

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2021 Pre-Season Information #2

Rule/Mechanics/COVID Restrictions

I said in the last memo that there are no mandated COVID Restrictions from our office at this time. Here are a few examples of what that means:

1. Officials will be handling the ball and placing it on the line of scrimmage. Remember, they do better at ball handling when there are good ball people assisting them!
2. The Team Box will return to the NFHS rule of 25-yard line to 25-yard line.
3. Schools and local municipalities may have mask restrictions at their discretion.

Online Coaches Meeting

1. The online State Rules Interpretation meeting is available in myOHSAA.
 - a. Login and click the Rules Meetings tab
 - b. Click Find a State Meeting along the left
 - c. Select Football in the Sports dropdown
 - d. Select Coach in the Meeting Type dropdown
 - e. Click Search
 - f. Click View Meeting
 - g. After viewing the full 32:40 of the video, take a screen shot and click Exit
2. The deadline to view the meeting with no late fee is Wednesday, August 25.
3. Beginning Thurs., Aug. 26, a \$50 late fee will be assessed with a final deadline of October 1 to view the meeting.
4. **Schools that do not complete the online meeting by October 1 will not be eligible for the tournament.**

Tournament Updates

1. Reminder: The Tournament entry/withdraw deadline is October 1. Only Athletic Directors may view and edit Tournament Entry through their myOHSAA account. **Remember, we are expanding to 16 teams per region!**
2. The higher seed will host rounds 1 and 2 of the playoffs. **Neutral sites will begin round 3 (Regional semi-finals).**
3. Please add and accept any pending varsity game contracts in Arbiter ASAP.

Bylaws/Regulations

1. 9-2-1: Schools may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in contests in any location that does not border Ohio subject to approval from the Executive Director's Office. Here is the form:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/NonBorderingStateApproval.pdf>

2. Transfer students that do not meet an exception, become ineligible after ½ of the maximum allowable games on the varsity schedule are played. That is week 6 in football. They are allowed 25 quarters.

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