

The Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Greetings to each of you and thanks for letting me share time with those of you that attended the OIAAA conference the other night. I know the daunting tasks ahead of you and as mentioned – my job is to HELP make it easier for you. The Tuesday OHSAA session was a ton of info but I also know most of you are probably more concerned with getting through “Picture Day” for your programs and local media than the exceptions to the transfer bylaw. PLEASE use me (and others I will mention) as a resource. I committed myself a few short years ago to help all Athletic Directors, especially those ‘new’ to the position. The more successful YOU are....the easier my job becomes. If you find my “WIN’s” clogging up your email inbox and of no help – you will never offend me by simply hitting the delete button!

1. Have a Question.....Just Contact Me!

As I mentioned, often the best way is via email at jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org or text on my cell at 614-949-2970. If you have something that is immediate, no matter how simple you might think the question is.... You may have to identify yourself the first time but I will put you in my contacts for future reference. Any questions you might have that are specific to an issue you are facing now....send my way. I'll compile a listing of them and share with everyone – I can almost assure you that others are encountering the same issue.

2. myOHSAA

Get used to it...it will become your friend (and at times your frustration!). myOHSAA is the data management system created by the OHSAA for your use. It contracts opponents, contracts officials, rates officials, records scores, manages the Harbin FB (computer) ratings, etc. The system has come a LONG way. You will need a ‘user name’ and ‘password’. If you happen to be a Tournament Manager, you will have a separate login/password as a tournament manager (more on that later). The greatest friend you'll have working with myOHSAA and the various data items is Jacki WIndon. You can reach Jacki at jwindon@ohsaa.org

3. Set Your Priorities

Despite all the great information you heard yesterday, don't ask yourself “*what did I get myself into*”. Just prioritize some of the items I mention and other things covered today will “*happen when they happen*”. I would recommend these priorities:

- **Start Checking Eligibility**
- **Make sure Coaches are Certified & Attend their required Rules Meeting (see below)**
- **Schedule a Pre-Season Meeting for Parents/Coaches (Schedule your Winter one while you are at it!)**
- **Mark a few Calendar Items (Tournament Draw dates, Officials Voting Requirement)**
- **Develop a Plan to Accurately obtain Rosters from Coaches (you'll need them for programs and media)**
- **Check to See if You Have Any Transfer Students that are on any of your Fall Teams**
- **Check Your Game Contracts**

I will be giving you some pointers on each of these to give you help.

4. Getting Your Coaches Certified

No doubt, a huge challenge. Here is the ‘nuts and bolts’ of Coach Certification:

- Pupil Activity Coaching Permits and Certification of coaches is required by the Ohio Department of Education. The OHSAA requires all coaches to meet the requirements of the ODE and Ohio Administrative Code.
- All school coaches, whether PAID or VOLUNTEER must meet the requirements.
- Certification is checked at the tournament level through the Tournament Entry Form.
- Certification is complete by obtaining a “Pupil Activity Coaching Permit” issued by the ODE.
- An application is required to the ODE and the following is required:
 - o Completion of an approved Sports First Aid Course
 - o Completion of the NFHS (or CDC) Concussion Course
 - o Completion of an approved CPR Course (not an online course)
 - o Completion of an FBI Background Check (done through most schools)
 - o Completion of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching

This is a GREAT Resource on the ODE Website to explain everything in detail and common sense language:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits>

5. Mandatory Rules Interpretation Meetings

The OHSAA requires all schools to be represented at a “Rules Interpretation Meeting” with the real **intent** being that the HEAD COACH attend these meetings. Attendance is required to be eligible for Tournament Play. Take a moment to send a quick email reminder to your head coaches reminding them to do this. Rules meetings are not required in Cross Country or Tennis. Online meeting links are available on each of the sport web pages at www.ohsaa.org

6. Affidavits for Transfer Students

As you probably are aware of now, for any student that MOVES into your district, they will submit an ‘Affidavit of Bonafide Residence’ in order to seek immediate eligibility. Please remember that a student-athlete is INELIGIBLE until they are approved on that affidavit and are not permitted to participate in scrimmages, Previews, Jamboree games or regular season contests **until they are approved**. Also, please know that it takes time for staff members to review the affidavits submitted. It may take up to a week because of the volume that come in. They are reviewed and decisions made in **the order in which they come in** – NOT whether or not a school *needs the player badly to win a game*. Please be sensitive to that.

Who Do I Contact?

Need to Send in an Affidavit?

Send to Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org)

Question on Transfer or ACADEMIC Eligibility?

Send to Roxanne Price (rprice@ohsaa.org) or Debbie Moore (dmoore@ohsaa.org)

Question about an Exchange Student?

Send to Roxanne Price (rprice@ohsaa.org)

Have a sport question in:

Golf?

Email Lauren Prochaska (lprochaska@ohsaa.org)

Girls' Tennis?

Email Ken Kaiser (kkaiser@ohsaa.org)

Boys' & Girls' Soccer?

Email Jerry Snodgrass (jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org)

Volleyball?

Email Debbie Moore (dmoore@ohsaa.org)

Some Great Resources

The "No-Contact Period" began on August 10. This is a great document to provide to your winter and spring sport coaches:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/ReboundersReport/BasketballNo-ContactRule.pdf>

Do you have a NEW head basketball coach in your school? This is a great document to provide them to answer the questions they often have:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/ReboundersReport/BasketballCoachPermissionOverview.pdf>

Help & Guidelines for Getting coaches certified?

<http://ohsaa.org/members/coaches/OHSAACoachCertificationExplained.pdf>



Junior High Regulations - OHSAA

Nearly ALL General Sport Regulations & Bylaws you read in the OHSAA Handbook are enforced for member Junior High's also. Except those you will read below.

Junior High Playing Rules - NFHS

In the NFHS Playing Rules, all are for grades 7-12 unless so designated. Those that have separate Junior High playing rules (such as the size of a game ball in basketball) are designated in the NFHS Playing Rules as "State Adoptions" and are clearly articulated to coaches through their online meetings AND their online Coaches Manuals.

Junior High Transfers

This is one that few veteran AD's actually know – the OHSAA's Transfer Bylaws are **not enforced** at the Junior High/Middle School level.

OHSAA Ejection Policy

If a player is ejected from a REGULAR SEASON CONTEST,XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Rules Meeting Attendance

Ineligible Athletes are not permitted to be in uniform, warm-up or play in scrimmages, Jamborees, Previews or games

Reminders!

Take a moment and Download your Fall Sport Coach's Manuals and give to Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches for each sport. They are detailed regulations. This will ultimately help YOU!

Volleyball:

Boys'/Girls' Soccer:

Golf:

Tennis:

Cross Country: