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OHSAA Football Schools Permitted Third Preseason Contest and May Include Jamboree Game

Jamboree game permitted from August 14-22

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio High School Athletic Association football schools will be permitted to participate in three preseason contests at the high school level, OHSAA Commissioner Daniel B. Ross has announced. As in the past, there may be a maximum of two scrimmages held, but now a third contest – a Jamboree – is permitted. For 2009, the Jamboree may be held anytime between August 14 and August 22.

A Jamboree is a contest played in accordance with National Federation of State High School Associations playing rules. The Jamboree will provide football teams with a "game-like" tune-up prior to the first official game and will give school athletic departments an additional revenue generating activity. In addition, schools that sponsor a Jamboree will contribute a portion of the income to the OHSAA to help defray costs of providing catastrophe accident insurance coverage. OHSAA catastrophic accident insurance provides coverage for more than 300,000 Ohio interscholastic athletes in the event of a catastrophic injury (medical bills exceeding \$25,000). The annual cost of the insurance is \$700,000.

"I think the coaches are excited that they will be able to provide their players with another tune-up prior to their first game," Ross said. "By charging admission, it will also give our member schools another revenue source during these tough economic times.

"In addition, the revenues generated will assist in paying the annual insurance premium, which provides catastrophe accident coverage for member school students who are athletes, managers, trainers and cheerleaders within the entire interscholastic program," Ross added. "By approving the Jamboree, our Board of Directors believes this is a 'win-win' for everyone."

Details of the new football measures are listed below. Also included in this release are sample Jamboree Game formats.

- Schools are permitted three preseason contest opportunities but are NOT required to utilize all three opportunities.
- Schools are permitted to conduct any of the following:
 - IF HOLDING THREE PRESEASON CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES (choice of one):
 - a. One scrimmage, one preview and one Jamboree Game.
 - b. Two scrimmages and one Jamboree Game.
 - IF HOLDING TWO PRESEASON CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES (choice of one):
 - a. One scrimmage and one Jamboree Game.
 - b. One preview and one Jamboree Game.
 - c. Two scrimmages
 - d. One scrimmage and one preview.

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ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- A school may choose to conduct the Jamboree Game as its second or third preseason contest opportunity (but may NOT conduct the Jamboree Game as its first preseason contest opportunity).
- A school may NOT conduct three scrimmages (or two scrimmages and one preview) without the second or third contest opportunity being a Jamboree Game.
- An application fee of \$250 per school must be submitted to the OHSAA when a Jamboree Game is held. Details on the registration/application procedures are attached.
- Beginning in 2010, the Jamboree Game will be permitted ONLY on the Friday or Saturday preceding the first game of the regular season.

While approving the addition of the Jamboree, the OHSAA Board of Directors also has adopted the preseason football schedule for member schools. It should be noted that 7th-8th grade football teams are now permitted to add a second scrimmage, but the first scrimmage may not be held until after 10 days of practice. The second scrimmage will be eliminated in 2010 in place of an eighth regular season game. Currently 7th and 8th grade football teams may play seven games. The schedule is listed below.

2009 OHSAA Preseason Football Practice Schedule

NOTE: 7th-8th grade teams can scrimmage after 10 days of practice and prior to their first game

Week 1

- Mon., Aug. 3: Practice may begin (Acclimatization Day 1 - shorts, shoes and helmets, no contact)
- Tue., Aug. 4: Practice (Acclimatization Day 2 - shorts, shoes and helmets, no contact)
- Wed., Aug. 5: Practice (Acclimatization Day 3 - shorts, shoes, shoulder pads and helmets, no contact)
- Thu., Aug. 6: Practice (Acclimatization Day 4 - shorts, shoes, shoulder pads and helmets, no contact)
- Fri., Aug. 7: Practice (Acclimatization Day 5 - full equipment, no contact)
- Sat., Aug. 8: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted)

Week 2

- Sun., Aug. 9: Mandatory day off
- Mon., Aug. 10: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted)
- Tue., Aug. 11: First day high school scrimmage permitted (provided schools completed the five days of acclimatization and two days of regular practice)
- Wed., Aug. 12: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted)
- Thu., Aug. 13: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted)
- Fri., Aug. 14: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted)
First day high school Jamboree permitted (through Sat., Aug. 22)
First day 7th-8th grade scrimmage permitted (provided schools completed the five days of acclimatization and five days of regular practice)
- Sat., Aug. 15: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted); Jamboree permitted

Week 3

- Sun., Aug. 16: Mandatory day off
- Mon., Aug. 17: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted); Jamboree permitted
- Tue., Aug. 18: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted); Jamboree permitted
- Wed., Aug. 19: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted); Jamboree permitted
- Thu., Aug. 20: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted); Jamboree permitted
- Fri., Aug. 21: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted); Jamboree permitted
- Sat., Aug. 22: Practice (full equipment and full contact permitted)
Last day high school Jamboree or scrimmage permitted

Week 4

- Sun., Aug. 23: Mandatory day off
 - Mon., Aug. 24: First day high school and 7th-8th grade game permitted*
- * Most varsity teams will play their first contest on Friday, Aug. 28, or Saturday, Aug. 29

Jamboree Sample Format No. 1 (Varsity Game Only Between Two Schools)

Purpose: Conduct a preseason varsity football contest (Jamboree), which will serve as preparation for the team, generate excitement in the community and create additional income for the school.

Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 students

4:00-7:00 Chicken Barb-B-Q sponsored by the athletic boosters or student council, etc.
4:00-halftime 50/50 Raffle
5:00 Pregame concert by marching band
6:30 Kickoff

Jamboree Sample Format No. 2 (Varsity Game Only Between Four Schools)

Purpose: Conduct a preseason varsity football contest (Jamboree), which will serve as preparation for the team, generate excitement in the community and create additional income for the school.

Admission: \$6 adults, \$4 students

4:30-8:30 Tailgate party sponsored by the athletic boosters or student council, etc.
4:30-8:30 50/50 Raffle
5:00 Pregame concert by marching bands
6:30 Two quarters played between host school and visiting school #1
7:30 Half ends, teams exit field and/or join tailgate party
7:30 Pregame warm-ups begin for visiting school #2 and visiting school #3
8:00 Two quarters played between visiting school #2 and visiting school #3

Jamboree Sample Format No. 3 (Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Contest Between Two Schools)

Purpose: Conduct preseason contests featuring the freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams between two schools (Jamboree), which will serve as preparation for the team, generate excitement in the community and create additional income for the school.

Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 students

3:00-4:00 High school cheerleaders conduct youth clinic, \$10 per youth cheerleader
4:00-4:30 Marching band concert
4:30-7:00 Athletic boosters hold spaghetti dinner
4:30-8:00 50/50 Raffle
4:45 Freshmen teams play two quarters, 9 minutes each
5:30 Freshmen half ends; junior varsity game warm-ups begin
6:00 Junior varsity teams play two quarters, 10 minutes each
7:00 Junior varsity half ends; varsity game warm-ups begin
7:30 Varsity teams play full game, 12 minutes per quarter

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Note: Jamboree Application follows.

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OHSAA FOOTBALL JAMBOREE APPLICATION

JAMBOREE PURPOSE

The Jamboree is intended to be a final “tune-up” for the football season. It is intended as an activity that can involve the entire school community and generate excitement. Another purpose is to provide an early season revenue generating activity, where the revenue will benefit the participating schools and all interscholastic athletes. All athletes will benefit because of a contribution to the OHSAA catastrophe insurance fund.

JAMBOREE DEFINITION

A Jamboree is a football pre-season contest that is played in accordance with NFHS playing rules. An admission fee may be charged. Participation in a Jamboree is optional. If held, a Jamboree shall be a third pre-season event. It may follow either one or two scrimmages. If held, a Jamboree must be held on specific playing dates. A Jamboree Application and Fee shall be provided to the OHSAA by August 1.

* Note: In 2009, a Jamboree may be held from Aug. 14-22 and does not have to be the final preseason event.

JAMBOREE FORMAT

A Jamboree can be one varsity game. A Jamboree can be held with four varsity teams, each playing a half. A Jamboree may be one half of a freshman game and/or one half of a junior varsity game followed by a varsity contest. All contests must be conducted in accordance with NFHS football rules

DATES & DEADLINES

August 1, 2009	- Deadline to Submit Jamboree Application
August 14-22, 2009	- May play a Jamboree
August 1, 2010	- Deadline to Submit Jamboree Application
August 20-21, 2010	- May play a Jamboree

LOGISTICS

- April 2, 2009 – the OHSAA Board of Directors approved the addition of a Football Jamboree.
- The 2009 Jamboree may be held anytime beginning August 14 and ending on August 22.
- Beginning in 2010 a Jamboree will be permitted only on the Friday or Saturday prior to the opening week of the regular season. (August 20-21, 2010)
- OHSAA member schools are encouraged, but not required, to participate.
- See sample Jamboree formats. Other formats may be appropriate.

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APPLICABLE OHSAA REGULATIONS

- Five acclimatization days.
- A minimum of seven days of practice is required prior to the first scrimmage.
- Each high school team is permitted a maximum of two scrimmages and one Jamboree or one scrimmage and one preview. (Note – for 2009 only, a school can have one scrimmage, one preview and one Jamboree.)
- A Jamboree must be played in accordance with NFHS football rules.
- Beginning in 2010, a Jamboree must be held on either the Friday or Saturday preceding the first week of the regular season (August 20 or 21).

REVENUE

Participating schools are permitted to charge admission for Jamboree games. Schools are also encouraged to identify activities to include with the Jamboree such as youth sports mini-camps, cheerleading clinics, band concerts, dinner and barbeque, raffles, autograph sessions, etc. By identifying such activities, opportunities for increasing revenues beyond ticket sales may provide further support for your school's athletic programs.

SPONSOR INVOLVEMENT & SUPPORT

Schools may elect to identify a sponsor to make the \$250 contribution to the OHSAA catastrophe insurance fund. The OHSAA is a 501(C)(3) organization responsible to its member schools for athletics oversight. All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHSAA CATASTROPHE INSURANCE FUND

As part of the football Jamboree, each participating school is required to make a \$250 contribution to the OHSAA catastrophe insurance fund. The OHSAA pays an annual premium of \$700,000 for catastrophe insurance. This policy insures over 300,000 Ohio interscholastic athletes in the event that a catastrophic injury (where medical bills exceed \$25,000) occurs. Please review the OHSAA website for a description of the policy.

Checks should be made payable to the OHSAA. All other revenues generated from the Jamboree Games remain with the participating schools.

POST-EVENT REPORT

Please communicate with Hank Zaborniak (hzaborniak@ohsaa.org) or by letter to review your Jamboree and whether you found it to be successful.

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JAMBOREE GAME APPLICATION

The host school must print this application, complete it and return it via fax or mail no later than August 1, 2009. The fee for each participating school must also be postmarked by August 1, 2009.

All approved games must be played within the following dates: August 14-22, 2009

Host School:		Host Ath. Director	
Ath. Dir. E-Mail:		Ath. Dir. Phone:	
Athletic Conf.:		Conference Commissioner:	

Visiting School(s):		Visiting Athletic Director(s)	
Ath. Dir. E-Mail:		Ath. Dir. Phone:	
Athletic Conf.:		Conference Commissioner:	
Ath. Dir. E-Mail:		Ath. Dir. Phone:	
Athletic Conf.:		Conference Commissioner:	
Ath. Dir. E-Mail:		Ath. Dir. Phone:	
Athletic Conf.:		Conference Commissioner:	

Note – If more than two competing schools are involved, please provide the schools and contact information.

Brief description of your Jamboree format and activities.

Application can be mailed to Henry Zaborniak at the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214 or can be faxed to the attention of Henry Zaborniak at (614) 267-1677.

Applications will be accepted until August 1, 2009.