

This is mostly devoted to Tournament Preparation – Tournament time is closer than most people think and this should help with many things as Sectional Tournaments draw near.

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District Athletic Boards Conduct ALL Sectional-District Tournaments

Though District Athletic Boards (DAB's) operate as part of the OHSAA, they are given the sole task of conducting tournaments at the Sectional & District level. This is important to know as communications to you and your coaches regarding upcoming Seed/Draw meetings will come from the respective 6 DAB's. You can check out more on the specifics of the DAB's here:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/general/about/districtbod.htm>

Tournament Registration – Withdrawing From Tournaments

Double check your school's myOHSAA Profile. As long as you have checked that you are sponsoring a sport – you have been automatically registered for that sport. If you are considering withdrawing from a tournament (not enough players, etc.), you may still do so but you must do so within the time frame provided on page 65 of the OHSAA Handbook.

Tournament Entry Forms

Even though you are REGISTERED for a sport, you must still complete "Tournament Entry Forms". These are completed online and include submission of Coach Pupil Activity Coaching Permit numbers.

What If My Coach Does Not Have His/Her Pupil Activity Coaching Permit back from the ODE?

In these cases, one of the options for listing the Permit Number is "Pending". Select that option. We recognize that and can go in through the ODE and check the status in any random audit.

Official OHSAA Eligibility Sheets

You are required to submit an Official Eligibility Sheet to your tournament manager. Since you are permitted to dress a specific number of players from game to game that are on your official eligibility sheet – place EVERY 9-12 player on your Eligibility Sheet that you submit. Even if that 9th grade player has no chance of every dressing for a tournament – include them all. It is just easier that way.

Draw Dates – Online Seeding – Seeding Procedures

Some districts are utilizing "online seeding" procedures. The instructions will be sent directly to you and your coaches from the respective DAB's. Please have your coaches familiarize themselves with the procedures for voting AND placing themselves on brackets at the draw meetings. These procedures are outlined in each of the Tournament Regulations (see below). Coaches should know if they are permitted to 'pass', whether they can vote for themselves, etc. Each coach will also need to know the division of their opponents. **The easiest way to do this is to go to this link:** <http://schedules.myohsaa.org/> **type in the opponent and scroll to the bottom.** The division for each sport is listed next to the sport that school sponsors.

Tournament Regulations

Regardless of whether you play at your site, another team's site, or a neutral site, a set of regulations exist to standardize all tournaments across the state. These Tournament Regulations are adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors that represent all Districts in the state. There are 2 very important aspects of this:

1. IF you are hosting a tournament as a higher seed OR as a neutral site manager, you MUST familiarize yourself with these regulations and insure they are followed at your site. Even if you are the home team...you must follow TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.
2. Please download these Tournament Regulations and provide them to your respective sport coaches. It is important for THEM to know and understand these regulations prior to competing.

You can download/forward the Tournament Regulations from the following links.

Golf: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/go/gorglts.pdf>

Tennis: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/te/boys/bterglt.pdf>

Volleyball: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/fh/girls/fhrglts.pdf>

Soccer: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf>

Field Hockey: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/fh/girls/fhrglts.pdf>

Cross Country: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/cc/ccrglts.pdf>

Number In Uniform

The OHSAA does NOT designate how many can 'dress' for a regular season game (many do not know that) but DOES have limitations for tournaments. You can find this in the tournament regulations listed above and coaches should be aware of this BEFORE going to their tournament draws. They may rotate players from game to game but those players must all be on the OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY SHEET turned in at your seed/draw meetings.

Cheerleaders & Pep Bands

"Most" tournaments permit Pep Bands and Cheerleaders. Pep bands ARE permitted at Soccer Tournaments. Check to see with each District if they permit them (Pep Bands) in on Pass Lists. Some sports throughout the year limit the number of cheerleaders that may cheer during a tournament game. Just good to know ahead of time and that is addressed in Tournament Regulations.