

# OHSAA

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



**2011-12  
COACH & OFFICIAL  
PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL MANUAL**

**Respect  
THE  
GAME**



## A Message from OHSAA Assistant Commissioner, Jerry Snodgrass

# 2011-12 BASKETBALL Pre-Season Manual

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Time for hoops again! The commitment each coach and official in Ohio demonstrates, whether it is at the Junior High level or the High School level, is a level of commitment to provide a great education through the sport of basketball. The pressures and demands seem to increase for coaches and officials alike each and every year and I realize each of you *have* to do it for the love of the game.

Rules meetings remain mandatory for Varsity Head Coaches and officials and will again be offered online as well as several geographically located 'face to face meetings'. This is addressed in the early pages of this manual. We hope you'll encourage your assistant and junior high coaches to view this.

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 as well as the various administrative regulations and interpretations. Our elected Board of Directors approve these regulations annually and are the basis for ALL schools playing by the same rules.

As you know by now, there are several key changes to the administrative regulations for basketball and each are explained within this manual. The season begins with practices on October 28 (Girls) and November 4 (Boys). The purpose of the "Rules Interpretation Meetings" is to give EVERYONE a thorough understanding of the interpretations of OHSAA Regulations as well as the changes and "points of emphasis" to the National playing rules written by the NFHS.

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. We encourage YOUR communication with them to help us operate as efficiently as possible. I continue to try to keep you informed of changes and current information with my weekly posting of "Rebounders Report" at our website ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)). Nearly all information can be found on the "Basketball" web pages (boys or girls). *Please* take the time to review the materials provided here and I encourage coaches and officials to 'check the website' periodically.

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 Athletic Association 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 25 – Monday, September 26

Coaches' Rules Interp. Meeting: Monday, September 26 12:45 p.m.

Application Deadline for OHSAA Foundation Game: Friday, November 11, 2011

OHSAA Foundation Service Week Games: Wednesday, November 16 - Saturday, December 3, 2011

### Girls

First Day of Coaching: Friday, October 28, 2011  
First High School Preview Date: November 18, 2011  
Regular Season Contests May Begin: November 25, 2011  
Non-Interscholastic Competition Must End: Jan. 30, 2012  
Sectional/District Tournament Draw: Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012  
Sectional Tournament: Feb. 13-25, 2012  
District Tournament: Feb. 27 -3, 2012  
Regional Tournament: March 5-10, 2012  
State Tournament: March 15-17, 2012  
No-Contact Period: August 7 – September 4, 2012

### Boys

First Day of Coaching: Friday, November 4, 2011  
First High School Preview Date: November 25, 2011  
Regular Season Contests May Begin: December 2, 2011  
Non-Interscholastic Competition Must End: Feb. 6, 2012  
Sectional/District Tournament Draw: Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012  
Sectional Tournament: Feb. 20-March 4, 2012  
District Tournament: March 5-10, 2012  
Regional Tournament: March 12-17, 2012  
State Tournament: March 22-24, 2012  
No-Contact Period: August 7 – September 4, 2012

### Future Dates

First Day of Coaching 2012-13: October 26, 2012  
2012-13 Regular Season Contests May Begin: Nov. 23, 2012  
2013 State Tournament: March 14-16, 2013

First Day of Coaching 2012-13: November 2, 2012  
2012-13 Regular Season Contests May Begin: Nov. 30, 2012  
2013 State Tournament: March 21-23, 2013

22 Games Permitted for 9-12 in 2012-13

## OHSAA Basketball Resources



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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/rglts/BK11-12.pdf>  
OHSAA GENERAL Sports' Regulations: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/GenSportsReg11-12.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>



The OHSAA Foundation: <http://www.ohsaafoundation.org>



# The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association

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:

## OHSBCA Officers

### President

*Tom Barrick, Wheelersburg*

### First Vice President

*Greg Nossaman, Olentangy Liberty*

### Second Vice President

*Scott Bardall, Garaway*

### Treasurer

*Pat Carroll, Fairless*

### Secretary

*Bob Von Kaenel, Dover*

### First Past President

*Wally Vickers, Lakota East*

### Second Past President

*Dave Froelich, Van Wert*

- 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.

## OHSBCA District Directors

### District 1

*Dan Gorski, Youngstown Liberty*

### District 2

*Sean O'Toole, Cleveland St. Ignatius*

### District 3

*Bob Walsh, Elyria*

### District 4

*Tom McBride, Uniontown Lake*

### District 5

*Joe Dunlevy, Indian Creek*

### District 6

*Tim Birie, Galion*

### District 7

*Tim Shoemaker, Sylvania Northview*

### District 8

*Jim Rucki, Findlay*

### District 9

*Kris Spriggs, Kenton Ridge*

### District 10

*Tony Bisutti, Dublin Scioto*

### District 11

*Pete Liptrap, Pickerington North*

### District 12

*Dan Schwieterman, Shenandoah*

### District 13

*Matt Combs, Vinton County*

### District 14

*Doug Stiverson, Logan Elm*

### District 15

*Pat Murphy, Lebanon*

### District 16

*Joe Cambron, Milford*

## 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.ohiobkcoaches.com/Information/Mentoring\\_List.htm](http://www.ohiobkcoaches.com/Information/Mentoring_List.htm).
3. The OHSBCA maintains a listing of state records and assists with the 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 Arzen Award
  - o Scholarship Programs providing \$15,000.00 to members sons/daughters

## 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

## ***Rules Interpretation Meeting Information***

Though we encourage EVERYONE to complete the Rules Interpretation meeting ONLINE, a limited number of 'face to face' meetings will be offered in 2011. Completion of the meeting, whether online or face to face, is **MANDATORY**. Few coaches realize that all umpires in Ohio must not ONLY attend the State Rules meeting, but must also attend 4 LOCAL Association meetings that are educational in their nature. It is important to understand the purpose of the State Rules Interpretation Meeting. The "Online" meeting for Coaches is geared exclusively FOR coaches while the "Online" meeting for Officials is exclusive for Officials. Quizzes are embedded within each online presentation.

**Note to Coaches:** OHSAA Basketball Sports Regulations will be covered as well as General Regulations and Bylaws as they pertain to coaches and players. Though the main purpose is to provide knowledge and advice on the various OHSAA regulations, this is the education mechanism to insure compliance with the various rules and regulations. In light of many infractions that occur throughout the year, information provided in these meetings, whether face to face OR online is designed to reduce and prevent these infractions.

**Note to Officials:** Though the 'face to face' meetings are a blend of information given to coaches AND officials (since both will be in attendance), if you elect the online version, it will be exclusive to Basketball officials. Most of the OHSAA's rules and regulations affect the administration of the sport, from Athletic Administrators and Basketball Coaches. Enforcement of such things as "coach certification", practice start dates, number of contests, etc., are assigned to school administrators and coaches and will not be covered in the online presentation. Dennis Morris, Director of Development for Basketball Officiating, will have a key role in the online delivery as well as the officiating portion of "face to face" meetings.

### **ONLINE METHOD OF COMPLETION**

#### **For Officials:**

Officials should access their *myOHSAA* account. Once in the system, there will be a link for the OFFICIALS online Rules Meeting. Simply log in, completing the required fields and complete the course. Please note that **all screens of the presentation must be viewed and the quiz completed** for credit to be provided. Officials' "Profiles" in the *myOHSAA* system will be updated periodically to reflect attendance credit. PLEASE note that this is NOT INSTANTANEOUS and is generally done approximately every 5 days. PLEASE do not call the OHSAA Office to verify your attendance.

**The ONLINE Rules Meeting link will be live on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 12:00 noon**

The last day for completion of the online version is **Monday, November 7, 2011 at 12:00 midnight** or a \$50.00 late fee is charged for access to the online version. PLEASE do not call the office for verification after completing the online version, IF you 'attend'....TRUST the system and it will record your attendance.

#### **For Coaches:**

Coaches should access the online version by navigating to the OHSAA's BOYS' BASKETBALL (<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/boys/default.asp>) or GIRLS' BASKETBALL (<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/default.asp>) webpage. You will need your **SCHOOL ID NUMBER**, which can be provided by your school's Athletic Director. Please note that **all screens of the presentation must be viewed and any quizzes or surveys must be completed** for attendance credit to be provided.

**The ONLINE Rules Meeting link will be live on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 12:00 noon**

The last day for completion of the online version is **Monday, November 7, 2011 at 12:00 midnight** or a \$50.00 late fee is charged for access to the online version. Approximately 5 days after completion, each school's *myOHSAA* information will be updated indicating attendance. PLEASE do not call the office for verification after completing the online version, IF you 'attend'....TRUST the system and it will record your attendance.



## 2011 Basketball State Rules Interpretation "Face to Face" Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
10/11/2011	7:15	Bath High School 2850 Bible Road, Lima, OH 45801	Auditorium Donald Mack
10/11/2011	7:15	Glenwood Middle School 1015 44 <sup>th</sup> Street N.W. Canton, OH 44709	Little Theatre Carl Davidson
10/12/2011	7:15	Athens High School 1 High School Drive, The Plains, OH 45780	Auditorium Phillip Lightfoot
10/12/2011	7:15	Mason High School 6100 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd., Mason, OH 45040	Auditorium Scott Stemple
10/13/2011	7:15	Cambridge High School 1401 Deerpath Drive, Cambridge, OH 43725	Choir Room Timothy Gibson
10/13/2011	7:15	Independence Middle School 6111 Archwood, Independence, OH 44131	Auditorium Charles Grimm
10/17/2011	7:15	Austintown-Fitch High School 700 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown, OH 44515	Auditorium Brian Mincher
10/17/2011	7:15	Springfield High School 1470 S. McCord Rd., Holland, OH 43528	Auditorium Allen Radlinski
10/18/2011	7:15	Copley High School 3807 Ridgewood Rd., Copley, OH 44321	Auditorium Keith Walker
10/18/2011	7:15	Upper Valley JVS 8811 Career Drive, Piqua, OH 45356	Lecture Hall R. David Wortman
10/19/2011	7:15	Dawson Bryan High School 1 Hornet Lane, Coal Grove, OH 45638	Cafeteria David Ridenour
10/25/2011	7:15	Reynoldsburg High School Summit Road Campus, 8579 Summit Rd., Reynoldsburg, 43068	Auditorium Malt Brown
10/25/2011	7:15	West Carrollton High School 5833 Student Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449	Auditorium Michael Sims





## ***Major Changes Highlight 2011-12 & Beyond***

As coaches probably know, there are a few MAJOR changes to the Administrative Regulations governing Ohio High School Basketball. These are highlighted below:

### **Addition of TWO (2) Regular Season Basketball Contests Beginning in 2012-13**

As most know, this proposal to permit up to 22 regular season contests was adopted by the Board of Directors to be implemented beginning with the **2012-13** school year. Effective **next year**, it will be permissible to schedule up to 22 regular season contests for teams in grades 9-12.

### **Change in Regulation Governing Organized '3 on3' Tournaments**

Effective the 2011-12 school year, it will **no longer be a violation** of General Sports Regulation 4.5 (Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs Outside the Interscholastic Season – Team Sports) when participating in organized 3 on 3 Tournaments (such as but not limited to "Gus Macker" Tournaments). What does this mean? More than 2 players from any one school team may participate on the same team for 3 on 3 tournaments (only).

### **Change in Interpretation for Board approved Coaches coaching Non-Interscholastic Basketball**

This change will now permit a high school coach to coach a **junior high (7-8) TEAM** consisting of players from his/her school system outside the season of play (such as but not limited to "AAU") **if the coach's contract does not specifically indicate he or she has duties coaching the 7-8 grade team during the season. (Very few do)**

### **No Restriction on playing on Home Courts during Sectional/District Tournaments**

Though this will be covered later and has been a TOURNAMENT regulation, there no longer is a **restriction** on a team playing on its home court during Sectional or District play. Since all District Athletic Boards are given the responsibility of organizing all Sectional and District Tournaments, this will give each board the freedom to play on 'home courts' if they feel it necessary.

Each of the above will be explained on both the Online and Face to Face Rules Interpretation Meetings

## ***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 (this is the first of a 2 year cycle). 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. Another **very useful** tool for these meetings is the NFHS offering of "The Role of the Parent in Sports". This is available FREE at [www.nfhslern.com](http://www.nfhslern.com).

## ***Rawlings & Game Ball Information***

Rawlings continues to be 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.

Please note that a **PINK BASKETBALL IS NEVER PERMITTED FOR USE**. Many calls are received requesting this for use at "Foundation Games" or "Coaches vs Cancer" games and a "Pink" basketball does NOT have the NFHS Stamp for use.



## Coach Certification & Education Requirements

As outlined in Ohio Administrative Code, all Coaches of Middle School/Jr. High and High School teams **MUST** possess a "Pupil Activity Validation Certificate" to coach in Ohio. This includes paid coaches AND volunteer coaches. School administrators are responsible for maintaining records on compliance and most schools provide opportunities for their coaches to obtain the necessary coursework. The actual regulations AND the certificate can be downloaded from the OHSAA's Sports' Medicine page or directly at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine/default.asp>. To obtain the required certificate through the ODE, one must:



- Have completed a Sports' First Aid Course
- Possess a valid CPR Card
- Have been approved by their local Board of Education or similar governing body
- **Complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course**

Completion of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course was made part of the requirement to coach in Ohio as a result of Board of Directors action in June of 2008. Though there was confusion in the initial action, the timetable for coaches to complete the course is tied directly to the Pupil Activity Validation Certificate. To obtain a new certificate, the Fundamentals of Coaching course is required. Simply put:

- **NEW COACHES** must take the course to apply for the ODE's certificate,
- **VETERAN COACHES** must take the course upon renewal of their certificate. This is so indicated by the school's superintendent's signature on the application to the ODE. All applications submitted for the certificate require the signature of the superintendent where board approved. The signature verifies completion of the course.

Effective the 2011-12 school year, audits will be conducted to verify coaching staff's compliance with this Ohio Dept. of Education Requirement.

## Ejection of Players or Coaches

Ejections of players *and* coaches have taken an alarming turn for the worse in the past few years; especially at the JUNIOR HIGH and sub-varsity levels. We ALL encourage you to remember the purpose of education-based athletics. The reality is that ejections DO occur and here are a few things to be aware of:

**Respect  
THE  
GAME**

### Player Ejections

Whenever a player is ejected, he/she is to remain on the bench under the jurisdiction of the coach. It is easier to understand this when we realize we do not want an ejected player 'running loose' in the locker room, school bus, or anywhere else in the school building unsupervised. Any player ejected is suspended from any and all contests the remainder of the day and from **all contests** until 2 contests at the level of the ejection are completed. In other words, a player ejected from a Varsity game is not eligible in any freshmen or JV contest until 2 VARSITY games are complete. Ejected players may not ride the bus to and from any ejected contests, nor may they sit on the team bench during the period of the ejection.

### Coach Ejections

Ejected coaches **MUST** leave the premises. Any coach ejected from a contest is ineligible to coach all contests the remainder of the day and until 2 contests at the level of the ejection are completed. Ejected coaches are permitted to attend a contest during the suspension but is not permitted to sit on the bench or team area and may not give instructions to the players at any time during the contest, including quarter breaks, halftime and postgame. A suspended coach may not travel with the team to an away contest. Any suspended coach must also:

1. Pay a \$100.00 fine to the OHSAA's "Respect the Game" program, and,
2. Register and complete the "Teaching and Modeling Behavior" course through the NFHS at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)



# 2011 OHSAA Foundation Basketball Service Week

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 – Saturday, December 3, 2011

*“Kids Who Care”*

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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, 2011. Materials can also be found online at [www.ohsaafoundation.org](http://www.ohsaafoundation.org). **Applications will be accepted until November 11, 2011.** 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](mailto: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

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### 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](http://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](http://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.

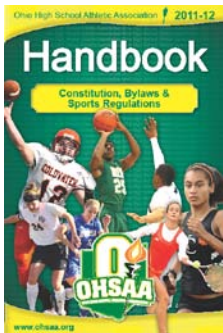
## Saluting the Flag



I have placed this in each of the past few "Pre-Season Manuals" in the attempt that COACHES instruct players in their educational role HOW honor the flag prior to each game. 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 and ELIMINATE the 'holding hands', the "rocking back and forth", etc. I ENCOURAGE coaches to TEACH players the proper respect for the flag during the playing of the National Anthem. Keep in mind how many younger players imitate what high school players do!



## 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/GenSportsReg11-12.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

### High School (9-12) Game & Quarter Limitations

Maximum number of games permitted: **20 (22 beginning in 2012-13)**

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

**Note:** Any freshmen or JV level tournament **must count in the 20 total permitted. (22 in 2012-13)**

Scrimmages/Previews: Maximum of 5 scrimmages and 1 preview or

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

Length of Quarters: 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

### Junior High School/Middle School (7-8) Game & Quarter Limitations

Maximum number of games permitted: **16**

Maximum number of Quarters permitted: **64**

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

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

Length of Quarters: 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\*.

**Beginning this season (2011-12) participation in organized '3 on 3 tournaments' (such as but not limited to "Gus Macker Tournaments) is NOT a violation of this 2 player restriction.**

- 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 78, 2011-12 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 78 of the OHSAA Handbook or through the General Sports Regulations

on the web at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rqits/GenSportsReg11-12.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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade players nor may they scrimmage or have contests vs. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams is:

- **16** total contests **plus** one **post-season** tournament not to exceed 4 games.
- **2** scrimmages OR 1 scrimmage and 1 preview
- **64** total quarters of participation plus any in a **post-season** tournament.

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

#### **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 "2011-12 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

**Comment:** The NFHS Playing Rules permit states to determine on a state by state basis what ball is best suited to be used at the Junior High level. The OHSAA has determined with input from many different groups that the 'smaller' CompOhio28VB is the best for players that age.

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

**Comment:** Many simply tape the 'coaches box' on the floor, but it MUST be marked. The actual language from the NFHS Rules Book (Rule 1-13, Article 2) regarding the "Coaches' Box" reads as follows:

*"The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer's and timer's table and team benches are located. The area shall be bounded by a line 28 feet from the end line, the sideline, a line no more than 14 feet from the 28 foot line toward the end line, and the team bench. These lines shall be located off the court, be 2 inches wide.*

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

**Comment:** This marks the THIRD year this will be used at the state tournament Final Four. The NFHS Rule permits it on a state by state basis, however it may only be used at the end of regulation (or overtime) and only to determine if an attempt was released in time AND whether or not it was from behind the 3 point line or not. So far, this has not come into play...though it has been tested and the use of a minimum of 3 camera angles has shown that it CAN be utilized without flaw.

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

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

**Comment:** Whenever a player with an artificial limb requests this, simply send a written request along with a photo of the artificial limb to [jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org](mailto:jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org). A permission is granted and kept to show officials prior to a contest.

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

**Comment:** Whenever a player with an requests wearing headcoverings or long pants for religious reasons, OR in cases where medical issues required normally unapproved equipment, simply send a written request along with a photo of the artificial limb to [jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org](mailto:jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org). A permission is granted and kept to show officials prior to a contest. Please note that at NO time is the wearing of any splint, cast or the like permitted on the finger, hand or arm regardless of medical authorization.

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

**Comment:** Though we get many inquiries and some states DO permit this, there is no 'mercy rule' adopted for games in the state of Ohio at the Junior High OR High School level.

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

**Comment:** This is primarily a concern at the state tournament level since it is the only level in which LIVE television is permitted. At the state tournament level, the number of "TV Timeouts" is carefully reviewed with finalists prior to the state tournament.



# 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 2010 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	369 or more	200	I	359 or more	200
II	215 - 200	200	II	206 - 358	200
III	123 - 214	200	III	119 - 205	200
IV	122 or less	201	IV	118 or less	199

## Tournament Draw Dates

The draw date for tournaments is established by the Board of Directors. The approved dates for 2012 are:

Girls' Sectional/District Draw: February 5, 2012 2:00 p.m.

Boy's Sectional/District Draw: February 12, 2012 2:00 p.m.

## State Tournament Dates

Girls' State Tournament: March 15-17, 2012

Jerome Schottenstein Center, Columbus

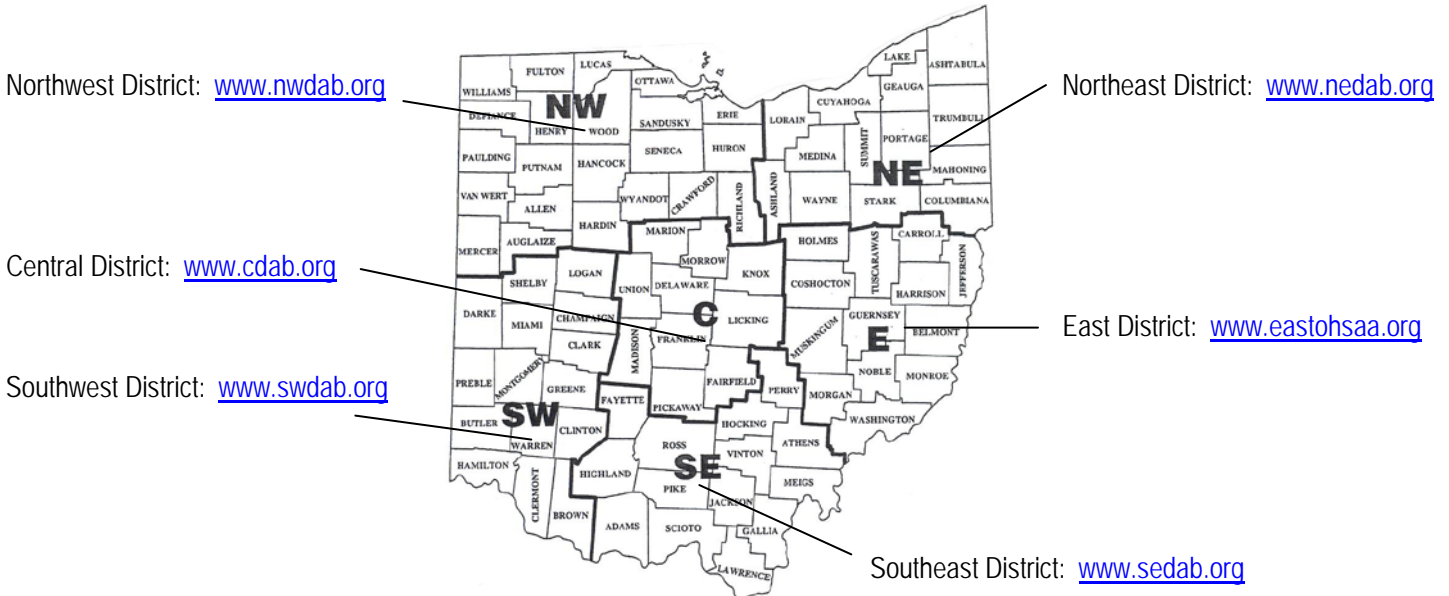
Boys' State Tournament: March 22-24, 2012

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](http://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.



## *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.

## *"Special Event" Contests*

"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 events and schools/coaches efforts to become involved. 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). However, 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](mailto: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:

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](http://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](http://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](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.

# Ohio High School Athletic Association

And

OHSAA Member Schools

## IMPLEMENTATION OF NFHS PLAYING RULES CHANGES RELATED TO CONCUSSION AND CONCUSSED ATHLETES AND RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL

In its various sports playing rules, the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) has implemented a standard rule change in all sports dealing with concussions in student-athletes. The basic rule in all sports (which may be worded slightly differently in each rule book due to the nature of breaks in time intervals at contests in different sports) states:

*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 by an appropriate health-care professional. (Please see NFHS Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion in the Appendix in the back of each NFHS Rules Book).*

**It is important for all adults involved in interscholastic athletics to recognize the potential for catastrophic injury and even death from concussions. Thus it is extremely important that each coach, administrator, contest official and medical support personnel review their responsibilities in protecting students.**

Last year the OHSAA Board of Directors adopted a sports regulation which incorporated the NFHS rules change. This regulation reads:

*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***

In January, 2011, the OHSAA Board of Directors has further defined the following parameters to guide OHSAA licensed officials, medical personnel and member school representatives in implementing this change.

1. **What are the "signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion"?** The National Federation rule lists some of the signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with a concussion. The U.S. Department of Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has published the following lists of signs, symptoms and behaviors that are consistent with a concussion:

SIGNS OBSERVED BY OTHERS	SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appears dazed or stunned</li><li>• Is confused about assignment</li><li>• Forgets plays</li><li>• Is unsure of game, score, or opponent</li><li>• Moves clumsily</li><li>• Answers questions slowly</li><li>• Loses consciousness</li><li>• Shows behavior or personality changes</li><li>• Cannot recall events prior to hit</li><li>• Cannot recall events after hit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headache</li><li>• Nausea</li><li>• Balance problems or dizziness</li><li>• Double or fuzzy vision</li><li>• Sensitivity to light or noise</li><li>• Feeling sluggish</li><li>• Feeling foggy or groggy</li><li>• Concentration or memory problems</li><li>• Confusion</li></ul>

2. **Who is responsible for administering this new rule?**  
**All adults** who have responsibilities and duties in the interscholastic athletics environment are responsible: coaches, contest official, administrators and medical personnel.
3. **What is the role of coaches in administering this new rule?**
  - Coaches are to review and know the signs and symptoms of concussion and to prohibit any athlete who displays these signs or symptoms from participating in a practice or a contest.
  - Coaches are not medical professionals and have no authority to determine whether or not a student has sustained a concussion. The coach is responsible for insuring that the student's parents are notified and the student is referred to a medical professional
4. **What is the role of contest officials in administering the new rule?**
  - Officials are to review and know the signs and symptoms of concussion and to direct immediate removal of any athlete who displays these signs or symptoms,

- An official shall not permit the athlete who has been removed under this rule to return to competition without written medical authorization presented to the head official.
  - If a contest official is aware that a student has been permitted to return to competition without written authorization from a physician or licensed athletic trainer, that official shall immediately stop play and remove that student from competition and report the incident to the Ohio High School Athletic Association
  - Note that officials are not medical professionals and have no authority to determine whether or not student has sustained a concussion. The official is responsible for directing removal when he or she observes signs and symptoms that may indicate a student is concussed.
5. **Who decides if an athlete has not been concussed (~~has had a concussion~~) and/or who has recovered from a concussion?**
- Only an MD (Medical Doctor), DO (Doctor of Osteopathy), or LAT (Licensed Athletic Trainer) is empowered to make the onsite determination that an athlete has not received a concussion.
  - If any one of these individuals has answered that "yes" there has been a concussion, **that decision is final.**
6. **Can an athlete return to play on the same day as he/she receives a concussion?**
- No, under no circumstances can that athlete return to play that day.
  - When in doubt, hold them out.
  - If the event continues over multiple days, then the designated event physician has ultimate authority over return to play decisions.
  - However, if the health care professional (MD, DO or LAT) has evaluated the athlete, who has been removed from competition due to exhibiting the signs and symptoms of a concussion, and has determined that the athlete did not sustain a concussion, that student may return to play with the submission of the written authorization by the health care professional.
  - The written authorization shall be submitted to the school administration; however, if there is no administrator on site at the competition, the authorization may be held by the host site manager or the head coach.
7. **Once the day has concluded, who can issue authorization to return to practice / competition in the sport?**
- Once a concussion has been diagnosed by one of the above listed on site providers, only an MD, DO or LAT can authorize subsequent return to play, and such authorization shall be in writing to the administration of the school. This written RTP authorization shall be kept at the school until the statute of limitations expires, which is four years from the date of the student's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - School administration shall then notify the coach as to the permission to return to practice or play.
8. **What should be done after the student is cleared by an appropriate health care professional?**
- After a clearance has been issued, the student's actual return to practice and play should follow a graduated protocol.
  - The National Federation has included the following graduated protocol in its *Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion in Sports*: (This is simply a suggested protocol. The appropriate health care professional who issues the clearance may wish to establish a different graduated protocol.)

#### Medical Clearance RTP Protocol

1. No exertional activity until asymptomatic.
  2. When the athlete appears clear, begin low-impact activity such as walking, stationary bike, etc.
  3. Initiate aerobic activity fundamental to specific sport such as skating or running, and may also begin progressive strength training activities.
  4. Begin Non-contact skill drills specific to sport such as dribbling, fielding, batting, etc.
  5. Full contact in practice setting.
  6. Game play/competition
    - **ATHLETE MUST REMAIN ASYMTOMATIC TO PROGRESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.** (It is often suggested that an athlete not be allowed to progress more than one level per day.)
    - **IF SYMPTOMS RECUR, ATHLETE MUST RETURN TO PREVIOUS LEVEL AND SHOULD BE REEVALUATED BY AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.**
    - **MEDICAL CHECK SHOULD OCCUR BEFORE CONTACT.** (Final written clearance from the medical professional shall be obtained before the athlete engages in any unrestricted or full contact activity)
9. **Fundamental Reminder about this change**
- It has always been the ultimate responsibility of the coaching staff, in all sports, to ensure that players are only put into practice or contests if they are physically capable of performing; however, all adults involved in the conduct of interscholastic competition have responsibilities in this endeavor.

#### Other resources

- The NFHS has developed a new 20-minute online coach education course – *Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know*, the NFHS *Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion in Sports* brochure, the NFHS *Sports Medicine Handbook*, materials from the CDC "Heads Up" program and other materials should all be made available to officials, parents, students and schools.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a publication entitled “**Heads up to Schools: Know your Concussion ABC’s**” – A **Fact Sheet for Teachers, Counselors and School Professionals**, available on its web site. Click onto [www.cdc.gov/concussion](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion) to obtain this valuable publication that will assist teachers and other school personnel in making accommodations for students returning to school after a concussion.
- The following form may be used by schools to educate parents and students about this issue:

(INSERT SCHOOLNAME HERE)

**Concussion Information Form**

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

**Symptoms may include one or more of the following:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headaches</li> <li>• “Pressure in head”</li> <li>• Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>• Neck pain</li> <li>• Balance problems or dizziness</li> <li>• Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision</li> <li>• Sensitivity to light or noise</li> <li>• Feeling sluggish or slowed down</li> <li>• Feeling foggy or groggy</li> <li>• Drowsiness</li> <li>• Change in sleep patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amnesia</li> <li>• “Don’t feel right”</li> <li>• Fatigue or low energy</li> <li>• Sadness</li> <li>• Nervousness or anxiety</li> <li>• Irritability</li> <li>• More emotional</li> <li>• Confusion</li> <li>• Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays)</li> <li>• Repeating the same question/comment</li> </ul>
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Adapted from the CDC and the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference in Sport

**Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appears dazed</li> <li>• Vacant facial expression</li> <li>• Confused about assignment</li> <li>• Forgets plays</li> <li>• Is unsure of game, score, or opponent</li> <li>• Moves clumsily or displays poor coordination</li> <li>• Answers questions slowly</li> <li>• Slurred speech</li> <li>• Shows behavior or personality changes</li> <li>• Can’t recall events prior to hit</li> <li>• Can’t recall events after hit</li> <li>• Seizures or convulsions</li> <li>• Any change in typical behavior or personality</li> <li>• Loses consciousness</li> </ul>
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**What can happen if my child keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?**

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion shall be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant



damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one (second impact syndrome). This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for student-athlete's safety.

### If you think your child has suffered a concussion

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion Remember its better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/>

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## 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](http://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](http://www.ohsaa.org) and the specific sport page on the web site for more information.



## 2011-12 Rules Information

### Rules Changes



- 1-3-1 The center restraining circle specifications were changed to permit a minimum of a 1/4 inch Wide single line but a line no wider than 2 inches to designate the outer edge of the circle. Contrasting colored-floor areas are still permissible.  
**Rationale:** *Many existing courts already have a center circle that has a single 1/4 inch line. A mathematical line between two solid colors is also permitted in Table 1-1. Supplement to The Basketball Court, No 3. This change provides consistency in the rule*
- 3-5-3  
NEW The specifications regarding arm **compression sleeves** were changed to require the item to be WHITE, BLACK, BEIGE or a SINGLE SOLID SCHOOL COLOR, be the same color for each team member, AND have only a single manufacturer's logo that does not exceed 2 1/4 square inches. Arm compression sleeves must **still be worn for medical purposes**.  
**Rationale:** *Under the previous rule, arm compression sleeves had no logo restrictions could have been multiple colors and teammates could have worn different colors. This rule change provides clarification and makes enforcement more consistent for officials*
- 4-12-1,  
4-12-2 &  
4-12-6 Several definitions were changed to reflect that team control will now exist during a throw-in when the thrower-in the ball at his/her disposal. The change primarily affects how foul penalties will be administered.  
**Rationale:** *By changing the definition of player and team control to include a throw-in, greater consistency in the penalty for a common foul is achieved. As the previous rule was written because there was no team control during a throw-in, the penalty for a common foul committed by the throw-in team after the throw-in had begun resulted in free throws if the offended team was in the bonus. This was not consistent with the penalty for a team-control foul. This rules change will result in greater consistency in the penalties for common fouls, eliminate confusion on rule application and speed up the contest by eliminating the delay inherent with administering free throws.*

### Major Editorial Changes

- 1-11-2, 3 Updated specifications were added to the basket-ring rules. A note was also added recommending that basket rings be inspected for rules compliance.  
**Rationale:** *The changes will more accurately describe the products used in the marketplace and encourage some type of equipment inspection.*
- 2-2-4  
Note, new A note was added clarifying the administrative responsibilities of game officials through the completion of required reports.  
**Rationale:** *The administrative duties for game officials needed to be extended after the game to document actions which occur during the game. This revision illustrates the difference between the game officials' jurisdiction during the game and other administrative responsibilities such as submitting specific reports after the game. In addition, state associations may continue to develop and implement policies that allow for review of unusual incidents that occur while the game officials have jurisdiction or after the game.*
- 3-4-1c  
Note, new A new note was added recommending that the visiting team's dark jersey be the darker of the school's color scheme or black.  
**Rationale:** *Many schools believe that a contrasting dar-colored jersey need only be a color other than white. When visiting teams wear light blue, light gold, or light silver, it is difficult to differentiate them from home white jerseys.*
- 3-5-1 A new note was added authorizing state associations to grant exceptions to NFHS playing rules for participants

- Note, new** with disabilities special needs, and/or extenuating circumstances.  
**Rationale:** *Clarifies that an individual state association may authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs or other unique and extenuating circumstances. Such exceptions are not considered rules modifications since they are not general in nature; rather they are limited to the circumstances of specific individual participants.*
- 4-19-3** The definition of an intentional foul was clarified and reorganized.  
**Rationale:** *Clarification*
- 6-4-3e, g & Note** Alternating-possession throw-in situations were clarified.  
**Rationale:** *Current items e. and g. were inaccurate given the point of interruption procedure in 4-36. The NOTE was also clarified.*
- 8-6-2, 8-6-3, NEW 8-7** The penalty administration for when single fouls occur as part of a multiple free-throw situation and when double foul occurs as part of a multiple free-throw situation was clarified. Based on these editorial changes Section 8-7 became unnecessary and was deleted.  
**Rationale:** *Clarification*
- 9-2-10** Clarified that when an opponent contacts the thrower-in, an intentional foul shall be charged to the offender.  
**Rationale:** *Any type of contact on a thrower is an intentional foul. The defender does not actually have to break the boundary plane. This clarification will assist in more consistent enforcement.*

### Points of Emphasis!

1. Sporting Behavior
2. Guidelines for Teaching and Officiating
3. Injury Data and Prevention



### Major Mechanics Changes

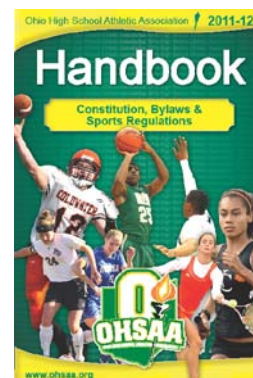
- 2.2.2.C.6** Crew of 2 Only: The Trail will mirror the Lead's stop—and start-clock (chop) signal to ensure proper court coverage.  
**Rationale:** This is the 3-person mechanic. Too many times in a crew of 2 it is hard for the timer to see the Lead start the clock. This was the rationale for 3-person mechanics, so the same technique should be used for a crew of 2. It is also good training for those transitioning from a crew of 2 to a crew of 3.
- 2.4.4.B.4** A visible signal (point to the table) was added to indicate when the timer should start the clock on a time-out.  
**Rationale:** Helps to provide consistent administration of time –out situations

### Mechanics Points of Emphasis

1. Reporting Area
2. Proper Signaling
3. Substitutions
4. Game Awareness
5. Fight Situation Protocol

# 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](http://www.ohsaa.org). CHANGES in Regulations OR Interpretations from last year are highlighted in this document.



## When does a Team's "No-Contact Period" actually begin?

Answer: At the conclusion of THAT TEAM'S season. For example, if a Middle School team's season ends on Friday, February 11, the 'no-contact period' would begin Saturday, February 12 for players on that team.

## Can Middle School Players practice or play with High School players DURING the season?

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.

## Can Players from another school participate with another school during summer "team camps" and "Shoot-outs"?

Answer: Yes. The OHSAA does not view "Team Camps" and/or "Shootouts" anytime out of season as any kind of a school event. They are considered "non-interscholastic" and may be attended by anyone. It does NOT waive any of the Bylaw relative to "Recruiting", however.

## 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.

## What is actually meant by "Coaching"?

Answer: "Coaching" refers to ANY organizational or instructional contact with athletes by a basketball coach to basketball players. Specific activities include (but are NOT limited to) practice or other instructional situations in which the coach conducts specific drills, teaches skills, implies and supports an instructional environment without actually doing the coaching (i.e. "captains' practices").

## In a "Summer League" if I sit on a bench during a game, does that constitute 'coaching'?

Answer: Yes. Sitting on the team bench or in the direct vicinity of the competition in areas reserved for coaches and or delivering instruction to athletes while they are competing IS coaching. Standing on the end of the gym floor at a 'relaxed' environment of a summer league game and barking out instructions.....is indeed coaching. Again, remember that ANY coaching that DOES occur can only occur between June 1 and July 31 outside the season of play.

## 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 67 in Sports' Regulation 6.21 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.

**Can our team participate in a fundraiser game against a faculty or a team of local/area celebrities outside the season of play?**

Answer: Only during June and July. Any event such as that between the end of the season and June 1 that has more than 2 players from the same school would be in violation of Sports Regulation 6.5 that limits the number on any one team out of season.

**If our school has 2-8<sup>th</sup> grade teams, are we permitted to have 4 total players from our school on a non-interscholastic team (AAU/Travel)?**

Answer: No, UNLESS your 2 separate 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams are in 2 separate middle schools. For example, if you have Jones Middle School and Smith Middle School, you COULD have 2 from "Jones" and 2 from "Smith" on the same non-interscholastic team. If you have both 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams in the same building, you are strictly limited to the 2 from that particular school, regardless of how many teams you have.

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

Answer: No. Effective with the 2011-12 school year, players may participate in organized "3 on 3 Tournaments" (such as Gus Macker Tournaments) in excess of the 50% limitation (2 in basketball). The permission is now written into the Basketball Sports Regulations in Regulation 4.4 and reads: "Participation in "3 on 3" tournaments (such as but not limited to "Gus Macker" tournaments) is not a violation OHSAA non-interscholastic Team Sports Regulation 6.5 for student-athletes".

**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 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and are considered separate as it relates to participating on non-interscholastic teams. For example; 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders could participate on an "AAU" (non-interscholastic) team along with 2 - 9<sup>th</sup> 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 (during June and July)?**

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 one's own players is prohibited outside the season other than those dates and no exception is provided for families.

**Can a Junior High coach from my district coach HIGH SCHOOL players in non-interscholastic basketball (such as "AAU") outside the season of play?**

Answer: Yes...IF the supplemental contract the Junior High coach signs does not require him/her to coach additionally during practice at the high school level (and most do not stipulate that). Simply look at the contract you sign....and if does not stipulate that, then you ARE permitted to do so.

**Can a High School coach from a district coach JUNIOR HIGH players in non-interscholastic basketball (such as "AAU") outside the season of play?**

Answer: Yes...IF the supplemental contract the High coach signs does not require him/her to coach additionally during practice at the junior high school level (and most do not stipulate that). Simply look at the contract you sign....and if does not stipulate that, then you ARE permitted to do so.

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

Answer: None of the OHSAA Sports Regulations regulate 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6.5) when players participate in non-interscholastic basketball?**

Answer: Yes. Since boys' and girls' teams are separate, the 50% limitation (Sports Regulation 6.5) separates boys' teams from girls' teams.

**We have a "home schooled" player who lives in the district and would like to play for our school. Can he or she?**

Answer: It depends. Each school district in Ohio is required to have a Board adopted policy addressing participation in interscholastic athletics by home schooled students. This is an OHSAA Bylaw and their eligibility would need to be secured and approved through your school's Athletic Administrator. One aspect of this bylaw requires that the student attend at least ONE class in the actual building, regardless of the school district's policy.

**We have a Foreign Exchange Student who would like to participate on our basketball team. Can he or she do this?**

Answer: Again, it depends. All foreign exchange students must have their eligibility approved through the Commissioner's office. No foreign exchange student is eligible until approved by the Commissioner.

Complete BASKETBALL Regulations may be found at the following link: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/BK11-12.pdf>

Complete GENERAL SPORT REGULATIONS may be found at this link: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rglts/GenSportsReg11-12.pdf>

## Results of the 2011 NFHS Basketball Rules Questionnaire

Each season, an important aspect of the NFHS Rules writing process incorporates a questionnaire that is provided to all Officials and Coaches in Ohio for input. A link to this survey, from questions generated by the NFHS Rules Committee, is emailed to all coaches and officials in January. Here are the results of certain aspects of the survey sent out in January of 2011. Keep in mind that survey results do not necessarily result in Rule Changes, they are utilized in the Rules Committee for discussion ultimate changes.

### About Rules for 2011-12, Would You Favor....

1. Requiring medical documentation for a player to wear an arm/elbow/shooting sleeve.

	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	44%	46%	46%
No	42%	42%	46%
No Opinion	14%	12%	8%

2. Requiring an arm/elbow/shooting sleeve to be a single solid color

	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	71%	76%	89%
No	16%	14%	8%
No Opinion	13%	10%	3%

3. Changing the closely-guarded distance from 6 feet to 3 feet

	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	38%	41%	30%
No	57%	57%	59%
No Opinion	5%	2%	11%

4. Having 'team control' during a throw-in? Outcome: an illegal screen or any foul by the throw-in team would be considered a 'team control' foul resulting in a throw-in to the offended team. Currently, free throws could be awarded if a team is in the bonus

	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	48%	65%	57%
No	40%	28%	35%
No Opinion	12%	7%	8%

5. Requiring all players, except the free thrower, to be behind the division line and prohibited from meeting with their coach/bench during free-throw attempts for a technical or intentional foul (no players in marked lane spaces)

	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	25%	55%	38%
No	68%	37%	49%
No Opinion	7%	8%	14%

6.	Having a 20-second interval to rectify blood on the jersey/player before a substitute is required.		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	80%	58%	53%
No	15%	34%	39%
No Opinion	5%	8%	8%
7.	Having the clock stop on a successful goal when there is less than one minute remaining in the game/overtime.		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	36%	23%	24%
No	61%	73%	73%
No Opinion	3%	2%	3%
8.	Playing the game in 16-minute halves by state association adoption.		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	18%	42%	31%
No	75%	48%	61%
No Opinion	7%	9%	8%
9.	Playing the game in 18-minute halves by state association adoption.		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	41%	23%	17%
No	43%	68%	80%
No Opinion	6%	9%	3%
10.	Regarding the implementation of a shot clock:		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
I do not favor a shot clock	44%	48%	51%
I would favor a shot clock as a National Playing Rule	26%	25%	11%
I would favor a shot clock by state assoc. adoption	30%	27%	38%
11.	If a shot clock were adopted, having the timeframe be:		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
30 seconds	12%	14%	15%
35 seconds	41%	41%	53%
45 seconds	46%	45%	32%
12.	If a shot clock were adopted, eliminating the closely-guarded count while dribbling.		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	39%	48%	42%
No	57%	48%	39%
No Opinion	4%	4%	19%
13.	If a shot clock were adopted, eliminating the 10-second backcourt violation.		
	Coaches	Officials	State Association Members
Yes	32%	34%	28%
No	66%	63%	64%
No Opinion	2%	2%	8%



## *Official Specific Information*

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*

A section on State Rules Interpretation meetings exists previously in this manual. Additionally, OHSAA Local Association Meetings are available at on the web at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). Under "Officiating" select "Local/State Rules Meetings" then "Local Rules Meetings" and on the left side, select "Basketball".

## *Ejection Protocol*

Following the contest, the official shall contact the Athletic Director or Principal of the violator's school to advise the administration of the ejection. Contact shall be made 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 Officials' Report may be penalized in accordance with Section VIII of the Officiating Handbook.

- **Officials shall file a written report with the OHSAA office whenever a coach or player is ejected.**
- Officials should use the "Officials' Report Form" located at <http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/sptsmsnshp/ejections.htm> The report shall be filed with the OHSAA within 2 business days of the ejection.
- **The OHSAA will send a copy to the reported school along with a copy of the "School Response Form" (this is different from previous years!)**
- In the event of an ejection, a coach is ejected from ALL GAMES for the remainder of the day of the ejection PLUS **all contests until** two games at the level of the ejection are completed. Ejected coaches must also pay a \$100.00 fine and complete the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) "Teaching and Modeling Behavior" course within 30 days of the ejection. This information is mailed to the school Athletic Director when a coach is ejected and all regulations regarding ejections are to be enforced by the school administration.
- In the event an official does NOT contact the school, the ejection **still stands** and the official is dealt with individual on his/her failure to comply with Section VIII of the OHSAA Officiating Handbook.
- **ALL EJECTIONS ARE FINAL AND NOT PERMITTED TO BE APPEALED** per the OHSAA's Board of Directors.

### 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](http://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 2010-11 recipients of the OHSAA's SEI Award were:

Ed Zink, Beaver Creek High School (Girls')  
Greg Richard, Mason High School (Boys')

#### The Official's Role in Sportsmanship



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 exactly is at Stake
2. What is Expected of Officials, and,
3. What steps need to be taken

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.



#### Sportsmanship for Parents

The NFHS has made a NO COST online course available to PARENTS...to help them understand their role in their son/daughter's athletic career. The course is titled "The Role of the Parent in Sports" and is easily accessible through the "Learning Center" at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). And, again...it is FREE and a good tool for coaches to use in dealing with parents.



## *The OHSAA & Sportsmanship*

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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.

### *OHSAA Resources*

On our website ([www.ohsaa.org](http://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, the newly adopted "Respect the Game Challenge" 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

