

Ohio High School Athletic Association

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TOURNAMENT DRAW: Please see the link below. The tournament draw is meant to assist with showing the pairings at the regional and state level. All other information regarding dates, times, and locations remain 'To Be Determined' at this time. Thank you so much for your patience! In a 'normal year' much of the upcoming tournament details would have been finalized at this point. We have been working with the governor's office and with local health departments to determine the best course of action for tournament structures. Our goal for this year is to maintain a memorable tournament experience for our teams, and to do so in a financially responsible fashion. While we desire to continue to use the sites we have in the past, the attendance restrictions may result in significant financial losses for the OHSAA this season, therefore we will continue to evaluate sites. More information to come!

<u>NEW for this season: Two Contests/Day</u>: Teams may play 2 games in a given day; maximum of 8 quarters per day for each student-athlete. The 8 quarter limit for the day is only permitted IF two games are being played in the same day. Season quarter limits and maximum number of contests per season still remain.

<u>NEW for this season: Continuation of Season:</u> Teams may play regular season contests through the end of the tournament (girls 3/13; boys 3/20); and even after being eliminated in the tournament. Regular season quarter limits and maximum number of contests per season still remain.

<u>Can't let our guard down:</u> Please continue to follow all mandates and recommendations to the best of your ability. The observer's program has been positive overall this winter, and we continue to share that data with the Governor's office.

<u>SEI Update:</u> There are less people in the stands, so overall we have had less sportsmanship issues with fans, and on the court with players and team personnel. Coaches really do set the tone so continue to promote sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity. Thank you for all of your work and continue to be proactive! The POSITIVE sportsmanship report can be found at: https://www.ohsaa.org/Respect-the-Game

Return to Play Form:

https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/2020/RTPCoronvirus.pdf

The form at the link above was developed in conjunction with our medical advisors for schools to use as a tool to maintain compliance with the current ODH directive, which is consistent with CDC requirements, that any individual who tests positive for the novel coronavirus be evaluated by a physician for possible cardiac involvement before being released to RTP.

Non-Interscholastic Reminder (Again)

This is the number one violation of the sport regulations: players MAY NOT participate in non-interscholastic events (AAU, Church, Recreation, Intramural, Etc.) during the school 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!

Individual Skills Workouts during the season:

A player may receive skill training any time during the year. Sometimes these can be done on in a group setting, but still MUST be individual skills ONLY.

OHSAA Covid-19 Basketball Page: http://bit.ly/BKRecs