The Mandatory Rules Meeting
The mandatory rules meeting is now available. If you are having trouble accessing the meeting, be sure of two things: 1. You must have a ‘myOHSAA’ account in order to view it. PLEASE make sure you speak with your Athletic Director to ensure he/she has added your name into your school’s staff management. 2. We recommend viewing the meeting via Chrome or Microsoft Edge browsers. We have heard that several other browsers are freezing throughout. If there are any other issues, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Roster Selections – “Cuts”
First, a reminder that ‘cuts’ can NOT be made prior to the start of practice. There is also no set number of days you must permit players to tryout. But, I strongly encourage ‘common sense’. There is a fairly decent amount of time before game 1, so give the kids a chance. Lastly, I discourage simply posting a list, and encourage a conversation between coaches and student. Give coaching feedback, and let the student know what they can improve upon, and potentially try out next year.

AGAIN Transfers
Last spring, a new bylaw was passed that states: If a transfer student does not meet 1 of the 11 exceptions, the student athlete will become ineligible after the 11th game of the season for the remainder of that season AND any OHSAA tournament contests.

7th & 8th Grade Reminders
A fundamental regulation (General Sports Reg. 32) prohibits 7th & 8th graders from practicing or competing with anyone above grade 8 or below grade 7. We have had several questions already about the ‘great’ 8th grade player that would benefit from practicing with the HS JV team. It is not permitted. Keeping in mind that 7th & 8th graders may compete together/against each other (just like 9-12 may do the same), this does permit 7th graders to play on 8th grade teams and vice versa.

“Showcases”
Be careful. We are repeatedly coming across individuals conducting “Showcases” for your players to come ‘showcase’ their talents for college scouts, etc. Please remind your players, these are NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC events and participation is not permitted once players are part of your team.

Scrimmage Reminders
Each of your teams (Freshmen, JV, Varsity) are permitted 5 total scrimmages and these scrimmages can be used anytime throughout the season. Please keep in mind however, that each PLAYER may only participate in 5 total scrimmages. If you elect to play in an OHSAA Foundation game, you may do so in place of one of your scrimmages.

Practicing with Another School
This is becoming more and more popular. Just remember – practicing with another school is the same as a scrimmage and must be counted as such. Just a reminder so you do not exceed the scrimmage limits mentioned above.

Non-Interscholastic Reminder #1
Since this is the number one violation of sports’ regulations- player participation in non-interscholastic events during the season, please remind your players they are NOT permitted to practice, tryout, or compete in any non-school basketball while members of the school team. You cannot remind them enough!

Team Member’s Equipment Reminder
Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves, compression shorts and tights are permissible:
   a. Anything worn on the arm and/or leg is a sleeve, except a knee brace, and shall meet the color restrictions.
   b. The sleeves/tights, compression shorts shall be black, white, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and the same color sleeves/tights shall be worn by teammates.
   c. All sleeves/tights, compression shorts shall be the same solid color and must be the same color as any headband or wristband worn.
   d. Meet logo requirements in 3-6.