

Welcome to the

# 2024 OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meeting

Doug Ute, Executive Director



# Meeting Purpose:

- We have all seen chalkboard/whiteboard prep before games. This presentation will serve as the OHSAA whiteboard of important information/updates schools need to know in Spring 2024.
- Final portion of presentation is explanation of 2024 referendum issues (6), as required under Constitution Article 8-1-10.



# Welcome and Introductions

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- Thank you to our hosts!
- Introductions
  - Special welcome to all school and athletic administrators, as well as any school board members, state legislators, media and/or professional organization members
  - OHSAA Staff in attendance
  - State Board of Directors and District Athletic Board members in attendance



# OHSAA Staff Updates

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- **John Kronour**, new Director of Sport Administration
  - Tennis & Ice Hockey
- **BJ Duckworth**, Sport Administrator for Cross County and Track & Field
  - Replacing Dustin Ware
- **Amanda Harding**, new Manager of Officiating Administration
  - Replacing Lizzy Wilson
- **Lizzy Wilson**, Transitioned from Officiating to Student Eligibility
  - Now working with Kristin Ronai and Ronald Sayers

# Who administers what?

All sport administrator assignments can be found on respective sport pages...

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## Baseball

### 2024 Baseball Calendar

Feb. 19, 2024	Coaching and Tryouts Begin
March 23	Season Begins
May 5	Tournament Draw
May 11-18	Sectional Tournaments
May 20-25	District Tournaments

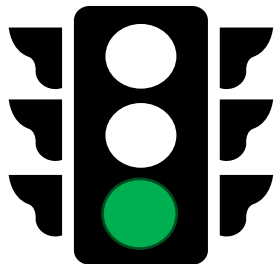
### 2024 Season Information

- 2024 Divisional Breakdowns
- Coaches Poll: Preseason | Week 1
- This Week in Baseball - Coach and Athletic Director Memos
- **Baseball Administrator: Emily Mason**

# OHSAA Financial Objectives

**Operate  
at a  
Profit**

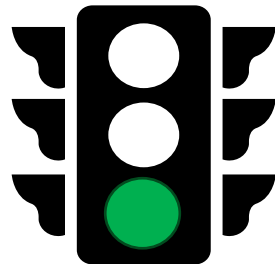
On Track to  
Beat Budget



Budget  
\$1.9M Profit

**Build  
Reserves**

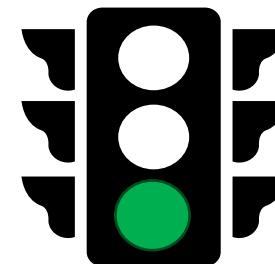
6.6 mos. Operating  
4.9 mos. Reserves



Goal is  
9 months  
cash on hand

**Support  
Opportunities  
for Student  
Participation**

Student Scholarships  
Athletic Donation to  
Schools



Student Scholarships  
Athletic Enrichment  
Fund to Schools

# YTD Results as of March 31, 2024

OHSAA Financials	Actual	Budget	Favorable/(Unfavorable)	
Fall Sports	\$4,039,355	\$3,002,442	\$1,036,913	35%
Winter Sports - Estimate	\$2,293,415	\$1,922,498	\$370,917	19%
<b>Tournament Net Profits</b>	<b>\$6,332,770</b>	<b>\$4,924,940</b>	<b>\$1,407,830</b>	<b>29%</b>
Other Operating Revenues	\$2,499,867	\$2,454,334	\$45,533	2%
Other Operating Expenses	\$4,282,211	\$4,589,879	\$307,668	7%
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>\$4,550,426</b>	<b>\$2,789,395</b>	<b>\$1,761,031</b>	<b>63%</b>

Cash & Investments	Mar 31 2024	Mar 31 2023
Operating Cash	\$12,288,975	\$11,554,145
<i>Months on Hand - Operating</i>	6.6	6.4
Invested Reserves	\$9,244,181	\$8,724,432
<i>Months on Hand - Reserves</i>	4.9	4.8
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>\$21,533,156</b>	<b>\$20,278,577</b>
<b>Total Months on Hand</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>

# Investing in Students & Schools

	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Catastrophic Insurance to cover high school athletes**	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Arbiter software license fees for schools	-	265,525	265,525	265,525
Scholarships paid to student athletes	169,000	169,000	159,000	-
Greens fees, lineage fees, weight mgmt for tournaments	425,000	350,000	325,000	-
Travel Stipends to offset travel to select Regional/State events	1,200,000	1,078,000	523,000	-
Student ticket prices	2,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
Athletic Enrichment Fund distribution	> 1,017,500	1,017,500	-	-
<b>Total Investment in Students and Schools</b>	<b>\$5.8 - \$6.5M</b>	<b>\$4,880,025</b>	<b>\$1,772,525</b>	<b>\$765,525</b>

\*\*Catastrophic Insurance does NOT cover cheerleading competitions/stunting. Sideline cheerleaders are covered.



# 7-on-7 Offseason Changes

- Board took action on April 1 to change offseason regulations for football. Previously, Ohio was one of most restrictive states in country.
- Changes make football offseason options more consistent with other team sports.
- 7-on-7 football now permitted at any time during offseason, with exception of 28-day no contact period.
- During school year but before May 15, only 7 players from one school permitted to play together. (School coaches may coach 7-on-7 team outside no contact period).
- After May 15, no limit on the # of players from the same school team who can compete together (But school coach still limited to 13 summer contact days when using 7+ players)
- Contact and equipment, other than helmets and cleats, remain prohibited.



# Non-Interscholastic Rules

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- A student establishes themselves as a member of the team by participating in an interscholastic contest (scrimmage or game) GSR 7.1.4
- After becoming a member of the team for team sports, students may not participate in an athletic contest, a tryout or any type of interscholastic team or group training or practices (including open gyms/fields) with a non-interscholastic team in that same sport during the interscholastic team's season. GSR 7.2.1
- Educate your students during preseason meetings.
- Give OHSAA feedback if desire to change regulation. Interest from different stakeholders to potentially allow more exceptions to permit this non-school participation during same school season.



# New EMIS #'s & Timeline for Divisions

- **January-March 2024-** OHSAA Office collects EMIS data from ODE (DEW) and allows schools opportunity to appeal base EMIS counts
  - Board approves final base counts on April 1
- **April 2024 BOD meeting-** Approval of Fall and Winter sports divisions for 2024-25
  - Subject to potential adjustments pending Referendum Vote outcome
- **August 2024 BOD meeting-** Approval of Spring sports divisions for 2024-25
  - Subject to potential adjustments pending Referendum Vote outcome

## FINAL 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Enrollment Figures & Classifications

The below numbers represent **final** enrollments counts and classifications for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.  
 Note: For Competitive Balance sports, a team's Additional Roster count will be added to these base EMIS numbers to obtain a final Adjusted Enrollment count, which will then be used to place a team into a tournament division.

OHSAAID	BUILDING_NAME	City	District	FINAL MALE	Male Class	FINAL FEMALE	Female Class
9823	Academy for Urban Scholars Youngstown	Youngstown	Northeast	57	A	57	A
100	Ada High School	ADA	Northwest	102	AA	89	AA
102	Adena High School	FRANKFORT	Southeast	124	AA	134	AA
106	Aiken New Tech High School	CINCINNATI	Southwest	416	AAA	348	AAA
108	Alexander Jr. / Sr. High School	Albany	Southeast	175	AA	170	AAA
110	Allen East High School	Harrod	Northwest	109	AA	120	AA
112	Alliance High School	ALLIANCE	Northeast	332	AAA	289	AAA
114	Amanda-Clearcreek High School	AMANDA	Central	191	AA	176	AA
118	Anderson High School	CINCINNATI	Southwest	461	AAA	436	AAA
1525	Andrews Osborne Academy	WILLOUGHBY	Northeast	33	A	44	A
120	Anna High School	ANNA	Southwest	145	AA	132	A
122	Ansonia High School	ANSONIA	Southwest	85	A	90	A
124	Anthony Wayne High School	WHITEHOUSE	Northwest	515	AAA	524	AAA

# Site Selection Information

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- MOST are done well in advance
- Many factors do not make sites available
- **REPRESENTATION** creates many site/travel concerns (6 Districts to 4 Regionals)
- Tournament Regulations permit changing sites & times (condition of entry)
- Finding sites becomes more and more difficult (Please help!)
- Host sites will be compensated for their costs to host
  - Host also keeps all parking & concessions
  - OHSAA pays all security



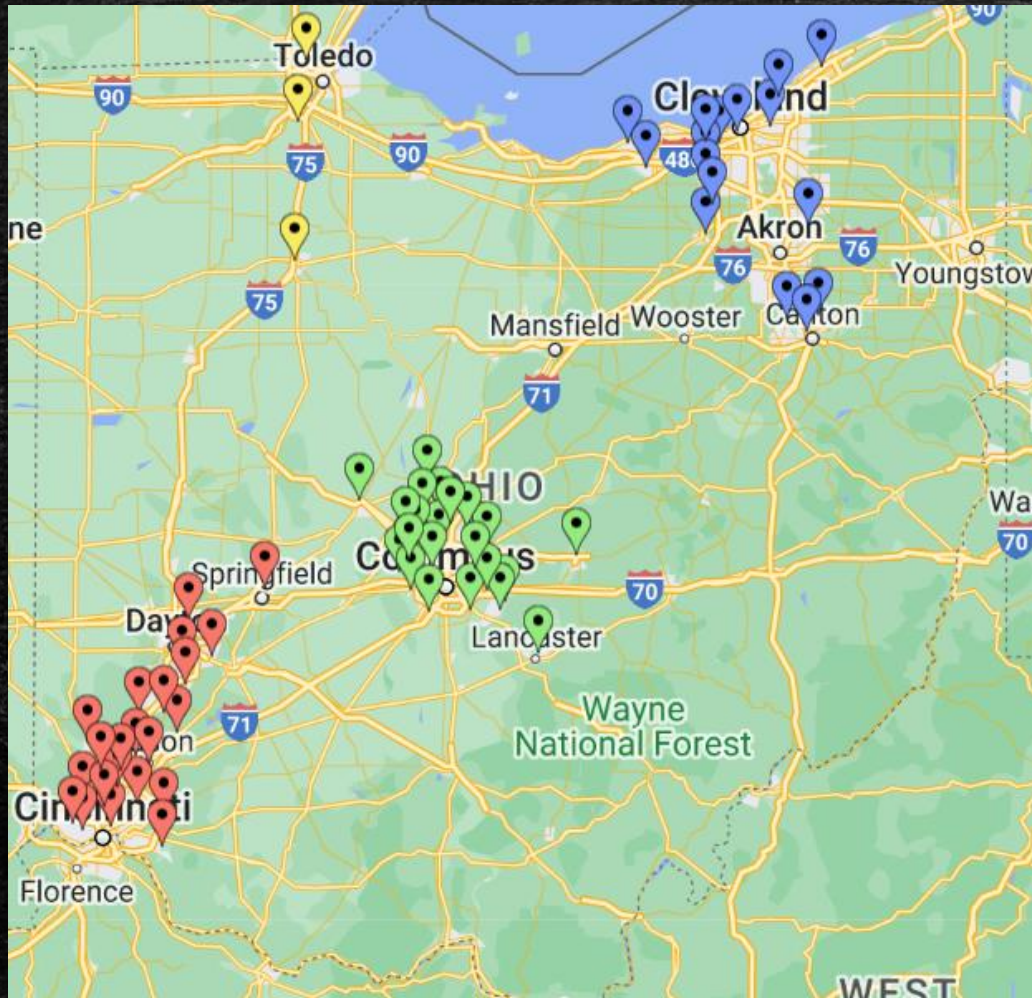
# Divisional Expansion Update

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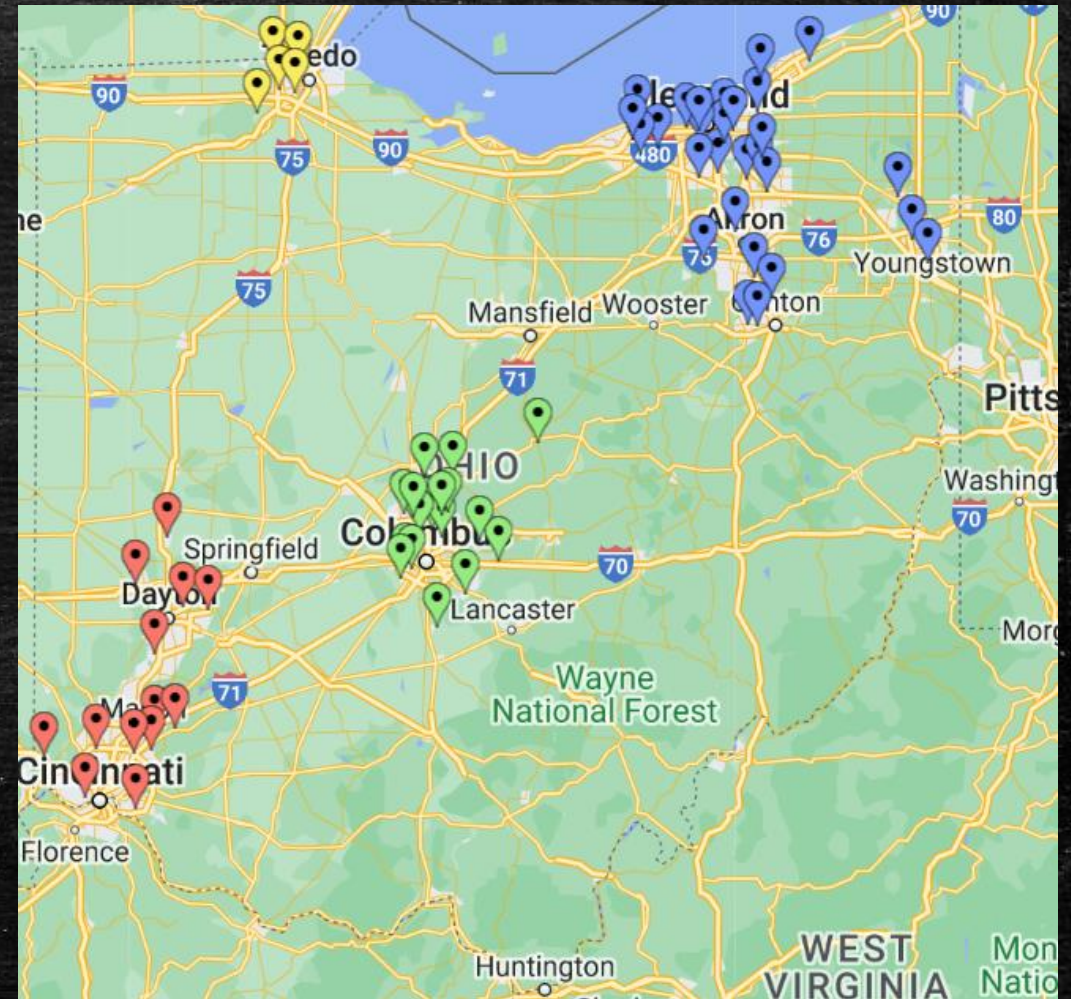
- Currently applies to:
  - B/G soccer (5 divisions)
  - G volleyball, B/G basketball, baseball, softball (7 divisions)
- Does not apply to football, but that will be considered in the future (*i.e. changing D2 to 64 teams like other impacted sports*).
- Meeting April 17 with OHSAA staff and members of District Athletic Boards to determine logistics of early rounds
- Will finalize how to handle state semifinals
  - Regionalized sites vs. bringing all teams to single area (multiple sites)
  - Playing at small universities vs. playing at large high schools closer to participating schools
- Board will be meeting in April to discuss potential expansion of XC and T&F. Working with Coaches Association to hear their proposal.

\*Hypothetical, old data being used

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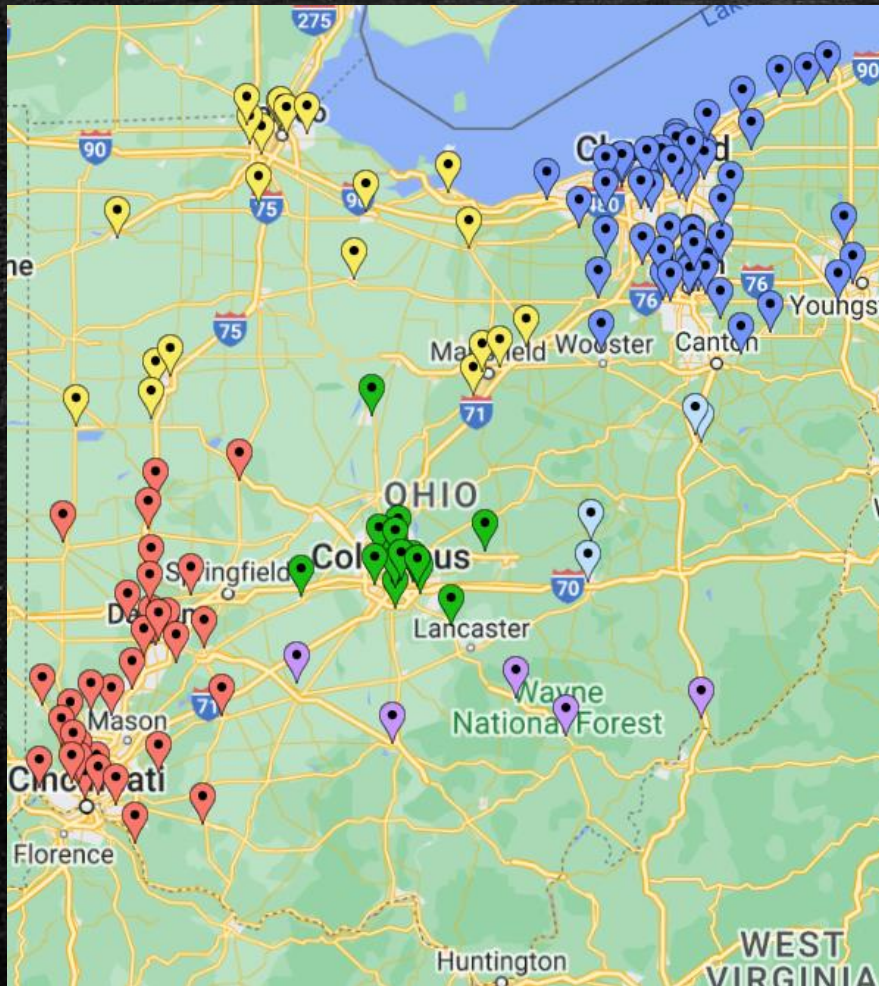
Boys D1 Basketball



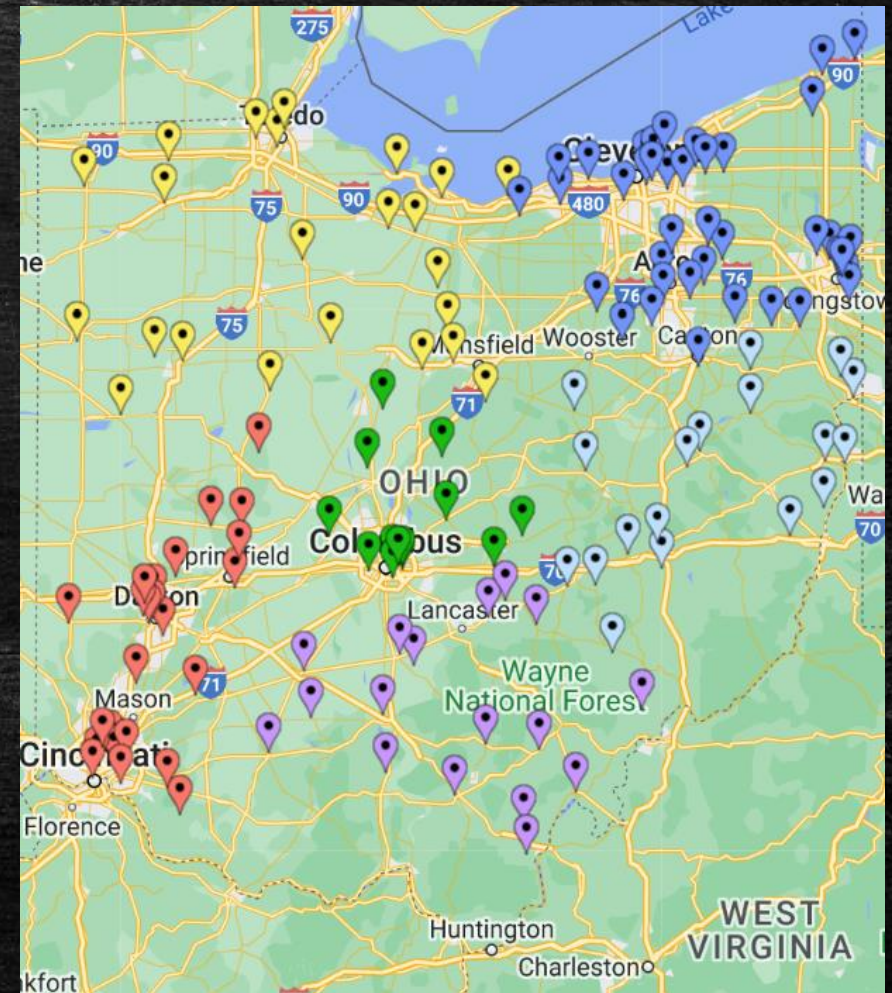
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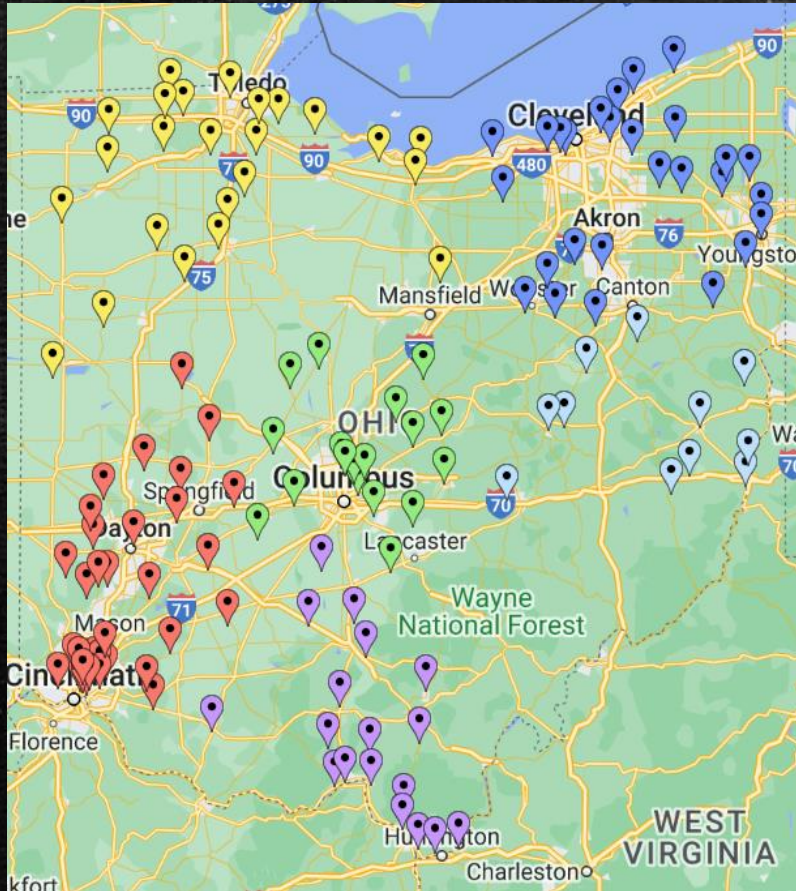
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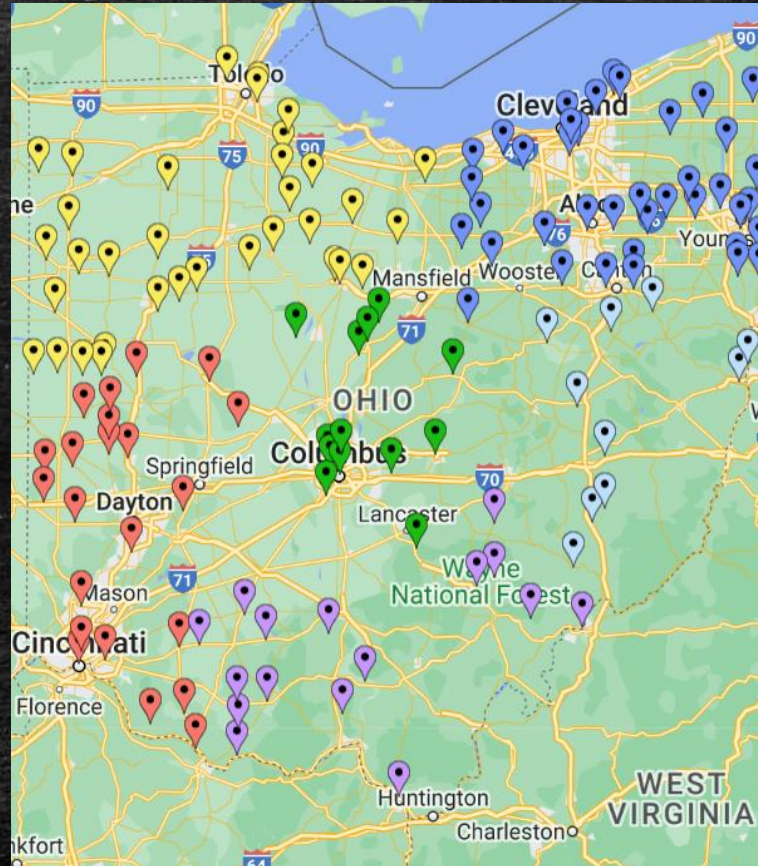
Boys D4 Basketball

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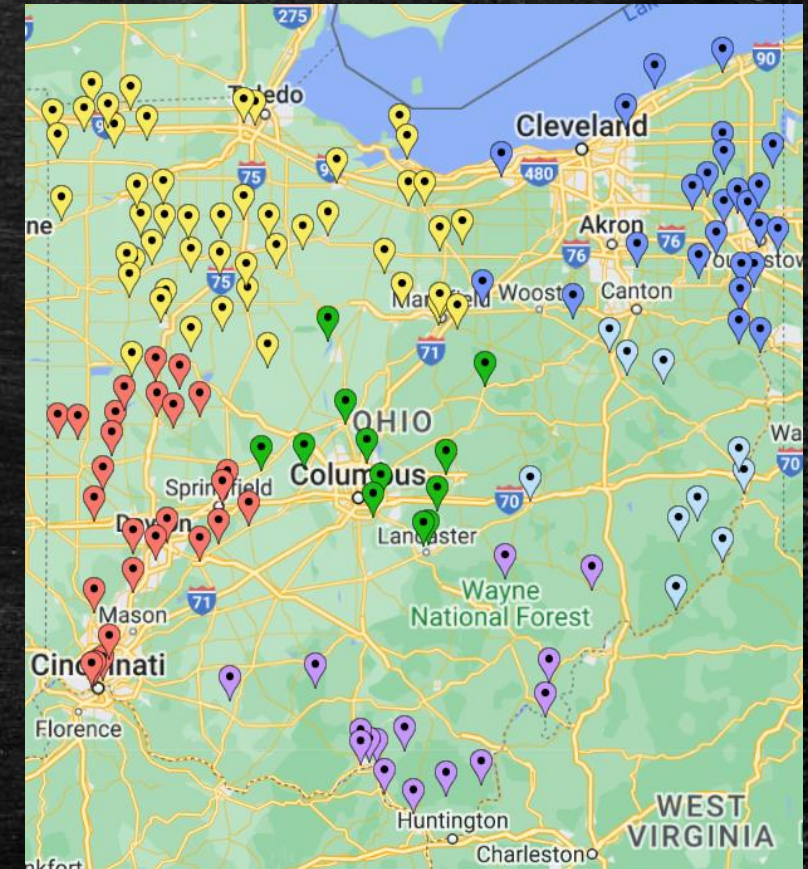
# Divisional Expansion Update



Boys D5 Basketball



Boys D6 Basketball



Boys D7 Basketball



# Divisional Expansion Update

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- All divisional brackets will still be created based on representation (*districts with more teams get more regional qualifiers*).

## Divisions - Based on School Teams Participation in 2022-23

I	638	and	more	64	Schools
II	457	-	637	64	Schools
III	281	-	456	134	Schools
IV	193	-	280	134	Schools
V	143	-	192	132	Schools
VI	99	-	142	135	Schools
VII	98	-	less	136	Schools
				<u>799</u>	

Division I	64 / 16	4.0000	Total teams	Auto qualifiers	Extra qualifiers	Total qualifiers
Central	23	5.7500	23	5	1	6
East	0	0.0000				
Northeast	16	4.0000	16	4	4	4
Northwest	3	0.7500	3	0	1	1
Southeast	0	0.0000				
Southwest	22	5.5000	22	5	3	5
	<u>64</u>		<u>64</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>Division II</b>	<b>64 / 16</b>	<b>4.0000</b>				
Central	17	4.2500	17	4	2	4
East	0	0.0000				
Northeast	28	7.0000	28	7	4	7
Northwest	6	1.5000	6	1	1	2
Southeast	0	0.0000				
Southwest	13	3.2500	13	3	2	3
	<u>64</u>		<u>64</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>

**2023-24 Representation**

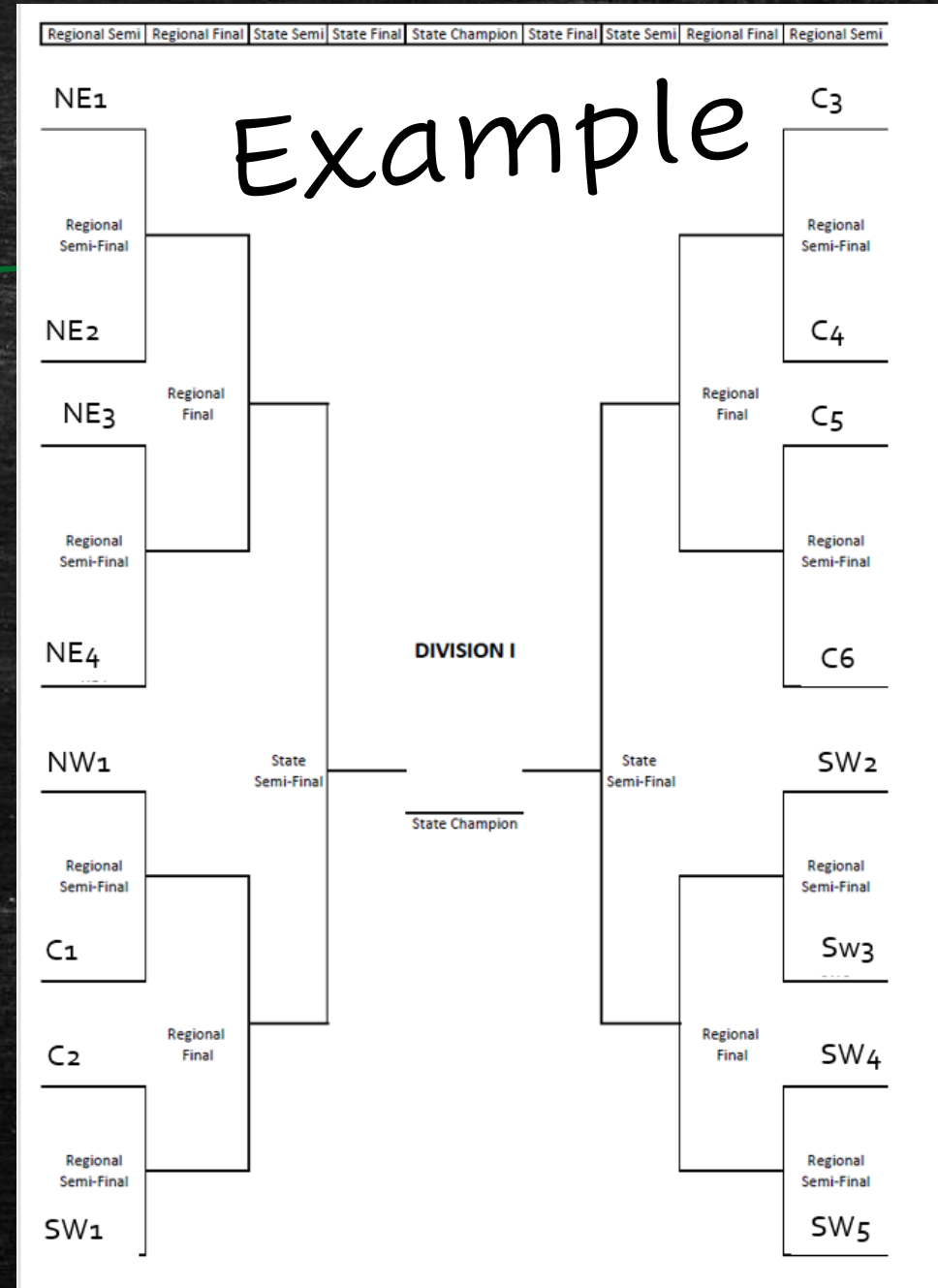
# Divisional Expansion Update

## DIVISION I

Northwest- 3 (1)  
Northeast- 16 (4)  
Central- 23 (6)  
Southwest- 22 (5)  
TOTAL- 64

- The bracket will start with 16 qualifiers filling into the state tournament. The District Athletic Boards will then be responsible for the first and second round tournament games to filter teams down to the final number of regional qualifiers each district has earned (based on # of schools in district who compete).

\*Hypothetical, old data being used



# 2024 Referendum Issues

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Kristin Ronai,  
Associate Executive Director



# DAB Voting Information



Constitution Article 7-4-2, District Athletic Board candidates who are running for one of the classification positions shall be elected by a vote of the principals of member high schools of their classification within their district. At large positions shall be elected by a vote of all member high schools within their athletic district or the principals of the member 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade schools.

The nominating petitions are open from April 1 to April 30. All verified petitions with at least six valid electronic signatures will be placed on the ballot as candidates for the district athletic board.

## 2024 Open Positions

<u>Central</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Northeast</u>	<u>Northwest</u>	<u>Southeast</u>	<u>Southwest</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Class AA	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Class AA	Class AAA	Class A
Class A		Class A		Ethnic Minority	
Class AAA					



# Referendum Process

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- Changes to Constitution and Bylaws outlined in Constitution Article 8. Become effective by a majority vote.
- This year there are 6 issues, and all were approved by Board of Directors for inclusion on the ballot (none from petition option).
- Referendum Issues are developed in several ways:
  - Feedback by member schools. Compliance staff committed to making conscious effort to listen and follow through with vetting process for suggestions from member schools about bylaw referendum ideas
  - Proactive action to prevent legislative intervention
  - Trends noticed within Appeals Panel hearings
- All items, if approved, become effective August 1, 2024, unless otherwise specified.

# Referendum Process

## Ballots

Will be available on May 1, 2024, via each member school principal's myOHSAA account.

## High School Principals

Please complete the ballot no later than **Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM** via the electronic protocol. Voting is optional but return of the ballot is required to avoid a penalty.

## 7th-8th Grade Principals

There are no referendum issues this year dealing solely with 7-8 grade schools.

Therefore, per Article 8-1-3, only high school principals are required to vote this 2024 cycle. **But, 7/8 grade principals in the Central and NE district are able to vote on their DAB rep.**

MAY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



# Spread the Word

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- Share this information with other members of your administrative team, parents, coaches, students, etc.
- Contact other school administrators to discuss topics and reach out to Executive Director's Office for any clarification.
- This presentation represents abridged referendum items and comments. To see completed text of all issues, please refer to electronic copy which was sent to you in advance or visit website at:
- <https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting>



# Issue 1B:

## Alternative Divisional Assignment

~~2-1-1 School teams or individuals that wish to compete in OHSAA-sponsored tournaments may compete in only those tournaments to which assigned. Furthermore, by entering into an OHSAA-sponsored tournament, schools, on behalf of their teams and individuals, agree to compete at the sites, dates and times assigned to them by the OHSAA.~~ **By entering into an OHSAA sponsored tournament, schools, on behalf of their teams and individuals, agree to compete at the sites, dates and times assigned to them by the OHSAA. Schools that enter into an OHSAA sponsored tournament shall compete in only the division to which they have been assigned for the applicable sport.**

The first proposed change is editorial in nature. Updating language showing that schools agree to compete at the sites, date and times assigned to them by the OHSAA for the postseason tournament.



# Issue 1B:

## Alternative Divisional Assignment

EXCEPTION: Schools may request an alternative divisional assignment to participate in the highest division of a respective sport on a sport-by-sport basis. Such a request must be submitted to the Executive Director's Office by the deadline to be published on the OHSAA website on an annual basis. Requests to participate in any division other than the highest division shall NOT be considered.

NOTE: Any requests for reassignment in the sports of boys and girls bowling, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls golf, gymnastics, boys and girls swimming and diving, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track and field and boys and girls wrestling (i.e. individual sports) shall result in the entire team moving up to the highest division, not just individual athletes.

- Would allow teams to request to move up to the top division in a given sport by a published deadline on the OHSAA website. **WILL APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.**
- Any such approval will only be given for entire school teams, not just individual athletes.
- A modification was made at the March special board meeting to remove the timeline criteria with plans to place that issue as a business rule for flexibility within the Executive Director's Office.

# Issue 1B:

## Alternative Divisional Assignment

The largest 64 schools based on enrollment (including Competitive Balance roster data) shall be placed into Division I. The next largest 64 schools based on enrollment (including Competitive Balance roster data) shall be placed into Division II. The remaining schools shall be divided as evenly as possible based on enrollment counts (including Competitive Balance roster data).

- Current GSR approved by Board of Directors at February 2024 meeting...
- If referendum passes, GSR will be slightly tweaked to allow E.D. Office to place as close to 64 teams into each D1 & D2 as possible.
- No modifications to D3 and below.
- Must try to “protect” D2. Don’t want 74 schools in D1, and only 54 teams in D2.

# Issue 1B:

## Alternative Divisional Assignment

School Name	Final Enrollment Count	Normal Divisional Placement	Request to Play in Division I	Final Divisional Placement
A	390	I		I
B	370	I		TBD
C	363	I		II
D	362	I		II
<b>E</b>	361	II	X	<b>I</b>
F	355	II		II
<b>G</b>	345	II	X	<b>I</b>
H	340	III		III
<b>I</b>	335	III	X	<b>I</b>
J	332	III		

### PROCESS:

- Initial Divisional Alignments Released
- OHSAA releases deadline by when schools must request an alternative divisional assignment
- OHSAA will contact smallest D1 schools to see if they would agree to bump down to D2.
- No D3 or lower school will ever be readjusted based on another team's decision to bump up.

Issue 1B:

Alternative Divisional Assignment

Additional Questions  
on Issue 1B?

# Issue 2B:

## Residency Bylaw Modification

4-6-2 A student whose parents, (biological or adoptive), reside outside the state of Ohio will be ineligible for interscholastic athletics in a member school. (See Bylaw 4-8-1 for eligibility requirements for international students).

**If/when a student is/has been subject to a custody order in accordance with Chapter 2151 of the Ohio Revised Code, the student shall no longer be subject to the provisions of this section of the residency bylaw.**

### COMMENTS:

1. The Executive Director's Office has consistently interpreted that for children within the foster care system, that the state of Ohio is "their parent." This prevents member schools from having to track where their biological parents are. The proposed language codifies that interpretation.
2. Will cover students who are eventually removed from the foster care system and when custody of them are given to another individual, regardless of whether the person is a primary relative, as recognized under Bylaw 4-6-2, Exception 1.
3. In short, once a student is subject to involvement of child protective services, social services or a similar state agency, administrators will be absolved from having to worry about where their biological parents are.

# Issue 3B:

## Transition of Eligibility Between Grading Periods

4-4-3 The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective. For the purposes of this bylaw, "school day" includes faculty in-service days, calamity days and regular school attendance days but not holidays, calamity days or school breaks.

### COMMENTS:

1. Currently, calamity days are indicated to count as "school days" for the purposes of the 5-day review window in between grading periods. Removing calamity days as a "school day" ensures that teachers have five days of either in-service or regular school attendance days to get their grades finalized and reported.
2. Removing calamity days as a "school day" will potentially push back the date that the new grades become effective, but Exception 2 will still allow a student coming off the ineligible status to regain eligibility after the fifth calendar day immediately following the end of the grading period, provided grades can be obtained and verified by a school administrator.

# Issue 3B Examples:

Start of 5<sup>th</sup> school day of next grading period

Example #1:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9 Grading Period Ends	Nov. 10
Nov. 11	Nov. 12 Regular School Day (1)	Nov. 13 Regular School Day (2)	Nov. 14 Regular School Day (3)	Nov. 15 Regular School Day (4)	Nov. 16 Regular School Day (5)**	Nov. 17

\*\* Immediately Preceding Grading Period Grades become effective at the start of this day

\*\*Faculty In-Service Days & Regular School Days

# Issue 3B Examples: Not Counting Calamity Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6 Grading Period Ends	Nov. 7
Nov. 8	Nov. 9 First Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> G/P Regular School Day (1)	Nov. 10 Regular School Day (2)	Nov. 11 Regular School Day (3)	Nov. 12 Calamity Day	Nov. 13 Calamity Day	Nov. 14
Nov. 15	Nov. 16 Regular School Day (4)	Nov. 17 Regular School Day (5)	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21



# Issue 3B Examples: Not Counting Calamity Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 16.	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20 Grading Period Ends	Dec. 21 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 22
Dec. 23	Dec. 24 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 25 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 26 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 27 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 28 Winter Break (Holiday)	Dec. 29
Dec. 30	Dec. 31 Winter Break (Holiday)	Jan. 1 Winter Break (Holiday)	Jan. 2 Calamity Day	Jan. 3 Calamity Day	Jan. 4 Regular School Day (1)	Jan. 5
Jan 6.	Jan. 7 Regular School Day (2)	Jan. 8 Regular School Day (3)	Jan. 9 Regular School Day (4)	Jan. 10 Regular School Day (5)	Jan. 11	Jan. 12

# Issue 4B:

## Midseason Transfers - 50 Mile Rule Modification



1. The proposed change would remove the 50-mile requirement between schools **if there is a student who is forced to transfer midseason due to the death or incarceration of the student's parent(s) or the intervention of Children's Services or a similar government agency.**
2. The proposed change came about due to several Appeals Panel hearings where a student was forced to change schools midseason, but the schools were not more than 50 miles apart.
3. This new language **DOES NOT** include standard custody (Exception 2) transfers and would only be reserved for situations involving foster children, etc.

# Issue 4B:

## Midseason Transfers- 50 Mile Rule Modification

An in-season transferring student **may not** use any of the exceptions to the transfer bylaw to restore full athletic eligibility EXCEPT if one of the following circumstances occurs:

1) — The parents make a bona fide move into a new public school district, the student is approved for transfer eligibility under the requirements of Exception 1 of Bylaw 4-7-2 AND the school building into which the student transfers is more than 50 miles from the school building from which the student transfers as determined by mapquest.com, or such other navigational system as adopted by the Board of Directors at its August meeting, using the most direct route.

2) — As a result of a legal change of custody or a change in placement in which **is a result of the death or incarceration of the student's parent(s) or the intervention of** Children's Services or a similar government agency ~~is involved~~, the student may be approved for transfer eligibility **regardless of the distance between the two schools.** ~~provided the school building into which the student transfers is more than 50 miles from the school building from which the student transfers as determined by mapquest.com, or such other navigational system as adopted by the Board of Directors at its August meeting, using the most direct route.~~

3) – The student transfers and their participation opportunity remains at the school from which they transferred. If so, the student is permitted to continue participation for the remainder of the season at that school ONLY IF they can meet the requirements of an exception to the transfer bylaw in order to restore their full athletic eligibility.

# Issue 5B:

## Sub-varsity Midseason Transfers

### New Proposed Language to Bylaw 4-7-3:

*An in-season transfer student who only participated in sub varsity events at the former school prior to his/her transfer may use any of the OHSAA Transfer Bylaws/exceptions to restore his/her full athletic eligibility for participation in ONLY sub-varsity regular season contests at the new school into which the student transferred. **If the sport in question does not have varsity/sub-varsity classifications at either the former school or the new school, then this option shall not be available.** Furthermore, any such approval for sub varsity participation would only be extended for regular season participation (no OHSAA tournament competition).*

# Issue 5B:

## Sub-varsity Midseason Transfers

1. The proposed change to this bylaw attempts to address an issue that has come about as a result of the OHSAA Appeals Panel process.
2. The proposed change would allow for ONLY sub varsity transfers to restore their full athletic eligibility at the new school after a midseason transfer if they meet the requirements of an exception, regardless of the distance between the two schools involved
  - a) In order for this to apply, the student must have only played the sport in question at the sub varsity at the former school, and would only be permitted to play sub varsity at the new school.
  - b) The intent of this proposed change is to potentially restore eligibility for a sub-varsity player ONLY, if they qualify for an exception. It will not be used for a student who played varsity at their former school but who wants to be approved for JV at the new school.
  - c) Language was also added to explain that if there is no distinction between varsity and sub varsity teams at either of the respective schools then this option to restore eligibility at the sub varsity level shall not apply.

Schools would be safeguarded for proper application because all transfer eligibility require rulings from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office.

# Issue 6B:

## Out-of-State Contest Regulations

The overall purpose of these changes is to take away some of the regulation related to practices out of state.

9-2-1 Schools may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in contests **and/or practices** in any location that does not border Ohio subject to approval from the Executive Director's Office. (Visit [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org) to obtain the required form to request this travel permission). **If such an approval is granted, it is the sole discretion of the school as to whether the team/individual is permitted to miss school time.**

Penalty for violation: A school which travels to a non-bordering location to compete in contests on more than one occasion shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11. A school which travels to a non-bordering location without approval from the Executive Director's Office shall be subject to a fine and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

9-2-2 School-sponsored teams and individuals may ~~not travel out of~~ **to a bordering** state for practice purposes with no limitations. **School-sponsored teams and individuals may travel to a non-bordering state for practices purposes only as long as the trip is prospectively approved by the Executive Director's Office and counts as the one permitted non-bordering state trip per season in accordance with Bylaw 9-2-1.**

# Issue 6B:

## Out-of-State Contest Regulations



1. The proposed change to Bylaw 9-2-2 will now allow schools to travel to bordering states for practice purposes only without any limitation or approval from the E.D. Office needed.
2. If they want to travel to a non-bordering state for practice purposes only (i.e. spring break baseball/softball trip), they would be permitted to do so as long as that trip counts towards the one-time option per season to travel to a non-bordering state.
3. The proposed changes also provides clarification that schools are permitted to miss school time at their discretion when they exercise their one-time travel to a non-bordering state option.

Bordering states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province is Ontario.

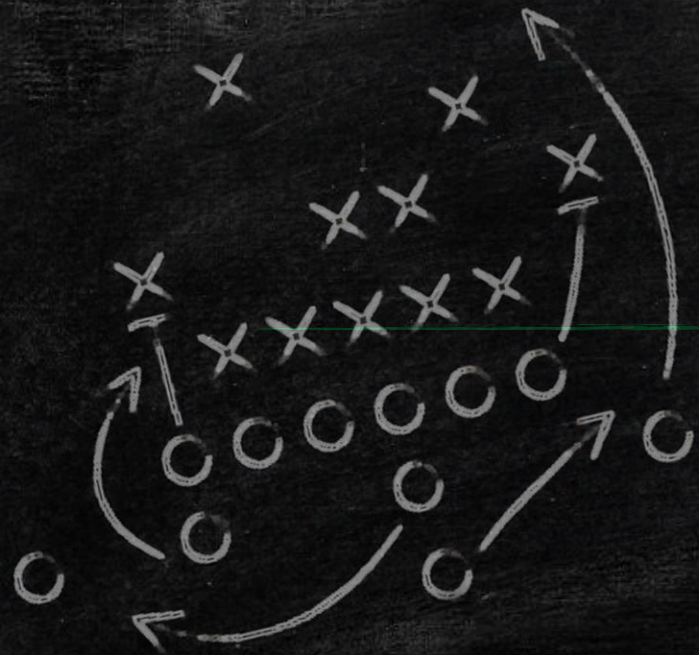
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Final Questions?





Thank you for  
attending!



Good luck as  
you finish the  
school year!

