

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH ATHLETICS

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- » Establishing and regulating regular-season and tournament standards in order for competition to be fair and equitable.
- » Promoting that interscholastic athletics participation complements a student's educational experience and that academic standards must be met to have the privilege of participating in school sports.
- » Providing rulings that are swift, fair, consistent and impartial based on the bylaws and regulations that OHSAA member schools have voted into place.
- » Administering exceptional interscholastic athletics tournaments.
- » Operating with openness and demonstrating fiscal accountability.
- » Honoring the ultimate purpose of school sports, which is to promote lifelong values, good citizenship, academic success, ethics and fair play in safe and sporting environments.



THE FIVE W'S OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

WHO?

We're educational athletes, not big-time event promoters.



WHAT?

Our games should be We're the builders of tomorrow's community leaders, not farm clubs for college and professional teams.



WHEN?

Our games should be played We're an after-school activity, not a year-round endeavor. These are programs that should allow kids to be kids.



WHERE?

Our games should be played locally. We don't need national schedules to accomplish our purpose.



WHY?

Because it's the right way to do it. Schools offer these programs because they enhance the educational experience of the young people who participate.



WE DO NOT SEEK TO PREPARE STUDENT-ATHLETES FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF COMPETITION, BUT FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF LIFE!