



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Softball Bulletin

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- Topics in this message –

1) Rule Book Mailings

2) **Update on another registration option for Mechanics Clinics**

3) State Meetings start Monday, January 27

- Preseason packets are now being mailed from the Columbus office. Remember these are **not** sent First Class so they may be delivered at various times to umpires. I'm sure that these will continue to arrive over the next week or two. 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 DragonFly. Also, these mailings are not forwarded by the postal service. Umpires need to update their DragonFly profile and address when they move or have other updates.
- **MECHANICS CLINICS START THIS WEEK AND RUN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKENDS.** Thanks to all the umpires who have registered for our series of Mechanics Clinics. **IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION OPTIONS LISTED BELOW (mailing check or credit card info) THE OHSAA NOW HAS ANOTHER EASY OPTION TO REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH THE OHSAA TICKETING SOFTWARE – BELOW ARE DIRECT LINKS TO REGISTER FOR THE CLINICS AT THE VARIOUS SITES –**

[Central Softball Clinic - Reynoldsburg](#)

[Northwest Softball Clinic - Findlay](#)

[Northeast Softball Clinic - Berea](#)

[Southwest Softball Clinic - Westchester](#)

[East/Southeast Softball Clinic - New Concord](#)

- We are excited to be holding five Mechanics Clinics being offered around the state – and with our additional emphasis on mechanics will be offering all attendees SIX bonus points on your tournament composite score. I think that shows the strong feelings we have on mechanics improvement and the value of these clinics. For the past several years we have seen many umpires advance in tournament play, including to the state level, after attending these clinics, being identified and improving their mechanics. These clinics are also a great tool for our newer umpires who want to jump start their career. We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity!

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### *2025 SOFTBALL UMPIRE MECHANICS CLINICS*

All sessions are from 9 AM to 4PM

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 8 – East/Southeast – New Concord – East Muskingum Middle School - 13120 John Glenn School Rd. – across street from John Glenn High School

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 15 – Northwest – Findlay - Glenwood Middle School – 1715 N. Main St.

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 22 – Southwest – Westchester – Lakota West Freshman School – 5050 Tylersville Road.

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, February 23 – Northeast – Berea – Midpark High School – 165 E. Bagley Rd. - Enter at side gym doors in back of school off of Eastland Rd.

\_\_\_\_ Sunday, March 2 – Central – Reynoldsburg - Waggoner Rd. Junior HS – 360 South Waggoner Rd.

The OHSAA will sponsor five Softball Mechanics Clinics in 2025. 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 one educational credit (local rules meeting). **Attendees will also receive SIX 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. We have learned that many of our newer umpires were as anxious as our veterans to take advantage of our Mechanics Clinics. These clinics provide a great supplement to the online RefPreps classes offered to our newest umpires. **IN THIS YEAR'S CLINICS GROUPS WILL BE DIVIDED BASED ON EXPERIENCE LEVEL – THIS IS A GREAT**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH NEWER AND VETERAN UMPIRES TO WORK ON IMPROVING THEIR MECHANICS IN A SETTING THAT HELPS THEM BASED ON THEIR AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE.**

Questions should be directed to Clinic Director Jerry Fick, OHSAA Director of Officials Development – Softball at [jfick@ohsaa.org](mailto:jfick@ohsaa.org).

***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 Number \_\_\_\_\_

Years Registered as an OHSAA Softball Umpire \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attendees will also receive SIX points added to their TOURNAMENT SELECTION SCORE.**

Payment of \$60 may be by 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](mailto: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

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- **STATE MEETING INFORMATION – THESE ARE UNDERWAY** - As in the past, all softball umpires must complete four education credits (local meetings, etc.) and one state rules meeting. The state meeting will be available both online and in person. 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 seven 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.** These meetings are also listed online on the DragonFly calendar. The remaining schedule is listed below with all meetings pat 6PM.

Thursday, February 6 – Cleveland - Berea-Midpark High School - 165 E Bagley Rd. - **Enter at side gym doors in back of school off of Eastland Rd.**

Wednesday, February 12 – **West Chester - Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Centre Blvd. - Cafeteria - Enter through cafeteria doors east end of building – Door #24**

Thursday, February 13 – Findlay – Donnell Middle School – 301 Baldwin Ave.

Tuesday, February 18 – Piqua – Upper Valley Career Center – 8811 Career Dr.

Thursday, February 20 –Canton –Stark County Educational Service Center, 6057 Strip Ave NW

The online state meeting for softball will be available later this week. Details will be emailed to all officials and will include both login instructions and deadlines for completing the meeting.