



WELCOME TO THE

2025 OHSAA ATHLETIC DISCUSSION MEETING



*Doug Ute,
Executive Director*

MEETING PURPOSE

- ☑ Inform membership of important updates schools need to know in Spring 2025
 - Financial Updates
 - Divisional Expansion Update
 - Other Important Issues

- ☑ Explain 2025 Referendum Issues
 - 2 Constitution Articles; 11 Bylaws



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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

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Pleasant High School
Marion, OH



Andre Johnson
Survivor



Micah Werling
Assisted in CPR/AED



Joe Thompson
Athletic Trainer



Nate Dendinger
Athletic Director



Heather Scowden
Assisted in CPR/AED

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS: IT TAKES ALL OF US!

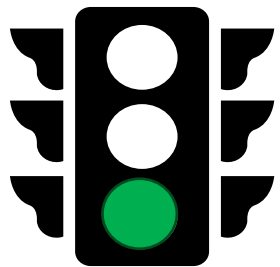
- As of Spring 2024, AED's were required in all schools in Ohio.
- This situation serves as a reminder of the importance of Emergency Action Plans and knowledge of AED use.

*Video Courtesy Hunter Yancy,
a student at The Ohio State University*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operate at a Profit

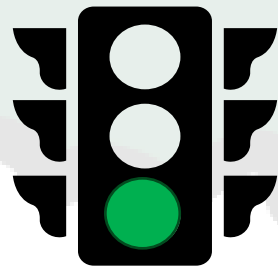
On Track



Budget
\$128K Profit

Build **Maintain** Reserves

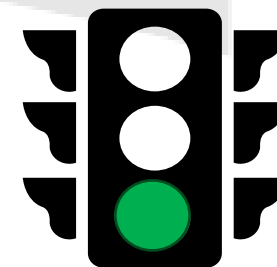
4.5 mos. Operating
5.0 mos. Reserves



Goal to
"maintain"
9 months
cash on hand

Support Opportunities for Student Participation

Division Expansion
Athletic Donation to Schools



Division Expansion
Athletic Enrichment
Fund to Schools



YEAR TO DATE AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

OHSAA Financials	Actual	Budget	Favorable/(Unfavorable)	
Fall Sports	\$1,568,314	\$2,034,920	(\$466,606)	-23%
Winter Sports - Estimate	\$1,320,483	\$1,671,445	(\$350,962)	-21%
Spring Sports	\$0	\$0	\$0	100%
Tournament Net Profits	\$2,888,798	\$3,706,365	(\$817,567)	-22%
Other Operating Revenues	\$2,507,692	\$2,487,334	\$20,358	1%
Other Operating Expenses	\$4,389,274	\$4,831,837	\$442,563	9%
Operating Profit	\$1,007,216	\$1,361,862	(\$354,646)	-26%
Investments/Other	\$348,985	\$200,333	\$148,652	74%
Total Profit/(Loss)	\$1,356,201	\$1,562,195	(\$205,994)	-13%

Cash & Investments	Mar 31 2025	Mar 31 2024
Operating Cash	\$9,016,423	\$12,288,975
Invested Reserves	\$10,191,165	\$8,763,181
Total Cash & Investments	\$19,207,588	\$21,052,156
Total Months on Hand	9.5	11.1
Athletic Enrichment Fund	\$3,141,500	\$2,513,270



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FINANCIALS: THE LAST 4 YEARS

- OHSAA has been profitable in each of the last 4 years
 - Prior 4 years were deficits
- OHSAA established investment reserve fund and Athletic Enrichment fund
 - \$10.2 million in investment reserves
 - \$3.1 million in Athletic Enrichment fund
- OHSAA has written checks to schools for \$6 million in form of Athletic Enrichment donation and travel stipends
- In 2022, OHSAA established student ticket prices, saving students \$5 million since inception
- OHSAA has awarded over \$500,000 in student scholarships

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

- **Divisional Expansion**

- Varying formats during first year- gathering feedback
- Attendance at early rounds was less
- Comparison of revenue

- **2025-26 Divisional Expansions**

- Cross Country- Expanding to 4 divisions in fall 2025
- Track & Field- Expanding to 5 divisions in spring 2026
- Continued analysis for other sports

- **Updated Divisional Assignments for 2025-26**

- VB, FB, BSOC, GSOC & XC divisions released after April 24, 2025 Board Mtg.
- Basketball CB roster deadline was April 4. **Review period now.** 2025-26 divisions released June 2025.
- 2026 Baseball and Softball divisions released in August 2025.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

▪ DragonFly Updates

- DragonFly charges everyone outside of Ohio \$2.00/transaction.
- OHSAA negotiated \$1.50 per transaction for schools during first two years of contract.
- **For 2025-26 and 2026-27, the transaction fee will increase to \$1.65.**
- For 2027-28, 2028-29 and 2029-30, transaction fee will be \$2.00.

▪ Important Date Changes

- Summer Contact Days- Start the Monday before May 15
- Golf- Season starts Monday before August 1
- Wrestling- Season starts first weekend of December 2025
 - Always have to start with Ohio State availability and work backwards



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

- **Flag Football**

- Exploring opportunities for kids
- If pursued, it would be a "Sponsored Event"
- Early spring season

- **Check your contracts!**

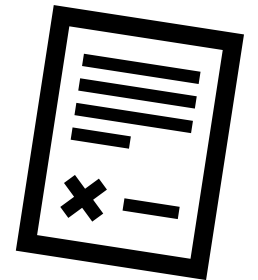
- Be sure to include a "forfeit fee" or "liquidated damages." Consider a number which has a real correlation to damages you will lose.

- **Send us your highlight stories about your kids!**

- Focus for next 5-year strategic plan.



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2025 REFERENDUM ISSUES

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 7th and 8th 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.

Central District

Class AAA representative
Female representative
Interim Class A representative
(August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026)

Northeast District

Class AA representative
7th-8th grade representative
Interim Class AA representative
(term August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026)

Southeast District

Class A representative
Ethnic-minority representative

East District

Class AAA representative
Ethnic-minority representative

Northwest District

Class AA representative
Female representative

Southwest District

Class A representative
7th-8th grade representative
Interim Class AA representative
(term August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2027)

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REFERENDUM PROCESS

- Changes to Constitution and Bylaws outlined in Constitution Article 8. Become effective by a majority vote.
- This year there are 13 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, 2025, unless otherwise specified.



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REFERENDUM LOGISTICS

Ballots

Will be available on May 1, 2025, via each member school principal's myOHSAA account. FinalForms and myOHSAA is currently unsynced until May 16, 2025.

High School Principals

Please complete the ballot no later than **Thursday, May 15, 2025**, 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 2025 cycle. **But, 7/8 grade principals in the Northeast and Southwest district can vote on their DAB rep.**

MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	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

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ISSUE 1C

Modify Membership Requirements

- Current Constitution Article 3-2-3 requires schools to sponsor at least two recognized per sports season. Failure to meet this requirement leads to probation and removal of tournament participation for three consecutive sports seasons.

FALL

B&G Golf
Girls Tennis
B&G Cross Country
Field Hockey
B&G Soccer
Girls Volleyball
Football

WINTER

B&G Swim & Dive
B&G Bowling
Ice Hockey
Gymnastics
B&G Wrestling
B&G Basketball

SPRING

Boys Tennis
B&G Lacrosse
B&G T&F
Boys Volleyball
Softball
Baseball

ISSUE 1C

Modify Membership Requirements

- Though the Article was intended to force prospective members to offer a full complement of athletic opportunities for students, it ended up hurting smaller schools who can't field team sports and don't have students interested in the available individual sports.

FALL

B&G Golf

Girls Tennis

B&G Cross Country

Field Hockey

B&G Soccer

Girls Volleyball

Football

WINTER

B&G Swim & Dive

B&G Bowling

Ice Hockey

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B&G Wrestling

B&G Basketball

SPRING

Boys Tennis

B&G Lacrosse

B&G T&F

Boys Volleyball

Softball

Baseball

ISSUE 1C

Modify Membership Requirements

- The proposed modification would require **at least one recognized sport per season**, and a **total of six throughout the school year**.
- Shifts focus on the total number of sports offered during school year.

Updated penalties:

- **Not offering a total of 6 sports during a given year:** Ineligible for all postseason participation the following school year (probation).
 - Current penalty takes place during immediately ensuing sports season
- **Not offering at least one sport during a season:** Ineligible for postseason participation during that season the following year.

ISSUE 1C

EXAMPLE 1

FALL 2025 (3)

B Cross Country
G Cross Country
Volleyball

WINTER 25-26 (1)

~~G Basketball~~
B Basketball

SPRING 2026 (2)

G Track & Field
B Track & Field

6 sports offered

Current=Probation for 3 consecutive sports seasons, starting in spring

New Rule:

OK per six sport requirement

OK per one sport/season requirement

EXAMPLE 2

FALL 2025 (3)

B Cross Country
G Cross Country
Volleyball

WINTER 25-26 (0)

NONE

SPRING 2026 (3)

G Track & Field
B Track & Field
Baseball

6 sports offered

Current=Probation for 3 consecutive sports seasons, starting in spring

New Rule:

OK per six sport requirement

Ineligible for 2026-27 WINTER tournaments

EXAMPLE 3

FALL 2025 (1)

~~Girls Soccer~~
Boys Soccer

WINTER 25-26 (2)

G Basketball
B Basketball

SPRING 2026 (2)

Girls Track & Field
Boys Track & Field

5 sports offered

Current=Probation for 3 consecutive sports seasons, starting in winter

New Rule:

Probation for 2026-27 school year

REMINDER

Bylaw 1-5-4

*If and when a school or school district sponsors or authorizes a varsity, subvarsity, 7th or 8th grade squad/team that competes with other interscholastic squads in a “recognized sport,” the school or school district shall be responsible for assuring that any and all such squads/teams comply with all OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations, particularly those related to scholarship, transfer, residency, age limitations and contest limitations. **For purposes of this bylaw, a “sponsored” team or squad shall include any “club” sport or team/squad.***

ISSUE 2C

District Athletic Board Voting for Same Classifications

- If passed, effective May 16, 2025
- Per Constitution Article 7-6-2, there have been several interim DAB representatives who serve the remainder of the year and then are required to run for the remainder of the term in the spring. On occasion, the interim representative running has aligned with the normal vote of the same classification.
- The proposed language provides codified clarification on
 - 1) the voting process when there are two openings within the same DAB classification opening and
 - 2) which position the “highest vote getter” is permitted to fill.
- Renumber current Article 7-4-3 as Article 7-4-4.

ISSUE 2C

District Athletic Board Voting for Same Classifications

Article 7-4-3

When a vacancy occurs for an unexpiring (interim) representative on a District Athletic Board and aligns with a vacancy for an expiring (incumbent) representative in the same classification on the same District Athletic Board, all candidates shall be placed on the ballot together for those two vacancies. Authorized high school principals shall then cast votes for their top two candidates. **The candidate with the most votes shall select which position he/she shall serve, either the longer expiring (incumbent) term or the shorter unexpiring (interim) term. The candidate with the second-most votes shall fill the other position.**

EXAMPLE

CENTRAL

Class A Representative
(term August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2032)

7&8 Grade Representative
(term August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2032)

Interim Class A Representative
(term August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027)

ISSUE 1B

Alternative Divisional Assignment Request

- During the 2024 referendum cycle, the membership approved an exception for teams to request participation in the highest division. This was the first time that schools have been given the ability to request an alternative divisional assignment.
- The proposed language would create another exception to allow for a similar request (an alternative divisional assignment), **but would only allow schools to “play up” if the opposite gender of the same sport is placed in a different division during the same sport season.**
- Approving this new exception would eliminate issues related to the same coach training both genders in the same sport and competing in different divisions (i.e. different locations and/or dates).

ISSUE 1B

Alternative Divisional Assignment Request

NEW EXCEPTION 2: *Schools may request an alternative divisional assignment in the individual sports of bowling, cross country, golf, swimming and diving, track and field, and wrestling if the school offers the sport for both genders and the teams are assigned to different divisions. **If such a request is made for the teams to participate in the same division, both teams shall be assigned to the highest division to which one of the teams was originally assigned.** 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 compete in the lower of the two divisional assignments shall not be considered.*

ISSUE 2B

Alternative New Exception for Public School CB Tiering

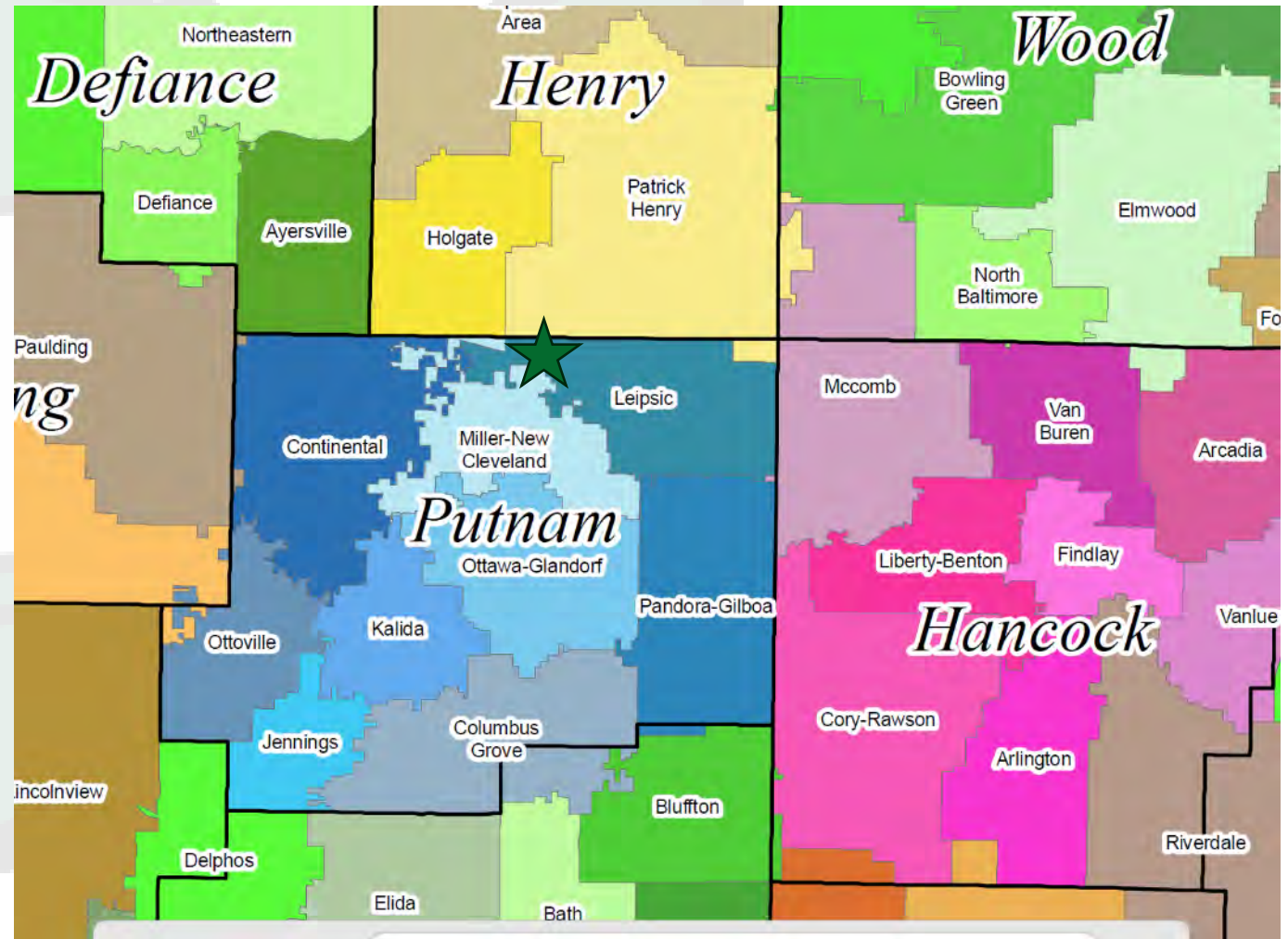
- Creates a narrowly defined alternative CB Tiering analysis (new exception) for students who:
 1. Attend a private school that doesn't offer 7/8 grade sports AND
 2. Live outside of the district where the private school is physically located AND
 3. Play sports at a local public school based on an agreement between residential Supt and public school Supt where private school is physically located
 4. Must matriculate and maintain enrollment in the public school

Remember, normally students who live outside of the district and don't attend a public 7/8 grade school within the district are Tier 2...

ISSUE 2B

Alternative New Exception for Public School CB Tiering

- If all aforementioned criteria are met, students will be assigned a Tier 1 analysis instead of a Tier 2 analysis under new exception.



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ISSUE 3B

Remove Exception for Non-Public Attendance Zones

- The proposed referendum issue removes the Exception created for private school systems which use geographic boundaries to assign students to attend certain high schools. This exception was created to address the unique set up of the Columbus Diocese schools. With the 2019 change in the feeder school option (now 12.5 mile radius), this exception is no longer being utilized. The proposed language removes this option to review attendance zone residency for private schools.

ISSUE 4B

Modify Partial Enrollment Obligations for Non-Public Schools

- Bylaw 4-3-1, Exception 5, which has been in place for over a decade, allows the participation of a truly home educated student at a non-public school only if certain criteria are met. There has been recent confusion around the requirement that the course be an “*academic course*.”
- The proposed language will permit any class to count towards this partial enrollment requirement as long as the class is taken at the school’s physical location, and that the class receives credit towards graduation.

EXCEPTION 5: A student who is receiving home instruction in accordance with division (A) (2) of section 3321.04 of the Revised Code and is enrolled in a non-public member school in accordance with the partial enrollment policy of the governing board of that non-public school may be eligible at the non-public school where the student is enrolled and attending. Such partial enrollment policy requires that at least one of the courses be ~~an academic course~~ taken at the school’s physical location, and that the class is counts towards graduation.



BYLAW 4-6-2, RESIDENCY

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).

ISSUE 5B

New Residency Exception

- Current Bylaw 4-6-2, Exception 7 addresses an outdated practice where an arrangement was made for an entire grade of out-of-state students to attend Ohio public schools while the neighboring state's school district paid for the cost of education. The proposed language strikes this exception.
- The proposed replacement exception is intended to mirror Bylaw 4-6-2, where if a non-parent has custody of a child for a least one year and then moves to Ohio, that the student can be ruled eligible even without a parent living in the state. For example...

ISSUE 5B

New Residency Exception

CURRENT Exception 2 Example

- Mom & child live in NY. Mom faces struggles & gives custody of child to Godmother (Non-relative) in 2023.
- Godmother gets new job in Ohio and moves family, including child, to Ohio in 2025.
- Exception 2 allows OHSAA to grant student residency eligibility even though parent does not live in Ohio and a non-parent has custody **BECAUSE custody has been in place for at least 1 year.**



CURRENT RULING

- Mom & child live in OH. Mom faces struggles & gives custody of child to Godmother (Non-relative) in 2025 and moves to NY.
- Currently, regardless of the length of time the godmother has custody, this child will **NEVER have ANY** athletic eligibility at an OHSAA member school, because she is a non-relative.



NEW Exception 7 Example

- Mom & child live in OH. Mom faces struggles & gives custody of child to Godmother (Non-relative) in 2025 and moves to NY.
- Under new proposed exception, the student could be eligible at an OHSAA member school as long as the following criteria are met...

ISSUE 5B

New Residency Exception

- EXCEPTION 7: The Executive Director's office may grant eligibility to a student whose parent(s) have moved outside of Ohio provided the following criteria are met:
 - a) the student has been continuously enrolled in the same district/system for a minimum of three years and;
 - b) the student has been the subject of a custody or guardianship order issued by a court of proper jurisdiction conferring legal custodian/guardian to an individual for a minimum of one year and;
 - c) the student maintains continuous enrollment at the school within the district/system in which he/she has been enrolled and;
 - d) the Executive Director's office determines that the purpose of this change in custody was not for athletic reasons, but purely for the best interest of the student in terms of the student's mental, physical and educational well-being.
- A student may be declared eligible for the remainder of the student's career at the school at which he/she was attending at the time of the parents' move. Such a student is ineligible until declared eligible by the Executive Director's office.

Goal 1: Support stable school placement

Goal 2: Provide safeguards (no eligibility until after 1-year) to prevent manipulation

Note language will allow any residency approval to transfer to another school if no athletic motivation is found.

ISSUE 6B

Modify Residency Exception RE: Continuous Enrollment

- Current Exception 4 to Bylaw 4-6-2 allows residency eligibility for a student whose parent lives outside of Ohio when a student attends a K-12 school. **Exception 6** to Bylaw 4-6-2 is intended to mirror that exception for parochial schools, who generally have separate elementary school buildings than their high school buildings.
- **The new proposed language changes the enrollment requirement period in a parochial school from 4th grade-8th grade to 6th grade-8th grade.**
- The stricken language in the proposed issue is mostly editorial in nature, since many parochial school systems in Ohio do not have defined boundaries. New language also clarifies that ODEW will be the source to determine whether an elementary school is part of the same system of education as the high school.

EXAMPLE

Parents live in West Virginia.

Student attends Ohio Catholic school in grades 4-8, currently eligible at OHSAA HS.

Student attends Ohio Catholic school in grades 6-8, currently ineligible at OHSAA HS.

Under proposed modification, second student will be eligible at OHSAA HS as long as enrollment starts and is maintained from 6th grade on.



BYLAW 4-7-2, TRANSFER

If a student transfers at any time after commencing the ninth-grade year, the student shall be ineligible for all OHSAA tournaments in those sports in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding this transfer.

ISSUE 7B

Modify Definition of “Sports Season” for Midseason Transfers

- **Normal transfer rule**= (in short) Sit out the second half of the season and the OHSAA tournament in those sports in which the student played during the 12 months immediately preceding transfer.
- **Midseason transfer rule (4-7-3)**= Activated once a student plays in a regular season game at a school. Then, if they transfer to a different school during the “sports season,” they are ineligible for rest of:
 - That season + Tourney + Start of next season...until total regular season games sat =50%...
 - Done so students don't have to miss 2 postseason tournaments.
- Encountered instances of a student finishing their season at their “old school” and then immediately transferring to a new school where the new team is still playing, but perhaps with only 1 or 2 postseason games left. Need to clarify definition of “Sports Season.”

NEW PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Notwithstanding this definition of sports season, if the student's former school concluded their season (i.e. played last contest) prior to the student transferring schools (even if the receiving school is still playing), then the aforementioned proration outlined within Bylaw 4-7-3 shall not apply and the student shall be subject to the normal transfer consequence the following season unless an exception can be met.

ISSUE 7B

Modify Definition of “Sports Season” for Midseason Transfers

- **CURRENT RULE-** Volleyball (22 matches)

What this rule was designed to address:

- Transfer to new school with 3 regular season games left. Sit those three games + tourney + scrimmages and first 8 games NEXT SEASON (3+8=11). Eligible starting with meet #9.

How it is playing out:

- Plays entire season at old school, loses in tournament, transfers to new school and new team is still playing in tournament. CURRENTLY, student sits out rest of tourney, then sits out all scrimmages and for first 11 games of season.

Currently definition is essentially flipping when the transfer consequence is applied the next season. Not what it was intended to do.

New scenario, if referendum passes:

- Plays entire season at old school, loses in tournament, transfers to new school and new team is still playing in tournament. That tournament DOES NOT COUNT. **Fulfills normal transfer consequence next year.**

ISSUE 8B

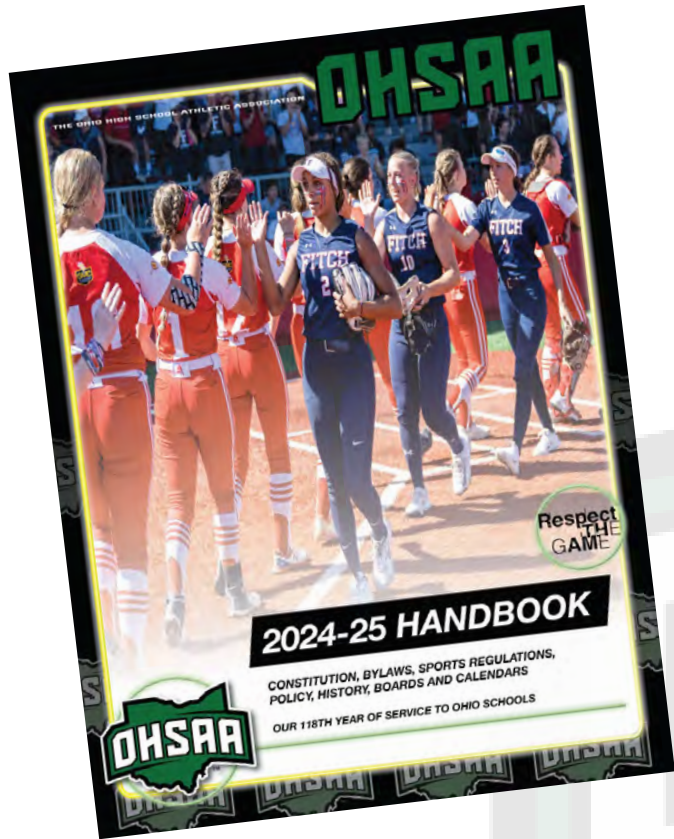
Modify Poor Performing School Exception Criteria

- Bylaw 4-7-4 #5 (intra) and Bylaw 4-7-5 (inter) are companion bylaws which address the transfers of students from a “poor performing” school.
- The proposed changes are mostly editorial in nature, making the language consistent between the two bylaws (intra-district transfer vs. inter-district transfer).
- Due to the new grading processes used by ODEW, the E.D. Office is recommending the removal of the “priority school” reference and make it more applicable to what is being used today, specifically schools on the EdChoice List.

ISSUE 9B

Modify “Transfer Back to Non-Public School” Exception

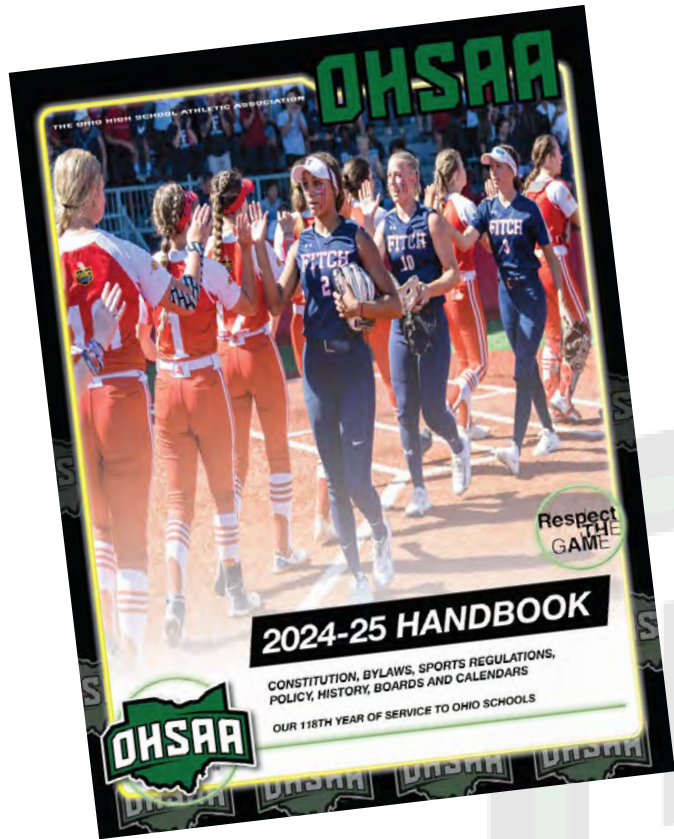
- Approved again in 2022, allows students who attended a certain system of education private school in 4th-8th grade to have a 1-time transfer back to that same system of education in high school (Catholic, Independent, etc.).
- Proposed modification is to alter the lookback period from 4th grade up to 6th grade.
- Example: A student attended an Independent school in grades 6-8, but wanted to try their local public school as a freshman. Did not like it. Transferred back to Independent school as sophomore.
- Consistent with Issue 6B in changing lookback period.



ISSUE 10B

Modify Transfer Bylaw Layout

<p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 4-7-2</p> <p>If it is determined that one or more of the exceptions that follow represents an event which <u>creates the need to transfer, i.e., creates a cause and effect relationship</u>, then one of more of the following exceptions may apply:...</p> <p>Exception 1: Bona Fide Move</p> <p>Exception 2 Change of Custody...</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">...</p> <p>Exception 5: Transfer back to non-public system of education</p> <p style="text-align: right;">...</p> <p>Exception 9: Transfer back to local public school of residency</p> <p style="text-align: right;">...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 4-7-5</p> <p>Transfer from Poor Performing School</p>
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NO CAUSE-EFFECT REVIEW

CAUSE-EFFECT REVIEW

ISSUE 10B

Modify Transfer Bylaw Layout

NEW BYLAW 4-7-5: A student shall be entitled to transfer to a school and have his/her eligibility restored at the discretion of the Executive Director's Office provided requirements of one of the following provisions have been met:

(Old 4-7-2, Exception 5) PROVISION 1: A student may return **RETURN to non-public education** and have his/her eligibility restored at the discretion of the Executive Director's Office one time during their high school career provided the following conditions are met:

- a) The student **had been continuously enrolled** in a school within the same system of non-public education as the school into which the student is transferring...**beginning in the 4th*** grade** and continuing consecutively through the entire eighth grade and;
- b) The student has not attended more than one other high school during the course of their high school enrollment

(Old 4-7-2, Exception 9) PROVISION 2: A student may transfer to a public school and have his/her eligibility restored at the discretion of the Executive Director's Office one time during their high school career provided the following conditions are met:

- a) The student's residential parent/legal custodian **has resided** in the public school district (in which the school is a part of) **for a minimum of one year** immediately preceding the request for eligibility and;
- b) The student **is transferring from a school which is within a different district/system** than the school into which he/she is transferring, regardless of whether the student is transferring from a public or nonpublic school.

ISSUE 10B

Modify Transfer Bylaw Layout

- There are other minor requirements and additional explanations for each provision to help clarify when/if/how they apply in unique situations.
- The most significant changes which make the two provisions more consistent with one another include:
 - Removing the prohibition of either provision for seniors
 - Removing an athletic motivation assessment
- ***Should Issue 8B pass (poor performing), the new 4-7-2, Exception 5 will reflect the EdChoice School language. Should it fail, it will reflect the current language with minor editorial changes.
- ***Should Issue 9B pass, the new 4-7-5, Provision 1 (non-public school) language will reflect a grades 6-8 analysis. Should it fail, it will reflect the current language of a grade 4-8 requirement.

ISSUE 11B

Add New Exception for Intra-District Transfers

- Passed in 2022, the Adult Criminal Behavior exception has effectively allowed the E.D. Office to process inter-district transfers if the criteria are met.
- The proposed referendum issue would add this exception language to the intra-district transfer bylaw (4-7-4).
- Renumber accordingly

Current criteria:

- a) there is documented evidence the adult conduct was directed specifically towards the student; and*
- b) the adult conduct is of such a nature as to trigger a criminal investigation or an event covered under ORC 2151.421 that would require a mandatory reporter to report to the proper legal authorities; and*
- c) the student suffered/suffers physical harm and/or severe emotional distress that required/requires medical treatment and/or mental health treatment, which was contemporaneously documented at the time of the event; and*
- d) there is no evidence the transfer is due to the student/family's displeasure with a former coach's training tactics and/or the student's playing time.*

LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

Home Educated Students: Transfer of Participation Opportunity

- Changes “definition of transfer” for home educated students who change participation based on sports offered at local public school.
- *NOTE 3: Notwithstanding (d) above, if a non-enrolled student’s participation is pursuant to O.R.C. §§ 3313.5312 (Ohio home educated students), the non-enrolled student’s participation opportunity shall transfer back and forth between the student’s residential school and a non-residential school, pursuant to the residential school’s sports offered, and no transfer consequence shall apply.*

QUESTIONS?



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