

Tournament Draw
October 9!

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Tournament Regulations

The OHSAA conducts tournaments across the state in all sponsored sports under regulations adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors. These regulations, called "Tournament Regulations" assure that all tournaments are conducted under the same general guidelines. Each of Ohio's 6 District Athletic Boards (DAB's) exist to conduct tournaments at the Sectional and District level. Much will be devoted to this topic after draws are conducted on October 9. It is recommended that each Sectional/District manager print these regulations and distribute them at their respective seed/draw meetings. YOU can get these ahead of time by going to: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/o/sorglts.pdf> Changes from last year are shaded.

Regional "Change"

A change in Tournament Regulations for 2011 no longer restricts teams from practicing on a Regional Tournament site. If a host site makes their facilities available and a team wishes to do so, there is no longer a regulation preventing this. It should be noted that in most cases a rental fee would be charged by that host site. This regulation (or lack of one) is now in line with OHSAA Football tournament regulations.

Respect
THE
GAME

By the Numbers

141

115 / 26

The total number of
player ejections
through Sept. 28.
Boys / Girls

Tournament Information for Coaches

As indicated on the top left, the seed/draw meeting nears for Ohio Coaches. For coaches fortunate to reach the Regional level, many do not realize that pairings for the Regional tournament are actually conducted by a 'draw' of pills at the September Board of Director's meeting. Generally, the President of the OSSCA is asked to actually 'pull the pills'. Once District sites are assigned to the draw sheets, the pairings are available on the web. Sectional and District sites and assignments are assigned by the respective District Athletic Boards. There are a few Regional pairings that are 'pre-drawn' for geographic reasons since all Regional semi-final games are on a weeknight. You can check out the Regional Pairings as well as other tournament information by going to: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/boys/tournamentinfo.htm#Regional> for boys' while information on the girls' can be found at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/girls/tournamentinfo.htm#Regional>

Coaching Permits...Confused?

I continue to encourage you to take care of this important aspect NOW. The OHSAA has had a Bylaw in place for many years (Bylaw 6) that requires all coaches to meet the requirements of the Ohio Department of Education. The "ODE" requirements are defined within Ohio Administrative Code. These requirements mandate any individual that teaches, supervises or instructs students to receive a "Pupil Activity Permit" issued by the ODE. So, therein lies the requirement for any coach, whether paid OR volunteer to receive this "PAP". The next logical question is "what is necessary to obtain this permit?". As outlined in the Pre-Season Manual, the following are required:

- Completion of an approved Sports' First Aid Course. The ODE maintains a list of courses that are approved. The NFHS Sports First Aid Course available online at www.nfhslern.com IS one of the approved courses.
- Holding a valid CPR card. The school is required to monitor this requirement. A signature by the Superintendent on the PAP Application (see below) verifies this requirement and the CPR card do not need to be submitted to the ODE.
- Completion of a BCI/FBI Criminal Records check. School systems generally have the individuals and Equipment to conduct these and can provide the information.
- Completion of the NFHS' Fundamentals of Coaching Class. This is a ONE time requirement and the Superintendent's signature on the PAP Application verifies this completion. The class can be taken in a 'blended' version OR completely online via a link from the OHSAA's Webpage titled "Coach Education".

Once the above are complete, an individual submits an Application to the ODE, it is processed and a certificate is issued. In May, 2011 the OHSAA's Board of Directors approved an addition to current Sports' Regulations that provides penalties for failure to acquire this permit. Among other things, this regulation states:

1. Coaches that do not possess the PAP will not be permitted to coach at **any** level of an OHSAA Tournament
2. Schools will submit the names of each board-approved coach along with the ODE issued Pupil Activity Permit number

Athletic Directors are now required to submit the NAMES and the PERMIT NUMBER of individuals that are Board approved to coach for your school on the Tournament Entry Form. As the rule indicates, only those individuals will be permitted to coach...which should be the same enforced by your school's administration for the regular season. The OHSAA will conduct random audits for compliance and a fine is to be assessed at \$250.00/coach for individuals/schools found to be in violation of this new regulation.

As mentioned in all Pre-Season meetings AND the Pre-Season Manual for Coaches: **GET YOUR PERMIT!**

Ejected Players and "Unusual" Situations

It is a coach's nature to look at all of the "what if's". Well...what if a player is suspended due to an ejection and during the second game of his/her ejection the game is suspended due to lightning?

Answer: When a game is suspended, a game is resumed from the exact point of stoppage; time on the clock, players on the field, control of the ball, **suspended players**, etc. remain the same as they were when the game was suspended. Therefore, the suspended player **remains suspended**. If the player has served 1 game previously, he/she is permitted to play in any other contests up until the resumed contest.

So, what about the soccer player who is also a kicker for the school's football team and is ejected from a soccer game?

Answer: Since the ejection took place from a **soccer** contest, the player is suspended from SOCCER, not football. He/she would be permitted to kick for the school's football team while serving the 2 game suspension for soccer. The moral of the story: don't get ejected.

