

DATE: January 9, 2023

TO: All Track & Field / Cross Country Officials

FROM: BJ (William) Duckworth  
Director of Officiating Development & State Rules Interpreter  
Track & Field and Cross Country



RE: January Officials Update and Q&A Session Links

## Fred Dafler Turns 95

Most of you know Fred or know of him. For the younger officials who may not know, he is one of the people who paved the way and made Track & Cross Country what it is today in Ohio. His contributions to our sports as OHSAA Assistant/Associate Commissioner, Official and Assigner would take this entire page to list.

Fred's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday was on January 5, 2023; together with the Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches, we would like to shower Fred with hundreds of birthday cards. Please take a few moments to send a birthday card to the below address. While they will be a few days late, I am sure they will go a long way in showing our appreciation to him and his family for all he has done for us and the sports we love.

Mr. Fred Dafler  
Powell Assisted Living  
3872 Attucks Dr.  
Powell, OH 43065

## Important Dates

### Permit Renewal

- Without a late fee | Deadline has passed
- With a \$50 late fee | January 31, 2023

### Tournament Questionnaire

- January 15 – January 31
  - o You cannot work a tournament if you do not complete this!

### Online State Rules Meeting

- \*The only in-person State Rules Meeting will be at the OT&F&CCOA Clinic in January; clinic registration is required. If you have not registered, call Dennis Sabo at 419-271-5055 to register ASAP.
- February 9 – March 25 | Without late fee
- March 26 – April 24 | With \$50 late fee

## Ohio Track & Field and Cross Country Officials Association 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinic.

Please see below some reminders, maps and vendor pre-order information for the clinic on January 20 & 21, 2023.

- The deadline has passed; however, **if anyone needs to register or buy banquet tickets and has not, please call Dennis Sabo at 419-271-5055 no later than Tuesday, January 10, 2024.**
- The **only** in-person State Rules Meeting will be at this clinic; clinic registration is required.
- **Honigs** will only be accepting credit card payments for orders placed at the clinic.
- If you would like to pre-order from **Purchase Officials**, please call 1-800-767-2233 by Jan 19.
- **NEW** this year, there will be a **starter shell raffle** in addition to the 50/50. Those who purchase tickets will have two chances to win 5 boxes each of 32cal starter shells that have been donated by

your generous fellow officials. Proceeds from both will go to the **Fred Dafler & Rick Haddix Scholarship Fund**.

- All clinic attendees will receive a coupon code for \$10 off a membership to the **National Association of Sports Officials (NASO)**.
- **No starter shells** will be sold by the OHSAA at the clinic this winter.
- Maps of the new facility, including the locations of registration, vendors & the hospitality room, can be found [HERE](#).

## Q & A Sessions

With all of the state rules meetings being virtual; question & answer sessions are for officials to ask questions about the state rules interpretation meeting. This does not count as a meeting credit and we will only review rules based on the questions asked. Meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams:

**March 6, 2023 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 228 586 295 723

Passcode: AixCn6

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**March 8, 2023 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 288 433 798 805

Passcode: btaqoL

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## NFHS Rule Book & OHSAA Officials Manual

The NFHS 2023 Rule & Case Books, as well as the 2023-24 NFHS Officials Manual, have been mailed to officials by the OHSAA Office. If you would like an electronic copy of the rules or case book, they can be purchased through the NFHS app for a \$6.99 per book. If you did not receive your books, please contact Charles Anderson at the OHSAA office directly at [canderson@ohsaa.org](mailto:canderson@ohsaa.org).

The 2023 OHSAA Track & Field and Cross County Officials Manual will be posted on the OHSAA site soon. I will send a direct link to the document, in the regular monthly update I send, once it is completed and posted online. I recommend downloading a copy onto or bookmarking it on the browser of your smartphone. Every official needs to read and understand this manual the same as they would the NFHS Rule Book.

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**Twitter:** @ohio\_track\_xc

Sincerely,

**BJ (William) Duckworth**

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