

Seed & Draw Meetings
Scheduled for Sunday,
October 9 @ 2:00 (B) and
3:00 (G).



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Individual Instruction

OHSAA Sports Regulation 7.3 permits individuals to receive **individual** instruction during the season of play from those not members of the school coaching staff. This permission is granted unless it violates any school policy, including a coach's individual team policy. Many ask "Why" this is the case? First, the language that permits a school or coach to prohibit it is based upon the principal that players on teams should be void of 'distractions' and those non-school coaches who may tell players they should be playing more than they currently are, etc. However, the permission is there to give coaches the discretion if they want a player to obtain private instruction in a special area. Don't confuse this with non-interscholastic TEAM participation.

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Respect
THE
GAME

Game Administration

As each week of the season rolls on, this becomes more and more at the forefront. At required Rules Meetings (online AND 'face to face'), emphasis was made to both officials and coaches that "someone" by rule is 'in charge' of every event conducted at a school. If the Athletic Director or Faculty Mgr., is not present, *there STILL is someone in charge of the event.* That 'someone' is often the coach; and it does need to be understood. I realize no one's pay is being increased for the added responsibility but it still must be done.

Where we are receiving issues: Controlling 'unruly fans', sportsmanship issues, crowd control are issues that GAME ADMINISTRATION is responsible for... **not the official.** Officials are responsible for the rules of the game on the field of play. Running the school flag up and down the sideline in front of the stands is a GAME ADMINISTRATOR'S responsibility. Does it incite the visiting team/fans? Probably and though I am not debating the fine line between 'school spirit' and 'unsporting conduct' by fans, it remains a SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION responsibility and not the official's responsibility. Conflict tends to arise when these responsibilities are confused but often stems from no one being responsible for it in the first place. How can you help as a coach?

- IF there is no administrator at your event, make it clear to fans, use the PA system if you have one. Tell the opposing coach and the officials if there is a problem....come to YOU. It may not be on your job description but it needs to be done.
- If you are the visiting coach and you don't like what is going on directly behind your bench, seek out the 'game administrator' (even if the coach). Don't *make* it the officials' problem to deal with. Let's eliminate conflict before it occurs.
- Most of all...simply Respect The Game and remember why we are doing this.

2012 Start Date for Competition

I am sure the last thing on your mind *now* is *next year's* start date for games. However...in a recent email to Athletic Administrators, the start date for games for NEXT season was listed simply as teams 're-upped' contracts for next year. However, there was a misunderstanding of that date and it needs to be changed. An email will go to all Athletic Directors early next week and it will be posted repeatedly on the various web pages but the Important dates for the 2012 season **should** read:

Coaching Begins: 8/6

Earliest Preview Date: 8/10

Season Begins: 8/18

Statistics Provided from Coaches' Online Rules Interpretation Meeting

Surprisingly, only 41% of coaches took advantage of the Online offering of the required State Rules Interpretation meetings. 98% of those indicated this was a 'better' way to provide the meetings. Those that completed online were asked to complete a short survey that is vital in helping me understand viewpoints and opinions of coaches while also collecting valuable data. The data collected from these meetings is listed below.

52% - Percentage of total respondents that are Boys' Varsity Coaches

48% - Percentage of total respondents that are Girls' Varsity Coaches

70% - Percentage of Girls' Head Coaches that are MALE

42% - Percentage of Boys' Head Coaches that are teachers

57% - Percentage of Boys' Head Coach respondents that are non-teachers

60% - Percentage of Girls' Head Coach respondents that are non-teachers

62% - Percentage of respondents that would favor adding coaching days to the 10 already provided in June and July

85% - Percentage of respondents that support the OHSAA regulation prohibiting any form of non-interscholastic play during the season of play.

70% - Percentage of respondents that would favor the addition of individual instructional days outside the season of play AND outside June and July (currently not permitted)

By the Numbers

0

The number of
Girls' COACH
ejections to date.

1

The total number of
Boys' COACH
ejections to date.

41

The number of BOYS'
player ejections so far
this season.

15

The number of GIRLS'
player ejections so far
this season.