



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Basketball Update

TO: Member Schools' Athletic Administrators and Basketball Coaches

FR: OHSAA Executive Director's Office

The OHSAA Executive Director's Office is sending these reminders to athletic administrators and coaches regarding some key end-of-the-season/post-season regulations related to the sport of basketball. Please take a few minutes to review these.

Non-Interscholastic Reminder

Schools that are still in the OHSAA basketball tournament or participating in regular season contests after being eliminated from the tournament are reminded that players are **NOT** permitted to participate in non-interscholastic events (AAU, church, recreation, intramural, etc.) during the school season and while a member of your team. Non-interscholastic events would include, but are not limited to, contests, tryouts, training and/or practices.

Basketball No Contact Period

This is a reminder that any coach, paid or volunteer, approved by the Board of Education or similar governing board is prohibited from providing coaching, providing instruction or supervising conditioning and physical fitness programs or open gyms to members of a school team starting with the first day after the school's last interscholastic basketball contest and ending **28 days later**. This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for non-interscholastic competition.

Non-School Teams After The Season Ends (50 Percent Rule)

A member of a school program or team in basketball may participate with a non-school program or team **AFTER** the school team's season ends so long as the number of team members on the non-school team who participated on the same school team in the season that just ended is limited to a maximum **two (2)** members from the school team. Rotating players from the same school team is **NOT** permitted in this 50 percent limitation. Students who did **NOT** play for a school team during the season that just ended do not count in the 50 percent limitation.

Coaches Coaching Their Own Student-Athletes on Non-School Teams Outside the School Team's Season

So long as the 50 percent limitation is observed, a paid or unpaid school coach approved by the Board of Education or similar governing board may coach students from his/her school teams in team play at any time after the season ends **EXCEPT** during the mandatory 28-day no-contact period. Members of a school team's basketball coaching staff may also coach students from their school teams from June 1 through July 31 without restrictions (except that participation cannot be mandatory).

Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction

Individual skill/coaching instruction may be received by a member of a school team at any time **AFTER** the no-contact period ends from school coaches provided that no more than **four (4)** members of a school team or individuals are present at one time in all facilities where the individual skill/coaching instruction is taking place.

Thank you for your attention to this information and for the service you are providing our student-athletes!