



Tournament Time

With tournament draws this past Sunday, there are several things I recommend for Athletic Directors prior to your teams' first games:

1. Have your coaches download/read their Tournament Regulations. This will alleviate many issues with the number of players permitted in uniform, the number permitted on a Pass List (determined by each District Athletic Board), overtime rules (important!), etc. You can download/forward these directly at the following links:
Volleyball: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/vb/girls/vbgrlts.pdf>
Soccer: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf>
2. IF you are a home site (higher seed hosting), PLEASE make sure you adhere to the Tournament Regulations mentioned above. This will take a discussion with your coaches without a doubt – JV players not dressing as part of the approved pass lists cannot get in free of charge, faculty passes/senior citizen passes, etc. are not permitted in free. No 'senior nights', 'parent nights', etc. are permitted. This has been a challenge with districts moving toward home site hosting – they are 'tournament games'...not another home game for teams.

Rating & Voting for Officials - Important

Please remind your coaches to **RATE** their officials. They do have to be provided a login/password which you provide. Don't worry...they cannot access any of your myOHSAA information. But it is important for 2 basic reasons – it is the basis for tournament assignments for officials AND since it is so important, schools/coaches get fined for non-compliance. I am not a big 'fine person' but it is the only way. Also, the window of time has opened for YOU (Athletic Directors) to **VOTE** for officials. This is also an important part of the process. Instructions for both are easy....and you can find them here:

Rating Instructions for Coaches: <http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialRatingInstructions.pdf>

Voting Instructions for Athletic Directors: <http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialVotingInstructions.pdf>

Upcoming Winter Sports Parent Meetings

The cycle just repeats itself now with the approaching winter seasons. You are required to conduct a pre-season parent/athlete meeting. The most common question that comes to me is "Do Parents Have to Attend that Attended the FALL Sport Parents' Meeting?" I always inform everyone that our regulations say you must HAVE a meeting – our regulations do not say who must attend or 'what happens' when someone does not attend. Certainly we encourage attendance but it permits you to be a little creative. No...parents don't want to sit through the video again and have already heard some things. However, since it is a great time to cover your Athletic Code of Conduct and your "letter policies" it is always a good idea to require the attendance again – at least for the portion where you may split up sport by sport.

Football Playoffs

The season is moving fast with us entering Week 6 in FB but another reminder...if you **THINK** you might be **hosting** a first round game, here are a few suggestions:

1. Start making "Field Passes" and "Media Passes"
If you do not use them for your regular season games (and most people do not), this becomes a little bit of an issue for you as they ARE required for Playoff Games. There are many ways to make these – the heavier card stock you make them...the better (wind, rain, snow?). If you are not using lanyards, simply punch them and have a student office worker string them to wear around the neck or on the belt. You'll learn later on that each team is to receive 'x' number of these. If you want any help...send me your logo and I have a template that I can help you with easily. What's the harm in having them ready – even if you don't end up using them?
2. Order 1 game of Reserved Seat Tickets **if you sell reserved seats at your games**. Think about it...if you have the person that has sat in the same seat for 45 years, the last thing you 'politically' want to do is have general admission seating for all fans and the guy that might have had a free pass all year anyhow comes on a 'first come-first served' basis and takes his seat. Even IF you don't end up hosting, the WORST you are out is about \$100.00 for the cost of 1 set of reserved seat tickets. Other tickets, by the way, are provided by the OHSAA. The OHSAA requires the same price for all tickets but you can put your reserved seat tickets on sale to ticket holders a day or two early to permit them to purchase those reserved seats. And...you can start announcing it at your final home games.
3. Block a time on Monday following game 10 – you will be coming to a meeting in Columbus to prepare you.

Other Reminders

1. Remind your coaches to complete their Rules Interpretation Meetings. A simple email with these links will help you (and us!):
Bowling: <http://ohsaa.articulate-online.com/ContentRegistration.aspx?DocumentID=a8d8d161-578f-40b1-a69c-4bafae94bde5&Cust=42440&ReturnUrl=/p/4244031040>
Wrestling: <http://ohsaa.articulate-online.com/ContentRegistration.aspx?DocumentID=9394e397-8fcb-482b-8b5d-3ef67fdbbdaf&Cust=42440&ReturnUrl=/p/4244024129>
Boys' & Girls' Basketball: <http://ohsaa.articulate-online.com/ContentRegistration.aspx?DocumentID=6c1a4d46-8464-4254-a7d6-031449b4d7a5&Cust=42440&ReturnUrl=/p/4244022987>
2. Remind your current season coaches to review the "No-Contact Period" restrictions (I have attached an overview)
3. Remind Winter (and Spring) coaches to pay attention to the limitations of the Individual Instruction Regulation. Since there have been violations and they are severe, encourage them to watch the short online presentation again. This is available at:
<http://ohsaa.articulate-online.com/4244037503>