



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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**TO:** Softball Coaches and Directors of Athletics

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**SUBJECT:** Softball Summer Updates

## **OHSAA SOFTBALL SEASON RECAP AND UPDATES**

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### Firestone Stadium Renovation (Akron, OH) – Home of the OHSAA State Semifinals and Finals

Beginning August 2022, Firestone Stadium will undergo a renovation to install field turf, which will cover the entire infield and outfield playing area. The renovation will be done in time for the 2023 spring softball season and OHSAA state tournament.

### Important Future Dates

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Aug. 1-31, 2022 | No Contact Period         |
| Feb. 20, 2023   | First Day of Coaching     |
| March 25, 2023` | First date of competition |
| March 25, 2023  | Non-Interscholastic Date  |

\*Note: The recommendation to change the start of the regular season was not approved.

## **OHSAA UPDATE**

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### New OHSAA Logo

The OHSAA will be introducing a new logo.



### OHSAA Website Update

Fall of 2022, the OHSAA will be launching a fan-based website in conjunction with the current website. This website will be more fan friendly and allow more direct access to pertinent tournament information. The current website will still be active for administrators and coaches to access sport specific documents and information.

### OHSAA Divisional Assignments – **Announced September 2022**

The OHSAA uses enrollment data provided by the Ohio Department of Education to determine each school's base enrollment numbers for girls and boys sports, which will be used for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. Divisional breakdowns for the sports that utilize competitive balance data, are reconfigured every year, while non-competitive balance sports are reconfigured every two years using only base enrollment numbers.

Spring sport numbers will be announced in September. For more information on the timeline of this process and divisional assignments for each sport, please check our website [here](#).

## **APPROVED SOFTBALL SPECIFIC REGULATIONS**

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The Board of Directors approved the following major changes to the 2022 Softball Regulations. The approved regulations will go into effect beginning August 1, 2022. Further updates regarding General Sport Regulations will be released later this summer.

### **Overview of Softball Specific Sport Regulations**

**Indoor Softball:** Indoor softball is defined as the game of softball, adapted to play in a indoor facility. Participation in indoor Softball is not a violation of OHSAA non-interscholastic Sports Regulation 7 for student-athletes if played indoors from November 1, 2022 – February 1, 2023. Interscholastic coaches may coach their own interscholastic players on an indoor softball team.

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