



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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2020 Military Appreciation Night- January 17th:

Here's how you and your school can make the night a success:

- Free Entry for Military
- Honor Any Active Military and Veterans
- Submit videos/pictures with the hashtags #GoldenMegaphone & #MilitaryAppreciation
- Press Release to Local News
- Band Performance
- Honorary Captain
- BE CREATIVE!

Quick Reminder on Two-Quarter Games

A reminder that two-quarter games MAY be played by mutual agreement. Quarter lengths may NOT exceed 7:00 minutes. If a game is tied after two quarters, a 3:00 minute overtime must be played – games cannot end in a tie. These games still DO count as one of the 22 permitted games on a schedule.

Alumni and Other Non-Team Members Practicing With Your Team

Several questions have come in regarding the following...

Scenario #1: Your team is playing in a game coming up that has a 'big man/girl' and you obviously want your team to be prepared. So, you bring in the 6'10" player that played for your team 4 years ago – an alum of your program. Can you do this?

The Answer: Our regulations state that any practice with another TEAM is permitted but must be counted as a scrimmage. We further interpret that to also mean that if any one individual (or more) from a TEAM practices with you – the same holds true...it must be a scrimmage and counted as such. But in this case, the 6'10" alum that is coming in to give your team a good look in practice is not a member of any team. So, at this point, that decision is left to your administration on who is permitted to practice with you. You may be thinking then, 'who cares?' I'll address that later. But since we (the OHSAA's regulations) do not restrict who practices with you if it is not a team or a member of a team, you would not be violating any OHSAA regulations by permitting it.

Scenario #2: You're the coach of a girls' team. You have a group of boys in your school that are not on the boys' basketball team. They come in two days a week to give your team a 'better look.' Is this permitted?

The Answer: Back to the answer in Scenario #1. By virtue of the fact the boys are not members of any basketball team, once again, the OHSAA regulations do not restrict who practices with you. You may be thinking then, 'who cares?' I'll address that later also.

Scenario #3: You're the coach of the girls' JV team. Your second team is limited in talent and numbers so to give a better practice look, you want practice against/with the freshman boys' team in your school. Is this permitted?

The Answer: No. As stated in the previous two scenarios, OHSAA regulations require any practice with a TEAM to be considered a scrimmage. So does that mean you can do it IF you call it a scrimmage and have scrimmages remaining? No again. The OHSAA has a long standing bylaw that prohibits practice and competitions between genders.

**No one ever plans on getting hurt. No one ever plans on an unusual situation to occur. First, none of those individuals that are not members of your team are covered by the OHSAA's Catastrophic Insurance Policy. Though I am sure in 99% of the cases, the superintendent does not even know you might be doing it. But, I am also very doubtful any liability insurance from the school covers any accident either. So, there you go . . . the answer to a scenario that is very difficult to find without extrapolating several different OHSAA regulations and bylaws.

"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 game or regular season games.**

Bylaw 9-2-1 Contests With Out-Of-State Schools:

As a quick, reminder that if you are playing in a competition that takes you outside of Ohio, please remember to familiarize yourself with Bylaw 9-2-1. If you are traveling to a non-contiguous state, you may travel there provided there is no loss of school time. "School time" is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board- adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason Tournament.