



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Basketball Coaches Memo August 3, 2020

OHSAA Covid-19 Update Page: Our organization has created a page where all 'Administrator Update' communications can be found, along with return to play guidance, and a record of them will live. Additionally, there are resources that may also be helpful. <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondance>

Reminder- August Basketball:

Reminder from the June 1st basketball memo:

<http://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Basketball-Girls/2021/20200601BballCoachMemo.pdf>

Below is the list of regulation changes that will affect how you can coach from June 1-August 31.

1. The 10-day rule has been eliminated
2. The 50% limitation has been eliminated
- 3. The August no-contact period has been eliminated**

Non-Scholastic Players

We recognize that many players are participating on club/AAU teams over these summer months. They are able to do so but should also be following the governor's order stating that no contests in Ohio should be played without certain measures, including testing 72 hours prior to the event. Additionally, if they are traveling to other states to participate, you will want to check with your Athletic Administrator regarding the policy of returning to your workouts.

Fall Sport Update

*Our non-contact sports have been approved to move forward with their regular schedules.

*Our contact sports were able to start official practice on August 1st, but we are still awaiting clearance on INTER-squad scrimmages/contests (school vs. school).

We continue to advocate for our student-athletes and their opportunities in a safe manner. We remain optimistic as we look forward to fall contact sports and the winter season. Please know that we also have additional plans if necessary.

*Some counties and school districts have suspended/cancelled/delayed athletics due to the recommendation of their county's health department. Please know that we want ALL our student-athletes to have an opportunity to participate, so we all must do our part to mitigate the spread of this virus. The faster that we can bring our covid-19 numbers down, the better chance we have at a safe and full season for ALL.

NFHS Covid-19 Course: (Informative, free, takes about 20 mins)

The COVID 19 pandemic presents a myriad of challenges to high school athletic and activity programs. To help address some of those challenges, the National Federation of State High School Associations has developed "COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators."

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/covid-19-for-coaches-and-administrators>

Mental Health: *Please remember that this is a very difficult and uncertain time for all.*

-ODH Mental Health & Addiction Services: website: <https://mha.ohio.gov/>, phone: 1-800-985-5990, Text: 66746

General Sport Regulation Change:

I will continue to 'copy/paste' in ALL communications leading up to the season, as I DO NOT want anyone being surprised by this change.

- Any student or coach ejected from a contest for fighting will now be ineligible for **4 games** (rather than the previous penalty of 2 games). Fighting is defined by the NFHS as any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage an opponent in a combative manner unrelated to basketball. Such acts include, but are not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent(s) with the arm(s), hand(s), leg(s) or foot (feet).