TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators – Grades 9-12

FROM: Jerry Snodgrass, Executive Director

RE: Guidance Regarding Constitution 3-3-4 and 3-3-5 – Continuing Membership

DATE: October 3, 2018

The member school principals in May 2017 amended two Constitutional items which address a high school’s continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association. The purpose of this memo is to remind you of these changes and indicate that the Association will be performing an audit on the status of all member schools at the end of each sports season to ensure compliance with these articles.

Constitution 3-3-4 requires a member high school to sponsor two varsity “recognized sports” per sport season during a school year in order to maintain membership. This sponsorship means that the school conducts competition in a minimum of 50% of the maximum allowable regular season contests, as well as participates in the OHSAA postseason tournaments in two of the recognized sports.

If it is discovered during the school year that a member high school has failed to sponsor the minimum of two varsity recognized sports in any sports season, effective immediately in the sports season in which the school fails to meet this minimum sponsorship obligation, the school’s membership shall be placed on probation and the school’s remaining sports teams shall be ineligible for participation in any OHSAA sponsored team tournaments. Furthermore, as a school on probation, the school shall pay for its Arbiter account and the catastrophe insurance premium and will need to reapply for membership in accordance with the initial membership requirements found in Constitution 3-2-4. Failure to reapply in a timely manner shall cause the school’s membership to be terminated.

Please check to ensure that your schools are meeting these minimum standards, and record those sports and the coaches who work with those sports on your MYOHSAA account. If you need assistance with your account, please contact Jacki Windon in membership services for assistance.

Thanks for your time, and have a great start to the school year.