

**News Release – Ohio High School Athletic Association  
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**OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors met Thursday morning in Columbus for its regularly scheduled February meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting. The complete set of meeting minutes will be posted at [OHSAA.org](http://OHSAA.org) in the coming weeks.

- The Board was presented with the list of 2010-11 Ohio and Section 2 (Midwest states) coaches of the year, which were nominated by each coaches association to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for recognition. Six of Ohio's 23 coaches of the year also received Section 2 honors from the NFHS. A separate press release announcing the state and Section 2 award winners is posted at [OHSAA.org](http://OHSAA.org).
- The Ohio High School Football Coaches Association/OHSAA Football Tournament Committee reviewed its recent meeting, which resulted in several proposals to present to the Board of Directors. First, that the Board not adopt any expansion of the current tournament format. (Of note, an OHSAA-appointed Division I Committee has been studying possible changes to the football tournament format stemming from enrollment disparities between the smallest and largest Division I schools.) Second, that the Board give the OHSFCA/OHSAA Tournament Committee until July 1 to develop a reclassification concept (in football only) that could move a team up a division(s) if the majority of its regular-season schedule is against schools in higher divisions. And third, that beginning in 2013, Harbin computer points only be earned by defeating schools that are members of the OHSAA or one of the other 50 state associations under the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- The Board approved the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee's selection of Chris Spielman as the OHSAA 2012 Ethics and Integrity Award winner. Mr. Spielman will be honored at the OHSAA's annual scholar-athlete banquet in June.
- Twelve member schools were recently penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or regulations. The list of infractions and penalties will be included in the complete set of meeting minutes posted at [OHSAA.org](http://OHSAA.org), but media members may request the list sooner from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services.
- The Board approved several additional referendum items that will be voted on by member school principals in May during the annual referendum voting process. The new items will be posted on the OHSAA website.
- The Board reviewed the financial reports from the fall tournaments, with the exception of football and field hockey, which will be presented in April. In cross country, because there are no gate receipts from the four regional tournaments and expenses were higher at the state tournament due to construction of the new course at National Trail, the resulting net loss was higher than in recent years. Despite a crowd of 11,367 at the state cross country finals, which marked the second-highest attendance in the 83-year history of the tournament, the overall net loss from the regional and state tournaments was \$49,708. The golf state tournaments resulted in a net loss of \$9,645, while the girls tennis state tournament resulted in a \$5,388 loss. The soccer regional and state tournaments, which included a record crowd of 12,059 at the finals, turned a combined profit of \$117,251. The volleyball regional and state tournaments combined to produce a profit of \$78,640. Of note, approximately 80-percent of the OHSAA's operating budget comes from ticket receipts at regional and state tournaments.
- The Ohio High School Soccer Coaches Association made a proposal that all fall sports be permitted to begin practice annually on August 1 (unless August 1 is a Sunday, in which case practice would begin August 2). Currently, fall sports except football may begin practice on the first Monday of August, which is August 6 in 2012, thus resulting in nearly a full week of lost practice time prior to the first contest.

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