

THE REBOUNDERS REPORT



The Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Tournament Draws Around the Corner



February 3: Girls @ 2:00 p.m.
February 10: Boys @ 2:00 p.m.

Got Voice?

Everything is ready to go...just waiting for the tip. And then...the National Anthem. You hear 'em coaches. Give me your best. I am not able to accommodate all requests and recommendations, however, I am seeking your recommendations to fill a few slots at the state basketball tournaments.

Please do not hesitate to email the best you have heard to:

jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org.

Junior High Reminder(s)

Every year, when a Jr. High team ends its season, there is some non-school tournament out there begging kids to play. Each year, I receive reports that School A or School B sent their team to the Inter-Galactic Tournament of Champions in April. Please just remind them of the following:

- Sports Regulation 6.3 limits any out of season team to TWO players that played on the same 7-8 teams this past season,
- Junior High Coaches are not able to coach players from their own school.

Youth Teams Forming Now!

It gets earlier and earlier every year. The calls/emails that have flooded me recently about teams forming for the off-season. Well, with that comes many questions about the 'can and cannot' of off-season basketball. Just a few suggestions that will help everyone:

- Advise your Middle School coaches they are not permitted to coach teams out of season.
- Advise those forming teams there is a limit of TWO players that played on a 7 or 8th grade team from your school this season
- Advise those forming teams to download the Off-Season Q and A's on the same page this Rebounders' Report is posted

OHSAA's Circle of Champions

Over the past 7 years, Dr. Ross, the OHSAA Commissioner, honors various sports legends that have made significant contributions as high school athletes in the state of Ohio. Those set to be honored at the 2013 State Boys' Basketball Tournament are:

Rex Kern, Chris Spielman & Paul Warfield

I admit, I am behind schedule. I waited until the fall championships were finished before this first posting. Hoping everyone is off to a good start, and I am hoping a few items here address a few early season issues.

Jerry Snodgrass
Assistant Commissioner

Reminder #1,500 – Non-Interscholastic Participation

Yes, I know...I am repeating myself. There were 3 infractions this past week alone for players that played Non-intercholastic basketball (CYO, etc.) while being a member of the school team. Sports Regulation 6 prohibits it and results in ineligibility. Protect the players – protect your team...Remind your players it is NOT permitted!

Participating in OTHER sports

It drives coaches crazy. Players want to tryout or attend open gyms for OTHER sports (not basketball). Can they do this? Yes. OHSAA regulations do not prohibit players from participating in sports of a different season. Though I have no jurisdiction over it, think about this before permitting it (you can make the call). Kids are worn down, school work is challenging. Do they really have time to be participating in OTHER sports during the basketball season? Our regulations that prohibit non-school basketball participation during the season are designed to protect these things while also channeling athletes attention toward you as the in-season school coach.

NCAA Eligibility & Available Free Resources

Parents inquire constantly about what you are doing for a player to get him/her to college to play. Many (maybe an understatement) do not understand the process nor the fact that nothing you can do will make Wisconsin want your 5'11" 120 lb shooting guard that is currently shooting 34% from the field. But, there are those that will make that next step. So...some help on the way! Steer your parents to the NCAA Eligibility Center at:

http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp

And, recently the NFHS made the NCAA Eligibility Center video course FREE. This is excellent and parents will greatly appreciate being able to view this. This is available on the NFHS learn website at www.nfhslearn.com There are several other FREE courses housed here that are especially helpful to parents AND to younger coaches on your staff.

Half-Court Shots, Halftime Shooting Contests

Seems like every week there is a highlight from a person hitting a half-courter or a ¾ court shot for a sizable payout. Or in our 'anything to make a buck' world, can your players shot 3's at a halftime of a game (opposite gender most likely!) for \$\$\$\$? The answer is "Yes"...they are able to do that without violating amateur regulations. Contests such as those are not considered 'basketball' as a sport and are therefore 'ok'.

Off-Season Regulations Tabled....for now

In Issue 2 of the Rebounders Report, I detailed the Off-Season recommendation the Board of Directors is considering. The recommendation is set to be discussed in detail again at the Feb. 13 meeting and action may be taken.

By the Numbers

50

Number of BOYS
player ejections to
date.

23

Number of GIRLS
player ejections to
date.

23

Number of BOYS
coach ejections to
date.

9

Number of GIRLS
coach ejections to
date.

2013 State Tournament Rotation

Division III
Division II
Division IV
Division I