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***Pre-Season Boys' & Girls' Basketball Manual
For Coaches and Officials***





A Message from OHSAA Assistant Commissioner, Jerry Snodgrass



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Hoops time in Ohio! As we enter another season, this "Pre-Season Manual" has been compiled for coaches **and** officials to serve as guidance and reference throughout the year. It includes materials you have received in the past along with many items from the basketball sports' regulations pulled out and highlighted. Though information is contained for coaches and officials, both will receive the same manual.

This year, we are beginning our transition to rules meetings being conducted online. As in the past, a **state rules interpretation meeting is still mandatory** to be eligible to enter the OHSAA sponsored tournament, however, the online option will be available. This is addressed in the early pages of this manual. Since the convenience of online is offered, we hope you'll encourage your assistant and junior high coaches to view this. Attendance is also mandatory for all officials. We will continue through this year to offer 'face to face' meetings, but obviously on a more limited basis. Though they are included in this manual, locations and times can always be found on the web at www.ohsaa.org.

Playing rules governing OHSAA basketball stem from the National Federation (NFHS) and the OHSAA. **NFHS Rules** govern all playing rules while **OHSAA Sport Regulations** govern specific rules to Ohio. Our elected Board of Directors approve these regulations annually and no coach, administrator, or official has the authority to modify or set aside these rules.

Coaching may begin no earlier than Friday, October 29 for girls and Friday, November 5 for boys.

Communication is a key in the successful administration of any of our sports. I encourage you to ask questions or seek assistance by *first* going through your Athletic Administrator. With the extremely high volume of calls and emails, it truly is the most efficient way for us to meet the needs of our schools. This year, to assist with communication a "Weekly Bulletin" will be posted on the Basketball web page at www.ohsaa.org to address current issues/concerns in the sport. **Please** take the time to review the materials provided here and I encourage coaches and officials to 'check the website' periodically. At the beginning and the conclusion of the season we receive such a high volume of calls from middle school and sub-varsity coaches. We encourage YOUR communication with them to help us operate as efficiently as possible. As always, however, if you have any questions, or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Due to the incredible high volume of calls, email is preferred (jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org).

This is wishing each of you a successful basketball season. I commend you for your time and effort working with the student-athletes in Ohio.

Yours In High School Sports,
Jerry Snodgrass,
Assistant Commissioner

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association

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The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is voluntary, non-profit organization that was formed in 1947 by basketball coaches in Ohio. Today, the OHSBCA is one of the largest coaches associations in the country with more than 4,000+ members. The OHSBCA is organized into 16 separate districts and are governed by officers. The objectives of this body include:

- To promote a harmonious relationship between principals and coaches in their respective schools concerning the administration of the game of basketball.
- To promote pure, wholesome, amateur interscholastic basketball in the schools of Ohio.
- To help maintain the highest possible standards in interscholastic basketball and the basketball coaching profession, and to work together for the improvement of conditions in Ohio High School Basketball.
- To secure a better understanding of the problems of high school basketball coaches and to place at the disposal of coaches, sources of information.
- To have a representative group of coaches to which may be referred basketball problems of general interest in the hope of creating better relationships between high schools and a sympathetic understanding of all basketball problems.
- To promote good fellowship and social contacts among coaches.
- To honor and recognize players and coaches for their achievements and accomplishments in Ohio Basketball.
- To honor and recognize other people outside the organization who promote Ohio Basketball.

The Value of Joining the OHSBCA

1. The OHSBCA maintains a strong Mentoring Program in each District.
2. Mentors are there to help with designing practice plans to helping interpret the rules of the game. They maintain a strong interest in the importance of high school basketball and insuring strong coaches from generation to generation. Mentoring lists are available from the website a
http://www.ohiohskcoaches.com/Information/Mentoring_List.htm.
3. The OHSBCA maintains a listing of state records and assists with publication of these records.
4. The OHSBCA promotes the student-athlete in basketball through various programs that include:
 - o Academic All-Ohio Teams
 - o All-State and All-District Teams including 'Coaches of the Year'
 - o Coaches Awards (100 game winners, 200 game winners, The Paul Walker Award, The Bob Arnzen Award
 - o Scholarship Programs providing \$15,000.00 to members sons/daughters



Paul Wayne, Holgate Boys' coach receives the coveted Paul Walker Award from Bob Von Kaenel, Secretary of the OHSBCA

Joining the OHSBCA

1. The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association holds a membership drive each September, the membership drive lasts until December 31 of that year. No memberships will be accepted between January 1 and August 31.
2. Annual membership fees are only \$15.00,
3. Memberships are active one current season





OHSAA Mission Statement

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

Important Basketball Dates

OHSBCA State Clinic: Sunday, September 26 – Monday, September 27

Coaches' Rules Interp. Meeting: Monday, September 27 12:45 p.m.

Application Deadline for OHSAA Foundation Game: Friday, November 5, 2010

OHSAA Foundation Service Week Games: Wednesday, November 17 - Saturday, December 4, 2010



Girls

First Day of Coaching: Friday, October 29, 2010
 First High School Preview Date: November 19, 2010
 Regular Season Contests May Begin: November 26, 2010
 Non-Interscholastic Competition Must End: Jan. 31, 2011
 Sectional/District Tournament Draw: Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011
 Sectional Tournament: Feb. 16-26, 2011
 District Tournament: Feb. 28 -5, 2011
 Regional Tournament: March 8-12, 2011
 State Tournament: March 17-19, 2011
 No-Contact Period: August 8 – September 5, 2011

Boys

First Day of Coaching: Friday, November 5, 2010
 First High School Preview Date: November 26, 2010
 Regular Season Contests May Begin: December 3, 2010
 Non-Interscholastic Competition Must End: Feb. 7, 2011
 Sectional/District Tournament Draw: Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011
 Sectional Tournament: Feb. 21-March 5, 2011
 District Tournament: March 7-12, 2011
 Regional Tournament: March 15-19, 2011
 State Tournament: March 24-26, 2011
 No-Contact Period: August 8 – September 5, 2011

Future Dates

First Day of Coaching 2011-12: October 28, 2011
 2010-11 Regular Season Contests May Begin: Nov. 25, 2011
 2012 State Tournament: March 16-18, 2012

First Day of Coaching 2011-12: November 4, 2011
 2011-12 Regular Season Contests May Begin: Dec. 2, 2011
 2012 State Tournament: March 23-25, 2012

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Basketball Informational Links

OHSAA Basketball Webpage (Girls'): <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/default.asp>
OHSAA Basketball Webpage (Boys'): <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/boys/default.asp>
OHSAA Basketball Sports' Regulations: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rqlts/BK10-11.pdf>
OHSAA GENERAL Sports' Regulations: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rqlts/GenSportsReg10-11.pdf>
Basketball Uniform Regulations: <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/uniform.htm#BK>
NFHS (Rules, Court Diagrams, etc.): <http://www.nfhs.org>
Coaches' Education: <http://www.ohsaa.org/EducationAcademy/Coach/default.htm>
Ohio High School Basketball Coaches' Association: <http://www.ohiobkcoaches.com/index.html>

Rules Interpretation Meeting Information

Beginning this year, the OHSAA will make a Basketball Rules Meeting available online. To complete the meeting online, coaches and officials must have internet access, preferably high speed access and an internet browser such as Explorer 5.0 or higher. All schools and all public libraries in Ohio have this type of internet access making this option more available to everyone.

To utilize this FREE presentation, the individual will need to complete the entire meeting and registration protocol which cannot be accessed until the end of the online meeting. The meeting will be free of charge **if completed prior to November 8, 2010**. After that time, the meeting will be available as a **Make-Up Meeting for a \$50.00 fee**. All officials who have not completed the requirement and Athletic Administrators whose schools have not had a coach present at one of the scheduled meetings or the online meeting will receive an email notifying them about this last opportunity to complete the requirement.

Coaches and officials who wish to participate in the online meeting should go to the *myOHSAA* link or the **Coaches** Corner link from the OHSAA's main web page (www.ohsaa.org). From the home page, participants may search the **2010 basketball state meeting** by going to the training center and then clicking on recorded sessions. These instructions will also be posted on the boys' and girls' basketball web pages.

The Link to ONLINE meetings will be made live on Tuesday, October 5

Attention Coaches
Get YOUR Rules Interpretation Meeting in at the annual OHSBCA Clinic on Monday,
September 27, 2010 at 12:45 p.m.

2010 Basketball State Rules Interpretation Meetings

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
10/7/2010 - 7:15 PM	Bath High School 2850 Bible Road, Auditorium, Lima, OH 45801	DONALD MACK
10/7/2010 - 7:15 PM	Glenwood Middle School 1015 44th Street NW, Little Theater, Canton, OH 44709	CARL DAVIDSON
10/7/2010 - 7:15 PM	Logan Hocking Middle School Maysville-Williams Road, Theatre, Logan, OH 43138	PHILLIP LIGHTFOOT
10/12/2010 - 7:15 PM	Independence Middle School 6111 Archwood Road, Auditorium, Independence, OH 44131	CHARLES GRIMM
10/13/2010 - 7:15 PM	Coshocton High School 1205 Cambridge Road, Auditorium (1st Floor), Coshocton, OH 43812	SUE SHECK
10/14/2010 - 7:15 PM	Austinown-Fitch High School 700 S. Raccoon Road, Auditorium, Austintown, OH 44515	BRIAN MINCHER
10/14/2010 - 7:15 PM	Dawson-Bryant High School 427 Marion Pike, Cafeteria, Coal Grove, OH 45638	DAVID RIDENOUR
10/18/2010 - 7:15 PM	Copley High School 3807 Ridgewood Road, Auditorium, Copley, OH 44321	KEITH WALKER
10/18/2010 - 7:15 PM	Gateway Middle School 900 Gibbs Street, Auditorium, Maumee, OH 43537	ALLEN RADLINSKI
10/18/2010 - 7:15 PM	Mansfield Senior High School 124 N. Linden Road, Auditorium, Mansfield, OH 44906	GERALD-JERRY CZERNEWSKI
10/19/2010 - 7:15 PM	Princeton High School 110080 Chester Road, Matthews Auditorium, Cincinnati, OH 45246	MATTHEW VELTEN
10/20/2010 - 7:15 PM	West Carrollton High School 5833 Student Street, Auditorium, West Carrollton, OH 45449	MICHAEL SIMS
10/25/2010 - 7:15 PM	Independence Middle School 6111 Archwood Road, Auditorium, Independence Middle School, OH 44131	CHARLES GRIMM
10/26/2010 - 7:15 PM	Upper Valley JVS 8811 Career Drive Piqua, OH 45356	R David WORTMAN
10/27/2010 - 7:15 PM	Northland High School 1919 Northcliff Drive, Auditorium, Columbus, OH 43229	MALTBIE (MALT) BROWN

Pre-Season Meetings

Pre-Season meetings are required before every sport season. Most of these occur in conjunction with other winter sports and it is a great time to inform parents of expectations before the season begins. The OHSAA provides several materials to be used at these meetings, one of which is a professional quality DVD updated every 2 years. Additionally, we would encourage the use of the "Concussion in Sports, What You Need to Know" online presentation through the NFHS (see later in manual). We also have encouraged coaches to invite local officials to meet with their team during pre-season workouts, early practices or at your pre-season meeting. It allows the officials to meet the athletes and discuss new rules. Again, it provides a forum for healthy discussions and an opportunity for parents to learn more about the game.

Rawlings & Game Ball Information

Rawlings is the official ball provider for boys' and girls' basketball as well as supporting the OHSBCA with various products. The Rawlings game ball is used at all levels of tournament play. Other National Federation (NFHS) approved balls are able to be used for regular season play, though most coaches choose to use the same ball approved for OHSAA tournament play.

Official OHSAA Girls' Tournament Ball: **COMPOHIO285VB**

Official OHSAA Boys' Tournament Ball: **COMPOHIOVB**

The smaller basketball (28.5 – 29" circumference and 18-20 oz.) is **mandatory** for use in girls' basketball grades 7-12 and **also** in boys' basketball for grades 7-8.

Coach Certification & Education Requirements

All Coaches of Middle School/Jr. High and High School teams **MUST**:

- Have completed a Sports' First Aid Course
- Possess a valid CPR Card
- Possess a valid Pupil Activities Supervisor Validation from the Ohio Dept. of Education
- Have been approved by their local Board of Education or similar governing body

In June of 2008, the OHSAA's Board of Directors passed the requirement for **all coaches** (paid or volunteer) in Ohio to complete the NFHS "Fundamentals of Coaching" class to coach in Ohio schools. There currently are two methods of completing the course; a "blended" delivery instructed by trained instructors in a classroom setting or "online" accessed through the OHSAA website by clicking on the "Coach Education" logo on the right or going directly to the site at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/EducationAcademy/Coach/default.htm>. Complete listings of classes through the site at <http://www.ohsaa.org/EducationAcademy/Coach/default.htm>. Completion of the course is a **one time** requirement and Coaches in Ohio must complete this course **to obtain their Pupil Activity Permit (when renewing or obtaining for the first time)**.





2010 OHSAA Foundation Basketball Service Week

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – Saturday, December 4, 2010

“Kids Who Care”

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation was created over ten years ago to provide resources for enhancing educational opportunities and services for Ohio's student-athletes. As part of our continued efforts, the OHSAA Foundation is inviting all OHSAA member schools to participate in our expanding community service initiative.

For those who may not be familiar, **“Foundation Service Week”** provides an opportunity for member schools to participate in a community service project(s), as well as a platform to highlight the school's community service activities. Foundation Service Week will be highlighted by **Foundation Games** taking place across the state.

If member schools elect to participate, **they are permitted to use one of their 5 allotted basketball scrimmages to play a live game under all normal game conditions.** Foundation Games do not count on a team's record.

Therefore, many of our licensed OHSAA basketball officials will be invited to work Foundation Games. During the inaugural Service Week, over **400** OHSAA basketball officials donated their time to work Service Week events in support of member school efforts. We recognize it is not always possible, but ask that officials consider donating your time for the 2009 Service Week Foundation Games. Such generosity permits the participating schools to be more effective in their community service efforts. Regarding the 2008 Service Week OHSAA Commissioner Dan Ross said, **“We are very proud of all our officials and have been overwhelmed by the number of basketball officials that were so willing to give their time to help support such important causes across the state.”**

As part of the Foundation Game, each participating school is required to make a \$250 contribution to the OHSAA Foundation, which will be returned to the schools in the form of scholarships, leadership conferences and educational materials for student-athletes in ALL sports. The Foundation Board has long-range plans for expansion of all programs, as well as the creation of new educational materials. **All other revenues from the Foundation Game remain with the school for the selected community service project.**

Participation packets were mailed to athletic administrators at all OHSAA member schools in August, 2010. Materials can also be found online at www.ohsaafoundation.org. **Applications will be accepted until November 8, 2010.** This initiative provides a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact in communities across the state, while providing educational experiences for Ohio students. Please contact Kim Combs (kcombs@ohsaafoundation.org) with any questions. We hope you will join us in support of the OHSAA Foundation Basketball Service Week and show that your student-athletes are “Kids Who Care.”

Thank you for your efforts!



OHSAA Foundation Service Week

“Kids Who Care”

School Participation Checklist

- ☐ Identify an opponent
- ☐ Finalize the game date and location
- ☐ Select a community service project(s)
- ☐ Complete online application & submit your OHSAA Foundation contribution
- ☐ Confirm your final authorization to participate
- ☐ Market your event
- ☐ Manage your event
- ☐ Submit post-event report

Community Service Projects

Oftentimes, schools simply focus on raising money for a selected charity and in some instances that is the best thing to do. In 2009, OHSAA member schools raised money for a wide variety of charities including, but not limited to, the following:

American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Big Brothers & Big Sisters
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Make-a-Wish Foundation

Meals on Wheels
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Ronald McDonald House
Salvation Army
Soldier's Angels

Special Olympics
Susan G. Komen Foundation
United Way
YMCA

Raising money for a selected charity is wonderful. However, **equally important are those activities where schools collected items for the needy or simply gave their time.** Beyond the dollars raised in 2009, Ohio schools collected clothing, books, eyeglasses, toys and approximately 30,000 lbs. of food. One school conducted a blood drive. In addition, in 2009 Ohio student-athletes actively performed service in their communities such as working in local food pantries, reading programs with elementary school students, mentoring programs, visiting nursing homes / senior centers, working with athletes at the Special Olympics, clinics for youth players, delivered gifts to underprivileged children and community clean-ups. It is these activities where student-athletes tend to have more rewarding and educational experiences. In some instances, there is a great opportunity to get other groups within the high school involved, as well as local elementary and middle schools.

Previously, many schools elected to conduct food drives for their local food pantries. In 2009, the OHSAA Foundation is working with Lebanon City Schools who designed a wonderful program that resulted in the collection of over 23,000 lbs. of food this past fall! We are using the information they so generously have shared with us to create a template to assist other schools interested in conducting a food drive. The food drive template can be found online at www.ohsaafoundation.org. Select “Food Drive Template” from the “Service Week” dropdown menu.

Please feel free to contact us anytime to talk about potential ideas for your community service project!

Visit us at www.ohsaafoundation.org for complete information!



Coaches' Code of Ethics

From the NFHS Basketball Rules Book



The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student should be treated with the utmost respect and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The Coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The Coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. IN all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The Coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

The Coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct the program in harmony with the total school program.

The Coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The Coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.

The Coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

The Coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

The Coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give students special consideration.

The Coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.

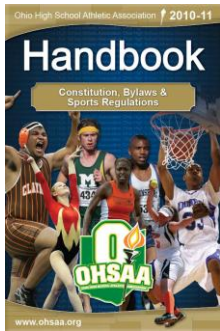
Saluting the Flag



Many often forget or simply neglect the proper procedures for paying proper respect to the Flag when playing the National Anthem. The following flag code appears in Title 36, Chapter 10 of the United States Code.

During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.

Though the above addresses those in the stands; as coaches, let's also 'get back to basics' with our own student-athletes and teach our players to respect the flag also during the National Anthem. This includes players holding hands, rocking back and forth, etc. Let's eliminate this from the procedures we should be teaching our student-athletes.



OHSAA Sports' Regulations



Regulations governing the sport of basketball are divided into two basic categories: **GENERAL Sports' Regulations** and **BASKETBALL Regulations (sports specific)**. These are reviewed annually and approved by the OHSAA's Board of Directors.

General Sports' Regulations

These regulations can be accessed and address regulations that affect all sports governed by the OHSAA. They include, but are not limited to, such things as Instructional Programs outside the window of the season, Physical Fitness (Conditioning) Programs, Open Gym Regulations, No Contact Periods, Player and Coach Ejection Policies. These are important and *most* areas of concern can be addressed simply by reading through these Regulations or contacting your Athletic Administrator. They are easily accessed via the web by navigating to the "Basketball" webpage (boys' or girls') and clicking on "General Sports' Regulations" on the left hand side or directly going to <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/GenSportsReg10-11.pdf>. I **strongly encourage** you to take the time to read these to familiarize yourself and your staff with the various rules approved by our Board of Directors that govern all sports.

Though there are far too many to list in this manual, a *few* of the more common ones that affect basketball squads are:

Open Gyms at Member Schools

Open Gyms (or facilities) are clearly defined in Rule 7 of the OHSAA Sports' Regulations. An abbreviated version states:

- A school may open its athletic facilities for **unstructured free play** provided the activity is supervised by a school employee who may remove participants or spectators for disciplinary reasons.
- The school may designate the sport or sports that will be played during the free play period, but **may not limit participation** to a select group of students from within the school. Participation **may** be limited to students enrolled in that specific school.
- There can be no designation of who will play on which team or who will play whom. Only those students participating may be involved in the selection of teams.
- Regulation timing of games is not permitted.
- Written scorekeeping is not permitted.
- No individual invitations, written or oral, are permitted.
- A coach, paid or volunteer, violates the provision of these regulations when the coach requires, suggests or in any way implies that a student's chance to be selected for an interscholastic squad is contingent upon participation at an open gymnasium or facilities program.
- Mandatory attendance at open gyms is **not permitted**.
- Transporting athletes to a school or non-school open gym is a violation for any member of the coaching staff, paid or volunteer.
- Coaches **may participate** in the unstructured free play in the open gym/facilities.

Schools MAY restrict individuals from observing the open gym activity.

Basketball Specific Regulations

Each spring, regulations for the upcoming school year are approved by the Board of Directors for every sport the OHSAA sponsors. These address areas such as (but not limited to) Non-Interscholastic competition, number of contests (game, scrimmage or preview) that are permitted, season start and end dates, out of state travel, etc. All coaches should familiarize themselves with these regulations. Coaches should familiarize their entire staff with the importance of these Regulations as they directly affect the eligibility of student-athletes. Upon approval, they are submitted for printing to the annual OHSAA Handbook (which every administrator has been provided). These are also available through the boys' and girls' basketball web pages at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/default.asp> or <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/boys/default.asp> Basketball specific AND the General Sports' Regulations are found on the left side of the page. A few of the Sports' Regulation **highlights** are listed but you are encouraged to read the entire regulations at the above listed website.

Game & Quarter Limitations

Maximum number of games permitted (9-12): **20**

Maximum number of Quarters permitted (9-12): **90 (regular season)**

Note: Any freshmen or JV level tournament **must count in the 20 total permitted.**

Maximum number of games permitted (7-8): **16**

Maximum number of Quarters permitted (7-8): **64**

Note: Teams are permitted to play in **1** Post-Season tournament **not to exceed 4 games.**

Scrimmages/Previews (9-12): Maximum of **5** scrimmages and **1** preview or

4 scrimmages and **1** OHSAA Foundation Game (Preview still permitted)

Scrimmages/Previews (7-8): Maximum of **2** scrimmages and **1** preview or **1** scrimmage and **1** preview.

Length of Quarters (9-12): 8 minutes for Varsity. 6 minutes *recommended* for Freshmen and Junior Varsity (max. of 7 minutes)

Length of Overtime: 4 minutes for 8-minute quarters; 3 minutes for 6 or 7-minute quarters

Length of Quarters (7-8): 6 minutes

Length of Overtime: 3 minutes

Non-Interscholastic Competition

A member of an interscholastic basketball squad sponsored by the Board of Education **cannot participate in a non-interscholastic Basketball program** (such as 'club, AAU, or 'travel'), which includes tryouts, practice and contests as an individual OR a member of a team in the sport of Basketball anytime during the school team's season. This is explained in OHSAA Bylaw 10-3-1. A student-athlete becomes a member of the school team when he/she participates in a scrimmage, preview OR regular season or tournament game as a substitute OR as a starter.

A member of an interscholastic basketball team sponsored by the Board of Education **MAY** participate in non-interscholastic basketball (such as 'club', AAU, or 'travel') PRIOR TO and AFTER the school season under the following conditions:

- The number of interscholastic basketball players from the same school on a non-interscholastic team is limited to **TWO on the roster** of that non-interscholastic team. This number includes all players that played on the school team in the previous season from grades 9-11*.
- A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament only in excess of the two player limit until the squad is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.
- A player may play in non-interscholastic basketball ONLY WHEN the student's team has completed its season.

*Graduating seniors are exempt from this particular 2 player limitation.

Out of State Travel

A basketball team may travel out of state to compete in scrimmages, previews and games in states OR provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance. This would include the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and the province of Ontario in Canada. A team may travel out of state **one time** to state or province NOT contiguous to Ohio but only if there is no loss of school time.

Comments to News Media

Each year unpleasant situations arise as a result of comments made to the news media by coaches. The OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws reads in part "Great care shall be exercised in the selection of officials, well in advance of the contest and agreed upon by schools involved." Public criticism of officials is a direct reflection upon those who were responsible for assigning the officials to the game. Officials are trained and expected to make no derogatory comments regarding the players, coaches, or schools. Coaches are expected to follow the same procedure in regard to the officials. Coaches violating this rule may be asked to discuss the problem personally with the Commissioner. (See Sports Regulations "Media Regulations", page 77, 2009-10 OHSAA Handbook).

Videotaping Regulations

The improvement of various electronic devices, especially cell phones, has drawn much attention to the rules regarding recording basketball contests. Complete regulations available on page 77-78 of the OHSAA Handbook or through the General Sports Regulations on the web at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/GenSportsReg10-11.pdf> under Section "A" of the Media Regulations. A few highlights of this include but are not limited to:

- It is permissible for a school to videotape or photograph regular season contests in which the school team is participating, but such tapes or photographs may not be used for coaching purposes until after the contest is completed. In other words, it is not possible to use photographs or any recorded information at halftime of a game.
- It is **not permissible for a school or school representative to videotape or photograph regular season OR tournament contests of other schools** without the written consent of the schools participating in the contest.

Quarters Permitted

Any player is not permitted to participate in MORE than FIVE quarters during any one day. Any part of a quarter is considered a full quarter. Any overtime is considered an extension of the fourth quarter. Players are permitted a total of **90 quarters** (high school) or **64 quarters** (Junior High) for the season plus any played in post-season tournament play. If a player violates this rule, the team shall be assessed a technical foul by the official and the player shall be disqualified from the game. All quarters shall be counted toward his/her maximum allowed for the season.

Interrupted Game/Scheduled Game not Started

Any game interrupted for any reason, shall be resumed from the point of interruption. Any scheduled regular season game which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances *including but not limited to* failure of a team to arrive is considered a "NO CONTEST". Games not played are not included in won-lost statistics.

Freshmen Basketball Squads

The number of contests permitted for Freshmen teams is:

- **20** total contests; any tournament game played by a freshman team must be counted in the total of 20.
- **5** scrimmages and 1 preview
- **90** total quarters of participation during the regular season. Should a freshman be 'moved up' to the Varsity for tournament time, those quarters do not count toward their 90 permitted.

Freshmen may 'move up' to a JV or Varsity team and back down again at any time. The individual must simply stay within the 90 total quarters permitted to him/her.

Freshmen teams may NOT combine with 7th or 8th grade players nor may they scrimmage or have contests vs. 7th and 8th grade teams. A minimum of one OHSAA Class 1, 2, or 3 official is required and it is recommended that all other officials be Class 1, 2, or 3 officials.

Middle School/Junior High Basketball Squads

The number of contests permitted for 7th and 8th grade teams is:

- **16** total contests (this is new for 2010-11) **plus** one **post-season** tournament not to exceed 4 games.
- **2** scrimmages OR 1 scrimmage and 1 preview
- **64** total quarters of participation (this is new for 2010-11) plus any in a **post-season** tournament.

7th graders may play on 8th grade teams. They may 'move up or down'.

Games must be 4 quarters in length. The request is made frequently to shorten games and/or lengthen games to accommodate more or too few players.

Protests/Appeals

Bylaw 8, Section 3(1) of the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws reads in part, "*Protests arising from the decisions of interpretations of the rules by officials during the game will **not be considered***". Their decisions and interpretations are final." This means that correctable errors must be corrected during the game and within the time established by playing rules.

Ejections are NOT Appealable (Sports Regulation 11.1 and 11.2)

Officials' Jurisdiction

Officials' jurisdiction begins a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the game. National Federation (NFHS) rule 2-2-2 and the OHSAA's Board of Directors "*recommends that officials in Varsity high school basketball games arrive on the floor when the first team appears on the floor for pre-game warm-up*".

Ohio Adoptions to NFHS Rules

This is covered also within the “2010-11 Rule Changes” in the Officials’ portion of this manual, however, The National Federation has identified specific items that may or may not be adopted by each state association. These are found on page 65 of the NFHS Rules Book. The following State Adoptions are permitted and adopted or not adopted in the state of Ohio:

Determining ball size for junior high boys’ competition: – **Utilized/Adopted in Ohio**

The CompOHIO285VB must be used for Junior High/Middle School boys’ competition.

Authorizing use and size of 14-ft (Maximum) coaching box. – **Utilized/Adopted in Ohio**

Authorizing use of replay equipment at the conclusion of a state championship series contest. – **Adopted in Ohio**

This is being adopted in Ohio for use at the state semi-finals and finals only for both boys’ and girls’ tournaments.

Authorizing use of supplementary equipment to aid in game administration. – **NOT adopted in Ohio**

Authorizing use of artificial limbs. – **Approved in Ohio.**

This adoption is approved only after a written request is submitted to the OHSAA office.

Authorizing use of head coverings for medical, cosmetic or religious reasons. – **Adopted in Ohio**

This adoption is approved only after a written request is submitted to the OHSAA office.

Authorizing use of a running clock when a specific point differential is reached. – **NOT adopted in Ohio.**

Determining the number of electronic media time-outs. – **Adopted in Ohio.**

Looking Ahead to Tournament Time

The OHSAA sponsors Boys' and Girls' Tournaments in 4 divisions. Each of the state's District Athletic Boards are empowered by the OHSAA Constitution to organize and conduct the boys' and girls' basketball tournaments at the Sectional and District levels. They are conducted according to the tournament regulations adopted by the Board of Directors at their October meeting. The 4 divisions are determined by the EMIS reports from the October 2008 count. Divisional realignment will occur again next year. Divisional Breakdowns are based upon the following enrollments:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Boys Enrolled</u>	<u>Total Schools</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Girls' Enrolled</u>	<u>Total Schools</u>
I	400 or more	200	I	371 or more	200
II	224 - 399	201	II	215 - 370	199
III	129 - 224	200	III	125 - 214	200
IV	128 or less	200	IV	124 or less	199

Tournament Draw Dates

The draw date for tournaments is established by the Board of Directors. The approved dates for 2011 are:

Girls' Sectional/District Draw: February 6, 2011 2:00 p.m.

Boy's Sectional/District Draw: February 13, 2011 2:00 p.m.

State Tournament Dates

Girls' State Tournament: March 17-19, 2011

Jerome Schottenstein Center, Columbus

Boys' State Tournament: March 24-26, 2011

Jerome Schottenstein Center, Columbus

Athletic Districts

Representation to the Regional tournament (the number of Regional 'qualifiers') from District winners is determined by a formula based upon the number of teams participating in the previous year's tournament.

The complete tournament regulations that will be adopted by the Board of Directors at its' October meeting will be able to be read in their entirety by logging on to www.ohsaa.org and navigating to the boys' or girls' basketball site under the "Sports and Tournaments" pull down menu. With a few exceptions, most schools in the counties listed below are assigned sites from the respective District Athletic Boards. You are encouraged to visit their websites for additional information.

Northwest District: www.nwdab.org

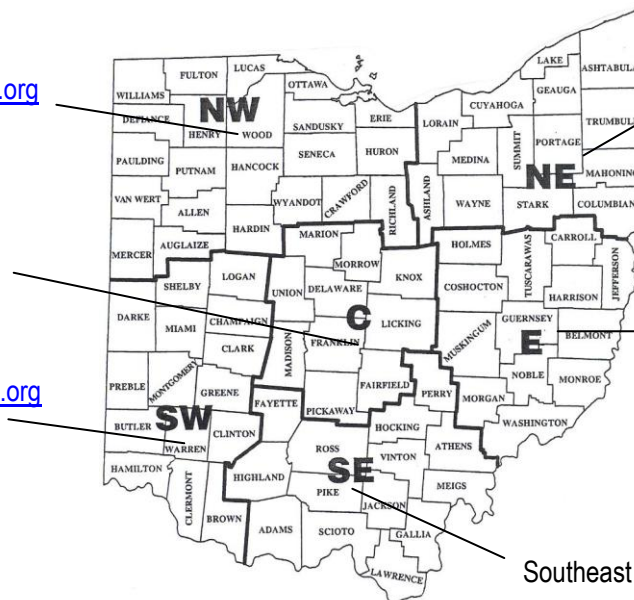
Northeast District: www.nedab.org

Central District: www.cdab.org

East District: www.eastohsaa.org

Southwest District: www.swdab.org

Southeast District: www.sedab.org



Uniform Requirements



Frequently, we receive calls relative to uniform requirements. Uniform regulations are developed as part of the National playing rules by the National Federation (NFHS). With the styles being developed year after year by the NBA and Olympic teams, I encourage you to review these uniform regulations when ordering new uniforms as high school regulations are not the same as NBA or International (FIBA) regulations. We do post these uniform regulations on the OHSAA website and can be viewed directly by going to <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/uniform.htm#BK>. A few key points of the Uniform Regulations are listed below:

- Numbers must be centered horizontally and vertically on the front and back with at least a 6" number required on the back and a 4" number on the front.
- Approved uniform numbers shall not include BOTH "0" and "00". One or the other is permitted...not both.
- Home team uniforms MUST BE WHITE while visiting team uniforms must be a contrasting dark color. This is not mandated for sub-varsity teams (but eventually will).
- A visible manufacturer's logo/trademark is not permitted on the team jersey or undershirt
- The American flag may be worn on the team shirt provided it does not exceed 2 x 3 inches and does not interfere with the visibility of the player's number
- A visible manufacturer's logo/trademark is not permitted on the team jersey or undershirt
- A player's team jersey designed to be worn inside the pants shall be tucked inside the pants and the pants shall be above the hips and worn properly. A player not conforming to this uniform policy shall be directed to leave the game.
- A commemorative/memorial patch may be worn on the jersey provided it is not a number and must be worn above the neckline or in the side.

What About PINK????

With the "Coaches vs Cancer", the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, and other events through the National Basketball Coaches Association have become part of many school's basketball contests. Along with the games comes requests to wear items not permitted within the NFHS uniform regulations. Obviously, the OHSAA supports these organizations and encourages involvement in them. The "OHSAA Foundation Service Week" was instituted with this concept in mind, giving schools through the sport of basketball the opportunity to generate support and funds for **local** charities. We continue to support the OHSAA's Foundation in that endeavor and continue to encourage student-athlete involvement for support that stays within the local communities, while applauding coaches' efforts to orchestrate these events.


In the event schools choose also to be part of an event in which exceptions are requested to NFHS Basketball Uniform Regulations, the request may be made to wear an alternate uniform color (pink for example), headbands, wristbands, etc. (no request is needed for shoe lace or shoe colors). It is important to note that number requirements (size, location) must still meet NFHS Uniform Requirements. If you wish to do this, after working out details with the opposing school, please request this through email to Jerry Snodgrass, Assistant Commissioner at jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org. Upon approval, please then make contact with game officials **prior to the contest**.

A PINK (or other alternate color) BASKETBALL IS NOT PERMITTED for use during any basketball contest.

Rating & Voting for Officials



You often hear at tournament contests that “the tournament officials have been selected by a process approved by the Board of Directors”. That ‘process’ is an important one for both coaches AND officials and is the basis for officials assignments to OHSAA Tournaments. To make this process work it requires Coaches and Athletic Directors to do their part. Officials take this process seriously and it is in everyone’s best interest to have the correct input for the assignment of officials. A few important things to note:

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1. Coaches **RATE** Officials, other approved individuals **VOTE FOR** Officials. Those ‘other individuals’ are: athletic administrators; approved OHSAA assigners, each local Officials’ Association with more than 125 members, District Athletic Board members and OHSAA Staff.
 2. Ratings are done at the conclusion of a game; voting is done at the end of the season. As mentioned above, ratings are done by COACHES at the conclusion of a game. Officials **are NOT able** to see how a coach rated.
 3. “Pools” of officials are created as a result of ratings and votes. These pools are arranged into a “State Pool”, “Regional Pool” and “Sectional/District Pool”. Each pool has more officials than are needed at that level. Pools are created by mathematically calculating the following:
 1. Total number of votes x Average of Coach ratings = Score
 4. District Athletic Boards utilize the various pools to assign officials to **sectional and district tournaments** in their respective Athletic Districts. The process of assignment from approved pools is at the discretion of each District Athletic Board.

Note: The total score is not made available to those making assignments; merely the ‘pool’ itself is made available to them.
 5. The OHSAA Office utilizes the pools to assign officials to the **Regional and State Tournament**.
 6. All Rating and Voting is done through the *myOHSAA* Data Management System. Therefore, the data **MUST** be entered (official’s name and event) in order to receive ratings and/or votes and be included in a pool.
 7. Coaches obtain a User Name and Password for access to the *myOHSAA* system. Information on how to obtain this is listed below.

In order for the process to work effectively, games and officials must be entered into the *myOHSAA Data Management System* by a school’s Athletic Administrator. Schools that are the home team in a contest are the ones required to enter the contest and the officials. In some cases, league assigners have this capability. IF a contest is not entered, there can be no rating of officials. If this is not done, eventually, this will lead to a fine for not rating officials. Please encourage your Athletic Administrator to enter contests into the system.

You will note that using the *myOHSAA* system will allow you to view other teams’ schedules to assist you with possible scouting opportunities as well as serve as a ‘double check’ with often changing schedules due to cancellations or additions of contests.

Coaches RATE
Others VOTE

Instructions for Rating Officials

1. Access the myOHSAA system at <http://myohsaa.ohsaa.org> OR from the home page of the www.ohsaa.org
2. Logon to myOHSAA using the login credentials provided by your athletic administrator. After logging in, you may be directed to set a new password and provide a security question and answer. Follow the on screen instructions for setting a new password and save your account information.
3. The home page will appear which contains all the tools and information currently available to a Head Coach. A summary of post game reports appears at the top of the home page.
 1. **Click** on your sport in the list of post game reports. The varsity schedule will appear.
 2. **Click "Record"** under the score column of the varsity schedule. The *Report Score/Rate Officials* page will appear.
4. **To Report The Score:**
 - **Click "Report"** in the section labeled "Score".
 - **Enter** the score for each team and click "Save".
5. **To Rate Officials:**
 - **Scroll** down to the "Rate Officials" section.
 - In the box marked "Requested Officials", the names of those officials that did not accept the contract prior to the contest will appear. If these officials worked the contest, click the box in front of their name(s) and then click the "Add Official" button. This adds the official(s) to the rating form below. Note: officials that electronically accepted the contract before the contest will automatically display on the rating form.
 - If you were the away team and your opponent has not entered the officials for the contest, **"Click to Add Officials for Rating"** will allow you to enter the officials for rating after the event has occurred.
 - **Officials may now be rated as a group or individually.**
 - *To rate officials as a group:* simply click the number of the rating.
 - *To rate officials individually:* remove the check mark from the "Rate All Officials" box by clicking on it. Each official's name will activate. Uncheck any official you do not want to rate or that did not officiate the contest. Click on the number of the rating you want to give to the official.
 - **CLICK the "Submit Ratings" Button.**
NOTE: for volleyball the button is labeled "Submit Scores/Ratings" The list of rated officials will appear in the "Details" section of the page.
 - **Exit the page by clicking the "Cancel" button.** You will be directed back to your varsity schedule.
 - **Repeat** these steps to report the scores and rate officials of all your varsity contests (home or away). Sub-varsity contests may be rated but are not required.



Official's Ratings may also be accessed through the team's schedule page. To do this, simply

1. **Access your team's schedule:** In the left column locate the drop down box labeled "Select Calendar", using the drop down select your teams calendar from the list.
2. Once your team's schedule has appeared, **click on the double red stars** in the rating column.
3. Repeat the steps under Number 3 above parts c through h to complete the ratings.

Athletic Administrators receive separate instructions for VOTING for officials at the conclusion of the season. Additional individuals that VOTE for officials include:

1. Approved OHSAA Assignors
2. Local Officials' Associations
3. District Athletic Board Members
4. OHSAA Commissioners

Please Note:

Officials' ratings/voting are used for the NEXT season. The officials you rate during the season THIS YEAR, will be assigned pools for NEXT YEAR'S tournament.



Important Sports' Medical Information

The safety of our student-athletes is of utmost concern at all times. Information regarding the following important topics can be found at the OHSAA's "Healthy Lifestyles and Sports Medicine" webpage at <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/default.asp>. Additional information relative to various equipment and rules relative to medical issues can be found throughout this manual as well.

- Heat Stress and Athletic Participation
- Recommendations for Hydration to Prevent Heat Illness
- Suggested Guidelines for Management of Head Trauma in Sports
- Communicable Disease Procedures (can also be found on page nine of the NFHS 2009-10 Rules Book)
- Links to the following sites:
 - Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine
 - Ohio Athletic Trainers Association
 - American Medical Society for Sports Medicine
 - Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth
 - National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA)
 - Gatorade Sports Science Institute News

Concussion Management

The OHSAA has made a concerted effort to provide educational resources to member schools on this vital topic of concussion management. One of the most significant rule changes for all sports from the NFHS deals with Concussion Management. The following are resources that are currently available:

1. **Suggested Guidelines for Concussion Management in Sport** – a publication from the NFHS
<http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/Suggested%20Guidelines%20for%20Concussion%20Management%20in%20Sports.pdf>
2. **Questions vital to diagnosing concussion** – Q&A and a video from an ESPN special on concussions -
<http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/e60/news/story?id=5162747>
3. **Concussion in Sports – What you Need to Know** - A 20-minute course at no cost to the user is available at www.nfhslearn.com. The course was designed for coaches, parents, officials and students to assist in recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussion and to take the appropriate steps to manage them. The OHSAA strongly suggests that schools include this course in the preseason meetings with coaches, parents and students.
4. **Centers for Disease Control – Resources to Prevent and Recognize Concussions** - <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Concussion>
5. **Fact Sheets for Parents, Coaches and Athletes** - <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/ParentsFactsheet.pdf>
<http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/CoachGuide%20on%20Concussion.pdf>; <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/AthleteFactsheet.pdf>
6. Video from the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association – Recognizing Sports Concussions
http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/Concussion%20Stuff/DVD_1_0000.wmv

The OHSAA has adopted the following sports regulation:

Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared **with written authorization** by an appropriate health care professional.

In Ohio, an "appropriate health care professional" shall be a **physician**, as authorized under ORC Chapter 4731 and includes both doctors of medicine (M.D.) and doctors of osteopathy (D.O.) and an **athletic trainer, licensed** under ORC Chapter 4755.

The OHSAA strongly suggests that schools include the "Concussion Recognition Course" at pre-season meetings with coaches, parents and students.

Communicable Disease Procedures

Though most schools have a Certified Athletic Trainer present at Varsity contests **and** all coaches are required to maintain a valid Pupil Activity Certificate through the Ohio Department of Education that includes a Sports' First Aid component, it is important to keep up to date on the remote risk that blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted during basketball practice and contests. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as other bodily fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential transmission of these infectious diseases should include, but should not be limited to the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood and other body fluids is anticipated.
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.
4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.
6. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.
7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.
9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling dressings, mouthguards and other articles containing body fluids.

You are encouraged to log on to the OHSAA's website at www.ohsaa.org and refer to the Sports' Medicine dropdown menu for additional information.

H1N1 Influenza Policy

The OHSAA's Board of Directors approved the following policy with advice from the Ohio Department of Health and shall observe this policy at tournament time in the event of an H1N1 Influenza outbreak.

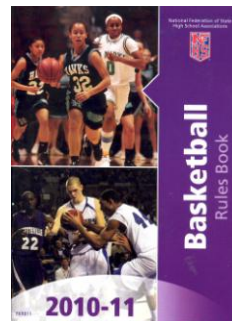
1. The Ohio Department of Health has advised that it will be the decision of each local health authority in Ohio as to whether or not to close a school or university due to an influenza outbreak; however, at this time the Centers for Disease Control are not recommending closures except in extreme circumstances.
2. In the event schools remain open, competitors and teams shall be expected to play tournament contests on the dates scheduled.
3. In the event schools are closed, the OHSAA, in conjunction with our District Athletic Boards and tournament personnel, shall reschedule the tournament contest for the schools thus affected.
4. Please watch the OHSAA web site home page at www.ohsaa.org and the specific sport page on the web site for more information.



2010-11 Rules Information

Rules Changes

- 2-8-5** Changed the guidelines and procedures for identifying and removing a player who exhibits signs, symptoms and/or behaviors consistent with a concussion.
- 3-3-8**
- 3-3-5a** The list of permissible headband and wristband colors was changed to include any single solid school color.
- 10-3-6i;** Specific rules were added to address the unsporting acts of a player leaving the playing court for an unauthorized reason to demonstrate resentment, disgust or intimidation and team members leaving the bench area and/or playing court for an unauthorized reason.



Major Editorial Changes

- 3-3-1a** Clarified that when a substitute is not properly reported, the players in the game at the
NOTE conclusion of the quarter/when the time-out was granted shall begin play for the new
4-34-2 quarter/after the time-out. During an intermission, all team members are bench personnel for the purpose of penalizing unsporting behavior.
- 3-4-2d** Clarified that a school or conference logo/mascot may be located at the apex/opening of the neckline, in the corresponding area on the back of the jersey and/or in the either side insert.
- 3-5-2** Clarified the requirements for guards, casts and braces and that a protective face mask shall be worn molded to the face.
- 4-4-7d** Clarified that the ball is at the disposal of a player when it is available after a goal and the official begins the throw-in count.
- 7-6-6** Clarified that when the ball is awarded to the wrong team, the mistake must be rectified before the throw-in ends.

Points of Emphasis!

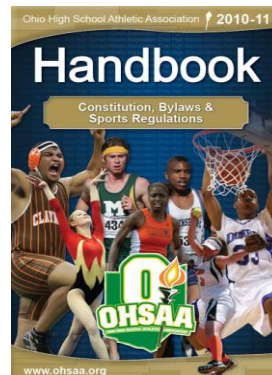


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1. Rules Enforcement
2. Sportsmanship
3. Perimeter Play
4. Closely-guarded
5. Principle of Verticality

Basketball Frequently Asked Questions

The OHSAA receives a *large* volume of calls and email at the conclusion of the season in regard to what coaches 'can and cannot do'. Though this is not inclusive, a few guidelines are listed below to assist you AND your middle school and sub-varsity coaches. Please remove, copy and share this page with others on your staff. Please go through your Athletic Administrator for questions related to the OHSAA's Bylaws and Sports' Regulations. All are contained within the OHSAA's Handbook, pictured to the right and are also available online at www.ohsaa.org.



Can Middle School Players practice or play with High School players?

Answer: No. OHSAA Bylaws prohibit middle school players from practicing or competing with High School players during the season of play in all sports.

Can Middle School Players participate in Open Gyms at the High School level?

Answer: Yes. OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations do not prevent anyone from participating in Open Gyms.

What can we as coaches do during an Open Gym?

Answer: Coaches may play during an open gym setting. Open Gyms cannot be made mandatory. Open Gyms Must be 'free and unstructured play, so NO coaching may take place during an Open Gym. Open Gyms are defined in their entirety in Sports' Regulation #7 on pages 68-69.

What can we as coaches do during Conditioning Programs?

Answer: Conditioning programs cannot be made mandatory. Sports' Regulation #6 on page 68 of the OHSAA Handbook defines Physical Fitness/Conditioning Programs. Obviously, conditioning programs cannot be used as a 'disguise' for conducting out of season practices.

Who can volunteer to be a member of the coaching staff?

Answer: To work with student-athletes in any school program, an individual must receive his/her Pupil Activity Certificate through the Ohio Department of Education and be approved by the school's Board of Education. Once achieving these requirements, a volunteer falls under all Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA.

Can a player on my team participate in non-interscholastic team(s) at the same time as the season?

Answer: No. Sports' Regulation #4 prohibits student-athletes from participating in programs such as "AAU", "Club", "Travel" and like programs during the season of play. Coaches should go to great lengths to explain this to players on their teams.

When CAN a player on my team participate in Non-Interscholastic Basketball?

Answer: As soon as his/her season is complete. This means a Varsity player may participate as soon as his/her last game (including tournament) is played. Any sub-varsity player may play non-interscholastically when his/her season is complete but it must be kept in mind that he/she cannot return to dress/participate in any OHSAA tournament game. Many Athletic Administrations will safeguard this by allowing no level of player to participate in non-interscholastic basketball until the varsity's last tournament game. Though not entirely necessary, this DOES safeguard all athletes.

How many players can play together on a Non-Interscholastic team such as AAU?

Answer: TWO (2). OHSAA Sports Regulations limit the number of participants on any non-interscholastic roster to no more than 50% of those that make up a starting lineup of a team. In basketball, that magic number is 2. The only exception to this is explained on page 65 in Sports' Regulation 4.11 in which all members of the non-interscholastic squad are siblings (by blood or adoption) and no other player from the same school squad is a participant on the non-school team.

Is the above true for 3 on 3 Tournaments such as "Gus Macker" (and like) tournaments?

Answer: Yes. That same 50% rule pertains to all types of non-interscholastic play.

How are players 'classified' when in Middle School/Junior High and High School relative to playing on non-interscholastic teams?

Answer: Players are considered middle school/junior high until the beginning of their 9th grade year and are considered separate as it relates to participating on non-interscholastic teams. For example; 2 - 8th graders could participate on an "AAU" (non-interscholastic) team along with 2 - 9th graders from the same school. They are considered separate. Please keep in mind this cannot occur during the season of play.

During the summer, how many days are we permitted to coach our players?

Answer: TEN (10). From June 1 – July 31, a coaching staff is permitted to coach a total 10 days, known as 'instructional days'.

Does a day of my own summer camp count toward these 10 days?

Answer: Yes. Any day of instruction is considered one of the 10 total permitted between June 1 and July 31.

How about if I coach a team that consists of only 2 players from my school team?

Answer: Currently the OHSAA does not view that as an instructional day, but one must remember it MUST be between June 1 and July 31.

Does each member of my staff receive 10 separate days?

Answer: No. Obviously, if this were to occur, a school could have upwards of 40 and 60 days of permitted instruction. The 10 days permitted are per staff.

Do Volunteers count in the 10 day total?

Answer: Yes. As mentioned earlier, all volunteers fall under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA. The 10 days permitted to a staff are inclusive of paid and volunteer coaches.

If my son or daughter plays on an AAU or Non-Interscholastic team, can I coach them if I am a school coach?

Answer: Only during the June 1 – July 31 period of time. Coaching ones own players is prohibited outside the season other than those dates and no exception is provided for families.

We have incoming 7th graders that want to play in a fall basketball league. What rules affect them?

Answer: None of the OHSAA Sports Regulations regulate 7th graders until they establish themselves as a member of a school basketball team. As a result, they may play on teams without regard of the "50% limitation".

On non-interscholastic teams, can 2 boys from a school play along with 3 GIRLS from the same school and still meet the requirements of the "50% Rule" (Sports Regulation 4.5) when players participate in non-interscholastic basketball?

Answer: Yes. Since boys' and girls' teams are separate, the 50% limitation (Sports Regulation 4.5) separates boys' teams from girls' teams.

Official Specific Information



Tournament Selection Process



Tournament selection and contracting is done through the *myOHSAA* management system. It is utilized to capture and certify the availability and eligibility of OHSAA tournament eligible officials in ALL sports. All officials who are tournament eligible are sent an email with step-by-step instructions on how to access and complete the OHSAA tournament application. Applications **must** be completed in *myOHSAA* by the posted deadline and officials will receive this notification approximately 14-20 days prior to the application deadline.

Contracts for tournament contests are issued electronically through the *myOHSAA* system. District Athletic Boards are given the responsibility of assignment of officials at the Sectional/District level; the OHSAA office is responsible for Regional and State assignments.

Being an OHSAA tournament ELIGIBLE official is not a guarantee of an OHSAA Tournament assignment.

State and Local Meetings

State Rules Interpretation meetings are listed previously in this manual. Additionally, OHSAA Local Association Meetings are available at on the web at www.ohsaa.org. Under "Officiating" select "Local/State Rules Meetings" then "Local Rules Meetings" and on the left side, select "Basketball".

Ejection Protocol

Officials shall file a written report with the school and the OHSAA office whenever a coach or player is ejected from an athletic contest. Use the "Official's Report" form. An Official's Report form can be viewed and printed by clicking the link below. Additional forms can be obtained by contacting the Association office or your local association secretary. The report shall be filed with the reported school and the OHSAA within 48 hours of the ejection. Whenever an ejection occurs, the ejecting official shall speak with the offender's principal/athletic director no later than the first school day following the ejection. An official failing to follow the ejection protocol and/or failing to file the Official's Report may be penalized in accordance with Section 7 of the OHSAA Handbook for Officials.

The "Official's Report" form is also used to report good or poor sportsmanship, severe injuries, facility problems, or equipment problems. Ejections other than players or coaches and other items of which the Commissioner should be made aware must be provided.

Please use only one form per school. Each offending school will need its own copy. The reporting official will receive notification of resolution upon receipt of the reported school's reply.

It is the official's responsibility to send a copy of the form to the reported school.

Please write legibly and include the ejected person's first and last names. Make sure that the form is complete at the bottom with the date and name of the administrator that you spoke with at the school.

General Ejection Procedures

General Sports' Regulation 10.2 (passed by the OHSAA's Board of Directors in 2008) requires any coach ejected from a contest (paid OR volunteer) to complete the Teaching and Modeling Behavior course through the NFHS and submit payment of a \$100.00 fine within 30 days of the ejection.



Officials' Code of Ethics

(From www.ohsaa.org and the OHSAA Handbook for Officials)

Our member schools have entrusted officials to assist them in the education and development of their youth through athletics. This requires officials to be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people they serve. In recognition of these expectations there is an established **Code of Ethics** and **Code of Conduct** for all officials. The purpose of the code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all officials.

An Official must devote time, thought and study to the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to carry out these rules so that one may render effective and credible service in a fair and unbiased manner.

An Official must work with fellow officials and the state association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue.

An Official must resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself. Under all circumstances, officials must avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group of persons other than the athletes we serve.

An Official must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the avocation in all personal conduct and relations with the student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public, to be a worthy example to the athletes under one's jurisdiction.

An Official will be prepared both physically and mentally, dress accordingly to expectations and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the game.

An Official shall avoid the use of **tobacco and related products** at the contest site.

An Official must remember and recognize that it is important to honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.

Every member of the officiating profession carries a responsibility to act in a manner becoming a professional person. The conduct of any official influences the attitude of the public toward the profession in general as well as toward the official in particular.

Sports officials bear great responsibility for engendering public confidence in sports. They are critical to the health of athletic competitions. Officials ensure games are played fairly, by the rules, within the spirit of the rules and in a safe manner. Officiating takes a great deal of preparation, continuing education and commitment of time.

**Respect
THE
GAME**

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is **EVERYONE'S** Responsibility!



NFHS Sportsmanship Mission Statement

Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.



The OHSBCA & Sportsmanship

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association stands tall in its commitment to good sportsmanship. The school-based experience is one that affords tremendous opportunities to student-athletes that they will remember for a lifetime. Those experiences are dependent on the role model the head coach provides. The OHSBCA encourages all coaches to exhibit behavior that serves as a role model for the student-athletes we serve. In conjunction with the OHSAA's Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity (SEI) Committee, the OHSBCA annually selects a recipient of the SEI Award that is recognized at the boys' and girls' state tournament. The 2009 recipients of the OHSAA's SEI Award were:

Bill McElroy, Elgin High School (Girls')

Dan Schwieterman, Shenandoah High School (Boys')



The Official's Role in Sportsmanship

In 2004 the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) conducted a survey of 550 sports officials and asked "what is the number-one problem in our games today?" Not too surprising, the number one response was "Poor Sportsmanship". As a result, the NASO brought together some of the best and brightest in youth, high school, collegiate and pro sports to examine the issue and explore the official's role in promoting positive onfield/oncourt behavior. The results were published in the book at the right and identified 3 critical ideas:

1. What is at Stake
2. What is Expected, and,
3. What steps to Take

As a result, the following are important results of this study and publication:

1. 65% of respondents indicated their respective associations do not do *enough* to help improve sportsmanship.
2. 89% of officials responding consider themselves PARTNERS with players, coaches and administrators in improving sportsmanship.
3. 54% of officials responding indicated they felt the DO have the training, authority and knowledge to make an impact.



The conclusion:

Sportsmanship is **EVERYONE'S** job and we are all partners in this endeavor.



The OHSAA & Sportsmanship

Respect THE GAME

As we prepare for the upcoming seasons, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) wishes to emphasize to each of you the importance of your leadership role in the promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. The professional manner in which officials and coaches conduct themselves prior to, during and following a contest unquestionably impacts the behavior of others who may be involved.

The OHSAA has joined the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in its quest to improve sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. We are involved in an ongoing campaign in every sport to do just that. Printed below is the mission statement of the NFHS concerning sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity. Please take the time to read and digest this statement and then carefully consider your impact upon students, officials, coaches, and fans. Thank you and have a great season!

The Ohio High School Athletic Association challenges all of us in the basketball community to take positive steps toward the goal of attaining the high ideal of good sportsmanship. It is the responsibility of each of us to serve as a positive role model and set high expectations for others.

Roxanne Price

Assistant Commissioner

ADMINISTRATORS

Athletic departments are comprehensive, pre-eminent teaching departments with a subject matter all their own: self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, discipline, perseverance, respect for others, strategic thinking, dedication, the importance of rules, and sportsmanship. These are true life lessons and participation in athletics provides another forum for learning. Coaches and Officials are responsible for promoting sportsmanship and positive behavior on the field. Administrators, we need your continued assistance in promoting sportsmanship and controlling fan behavior in the stands! Let the parents and fans know what you expect!

COACHES

Your athletes will demonstrate the attitudes and behaviors they have learned from you, either through direct instruction or through observation of your actions. ***Never underestimate the influence you have on your players!*** You must:

- Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Set a good example for players and spectators to follow.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Develop a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper sportsmanship and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

It is difficult to develop a great shooter, a great rebounder or a great free-throw shooter. That is true. However, your greatest challenge is to develop mature young adults who will become great citizens and role models in your community.

OFFICIALS

Your job is not an easy one, but the official must be aware that they are an important component in the educational development of students. To carry out this responsibility, you must:

- Know the rules and mechanics of our sport and the philosophy behind them.

- Get fit and stay fit. An official with all of the rules and mechanics knowledge and people skills in the world does no good if he or she cannot physically keep up with play.
- Maintain professional and ethical relationships with athletic administrators, especially in the area of fulfilling game contracts.
- Work cooperatively with fellow officials during games and within the referees' association to improve members' performances.
- Maintain at all times and when interacting with all participants, an attitude of civility and professionalism.
- Practice effective preventive officiating as much as possible before, during, and after a match. The quiet word, proper signals, timely verbal instructions, a simple thank-you to a player for avoiding an unsporting act, and well-thought-out pre-game conferences with the teams and other game officials will result in an improvement of sportsmanship by eliminating the chance for things to go wrong.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

You serve as a role model for your younger siblings, young fans in the stands, your teammates, and your classmates. Set high expectations for everyone and help them follow-through! You must:

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing your school and the community.
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the school administration and the coaching staff.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with others. This will assist everyone in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Treat opponents as you would like to be treated.....with respect.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.

CONCLUSION

Good sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. It is the essence of interscholastic athletics. Remember....some may question an official's call or a coach's substitution, but no one can question the value of good sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship Online Resources

On our website (www.ohsaa.org – click on “Sportsmanship” on the right side of the screen) you will find **Fair Play Codes** for athletes, coaches, and fans, as well as additional information regarding **parents' role in interscholastic athletics**. The sportsmanship page also includes information about the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award and the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions.

Coaches' Comments to the News Media

Each year unpleasant situations arise as a result of comments made to the news media by coaches. The OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws reads in part "Great care shall be exercised in the selection of officials, well in advance of the contest and agreed upon by schools involved." Public criticism of officials is a direct reflection upon those who were responsible for assigning the officials to the game. Officials are trained and expected to make no derogatory comments regarding the players, coaches, or schools. Coaches are expected to follow the same procedure in regard to the officials. Coaches violating this rule may be asked to discuss the problem personally with the Commissioner. (See Sports Regulations “Media Regulations”, Section B, page 77, OHSAA Handbook).

Pre-Game Public Address Announcement
Welcome and Opening Remarks



Ladies & Gentlemen,

We live in the greatest country in the world with freedoms like no other. To honor America, and in respect for all who have served our country to defend the freedoms we enjoy, we ask gentlemen to remove your hats and stand for the playing of our National Anthem --- ***The Star Spangled Banner.***

*Playing of the **NATIONAL ANTHEM***

As the host of today/tonight's game, the Athletic Department at _____ High School welcomes you to today's/tonight's basketball game between _____ High School and _____ High School and thanks you for your support of high school student-athletes.

The student-athletes, the coaches AND the officials have put great effort into preparing for this game. Please respect them for their efforts and remember to "*Respect the Game*"regardless of the outcome.

The officials assigned to this game have met the requirements set by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and have been approved by both schools to provide their important role in today's/tonight's game.

The officials for this game are:

_____ with _____ years of basketball officiating experience,
_____ with _____ years of basketball officiating experience and
_____ with _____ years of basketball officiating experience.

The athletes, coaches and officials are guests _____ High School and you are requested to so regard them and to so treat them in keeping with the ideals of good sportsmanship. Now lets' meet the players in today's/tonight's game:

Visiting Coaches and Team, Starters last

Home Coaches and Team, Starters last

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