

DATE: July 10, 2023

TO: All Track & Field / Cross Country Officials

FROM: BJ Duckworth
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RE: July Update & Reminders

Tournament Questionnaire

The questionnaire is currently available on MyOHSAA for completion by eligible officials; **it is due by July 15, 2023**. Anyone who does not complete the questionnaire will not be eligible for tournament officiating this fall. The officials selected for the OHSAA High School and 7th & 8th Grade Invitationals also come from the questionnaire. To be eligible for those meets, you must complete the questionnaire. Additionally, if your permit is not renewed by July 15, you will not be eligible to officiate the tournaments or OHSAA invitationals.

Permit Renewal

Permit renewal is underway and can be done **online only through myOHSAA**. The OHSAA office will continue with the adjusted renewal deadlines used in the last several school years. This allows you more flexibility while maintaining a timeline that allows the office to best serve you. Officials wishing to work Cross Country in the fall should follow the deadline for the Fall Sports, and those only planning to work Track in the spring can renew at any point before December 31.

Cross Country Local Rules Meetings

Officials can attend local meetings starting on July 12 until October 9. During this timeframe, I will be posting a virtual meeting that will count as one local meeting credit. The OHSAA will notify you when this meeting has been posted, and you will have a set amount of time to view the video. Please make every effort possible to attend as many meetings as possible, our focus should be on continuing self-improvement not meeting a minimal requirement.

Cross Country Tournament Assignment Selection Policy

The cross country tournament assignment and selection process was changed in June 2022 based on the feedback from the assignment task force. The full policy is posted [HERE](#). I encourage you to take a few minutes to view a video detailing the new policy by clicking [HERE](#).

Officiating Dues at Work and Officials Insurance Information

To learn more about how your state officiating dues work for you, click [HERE](#). To learn about the insurance provided to you as an official, click [HERE](#).

OHSAA 2023 Hall of Fame & NFHS Active Officials of The Year

Congratulations to the track officials who were honored at the 2023 Hall of Fame Dinner in June:

2023 Hall of Fame Inductees

Dave Campbell, Cincinnati
Katie Roesch, Galion

2023 NFHS Active Officials of the Year

Boys Cross Country - Carl Fisher, Delaware
Girls Cross Country - Timothy Stith, Brewster
Boys Track & Field - Karen Sapp, New Waterford
Girls Track & Field - Emily Hickerson, McConnelsville

OT&F&CCOA Award Nominations

The Ohio Track and Field and Cross Country Officials Association is accepting nominations for the Cope, Lenge, and Contributor Awards. Nominations can be made by a local association or an individual and are due by August 1, 2023. To download and complete a nomination form, click [HERE](#) and then click on the picture to the left of the award name. If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen Acker at (330) 465-4520 or by email at gacker@westholmes.org.

Save The Date 2024 OT&F&CCOA Clinic & Awards Dinner

Save the date for the 2024 Ohio Track and Field and Cross Country Officials Association Clinic and Awards Dinner. The 2024 clinic will be held on January 19 and 20 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio. Cynthia Beacham is the clinic director. The awards dinner will be held on January 19, 2024, at the same location, with Gretchen Acker as the banquet director.

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As a reminder, effective with this cross-country season, all assignments made by the OHSAA will be done through this system. Schools and leagues will each continue to have discretion in determining what system they use for assignments.

Thank you for all you do for our student-athletes.

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