

OHSAA

Ohio High School Athletic Association



2024
Golf
Coaches Manual

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A Message from the OHSAA



Hello and welcome to the 2024 season!

I am excited to work with you all to make OHSAA golf the best that it can be for our student-athletes!

Please review this manual with not only your high school coaching staff, but also your 7/8 grade coaching staff if you have one. This manual should serve to provide all coaches with clear answers and interpretations to the many regulations governing 7-12 Golf in Ohio.

As with every OHSAA sport, completion of the online state rules interpretation meeting is mandatory for varsity head coaches. The meeting will be offered online only through your myOHSAA profile. We encourage you to view this meeting with your assistant and 7/8 grade coaches as well. The goal of the “state rules interpretation meeting” is to give everyone a thorough understanding of the interpretations of OHSAA Regulations as well as some USGA Rules.

Please take the time to read through all of the information included in this manual and don’t hesitate to reach out should you have any questions. Much of this information is also covered in the state rules interpretation meeting.

Communication is a key in the successful administration of any of our sports. I encourage you to ask questions or seek assistance by first going through your Athletic Administrator. We encourage your communication with them to help us operate as efficiently as possible.

Thank you for your time and effort working with the student-athletes in Ohio!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monroe Britton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "B".

Monroe Britton
OHSAA Golf Administrator

OHSAA Mission Statement

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to serve our member schools and enrich interscholastic opportunities for students

Important Dates

July 29	Coaching Begins
July 29	Scrimmages/Previews Permitted
July 29	First Contest
August 26	Deadline for Tournament Entry (Without Penalty)
September 8	Tournament Seed/Draw
September 18	Non-Interscholastic Date
Sept. 18 – Sept. 28	Sectional Tournaments (All Boys and Girls Div.)
Sept. 20 – Oct. 5	District Tournament (Boys Div. III)
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7	District Tournaments (Boys Div. II & Girls Div. II)
Sept. 30 – Oct. 8	District Tournaments (Boys Div. I & Girls Div. I)
October 10 – 11	State Tournament (Boys Div. III)
October 13 – 14	State Tournament (Boys Div. II & Girls Div. II)
October 14 – 15	State Tournament (Boys Div. I & Girls Div. I)

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Rules Interpretation Meetings

State Rules Interpretation Meetings are required for all coaches. The online state rules interpretation meeting can be accessed through myOHSAA and becomes available on Monday, July 22nd. If you have any issues, please contact [Membership Services](#).

Non-Interscholastic Event Waiver Process

OHSAA regulations permit schools to request a waiver of General Sports Regulation 7 – Participating on Non-School Teams. The waiver, permitting non-interscholastic participation during the school season once a student has participated on the school team, may be granted up to 3 times per school season. Each waiver is good for one event. To be considered one event, all play in the event must be held on consecutive days.

Waivers will be granted at any point during the 2024 OHSAA golf season at the discretion of the requesting schools coach or administrators.

Non-interscholsatic event waivers can now be obtained by submitting them through the “Non-Interscholastic Event Waiver Registry” online at the link below.

LINK: [2024 Non-Interscholastic Entry Waiver Form](#)

Links to Resources

United States Golf Association	http://www.usga.org/
USGA Rules of Golf	https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=pe&section=rule&rulenum=1
Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association	https://eheitkamp8.wixsite.com/ohsgca
OHSAA Golf Webpage	http://ohsaa.org/sports/golf
Coaches' Tool Chest	https://coachestoolchest.com/

Mandatory State Rules Interpretation Meeting

The State Rules Interpretation Meeting is MANDATORY for all Head Coaches.

OHSAA Golf Sports Regulations will be covered as well as General Regulations and Bylaws as they pertain to coaches and players. In addition, there will be information on the USGA Playing Rules. Though the main purpose is to provide knowledge and advice on the various OHSAA and USGA regulations, this is the education mechanism to ensure compliance with the various rules and regulations. In light of many infractions that occur throughout the year, information provided in these meetings, is designed to reduce and prevent these infractions.

The mandatory rules interpretation meeting is available online and accessed through each individual myOHSAA account. Assistant coaches and volunteer coaches are encouraged to view this meeting as they will be held to the same regulation standard as head coaches. The online meeting is geared exclusively for coaches; officials have their own meeting with the content exclusively directed to them. For those of you who coach and serve as an official, you will be required to complete both meetings, one specific for coaches and one specific for officials. Therefore, you would be required to view two separate rules meetings if you coach and officiate.

How to Complete the State Rules Interpretation Meeting Online

All Coaches will access the state rules meetings through their myOHSAA accounts.

Coaches should contact their athletic administrator if they do not have an account. The athletic administrator will need to add the coach to the school's staff management in myOHSAA. This will generate an email invitation from info@myOHSAA.org to the coach. Coaches should look for this email in their inbox, junk, or spam folders. Once the email is received, coaches should open the email and click the link inside and use the "Register" portion of the screen to create an account. Follow all prompts to create login credentials, verify your email address and complete your contact information. Once the account is created and all dashboard items completed, a blue button for the school will be added to your account. Click the button and use the State Rules Meeting link in the left column to access the list of meetings.

The online state rules interpretation meeting will go live on Monday, July 22 at 9:00 AM. Failure to complete the rules meeting by Wednesday, August 7 at 11:59 PM will result in a late fee. Failure to complete the rules meeting by the deadline of Thursday, August 31 at 11:59 PM will result in your school being ineligible for post season competition.

AFTER COMPLETION:

1. IMMEDIATELY Check your myOHSAA profile to verify your attendance has been recorded.
2. Attendance will be reflected in the profile. Please do not call the OHSAA office for verification.

Mandatory Pre-Season Parent Meeting

OHSAA Bylaws mandate that schools conduct a pre-season meeting with parents and student-athletes. The meeting is determined by each school's Athletic Administrator and must be held no later than 2 weeks after the start of the season. This is the time to cover such things as eligibility requirements, individual school policies, individual sport policies, sportsmanship issues and expectations, travel plans for away contests, etc. I encourage coaches to use this time to their advantage and provide as much education as possible to parents. To access some sample meeting template information's check out the OHSAA webpage [here](#).

Pupil Activity Permits & Concussion Legislation

Per Ohio Administrative Code, any high school or middle school coach (volunteer or paid) must have a valid Pupil Activity Permit (PAP) issued by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Athletic Administrators are responsible for maintaining records of compliance for each of the following:

1. Completed background checks
2. Completed course from an approved First Aid for Coaches provider
3. Completed course from an approved Concussion provider
4. Completed course from an approved Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training provider, including Lindsay's Law
5. Completed course from an approved Coaching Fundamentals provider
6. Completed training course in CPR from a course approved by your school or District
7. Completed mental health course from an approved provider



The OHSAA has partnered with Coaches' Tool Chest (www.coachestoolchest.com) as a single source, online provider for each of the courses needed to obtain a PAP. CTC helps ensure coaches have the knowledge they need to best serve their student athletes. This annual course is updated with current best practices and training and provides a single certificate for all the coaching requirements in Ohio.

Specific information about alternative single source courses, additional details and application information can be found: <https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure/apply-for-a-new-license/pupil-activity-coaching-permits>

Lindsay's Law- Sudden Cardiac Arrest

ODE Website: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx>

Lindsay's Law, Ohio Revised Code [3313.5310](#), [3707.58](#) and [3707.59](#) became effective on August 1, 2017. In accordance with this law, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and other stakeholders jointly developed guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate students and youth athletes participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. The following resources were developed to implement Lindsay's Law:

For parents/guardians and student- athletes in grades 7-12 in Ohio schools

- [Required video](#)
- [Required SCA Informational Handout](#)
- [Required Signature Form](#)

For coaches:

If you are a coach for an interscholastic sport and are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education (all paid and volunteer coaches in Ohio), please visit their website for information about their training requirements around Lindsay's Law <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx>. The required video, informational handout and a post assessment test will be available shortly through the ODE's website. We will inform you when that component is available. If, however, you want to have your coaches view the video and review the information immediately, you may access those items below. Please be advised that as a school district, your superintendent must be able to verify that coaches have seen this video and read the informational handout if you choose to implement this requirement before it is available through ODE's LMS.

- [Required video](#)
- [Required SCA Informational Handout](#)

Review of OHSAA Golf Regulations

The OHSAA golf regulations can be found at the link below:

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

Here are some frequently asked questions and where they are addressed in the OHSAA golf regulations:

Non-Interscholastic Contests: 7/8 Grade

Golf regulation A-2-2.6-Exception states:

Exception: 7th-8th grade golfers are permitted to compete in non-interscholastic contests while competing for their school team. No waivers are needed.

7/8 grade golfers may participate in an unlimited number of non-interscholastic events while member of their OHSAA member 7/8 grade school team with no waiver needed.

Non-Interscholastic Contest: High School

Golf regulation A-2 reviews the multiple topics regarding non-interscholastic participation, including the waiver process for participating in a non-interscholastic event after a golfer has joined their school team.

A 9-12 grade golfer becomes a member of their school team by playing in a scrimmage or regular season contest. After that point in the season, each golfer is permitted to submit up to three non-interscholastic events through the process outlined below.

2.3 Waiver Process:

Each waiver must be requested from the OHSAA golf administrator prior to the event.

Each waiver is valid for one event.

To be considered one event, all play in the event must be held on consecutive days.

As stated above on page 3, these non-interscholastic events may now be submitted for approval via the "Non-Interscholastic Event Waiver Registry" which is an online submission process, replacing the former process of submitting a one-page form to the golf administrator.

LINK: [2024 Non-Interscholastic Waiver Request Form](#)

REMINDER: Since the 2021 season, non-interscholastic / community golf scrambles are not considered to be non-Interscholastic competition, and as such, do not require use of a non-interscholastic waiver in order to participate. To put it another way, OHSAA golfers may participate in an unlimited amount of non-school scrambles during the OHSAA season.

Uniforms

Golf regulations B-10 (HS) and C-8 (7/8 grade) refer to OHSAA General Sport Regulation 20 for guidance on the OHSAA golf uniform. GSR 20 states:

The purpose of an athletic uniform is to identify participants. Uniforms worn by participants in a high school athletic contest must conform to the playing rules adopted by the OHSAA for that sport. High school uniforms shall not be used as a medium to express an individual/team's opinion/platform on any given topic.

Unless precluded in the sport rulebook, any lettering or emblems on uniforms must pertain to the school name, school nickname, individual's name, the sport, drug use prevention, sportsmanship, ethics or integrity, promotion of a health/wellness cause (suicide prevention/cancer awareness, etc. or be an American flag, provided it does not violate the rules of the sport in regard to location. Any visible manufacturer's logo on a uniform or undergarment must conform to the rules adopted by the national rules committee for that sport. However, if there is no specific rule, the maximum size is 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension exceeding 2 1/4". Additional regulations are indicated within the playing rules of the sport and may be included in the sport's specific regulations.

Interrupted Contests

Golf regulation A-1-1.2 states:

When play is interrupted/suspended due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority, the contest may be resumed from the point of interruption that day, provided the golf course can be played in the same layout on which the course was found at the beginning of the competition that day. If play cannot be resumed from the point of interruption on the same day, the match/ tournament may be resumed from the exact point of interruption on a future date only when all participating coaches agree. If all participating coaches are not in agreement, the contest shall be replayed from the beginning on a future date and any suspended play will not count. The determination to resume play shall be made by the PGA Professional and/or home coach in accordance with OHSAA guidelines

An interrupted / suspended contest that is not completed does count towards a team / golfers regular season contest limitation.

Regular Season Participation Limitations

Golf regulation A-1-1.1 states:

9th-12th Grades — 20 contests (20 days) 7th & 8th grades — 16 contests (16 days).

A high school team and/or golfer may participate in a maximum number of 20 regular season contests. Any and all contests participated in by an individual shall count towards the team's match limitation of 20. 7th and 8th grade golfers are permitted 16 matches. Each contest counts as one whether 9 or 18 holes and regardless of number of opponents. No team or individual may play more than two contests per day.

Girls Participation in Various Scenarios

Golf regulation 3 (Sponsorship) addresses girls participation in OHSAA golf in multiple scenarios. It states:

3.1) A school that sponsors girls golf, with four or more girls participating, shall have a separate girls team in order to enter the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament competition.

3.2) A school that sponsors girls golf and has less than four girls participating may permit the girls to participate in both boys and girls matches during the regular season, provided they don't exceed the total number of matches permitted. The girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament.

3.3) A school that sponsors boys and girls golf and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time. Girls can choose to play on the boys team only, but must compete with the boys team in the tournament. Or, girls can play on the girls team in every scheduled girls match, but can then play in any additional boys matches up to the total number permitted and still participate in the girls tournament.

3.4) A school that does not sponsor girls golf but has four or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate in both boys and girls matches during the regular season up to the total number permitted, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys tournament competition.

In summary, if a school only sponsors boys golf then:

3 or fewer girls – permitted to play on the boys team during the regular season and either choose to play in the boys tournament or enter the OHSAA girls tournament as individuals

4 or more girls – permitted to play on the boys team during the regular season, but must enter the OHSAA boys tournament

In both situations, girls are permitted to go between playing in girls and boys matches provided they do not exceed the total number of matches permitted.

If girls are participating on a boys team, the girl golfers are required to play from the same tees as the boys.

If a school sponsors both boys and girls golf, then girls can choose to play on the boys team only, but must compete with the boys team in the OHSAA boys tournament. Girls can also play on the girls team in every scheduled girls match and play in any additional boys matches up to the total number permitted and still participate in the girls tournament.

Regular Season Contest Formats

Golf regulation A-1-1.7 reviews regulations when regular season contests are in stroke or match play formats. Since the 2021 season, there is no longer a restriction on regular season contest formats, aside from a maximum of 36 hole per day. Previously, only two match play contests were permitted during your non-league schedule in a format mutually agreed upon by all coaches.

Cell Phone Policy

Golf regulation 1.12 states:

Cell phones can be used by players in four specific circumstances:

1.121) To use as a distance-measuring device

1.122) To input score for live scoring or other scoring programs being used

1.123) To call a rules official with questions

1.124) To call a coach or tournament manager for a health or safety issue

1.125) Cell phones may not be used as a green reading aide

Previously to this regulation's existence, cell phones could not be used as a distance-measuring device. Also, prior to this regulation events had to request use of electronic scoring. Now with golf regulation 1.12, cell phones can be used during the specific instances listed in the regulation.

Distance-Measuring Devices

Please refer to this document below from the USGA on what is permitted:

https://www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/pdf/2019/rules/2019_UPDATE_USGA_DMD_FINAL.pdf

Coaching Regulation

Golf regulation 1.11 states:

Coaching — The coaching regulation permits **two** school board-approved coaches/designees assigned to the event to speak with his/her player(s), without delay of play at any time. During the player's stipulated round, coaches are not permitted to physically stand on any green or in any sand bunker. **The player may stand inside the bunker should he/she wish to converse with his/her coach at that time.** Participants will be assessed the general penalty if any other individual assists the participant by coaching and giving advice which could influence a player in determining play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke (Rule 10.2).

1.11.1) Coaches are permitted to enter the bunker after the player has played their shot to rake the bunker.

Note: A team member is not a partner and may not give advice to or receive advice from another member.

The coaching regulation permits two school board-approved coaches/designees assigned to the event to speak with his/her player(s), without delay of play at any time. During the player's stipulated round, coaches are not permitted to physically stand on any green or in any sand bunker. Prior to 2022, a player was required to walk off the green to converse with his/her coach. Now, a player may converse with their coach while standing on the green. Participants will be disqualified if any other individual assists the participant by coaching and / or giving advice which could influence a player in determining play, the choice of a club, or method of making a stroke.

If a group should "lose their position" the group must be playing at a pace slower than 15 minutes per hole. To fall behind the group in front does not always mean a group is playing slow.

If the group fails to regain their position on the course within a reasonable time established by officials then the group should be notified that they are "going on the clock". At that point, any player who does not complete his/her turn to play in the allowed forty-five seconds is assessed a two-stroke penalty. A second violation is another two-stroke penalty, and a third violation results in a disqualification.

i.e. "45 second rule" – once a player reaches their ball, and their turn has arrived to play, they must complete their shot within the 45 seconds allowed.

Penalties for violation of the coaching regulation:

1. A warning is issued.
2. Player is assessed a two-stroke penalty and the coach loses his/her coaching privilege.
3. Coach is disqualified/ejected.

Note: Following a coach ejection, if there is not a person authorized by the Board of Education present at the contest, forfeiture would result (Bylaw 3-2-1- school representative must accompany team).

* In addition to the penalties listed above, a coach who violates the coaching rule may face additional disciplinary action.

Lightning & Inclement Weather

Lightning and inclement weather procedures are as follows. Please review these carefully. The Lightning and Inclement Weather Policy is relative to all OHSAA sports.

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas, and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to the designated safer area:
 - a.) A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a.) When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b.) **30-minute rule.** Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
 - c.) Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

d.) When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

*At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

4. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at the start of the season.

Bylaw 9 – Traveling for Competition in a Non-Bordering State

If you plan to take your team to an out of state contest, please remember that you may travel to a contiguous state for a scrimmage/contest an unlimited number of times with no restrictions. Per the spring 2021 referendum voting, schools are required to request permission from the OHSAA prior to traveling to a non-bordering state for competition (Bylaw 9-2-1). Previously, schools were not permitted to miss school time for travel or competition. This is now a school decision on whether you may miss school time. You may not go out of state just to practice unless your practice site is located there and you have received a waiver from our office.

The form for requesting travel for competition in a non-bordering state can be found at this link:

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

Out of Season Instruction

Golf coaches are permitted to provide instruction to individuals from their team at any time outside the season, there is not a “no contact period” for OHSAA golf. There is no restriction on the number of individuals you are permitted to instruct at the same time. Attendance cannot be mandatory and out of season instruction cannot be used to make cuts.

Please review OHSAA General Sport Regulation 7 regarding non-school programs:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

Acclimatization and Exertional Heat Illness Precautions

All coaching and medical staff personnel shall observe the following precautions for all sports competed outdoors and/or in a hot, humid environment.

- Stress to participants the importance of properly hydrating during the day leading up to the contest/training, and to drink 8-to-12 ounces of water or sport drinks 20 minutes prior to the contest or any training session. This procedure can help prevent problems during practice and contests.
- Schools shall have unlimited amounts of water and sport drinks on hand during practices and contests, and coaches in team sports should be prepared to play a lot of players rather than just the starters.

- Contest officials are permitted to establish predetermined breaks during contests, such as halfway through each period. At that time, players can drink water and remove their equipment, which should also take place at halftime (the more skin that is exposed, the more cooling that can take place). This provision also applies to all sports.
- NFHS football playing rules allow the referee to shorten periods per mutual agreement by the opposing coaches. In addition, by mutual agreement a game may be terminated at any time.
- Contest managers are advised to monitor conditions for others affiliated with the contest, like cheerleaders, band members, coaches, officials and especially spectators.
- In football, if schools decide NOT to play a contest, it becomes an open date for both. If one school desires to play but the other does not, there are no forfeits involved. Again, it would become an open date for both schools. However, schools do have the option to reschedule contests, and OHSAA regulations do permit schools to play more than one contest per week. There also are no OHSAA regulations that prohibit games from being played on Sundays. The same concepts apply to all other OHSAA sports.
- Know both the Temperature and Humidity. The greater the humidity the more difficult it is for the body to cool itself. Test the air prior to practice or a game using a wet bulb, globe, temperature index (WBGT index) which is based on the combined effects of air temperature, relative humidity, radiant heat and air movement. The wet bulb temperature should be measured prior to practice, every 30 minutes at minimum during practice, and the intensity and duration of practice adjusted accordingly. Recommendations are as follows:

<79.7°F	Normal activities Three separate 3 minute breaks per hour
79.8-84.6°F	Three separate 4 minute breaks per hour Helmets and other equipment should be removed when the athlete is not directly involved with the competition, drill or practice and it is not otherwise required
84.7-87.6°F	Maximum practice time of 2 hours Four separate 4 minute breaks per hour FB: Limit to helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice Considering postponing practice to later in the day Allow athletes to change to dry shirts and shorts at defined intervals
87.8-89.7°F	Maximum of 1 hour of training with four separate 5 minute breaks in that hour No additional conditioning allowed FB/LAX: No helmets, shoulder pads, or other equipment is permitted Consider postponing practice to later in the day Allow athletes to change to dry shirts and shorts at defined intervals
89.8°F	No outdoor workouts No indoor workouts unless air conditioned

The OHSAA advises careful monitoring of the weather and plans to modify training and competition including:

- 1) Modification of equipment, if applicable to the sport
- 2) Allowance for more frequent rest breaks and the use of shaded areas for those breaks
- 3) Modification of practice time
- 4) Availability of water always
- 5) Availability of cold-water immersion tubs for onsite cooling
- 6) **If exertional heat stroke is suspected, immediate onsite cooling using cold water immersion before transport by EMS**

- 7) Review and practice of the OHSAA’s recommended Emergency Action Plan, “Anyone Can a Save A Life,” or similar plan for all sports teams with special emphasis on the heat illness section.

Looking Ahead to Tournament Time

The OHSAA sponsors Boys Tournaments in 3 division and Girls Tournaments in 2 divisions. Each of the state’s District Athletic Boards are empowered by the OHSAA Constitution to organize and conduct the boys’ and girls’ golf tournaments at the Sectional and District levels.

The 3 divisions in boys and 2 divisions in girls are determined by the EMIS reports from the October 2021 count. Divisional realignments will remain as listed below through the 2024 season.

Divisional breakdowns are based upon the following enrollments:

Division	Boys Enrolled	Total Schools	Division	Girls’ Enrolled	Total Schools
I	273 and more	207	I	239 and more	192
II	142 – 272	207	II	238 and less	192
III	141 and less	207			

State Tournament Dates

Boys Division III State Tournament: October 11-12

Site: Northstar Golf Club

Boys Division II State Tournament: October 13-14

Site: Firestone Country Club – North Course

Girls Division II State Tournament: October 13-14

Site: Firestone Country Club – Fazio Course

Boys Division I State Tournament: October 14-15

Site: NCR Country Club – South Course

Girls Division I State Tournament: October 14-15

Site: NCR Country Club – North Course

Athletic Districts

Representation to the State tournament (the number of State ‘qualifiers’) from District winners is determined by a formula based upon the number of teams participating in the previous year’s tournament. The complete tournament regulations that will be adopted by the Board of Directors at its’ August meeting will be able to be read in their entirety by logging on to www.ohsaa.org and navigating to the golf page under the “Sports and Tournaments” menu. Schools are assigned sites from their respective District Athletic Boards. You are encouraged to visit their websites for additional information.

Northwest District: www.ohsaa.org/nwdab

Central District: www.ohsaa.org/cdab

Southwest District: www.ohsaa.org/swdab

Southeast District: www.ohsaa.org/sedab

East District: www.ohsaa.org/edab

Northeast District: www.ohsaa.org/nedab



Sporting Conduct

The OHSAA challenges everyone to take positive steps toward positive sporting behavior. It is the responsibility of each of us to serve as a positive role model and set high expectations for others.

ADMINISTRATORS

Athletic departments are comprehensive, pre-eminent teaching departments with a subject matter all their own: self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, discipline, perseverance, respect for others, strategic thinking, dedication, the importance of rules, and sportsmanship. These are true-life lessons, and participation in athletics provides another forum for learning.

Coaches and Officials are responsible for promoting sportsmanship and positive behavior on the field. Administrators, we need your continued assistance in promoting sportsmanship and controlling fan behavior in the stands! Let the parents and fans know what you expect!

COACHES

Your athletes will demonstrate the attitudes and behaviors they have learned from you, either through direct instruction or through observation of your actions. *Never underestimate the influence you have on your players!* You must:

- Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Set a good example for players and spectators to follow.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Develop a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper sportsmanship and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

You serve as a role model for your younger siblings, young fans, your teammates, and your classmates. Set high expectations for everyone and help them follow-through! You must:

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing your school and the community.
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the school administration and the coaching staff.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with others. This will assist everyone in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Treat opponents as you would like to be treated with respect.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.

Your greatest challenge is to develop mature young adults who will become great citizens and role models in your community.

CONCLUSION

Good sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. It is the essence of interscholastic athletics. Remember...some may question an official's call or a coach's substitution, but no one can question the value of good sportsmanship.

Important Sports Medical Information

The safety of our student-athletes is always of utmost concern. Information regarding the following important topics can be found at the OHSAA's "Healthy Lifestyles and Sports Medicine" webpage at <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine>. Additional information relative to various equipment and rules relative to medical issues can be found throughout this manual as well.

- Heat Stress and Athletic Participation
- Recommendations for Hydration to Prevent Heat Illness
- Suggested Guidelines for Management of Head Trauma in Sports
- Communicable Disease Procedures (can also be found on at the end of the NFHS 2013-14 Rules Book)
- Links to the following sites:
 - Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine
 - Ohio Athletic Trainers Association
 - American Medical Society for Sports Medicine
 - Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth
 - National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA)
 - Gatorade Sports Science Institute News