



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

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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 later this week. 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 has been sent** 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 OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament

Tickets remain on sale for the upcoming OHSAA Boy State Basketball Tournament, which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday (March 22-24) at the University of Dayton Arena. Tickets must be purchased online through the OHSAA's digital ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing, by going to <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. For questions, contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager Claudia Markoff at cmarkoff@ohsaa.org. Pairings, dates and times for the tournament are available here:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Boys/Boys-Basketball-2023-24/2024-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>.

Ohio State Coach Beyond Program Reaches Goal of Training 15,000 Coaches

In 2021, the OHSAA and LiFEsports at The Ohio State University started collaborative work to change the landscape of coach training and education in Ohio. Ultimately, this partnership grew into a statewide initiative known as Coach Beyond. Over the last three years, a team of coaches, athletic administrators, OHSAA administrators and LiFEsports leaders set out to audit coaching education, conduct a statewide needs assessment, design and pilot trainings and ultimately train 15,000 coaches by June 2024. We are excited to share that [LiFEsports at The Ohio State University](#), in partnership with the OHSAA, has reached this goal, training 15,000 coaches to go beyond the X's and O's! Congratulations to everyone on the state team, LiFEsports and the OHSAA. To learn more about Coach Beyond, please visit this [website](#).

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 14th & 15th](#) • [Southeast Ohio Trainings on April 21st & 22nd](#) • [Northeast Ohio Trainings on May 30th & 31st](#) • Northwest Ohio – May 13th & 14th – More info coming soon!

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

All Practices Begin August 1 for 2024 Fall Sports Programs

All OHSAA 2024 fall sports programs have an official start date for coaching and tryouts of Thursday, August 1. The exception is golf, which can begin coaching and tryouts on Monday, July 29. The first date of competition is:

Cross Country: Monday, August 19

Golf: Monday, July 29

Field Hockey: Friday, August 16

Soccer: Friday, August 16

Football: Monday, August 19 (most will start Friday, August 23)

Tennis (Girls): Friday, August 9

Volleyball (Girls): Friday, August 16

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 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

Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

Scrimmages with Other Schools – 3 after practice begins

First Contest – Already Started

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, March 25

Track & Field

Scrimmages with Other Schools – none permitted

First Contest – Saturday, March 23

Non-Interscholastic Deadline Date – Monday, April 29

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 Volleyball

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

First Contest – Already Started

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>.

Competitive Balance Roster Data Entry Period Opens for Winter Sports

Administrators are reminded that the window to enter Competitive Balance roster data for the winter sports of boys basketball and girls basketball is open. Athletic administrators, or their designees, must submit their roster data within FinalForms. The deadline to submit basketball roster data is **Friday, April 5, 2024**. **ALL** schools that compete in a varsity contest in those sports must submit their roster data by that date. All other winter sports are **not** part of Competitive Balance. Note that the deadline for submitting Competitive Balance roster data for the fall sports of football, soccer and volleyball has passed. For questions, For questions, please contact Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org) of our compliance staff.

OHSAA Board Resolution for Membership Cards

The OHSAA Constitution requires the board of education or similar governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing its schools that were members during the 2023-24 school year to continue membership for the 2024-25 school year. The OHSAA Board Resolution Card, which requires a signature from the governing body's president and superintendent/head of school, has been mailed. Please read the instructions that accompany the card, complete the required items and return the card to the OHSAA office using the pre-stamped envelope provided **no later than June 30, 2024**. For questions, please contact Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org).

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
Baseball	Currently Available	Sun., Mar. 24	Mon., Apr. 22, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (B)	Currently Available	Has Started	Mon., Apr. 22, 11:59 p.m.	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (G)	Currently Available	Has Started	Mon., Apr. 22, 11:59 p.m.	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Softball	Currently Available	Sun., Mar. 24	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org)
Tennis (B)	Currently Available	Fri., Mar. 22	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	TBD
Track & Field	Currently Available	Sat., Mar. 23	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	TBD
Volleyball (B)	Currently Available	Has Started	Mon., Apr. 15, 11:59 p.m.	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition			

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