

COACHES FAIR PLAY CODE

- » I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- » I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support, and opportunities.
- » I will not ridicule my athletes for making mistakes or performing poorly.
- » I will remember that young people play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- » I will remember that young people need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- » I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- » I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.



 **Huntington FIELD**

THE OHSAA OFFICIATING PROGRAM

CERTIFIES, EDUCATES + SUPPORTS NEARLY 16,000 GAME OFFICIALS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has built a comprehensive statewide officiating program that annually certifies, educates and supports nearly 16,000 game officials in Ohio. Respect for, and positive interaction with, officials are vital parts of education-based athletics and can teach life lessons for student-athletes, coaches and fans. All OHSAA officials are enrolled in the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association, which includes training and insurance opportunities.

State and local rules meetings, clinics, camps and interaction with local officials associations help support officials. There is also a formal recognition program for officials that includes certificates of service, a National Federation pin and ultimately the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame. In addition, most OHSAA-sanctioned sports have a Director of Officiating Development who is responsible for the training and education of those sports officials. The DOD assists the OHSAA office with meeting topics, classes and virtually every aspect of officiating enhancement.

To assist in the process in determining which officials will be assigned to OHSAA tournament contests the following school year, member high schools are required to rate and vote for officials. Following each regular-season varsity contest, head coaches or athletic administrators are required to rate the contest officials. Athletic administrators have additional voting responsibilities and each of the six District Athletic Boards and OHSAA office staff are a part of the tournament selection process as well.

