

Dec. 16, 2019

## 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.

### **New Feeder School Option Approved for Non-Public Schools**

Based on action taken by the OHSAA Board of Directors during a special conference call meeting on Dec. 9, OHSAA non-public schools will now have another option available to select their "designated" feeder schools for Competitive Balance rostering purposes. The new option – specific to the Tier 1 factor in Competitive Balance – will permit non-public schools to utilize all elementary schools of the same system of education that are physically located within a 12.5-mile radius of the high school as designated feeder schools. Creation of this second option for the selection of designated feeder schools also resulted in resolution of an ongoing dispute between the OHSAA and the Greater Catholic League (GCL) Co-Ed Division in southwest Ohio. Please read the complete release posted here: <https://bit.ly/2PRzkkX>

### **Foundation Basketball Games and Holiday Helpers**

Schools that have participated in an OHSAA Foundation Basketball game or other similar events to assist those in need during the holidays are asked to send a brief description and photos to the OHSAA for inclusion in upcoming OHSAA publications and social media. Please email content to Tim Stried at [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org).

### **Start Date Change for Track & Field Practice**

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.

### **Start Date for 2020 Football Practice**

The start date for football practice for the 2020 season will be Saturday, August 1, which is the same date as all other fall sports. Previously, the start date was listed as TBA for football. In addition, there is no longer a mandatory off day on Sunday, August 2.

### **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*

- Dec. 3 – [December 2019 Junior High Membership Update](#)
- Dec. 3 – [December 2019 Membership Update](#)
- Nov. 26 – [New Deadline for Fall Competitive Balance Roster Entry](#)
- Nov. 20 – [AD Scoop](#)
- Nov. 4 – [November High School Membership Updates](#)
- Nov. 4 – [November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Membership Update](#)
- 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](#)

### **Recent Memos Sent to Coaches**

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

- Girls Basketball: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/girlsbasketball>
- Boys Basketball: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/boysbasketball>
- Wrestling: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/wrestling>
- Softball: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/softball>

### **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](http://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](mailto:bmurray@ohsaa.org)) and Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)). Specific support questions for Arbiter should be sent to [support@arbitersports.com](mailto: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](mailto:kronai@ohsaa.org)) / Non-Public School contact – Bob Goldring ([bgoldring@ohsaa.org](mailto:bgoldring@ohsaa.org)) / Arbiter and roster data contact – Ronald Sayers ([rsayers@ohsaa.org](mailto:rsayers@ohsaa.org)).

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**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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