



Ohio High School Athletic Association

“Basketball All-Star Games” OHSAA General Sports Regulation 7.6

The concept of “All-Star” games developed many years ago. At the time, at the conclusion of the school basketball season, there were virtually no other formal/organized basketball events that took place. Along came “AAU” tournaments, ‘Travel’ Tournaments and everything in between. However, rules regarding participating in these “All-Star Games” did not change with the times. As a result many veteran coaches are still under the assumption that only seniors may participate in “All-Star Games” (no longer true) and that seniors may only play in 2 of these “All-Star Games” (no longer true). So, consider these facts:

- ANY organized basketball event outside the OHSAA’s defined season of play is considered a “non-interscholastic event”.
- Any player who participates in a Non-Interscholastic Event outside the season must adhere to the regulations addressing all non-interscholastic events for that sport. They include but are not limited to:
 - o No more than 2 individuals that played for the same school teams the previous season may be on the same non-interscholastic team. In other words, if an All-Star game is held, no more than 2 individuals from the same school’s 9-12 (or 7-8) team may be on the same All-Star team. Graduating seniors are an exception and do not have to adhere to this nor are they counted in the number (2) permitted.
 - o 7-8 Coaches may not coach 7-8 players from their school in any All-Star game outside the season EXCEPT if it were held during June and July. They MAY coach players in grades 9-12 from their school in an All-Star game outside the season anytime except during the No-Contact Period.
 - o 9-12 Coaches may not coach 9-12 players from their school in any All-Star game outside the season EXCEPT for graduating seniors and except if it were held during June and July. They MAY coach players in grades 7-8 from their school in an All-Star game outside the season anytime except during the No-Contact Period.
- There is no limit to the number of Non-Interscholastic events an individual may play in outside the OHSAA’s defined season of play. Taking this one step further, there is no limit to the number of All-Star games a player at any level may play in outside the season of play.

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So, YES, you have read the above correctly. ANY player in grades 7-12 may play in an “All-Star” game because an “All-Star” game is nothing more than any other non-interscholastic event such as an “AAU” tournament/game. Further more, since the NCAA does not restrict how many of these games a player participates in, there is no reason the OHSAA would restrict that number. Provided players adhere to all of the non-interscholastic regulations governing them in the off-season, they may participate in them and coaches may coach in them. You can read the exact specifics of this in the OHSAA’s General Sports Regulation (Specifically General Sports Regulation 7.6) at this link:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rqlts/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

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