

TO: OHSAA Member School Athletic Administrators
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2016 Jamboree Application: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/ft/boys/Jamboree%20Application.doc>

Application Deadline: August 5, 2016

Fee: \$250.00 per participating school

Playing Dates: August 9-20, 2016

Please note that the 2016 application requires the signature of the Athletic Director for each participating school. All participating teams in a Jamboree Game must consider the event a Jamboree, regardless if the Jamboree is not the third pre-season event for any of the participants.

All schools participating in a Jamboree will receive confirmation that the application has been received and whether it was approved by the week of August 1.

What is a Jamboree? A Jamboree is a third preseason football contest. It is intended to be conducted during the scrimmage timeline and serve as a “dress rehearsal” for the upcoming regular season game(s). In an ideal world, the game would be played in accordance with NFHS playing rules, i.e. four quarters, complete kicking game, regular clock rules and should involve all aspects of the football Friday Night experience. However, the competing schools have some flexibility to conduct the Jamboree in the most suitable format for their kids and communities. The host school may charge admission. Many schools hosting a Jamboree have included booster sponsored chicken barbeques or pasta dinners. Many athletic departments involve their marching band and have band booster activities. It is anticipated that the Jamboree be more than just an athletic event.

Where does the participation fee go? Each school that participates in a Jamboree is required to pay \$250 to the OHSAA which goes directly into the Catastrophic Insurance Fund. The OHSAA insures every junior and senior high athlete for a catastrophic injury. A catastrophic injury is one in which medical bills exceed \$25,000. In past years injuries have occurred in football, baseball, swimming and wrestling which ultimately involved quad and paraplegia. The OHSAA provided insurance has assisted the injured players and families with medical expenses, remodeling homes, education and other rehabilitation measures. There is an annual insurance premium to the OHSAA that exceeds \$600,000. OHSAA member schools pay no membership fee and no insurance fee.

How much has been raised? Jamborees began in 2009. Jamborees held previously have generated more than \$70,000 each year toward the Catastrophic Insurance Fund.

The effort by athletic administrators and coaches is appreciated!