

DATE: December 7, 2024

TO: All Track & Field / Cross Country Officials

FROM: BJ Duckworth | Sport Administrator & Director of Officiating Development

RE: December Officials Memo



State Rules Meeting for Track & Field

The mandatory state rules meeting will be available online via DragonFly per the cart below. **This meeting is mandatory to renew your license and to officiate the sport.** This is a separate meeting than Cross Country state rules meeting that was completed previously this year.

Meeting Begins	Late Fee (\$50) Begins	Meeting Closes
February 4, 2025	March, 25, 2025	April 15, 2025

An in-person state rules meeting will take place as part of the OTFCCOA Clinic; this will be the **ONLY** in-person opportunity to complete the meeting. Registration for the Clinic is required to attend.

If you are a coach AND an official, you must complete both State Rules Meetings. While the content in both is similar, each is customized to its specific audience.

Local Rules Meetings

Local rules meetings are required to be attended each year and are primarily offered by your local association. Local associations may provide in-person and virtual options, they will be listed on the calendar within DragonFly.

The OHSAA will again offer two statewide virtual local meetings. The topics and dates are TBD. Keep an eye out for future emails on the topic.

Permit Renewal

If you have not yet renewed your permit for the 2024/25 season, the deadline to do so without a late fee is December 31, 2024. Renewal in January of 2025 will be allowed but will require a \$50 late fee. All permit renewals are now on DragonFly.

Tournament Questionnaire

The Tournament Questionnaire is no longer in MyOHSAA, it is sent to all eligible officials via email and is done through a Google Form. Please be on the lookout for the questionnaire email, as completing it is required to work track district, regional, and state tournaments. It will be sent out in January.

NFHS 2025 Rule Changes

Below are links to the 2025 NFHS rule change announcements. As the national rules interpretation meeting does not take place until January, I will not be able to answer any questions on the rule changes until then.

[NFHS Press Release](#) | [NFHS Summary of Changes](#)

Detailed information on these rule changes will be reviewed in the mandatory state rules meeting and will also be reviewed in future memos.

Ohio Track & Field and Cross Country Officials Association Clinic

The OTFCCOA Annual Winter Clinic will be held on January 24 & 25, 2025 at the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio. Registration information has been mailed to all officials by the OHSAA on behalf of the OTFCCOA. Please see below for some important notes on the clinic.

- Officials will have the opportunity to earn TWO local meeting credits, one for each day of the clinic.
- The ONLY in-person state rules meeting will be part of the clinic; you must be registered to attend.
- In addition to the clinic gift for all attendees, backpacks, ponchos & highlighter sets will be available for sale.
- A starter shell raffle will be held, and three sets (5 boxes) of shells will be available as part of the raffle. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the scholarship fund.
- Split the Pot tickets will be available at the clinic. The proceeds from this raffle will go towards the scholarship fund.
- Later this month, all officials will receive registration information from the OHSAA on behalf of the OTFCCOA.
- First-year officials will have their clinic fee waived and will only need to pay their annual dues.
- The OTFCCOA Awards Dinner will be held on January 24, more information will be included in the mailing from the OTFCCOA
- Questions related to the clinic should be directed to Dennis Sabo at densabo@gmail.com

Ohio Track & Field and Cross Country Officials Association Officer Elections

The OTFCCOA will be holding elections for President-Elect at the January clinic. Anyone interested in running for this position should contact John Daubenspeck, OTFCCOA President, at jdaubenspeck@gytoa.com to discuss the responsibilities of the position.

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Important Dates		
	2025 Cross Country <small>All 2025 dates are subject to change</small>	2025 Track
OTF&CCOA Officials Clinic	January 24 & 25 2025	
OATCCC Coaches Clinic	January 23 – 25 2025	
First Day of State Meeting <u>for Officials</u>	TBD	February 4, 2025
First Day of State Meeting <u>for Coaches</u>	TBD	February 10, 2025
First Day of Coaching	August 1, 2025	February 24, 2025
Early Season Invitational	August 16, 2025	
Season Begins	August 18, 2025	March 29, 2025
State Meeting Late Fee Begins <u>for Officials</u>	TBD	March 25, 2025
State Meeting Late Fee Begins <u>for Coaches</u>	TBD	March 30, 2025
Deadline To Declare for Tournament	TBD	April 21, 2025
State Meeting Ends <u>for Officials</u>	TBD	April 15, 2025
State Meeting Ends for Coaches	TBD	April 21, 2025
Non-Interscholastic Date	September 29, 2025	May 5, 2025
7th & 8 th Grade State Championship		May 17, 2025
District Tournaments	October 18, 2025	May 19-24, 2025
7 th & 8 th Grade Post-Season Invitational	October 19, 2025	
Regional Tournaments	October 25, 2025	May 28-31, 2025
State Championships	November 1, 2025 <small>@ Fortress Obetz</small>	June 6-7, 2025 <small>@ Ohio State</small>
OHSAA State Championship Officials Clinic	November 1, 2025	June 6-7, 2025
Season Ends	November 1, 2025	June 7, 2025
OATCCC Cross Country Clinic	Nov 14, 2024	

Important Documents/Resources		
	2024 Cross Country	2025 Track
OHSAA Sport Webpage	Click HERE	Click HERE
Sport Regulations	Click HERE	Click HERE
Tournament Regulations	Click HERE	TBD
Uniform Guidance Video	Click HERE	
Coaches Manual	Click HERE	TBD
Officials Manual	Click HERE	TBD
Seated Athlete Manual		TBD
Electronic Starting Guide		TBD
Verification Form	Click HERE	
Mixed Gender Relay Waiver		Click HERE
Medical Waiver	Click HERE	
Non-Bordering State Waiver	Click HERE	
OHSAA Officials Handbook	Click HERE	
NFHSLearn.com Fundamentals of Coaching	Click HERE	
NFHSLearn.com Sport-Specific Coaching	Click HERE	Click HERE
NFHSLearn.com Sportsmanship Course	Click HERE	
NFHSLearn.com Track & Field Officiating	Click HERE	
NFHSLearn.com Interscholastic Officiating	Click HERE	
Tournament information can be found by clicking the appropriate links on the sport-specific OHSAA Sport Webpage.		