



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Soccer Coach Memo July 31, 2020

OHSAA Covid-19 Update Page: Our organization has created a page where all 'Administrator Update' communications can be found, and a record of them will live. Additionally, there are resources that may also be helpful. <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondance>

Soccer Update from OHSAA (all sports are included in the latest administrator memo at the link above)

- Practices will begin on Saturday, Aug. 1
- No school vs. school scrimmages are permitted
- School vs. school contests will follow per their normal OHSAA permissible dates and regulations with a target date of Friday, Aug. 21 for soccer (Note: These dates are subject to change and subject to the approval from the Governor's Office/Ohio Department of Health and with the stipulation that COVID-19 testing will not be required).

OHSAA SUSPENSION OF SCRIMMAGES

On July 28, 2020, the OHSAA sent out a memo that included information regarding the suspension of scrimmages. This change is simply due to the fact that we have not been granted permission from the governor's office for our member schools to participate in contact sport contests without following the order signed on July 22, 2020.

On July 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health extended an order regarding contact sport competitions. **Section 9 of this order specifically addresses inter-team competition (two different teams competing against one another). Within this section are requirements that state "players, coaches, athletic trainers, support staff, and officials must...receive a negative COVID-19 test result before traveling to competition and a PCR COVID-19 test must be administered to each athlete and staff member participating in the competition no more than 72 hours prior to the start of the competition."**

Full order: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/2nd-Ext-Exp-2nd-Amended-Order-Contact-Sport.pdf>

ID Camps

While we await final approval of this ID camp waiver, please remember that these are not needed until a student-athlete has played in a school scrimmage/preview/contest, then wants to participate in an ID camp, and return to the team after without consequence. Once the waiver has been approved, it will be sent out and available on the website.

Required Rules Meeting

The rules meeting is a requirement for all head coaches and will be available through your "myOHSAA" account. IF you are a new head coach and are unfamiliar on how to access the meeting OR what your "myOHSAA" account is – please consult with your athletic director as soon as possible. After viewing the entire meeting, please reach out to your AD and have them check to make sure you received credit.

TO ACCESS ONLINE RULES MEETINGS:

1. Login to your myOHSAA account
2. Click on the "Rules Meeting" icon
3. Click on "Find a State Rules Meeting"
4. Search for your sport specific State Rules Meeting using the 'Sports' and 'Meeting Type' drop-down menus
5. Click on 'View Meeting'

OHSAA Coach Manual

The OHSAA Soccer Coach Manual is available on the soccer page (<https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/soccer>). This will be a helpful document to refer to in terms of any rule changes, as well as NFHS Soccer Considerations in 2020 related to Covid-19.