



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Update to Ohio Director of Health's Order

As Lt. Governor Husted indicated during Governor DeWine's news conference yesterday, a significant deletion has been made to the Ohio Director of Health's Order that was released today (Friday, September 25). Section C. viii. has been removed, which previously read:

- *To limit exposure of players, sport participants shall not compete in more than one contest or game in any calendar day, unless it is against the same team(s) or player(s) as in the initial game or contest, and no sponsor, owner or manager of a sports meet, event, tournament or competition shall offer sports participants the opportunity to compete in more than one contest or game in any calendar day, unless it is against the same team(s) or player(s) as in the initial game or contest. For purposes of this Order, "contest" means a meet or match in which multiple teams engage in a single competition. Examples includes cross country meets, golf matches, bowling matches and tennis matches. "Contests" do not include round-robin or other multiple game tournaments.*

This revision means that students **CAN** participate in multiple sports on the same day (e.g. run in cross country event in the morning and participate in a soccer contest later in the day). This revision also means that team sports CAN face multiple opponents on the same day.

Here is a link to the revised (9-25-20) Health Director's Order: <https://bit.ly/2RWa1jh>.

Friday Night Fútbol - 2021

- Save the Date - **August 13th** (earlier than normal, but still one week prior to football due to date changes)
- IF you choose to have a game this night, you get to have 17 games on your schedule
- Member schools electing to participate in the Friday Night Fútbol initiative are permitted to use one of their four allotted scrimmages to play a regulation game under all normal game conditions. This game would count toward a team's win-loss record and must be played on August 13th. Each participating school is required to perform a team service project, and fill out a waiver prior to the event.
- If you choose not to participate in the Friday Night Fútbol initiative, your start date will be 8/20.

Soccer Draw/Seeding Meeting:

Boys: October 11 at 2:00 pm

Girls: October 11 at 3:00 pm

NFHS Field Specifications:

Please utilize the resources on the NFHS website. As we get closer to tournament time, and if you are selected to be a host, your field must be compliant. Reminder that the covid-19 soccer recommendation for 2020 is to place benches on opposite sides of the field (different from what is shown in the diagram online) https://www.nfhs.org/media/727270/soccer_field_diagram_-2014-15.pdf

NFHS Soccer Ball:

There is no 'required' game ball for Sectional and District Tournaments. However, any ball used MUST have the NFHS Authentication mark. Wilson is the official game ball for the OHSAA and is used at all REGIONAL and STATE games. Other National Federation (NFHS) approved balls are able to be used for regular season play and for tournament play at the Sectional & District levels. The approved Wilson ball is the "**Forte FYBrid II**" Please note that 'pink' (or other commemorative colored) balls are not permitted to be used when playing games for 'special occasions' such as "Kick for the Cure".