

Jan. 13, 2020

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.

Military Appreciation Night and Battle for the Golden Megaphone

The OHSAA has designated Friday, January 17, as a statewide Military Appreciation Night during high school athletic events across Ohio. In addition, the Battle for the Golden Megaphone continues for high school student cheering sections. Information about both programs is posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Respect-the-Game/Battle-for-the-Golden-Megaphone/Golden-Megaphone-2019-20>

Tournament Entry Deadlines Reminder

Monday, Jan. 13 is the deadline (without penalty) for schools to enter the dual team wrestling tournament in myOHSAA. Additional upcoming tournament entry deadlines include Jan. 20 for gymnastics and swimming & diving, Jan. 27 for bowling, ice hockey, individual wrestling and girls basketball and Feb. 3 for boys basketball.

Athletic Uniform Regulation Change Approved by Board of Directors

In December, the OHSAA Board of Directors approved a change to General Sports Regulation 17 – Athletic Uniforms. The updated language reads:

Refer to the National Playing Rules of the particular sport to determine what head decorations or headwear are permissible.

Exception: In the event a head coach represents to the referee in advance of the start of the competition that a player wishes not to expose his/her uncovered head, the referee shall approve a covering or wrap which shall not:

- 1.) Fundamentally alter the sport;
- 2.) Be abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other participant;
- 3.) Be attached in such a way that it is likely to come off during play, and
- 4.) Be deemed to be unsporting/offensive.

For other exceptions not addressed above, school administrators and/or head coaches shall contact the OHSAA sport administrator via email well in advance of the competition date to discuss if a waiver is available and, if so, the details of the waiver process.

Note: If there are any concerns about head decorations or headwear well in advance of the start of competition on that day, contest officials shall approach the head coach (or assistant coach if the head coach is not available) to address the issue.

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.

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

- Jan. 13 – [Revision to OHSAA General Sports Regulation Regarding Religious Headwear](#)
- Jan. 6 – [January 2020 Junior High Membership Update](#)
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- Dec. 20 – [AD Scoop](#)
- Dec. 17 – [December Compliance Update](#)
- Dec. 3 – [December 2019 Junior High Membership Update](#)
- Dec. 3 – [December 2019 Membership Update](#)
- Nov. 26 – [New Deadline for Fall Competitive Balance Roster Entry](#)

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>

Recent Memos Sent to Coaches

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

- Bowling: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bowling>
- 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>

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/sportsafety>
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, Arbiter and MaxPreps

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. 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.

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 in December 2019, 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>

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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Arbiter Sports Resource Center: <https://www.ohsaa.org/SchoolResources/Arbiter>
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