



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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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>

Planning for Scrimmages & Dates:

Maximum of five (5) scrimmages plus one preview

Tryouts/Coaching/Instruction: Girls: October 23, 2020 & Boys: October 30, 2020

First Game: Girls: November 20, 2020 & Boys: November 25, 2020

Covid-19 Updates: If you have the opportunity to attend a volleyball contest, I strongly recommend, as they are currently using the order in an indoor facility. We are waiting on the Governor's office to approve the NFHS & OHSAA mandates and recommendations. Things to be thinking about:

- Seating Capacity: maximum number permitted for indoor venues is the lesser of 300 or 15 percent of fixed of capacity
- 6ft spacing on the bench, and all participants not in the contest will wear masks

Reminder of changes to the Basketball Regulations:

There were several changes to the basketball regulations which include:

- An increase in the number of quarters permitted both for the entire season (HS: 110→120, 7th & 8th 70→75) and quarters per day (5→6)
- Participation in '3 on 3' tournaments will be limited to the 50% rule (the same as other non-scholastic teams)
- 7th & 8th Grade teams may play a maximum of 2 games per day in post-season tournaments
- The non-interscholastic date has been adjusted for all team sports to the first date that regular season competition is permitted (girls-11/20, boys-11/25). This means athletes must cease non-interscholastic participation prior to this date.
- Team sports are now able to utilize a waiver to participate against Special Olympic teams or teams of similar designation. The waiver is posted on the basketball page and if approved, would not count toward your scrimmages, previews, or contests.

Travel & Holiday Tournament Planning:

- There currently are no COVID-19-related additional restrictions on team interstate travel both to and from Ohio. However, as with nearly everything else with the pandemic, the Governor's Office could modify this in an instant. Currently, the Governor's Office issues weekly recommendations for individuals to quarantine for 14 days if they are returning to Ohio from "hot spot" states. Other states may have further restrictions regarding travel from Ohio into their states. The OHSAA has been advising schools to proceed with caution and recommend you compete within your geographical area.
- If you are hosting a holiday tournament, please be sure you are following ALL Ohio Department of Health mandates, including entrance and exit strategies, sanitizing of high touch areas as well as locker rooms.
- If you have additional questions, please work with your AD and communicate with us and your local health department.

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).