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The #OHSAA Monday Minute

A Weekly Update from the Ohio High School Athletic Association

Greetings from the OHSAA! Please see below for a snapshot of recent memos, important reminders, updates, links to the OHSAA's posting boards and more.

Football Playoff Qualifiers Information

This week, schools that may qualify for the football playoffs Sunday will receive a memo from the OHSAA with information regarding planning for the playoffs, including the first-round hosts meeting in Columbus on Monday, Nov. 4. Schools should check the final computer ratings on the OHSAA website on Sunday, Nov. 3, to determine playoff qualifiers.

Schools can begin downloading and completing forms now that are posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/football/playoffs-info>

Start Date Change for Track & Field Practice

Last Thursday at its October meeting, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved a change to the start date for track and field practice in 2020. Practice may now begin on February 24, which coincides with the practice start date for softball, baseball and lacrosse.

More Board Meeting Updates

In addition to the track & field note above, additional highlights from the Board meeting are posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ohsaa-board-of-directors-meeting-highlights-23>

Soccer State Championships Move to Saturday-Sunday

In addition to welcoming the United States Women's National Team (USWNT) to Columbus in November, the OHSAA has announced that the soccer state championship games at MAPFRE Stadium will take place a day later than previously announced due to the schedule that week at the stadium. The OHSAA soccer finals will now take place on Saturday, Nov. 9, for the girls and Sunday, Nov. 10, for the boys. Coming off their Women's World Cup championship in July, the USWNT will play Sweden in a friendly on Thursday, Nov. 7, at MAPFRE Stadium. By contract, the USWNT also has full access to the stadium on Friday, Nov. 8, causing the need to move the OHSAA finals one day later. The full release is posted at: <https://bit.ly/2p0NjLo>

Football State Championship Tickets

Two all-session ticket options are now on sale for the 2019 OHSAA football state championship games in Canton, Dec. 5-7. The Stadium Club all-session ticket package includes access to the indoor club level during each game and outdoor premium cushioned seats. The Stadium Club package also includes complimentary admission to the Pro Football Hall of Fame adjacent to the stadium. The Stadium Club packages are \$140 each. Also on sale are all-session general admission tickets, which do not include indoor access or complimentary Hall of Fame access. They sell for \$85 each. A limited number of VIP parking passes will go on sale soon. Single-game tickets go on sale in late October. The all-session ticket packages are available at: www.profootballhof.com/tickets

Arbiter for Varsity Schedules; MaxPreps for Coaches and Sports Information

For those sports that have officials' ratings, Athletic Administrators are required to have varsity schedules (and officials assigned) in their Arbiter Game account, which is provided by the OHSAA. In addition, coaches are encouraged to use the resources available through MaxPreps for sports information items like rosters, results and stats. MaxPreps is the OHSAA's official partner for stats and scores. Please see the Sept. 23 memo linked below for details.

Recent Memos and Announcements Sent to Member Schools

Note: These and other items emailed to schools are posted on the front page of OHSAA.org within the "bulletin board" section

- Oct. 23 – [New Competitive Balance Tiering Option within Arbiter](#)
- Oct. 15 – [Fall Competitive Balance Roster Entry Period if Open](#)
- Oct. 15 – [Winter Sports Rules Meetings](#)
- Oct. 14 – [AD Scoop](#)
- Oct. 1 – [October Membership Update – High Schools](#)
- Oct. 1 – [October Membership Update – Junior High Schools](#)
- Sept. 30 – [OHSAA Officials Ratings in myOHSAA Update](#)
- Sept. 27 – [Change in Fall Sports Competitive Balance Roster Entry Period](#)
- Sept. 23 – [MaxPreps Update for Coaches and Athletic Directors](#)

Recent Memos Sent to Coaches

The following sports had memos or bulletins recently sent to coaches:

- Golf: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/golf>
- Girls Tennis: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/girlstennis>
- Cross Country: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/cc>
- Field Hockey: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/fh>

- Soccer: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/soccer>
- Volleyball: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/volleyball>
- Football: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/football>
- Girls Basketball: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/girlsbasketball>
- Boys Basketball: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/boysbasketball>

OHSAA Posting Boards, Coaches Corner and Calendars

Open Dates: <https://www.ohsaa.org/OpenDates>
 Job Openings: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/Job-Openings>
 Equipment Classifieds: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Equipment>
 Officials Needed: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating/Officials-Needed>
 Coaches Corner: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Coaches-Corner>
 OHSAA Calendars: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Calendar>

Reminders for All Schools, Coaches and Student-Athletes

1. All student-athletes must have a pre-participation physical: <https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/physicalexamform>
2. All coaches, paid and volunteer, must be certified by the ODE (see Coaches Corner)
3. OHSAA inclement weather regulations: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/inclementweatherpolicy>
4. OHSAA heat, concussion and other sports safety regulations: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sportssafety>
5. Lindsay's Law (Sudden Cardiac Arrest) information: <https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine>
6. Mandatory preseason parent meetings information: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources>
7. See the respective sport pages at www.OHSAA.org for online rules meetings, OHSAA sport regulations, OHSAA general sports regulations, preseason coaches manuals, etc.

Officials Needed!

Like most states, Ohio has a shortage of contest officials. Anyone interested in becoming a licensed official should visit <https://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating> to get started. Coaches and school administrators – please urge people to become an official if you think they would be a good fit to give back to the game and contribute to the mission of interscholastic athletics!

myOHSAA and Arbiter

OHSAA member schools use **myOHSAA** for Participation Cards, Tournament Entry, Officials Tournament Voting and Rating, Staff Management, School Directory Information and more. **ArbiterSports** is used to handle scheduling/contracting and assigning. Please visit: <http://www.ohsaa.org/SchoolResources/Arbiter> or OHSAA staff members Brenda Murray (bmurray@ohsaa.org) and Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org). Specific support questions for Arbiter should be sent to support@arbitersports.com or by telephone at 1-800-311-4060.

Competitive Balance Contacts

If school administrators have questions on how students should be tiered, please reference the Competitive Balance resource center posted on OHSAA.org: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/Competitive-Balance-Resource-Center> or contact: Public School contact – Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org) / Non-Public School contact – Bob Goldring (bgoldring@ohsaa.org) / Arbiter and roster data contact – Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org).

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Website: www.OHSAA.org | **Twitter:** www.Twitter.com/OHSAASports | **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/OHSAASports>
Arbiter Sports Resource Center: <https://www.ohsaa.org/SchoolResources/Arbiter>
Miss an OHSAA Monday Minute? They're all posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/MondayMinute>
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