



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Basketball Coaches' Memo #4 January 15, 2020

2020 Military Appreciation Night- January 17th:

Thank you for those participating this Friday.

- Free Entry for Military
- Honor Any Active Military and Veterans
- **Post videos/pictures with the hashtag #MilitaryAppreciationNight**
- Press Release to Local News
- Band Performance
- Honorary Captain

Boys Date Changes—APPROVED TODAY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNICATION. In speaking with many of you, I recommended, and the Board approved two date changes to future boys basketball seasons. In 2020-21 the season will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 25, instead of Friday, Nov. 27. In 2021-22, the season will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 24, instead of Friday, Nov. 26. The changes move the start of the season to the day before Thanksgiving instead of the day after Thanksgiving. There are no changes to the start of practice.

POSITIVE Sportsmanship Report:

We now have a report that can be filled out regarding: officials, your team and coaching staff, as well as your opponents, and even fans. This document can be downloaded from our website: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Respect-the-Game>. Please feel free to share this with your team, and parents to highlight the good things our schools and communities are doing.

Ejection Numbers (to date):

Basketball- 94, 35 of which are coaches. Down from this time last year when there were 134 ejections, however only 31 of those were coaches. Many of these are at the junior high level. Please work with any less experienced coaches who may need guidance from the high school level.

Rawlings Ball Extension:

In listening to YOUR feedback from the survey that was sent last spring, as well as working with the OHSBCA, our office has signed a 3-year extension with Rawlings for our official tournament ball. I hope this is helpful as you communicate with your athletic directors for future ball needs. While it is not mandatory to play with the Rawlings ball during the regular season, we strongly recommend it for consistency throughout regular season, and post-season play.

Freshmen Tournament Games

Though this has been addressed directly to head basketball coaches, this is just a reminder that any tournament game played at the freshmen level MUST be included within the 22 games permitted to be scheduled by freshmen teams.

Sanctioning of all Events:

Any events that are played in must follow NFHS rules and must be sanctioned. Please contact Andrea Heiberger at aheberger@ohsaa.org for the OHSAA sanctioning form.

WHAT EVENTS REQUIRE NFHS SANCTIONING?

- Any interstate or international event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community (e.g., a college/university, a theme park, a service organization (Kiwanis, Optimist) or an athletic shoe/apparel company)
- Events in non-bordering states if five (5) or more states are involved
- Events in non-bordering states if more than eight (8) schools are involved

