



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## Soccer Coaches Memo #2 April 23, 2020

*I hope you all are doing well and staying safe!*  
*We understand this is an unforeseen time for us all, but please know that the OHSAA is working diligently to best serve our member schools, coaches and athletes, and making sure everyone remains healthy and safe.*  
*We realize there are different sport organizations making many different decisions across the nation and please know that we will communicate regularly with you, should there be any changes to sport seasons, regulations, etc.*  
*We are all aware that this pandemic has evolved daily and we must be prepared for any new directives from our national and statewide representatives.*  
*We greatly appreciate your understanding during this time!*

### **2020 Divisional Breakdowns:**

Please see the link below for the 2020 Divisional Breakdowns. The OHSAA tournament divisions for the 2020 soccer season were approved by the OHSAA Board of Directors on April 22, 2020. The information below is **NOT** the final list of schools that will be eligible to participate in the 2020 tournament, as schools have until October 5 to make changes to their tournament participation. In addition, multi-high school districts that restructure their high schools are required to have their enrollment reclassified as of September 10, which may change their assigned tournament division.

<https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/Divisional-Breakdowns-2020-21-School-Year>

### **Reminder of what you CAN do:**

While these are uncertain times, and you can't physically be with your athletes, there is a lot you still can do! We very much want our coaches to be communicating with our student-athletes, primarily to continue to build a sense of community and 'togetherness' in these very isolating times. We have also allowed coaches to give workouts to students-*to be done individually*. With technology, I have seen teams set up YouTube channels to share workouts, created google spreadsheets to compete through their workouts, etc. Obviously for the health and safety of our students, they should NOT be getting together as a group, or with their coaches. More than anything, think about enhancing the relationships. A favorite video: <https://vimeo.com/378024561/de6509dc41>

### **OHSAA's Raising Cane's Partnership:**

Restaurant chain, Raising Canes Ohio has entered into a partnership with OHSAA to provide funding for student-athlete scholarship programs, and support for postseason tournaments. With our current state of the pandemic, our partnerships have never been so important. This partnership kicks off on **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> form 4:00-close** when we are asking all member schools to participate by choosing Raising Canes as their dinner choice; 15% of all purchases will be donated to our organization. Additionally, we would love to see posts of our student athletes on social media that night using:

Twitter: @OHSAASports & @RaisingCanesOH

### **Soccer Coach Association:**

The OSSCA voted to move to a statewide online membership system. Due to the Coronavirus and the economic uncertainty for many, the OSSCA has decided to reduce state dues for the 2020 season from \$20 to \$15. The OSSCA just renewed a partnership with the United Soccer Coaches for a higher rate with many additional perks for OSSCA members but in discussion with the United Soccer Coaches they will not increase dues for OSSCA members and the dues will remain at \$60 for the 2020 season. Basic membership with the United Soccer Coaches is \$125 but all OSSCA will pay \$60 for the 2020 season. A new partnership agreement will be discussed in January of 2021 with the United Soccer Coaches. The OSSCA voted to have a statewide deadline for membership registration of September 1 which is 11 days into the regular season.

### **Friday Night Futbol & Future Dates:**

Friday Night Futbol is currently still planned for **August 21**. The Columbus Crew continues to be a great partner, and we are working together to ensure that Friday Night Futbol happens in 2020. I will send more information as we get closer to the season.

Additionally, current future dates are listed here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/calendar/FutureDates#Soccer>