

To: OHSAA Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

From: Tyler Brooks, Senior Manager of Officiating & Sport Administration

Re: December Update

Date: Friday, December 9, 2022

1 – Request for Feedback: Coaches Survey

Please take a few minutes to submit your feedback on various topics including the OHSAA Golf App, coaching regulations, and OHSAA tournament play.

The survey will close **Friday, December 16**.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9VD6BK>

2 – New Website for Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association

Please see message below from OHSGCA president Eric Heitkamp:

Coaches,

We are excited to introduce to you our new website. This site will eventually contain an abundance of resources available to you. We are still working on the content, and updating the pages. Please be patient while we continue to strive to give you our best.

You can now visit the website at:

www.ohsgca.com

To visit the Members videos, please use the password: OHSAA2021

3 – Rules of Golf Tournament Regulations Approved

In November the USGA announced the rule changes to take effect in 2023, please review the article below for more information:

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2022/11/key-rules-of-golf-changes-2023.html>

4 - Review of Out-of-Season Regulations

Please review two important out-of-season regulations below:

7.3) Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-Interscholastic Teams Outside of the Interscholastic Season

*7.3.2) Individual Sports – A member of an interscholastic team in the individual sports of bowling, cross country, **golf**, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling may participate with a non-interscholastic program or team in contests, tryouts, training and/or practices prior to and after the school's season with no restriction when coached by either a school coach or a non-interscholastic coach.*

Notes: Students from interscholastic teams shall not be required to attend the coaching/instruction. A paid or unpaid school (interscholastic) coach employed by a Board of Education or other governing board violates this regulation when he/she suggests or implies that

a student's chance to be selected for a school (interscholastic) team is contingent upon this participation.

If a student-athlete quits or is dropped from a interscholastic team and joins a non-interscholastic team during the interscholastic team's season, he/she may not rejoin that interscholastic team for the remainder of the season.

7.5) Regulations Permitting Coaches to Coach Their Own Student-Athletes on Non-Interscholastic Teams Outside of the Interscholastic Team's Season

7.5.3) Individual Sports - Members of an interscholastic team's coaching staff in the individual sports of bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling may coach students from their school teams outside the school (interscholastic) season. In addition:

a.) Students from interscholastic teams shall not be required to attend the coaching instruction.

5 – 2023 Season Information

The sectional tournament sites are required to be posted by all District Athletic Boards (DABs oversee the sectional and district levels of the OHSAA golf tournament) by July 5. I will encourage them to determine them as soon as possible and to share the information with all schools in their athletic district once finalized, hopefully in advance of the July 5 deadline.

I have had several inquiries if we can move the practice start / coaching begins back to 7/31 instead of 8/1 and that answer is "no". Our organization has historically been very firm in the August 1 practice start date for fall sports and that will continue for the 2023 season as well.

Please see full 2023 season calendar below:

	2023	2024
Coaching Begins	8/1	8/1
Season Begins	8/4	8/4
Non-Interscholastic Date	9/25	9/23
Sectional Boys DII & DIII & Girls DII	9/25-9/30#	9/23-9/28#
Sectional Boys DI & Girls DI	10/2-10/7#	9/30-10/5#
District Boys DII & DIII & Girls DII	10/2-10/7	9/30-10/5
District Boys DI & Girls DI	10/9-10/14	10/7-10/12
State Boys DII & DIII & Girls DII	10/13-10/14	10/11-10/12
State Boys DI & Girls DI	10/20-10/21	10/18-10/19
Season Ends	10/28	10/26
Rosh Hashanah	9/16-9/17	10/3-10/4
Yom Kipper	9/24-9/25	10/11-10/12

Resources

OHSAA Golf Webpage: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/golf>

Past Email Updates: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Golf/Athletic-Director-Coach-Updates>

Golf Regulations: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/GolfRegs.pdf>

Coaches Manual: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/2022Manual.pdf>

USGA Rules of Golf: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html>

iWanamaker: <https://iwanamaker.com/>



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