



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## **ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

2023-24 School Year, No. 15

**TO:** Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators  
**FR:** OHSAA Executive Director's Office

The following are updates and reminders for member school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators. Please share this update with other interested administrators and coaches on your staff.

### **Current List of 2024 Referendum Issues Available; Dates & Sites Set for Athletic Discussion Meetings**

The OHSAA Board of Directors has currently approved recommendations from the Executive Director's Office to place five items (all Bylaws) up for referendum vote of the membership for 2024. Member school principals will vote upon these issues between May 1 and 15. A few additional referendum items to place before the membership may be approved by the Board in March. Details on the current approved referendum issues are here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/2024ReferendumIssues-FebApproved.pdf>.

In addition, the OHSAA will again host Athletic Discussion Meetings for school administrators in each of the six OHSAA athletic districts in April. **Registration information will be sent later this week** asking athletic administrators to complete the registration process for not only themselves but also superintendents and principals. Director Kristin Ronai will review the upcoming OHSAA referendum issues on which member school principals will vote in May, and Executive Director Doug Ute will discuss current issues of interest. Meetings will take place as follows:

**Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 to noon** – Community Auditorium, **Clayton Northmont** High School

**Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 to noon** – Auditorium, **Streetsboro** High School

**Thursday, April 18, 10:00 to noon** – Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, **Athens**

**Monday, April 22, 10:00 to noon** – Quest Conference Center, **Westerville**

**Thursday, April 25, 1:30 to 3:30** – Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, **Cambridge**

**Tuesday, April 30, 9:00 to noon** – \*Camden Falls Reception & Conference Center, **Tiffin**

*\*Combined with Northwest District Athletic Board awards ceremony and lunch*

### **Tickets Remain on Sale for Upcoming OHSAA Tournaments**

Tickets remain on sale for the upcoming OHSAA winter state tournaments. These tickets must be purchased online through the OHSAA's digital ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing, or Ticketmaster by going to <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. Here is additional information:

#### **Boys and Girls Division I Bowling**

Friday-Saturday, March 8-9, HP Lanes, Columbus

#### **Boys and Girls Wrestling**

Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, Schottenstein Center,  
The Ohio State University, Columbus

#### **Ice Hockey**

Friday and Sunday, March 8 and 10, Nationwide Arena,  
Columbus

#### **Girls Basketball**

Thursday-Saturday, March 14-16, University of Dayton Arena

#### **Boys Basketball**

Friday-Sunday, March 22-24, University of Dayton Arena

For questions, contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager Claudia Markoff at [cmarkoff@ohsaa.org](mailto:cmarkoff@ohsaa.org)

### **OHSAA February Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available**

Here is a link to the minutes from February 15, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2023-24/20240215BoardMinutes.pdf>.

Please feel free to share this link with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in the board minutes.

## 2024 Spring Sports Schedules

Spring sports practices have started. Here is a calendar of important dates for the OHSAA's spring sports:

### Baseball

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 4 after practice begins (or 3 scrimmages and 1 preview)

First Contest – Saturday, March 23

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 1

### Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 3 after practice begins

First Contest – Friday, March 15

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, March 25

### Softball

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 4 after practice begins (or 3 scrimmages and 1 preview)

First Contest – Saturday, March 23

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Saturday, March 23

### Boys Tennis

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 1 after practice begins but before first contest

First Contest – Friday, March 22

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 8

### Track & Field

Scrimmages with Other Schools – none permitted

First Contest – Saturday, March 23

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 29

### Boys Volleyball

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 5 after practice begins plus 1 preview

First Contest – Friday, March 8

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 1

## Basketball Out-of-Season Reminders

School coaches are permitted to coach non-school teams (AAU, AYBT, GYB, etc.) outside the season with players from your school teams on it. Before they coach and have voluntary practice outside the season, read these regulations that must be followed:

- 1.) The No-Contact Period must be followed. It still exists and means that your school coach will NOT be permitted to coach starting with the first day after the school's last interscholastic contest and ending 28 days later. This means that no coach, paid or volunteer and approved by the Board of Education, shall coach or provide skill instruction to team members in the sport of basketball during this no-contact period. This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for purposes of non-interscholastic competition.
- 2.) General Sports Regulation 7-3-1 indicates the number of team members that can participate together on a non-interscholastic team. In place since August 1, 2022, a non-interscholastic team may now have three (3) players that played for the same school team. Whether a school coach or a non-school coach is coaching a non-school team, only three players from the same school team are permitted.
- 3.) There can be no rotating players from your school teams from one non-school game to another. In other words, a team that consists of three players from your school does NOT mean that non-school team can use three different players in each game in which it plays or cannot move players in and out of that same non-school team from one weekend to the next. This is true whether or not the school coach is coaching the non-school team.

For more details, please review OHSAA General Sports Regulation 7.3.1, which can be accessed here:

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

## NFHS And NCAA Hosting Webinar on Initial Eligibility, Recruiting and More for High School Coaches

### Tomorrow (Wednesday, March 6)

In collaboration with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the NCAA Eligibility Center will be hosting a one-hour webinar event about initial eligibility, recruiting, the coaching experience and more for high school and non-interscholastic coaches **TOMORROW**, March 6, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this valuable and informative session. Registration is available here: <https://mc97gsxn49y6wmpf4p2n764zq7z1.pub.sfmc-content.com/erpqhfp1xqg>. If there are coaches that you know will benefit from this webinar experience, feel free to forward the registration link.

## LiFesport Program at Ohio State Offers Upcoming Trainings and Other Resources

Administrators looking for more opportunities for your coaches to learn are encouraged to check out the OHSAA's partnership with [Coach Beyond](#) and the LiFesports Initiative at The Ohio State University.

- **FREE Regional Mental Health Trainings:** Coach Beyond has a one-hour training session on *Supporting Student-Athlete Mental Health* that is approved for the new PAP requirements in Ohio, and we are bringing it to you! Here are the links for more information and to register:

- [Southwest Ohio Trainings on April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Southeast Ohio Trainings on April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)
- [Northeast Ohio Trainings on May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>](#)

Northwest Ohio Trainings dates and locations to come soon!

- **Online Mental Health Training:** In addition to an in-person training, Coach Beyond has an online one-hour training module that has been approved for the new PAP requirements. Check out the [Online Supporting Student-Athlete Mental Health](#) module on our website!
- **Coach Beyond Webinar:** Please join us for a webinar on the status of coaching for women and girls. This webinar will focus on

best practices for supporting and empowering female coaches, as well as “how-to’s” when coaching girls! To register for this webinar on March 22, 2024, at noon, please click here: [go.osu.edu/coachingwomenandgirls](https://go.osu.edu/coachingwomenandgirls)

### **Mandatory Online Rules Meetings Requirements for Spring Sports**

Please remind your spring sports coaches that all OHSAA sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. Rules meetings have been posted or will be posted in *myOHSAA*, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for spring 2024 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
<b>Baseball</b>	Currently Available	Sun., Mar. 24	Mon., Apr. 22, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Lacrosse (B)</b>	Currently Available	Sat., Mar. 16	Mon., Apr. 22, 11:59 p.m.	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Lacrosse (G)</b>	Currently Available	Sat., Mar. 16	Mon., Apr. 22, 11:59 p.m.	Kate Barnett ( <a href="mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org">kbarnett@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Softball</b>	Currently Available	Sun., Mar. 24	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton ( <a href="mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org">mbritton@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Tennis (B)</b>	Currently Available	Fri., Mar. 22	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	TBD
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	Currently Available	Sat., Mar. 23	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	TBD
<b>Volleyball (B)</b>	Currently Available	Sat., Mar. 16	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason ( <a href="mailto:emason@ohsaa.org">emason@ohsaa.org</a> )
<b>Late Fee Begins</b>	Day after first date of competition			

### **Columbus to Host NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Final Four at Capital University**

Capital University in Columbus will host the 2024 NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Final Four on March 14 and 16 at the Capital Center. Semifinals on March 14 are at 5:00 and 7:30 and the final on March 16 is at 7:00. The WBCA All-Star game will also be held March 16 starting at 4:00. For tickets, go here: <https://athletics.capital.edu/sports/2024/2/22/ncaa-division-iii-womens-basketball-championship-tickets.aspx>. Groups of 10 or more can call 614-236-6174 for assistance. A clinic for girls ages 6 to 13 will also be held on March 16 from 2:00 to 3:30 at the Capital Center. To register for the clinic, go here: [https://events.com/r/en\\_US/registration/2024-wbca-all-star-girls-basketball-clinic-columbus-march-927763](https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/2024-wbca-all-star-girls-basketball-clinic-columbus-march-927763).

Thank you for your attention to this information. Please contact us if we can be of service!