeting. To access the meeting, log in to your myOHSAA profile and click the “Rules Meetings” icon in the top right, then 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”. This search will display the online meeting option as well as any face-to-face meeting options. 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.

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2023 SOFTBALL UMPIRE MECHANICS CLINICS

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The OHSAA will sponsor six Softball Mechanics Clinics in 2023. These clinics, designed to help umpires improve their skills and attain their advancement goals, 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 as the number of attendees at each location will be limited.

This clinic 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.

***For Registration - Send form on the next page to: OHSAA –
follow instructions on the form***

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.

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Name: _____

OHSAA Permit # _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Primary Phone _____ Years as an OHSAA Softball Umpire _____

Attendees will also receive three points added to their TOURNAMENT SELECTION SCORE. Payment of \$60 may be made via check or credit card. Checks must be made payable to OHSAA. If paying by credit card scan and email completed form to jfick@ohsaa.org or mail to OHSAA as indicated in next line. If paying by check mail to: OHSAA, Attn: Accounting, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Full Name on Card

Billing Street Address

Card Number

Billing City

Expiration Date
(MM/YY)

CVV Code (3-4
digits)

Billing State

Billing Zip Code

Amount to be charged
\$ _____

Phone Number

Product Description

Email Address
