



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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For half of the basketball coaches in Ohio (with the other half starting in one week), you wake up starting a journey that will take you through ups and downs over the next few months. It is a time where so many athletes will show the work that they have put in during the off-season. And it will be amazing to watch the progress that happens when a group of individuals come together to work toward a team goal. Buckle up, it's basketball time!

The Mandatory Rules Meeting

The mandatory rules meeting went live October 16th. Be sure to reach out to your Athletic Director and ask them to verify that the meeting shows that you completed it on the school myOHSAA page. Thank you for those who have already completed! This presentation is meant to be an educational piece, so it is always better to watch ASAP. Other dates to be aware of: November 12- late fee begins & January 27- final date to view the meeting.

Roster Selections – “Cuts”

First, a reminder that ‘cuts’ can **NOT** be made prior to the start of practice. There is also no set number of days you must permit players to tryout. I strongly encourage ‘common sense’. There is a decent amount of time before game 1, so give the kids a chance. There is also no OHSAA regulation requiring you to give fall sport athletes a week (or specific time) off between seasons. In a perfect world, there would be time between seasons. Lastly, I discourage simply posting a list, and encourage a conversation between coaches and student. Give coaching feedback, and let the student know what they can improve upon, and potentially try out next year.

Transfers

There has been increased conversation recently how the growing number of transfers has affected the state of basketball AND has also led to more recruiting. An important thing to keep in mind is that schools want students to remain at the school they start at. As a result, and the fact we are driven by our member schools, our regulations are geared toward that same goal. Remember: **If a transfer student does not meet one of the exceptions, the student athlete will become ineligible after the 11th game of the season for the remainder of that season AND any OHSAA tournament contests. PLEASE contact your Athletic Director with any eligibility questions.**

7th & 8th Grade Reminders

A fundamental regulation (General Sports Reg. 32) prohibits 7th & 8th graders from practicing or competing with anyone above grade 8 or below grade 7. We have had several questions already about the ‘great’ 8th grade player that would benefit from practicing with the HS JV team. It is not permitted. Keeping in mind that 7th & 8th graders may compete together/against each other (just like 9-12 may do the same), this does permit 7th graders to play on 8th grade teams and vice versa.

“Showcases”

Be careful. We are repeatedly coming across individuals conducting “Showcases” for your players to come ‘showcase’ their talents for college scouts, etc. Please remind your players, these are NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC events and participation is **not permitted once players are part of your team by participating in scrimmages, previews, foundation games or regular season games.**

Scrimmage Reminders

Each of your teams (Freshmen, JV, Varsity) are permitted 5 total scrimmages and these scrimmages can be used anytime throughout the season. Please keep in mind however, that each PLAYER may only participate in 5 total scrimmages. If you elect to play in an OHSAA Foundation game, you may do so in place of one of your scrimmages.

Practicing with Another School

This is becoming more and more popular. Just remember – practicing with another school is the same as a scrimmage and must be counted as such. Just a reminder so you do not exceed the scrimmage limits mentioned above.

Non-Interscholastic Reminder #1

Since this is the number one violation of sports’ regulations- player participation in non-interscholastic events during the season, please remind your players **they are NOT permitted to practice, tryout, or compete in any non-school basketball while members of the school team.** You cannot remind them enough.

Special Events:

2020 Military Appreciation Night- January 17th

Foundation Game information- Email Andrea Heiberger at aHeiberger@ohsaa.org