

Whistle - October 2020

Well it won't be long now this year 2020 will be in our rear-view mirror and thank God. Hope everyone is staying safe and being smart about what you do and how. I will make one non-officiating statement here; I think it is very important that we all register and vote regardless of your point of view. We should be good citizens.

BASKETBALL LOCAL RULES MEETINGS

I received an email the other day concerning online local rules meetings for basketball, this is what OHSAA had to say:

1 - Online Local Meeting Program for Basketball and Wrestling

As discussed in my June email to all secretaries, we are advancing the project of online local meetings for the winter sports of basketball and wrestling. Meetings will be recorded in each sport and will then be posted for viewing / attendance through myOHSAA. This model was used in the fall for football, soccer, and volleyball. At this time, swimming & diving and ice hockey will not be using the online local meeting program.

A few notes on the subject of local meetings this season:

- Each sport will hold at post at least 4 online local meetings. There is not a determined schedule for the postings. Officials will need to monitor their emails and view the meetings when posted.
- Each meetings will be posted for viewing and credit for one week. After that one week, the meeting will no longer be available to for viewing or credit through myOHSAA. This is because the process of uploading credit is done manually by myself, not automatically like the state rules meeting. This is a time-consuming process and this is the best model for the time being.
- Secretaries do not need to do anything for their members to access these meetings. Information will be emailed directly to all officials in your sport to inform them of the dates these meetings will be available for credit.
- Secretaries will not have any role in crediting their members for viewing the OHSAA online local meetings.

A few notes on associations holding their own meetings this year:

- Associations are still permitted to hold in-person meetings for their association if they are able to do so safely.
- Associations are permitted to hold online meetings this year without prior permission from the OHSAA office, on the basis that the association has a method of tracking the attendees who have attended / viewed the meeting for credit purposes.
- Associations are not required to hold meetings this year in order to remain in good-standing with the OHSAA.

PLEASE READ THAT INFO ABOVE SO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT OHSAA IS DOING WITH ONLINE LOCAL RULES MEETINGS

BAOA - BASKETBALL LOCAL RULES MEETINGS

So as a result of OHSAA conducting at least 4 local online rules meetings the BAOA will only hold 3 face-to-face meetings on our own. All 3 of these meetings will be held at Norwalk Rec Center from 7:00 to 8:15 PM, same as always. The dates for our 3 meetings will be: 11/16/20, 11/30/20 and 1/11/21. Please mark those down and please take advantage of the online meetings. Basketball is being handled the same as football.

BASKETBALL SEASON

The update email sent to me by OHSAA had this to say about winter sports:

No Season Modifications

As of the writing of this email, there are no modifications to the season dates for any winter sport. This means there are no changes as to when scrimmages, regular season, or tournaments contests may occur.

As we have all learned in 2020, anything can change at a moment's notice. If any changes were to occur to any of the OHSAA winter sport seasons, we would work to promptly notify assigners, association secretaries, and officials.

So as far as I know, this is all I know. I have not heard anything about State Rules interpretation meetings or anything else. I will tell you this, it pays to be flexible as we have learned during the football season. As soon as I get any information, I will pass it on ASAP.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

I received an update email this morning from Beau concerning the football playoffs, in case you haven't seen it, this is what he said:

RE: 2020 Post Season Updates

Below are some updates to the post season process.

- 1. Please REMOVE all "Blocks" for OHSAA Group 105755 on your Arbiter Calendars for weeks 7 (Oct. 9-10), 8 (Oct. 16-17) and 9 (Oct. 23-24).**
2. We will be using regular season crews (with a few substitutions) for weeks 7, 8, 9 and some of the week 10 games.
3. If you receive a playoff contract that conflicts with a regular season contract, contact your regular season assigner and Angie Lawler at alawler@ohsaa.org immediately.

4. 6-person regular season crews: The only 6-person crews permitted are those assigned by this office. Crews may NOT use 6 officials on their own and “split” the 5-person fees.

5. We will begin assigning on October 1 after teams have been placed on the brackets.

6. All assignments will be made in OHSAA Arbiter Group 105755.

7. Most assignments for the following weeks will be made Sunday after the previous Friday and Saturday games have been played. However, some week 8 assignments will be out early (October 2nd) since we will know the host schools due to byes.

8. We will be assigning crews regionally throughout the tournament to avoid travel. Thus, we will not have the normal representation of districts this year.

9. We will be creating crews for the regional final, state semifinal and final games with 6 officials.

If you have questions, please email me at brugg@ohsaa.org.

Stay safe!

So, stay tuned assignments should be coming any day now. Let me congratulate in advance for any playoff assignments you may receive and I wish you GOOD LUCK.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION VOTE

In the coming weeks I will be putting together our football association vote and it will be handled and administered the same as it has been done in the past few years. Our first step in all of our votes, we ask that any class 1 official who is ineligible for next year's playoffs or anyone who is retiring to remove themselves from our ballot. This will allow our ballot to be accurate with eligible officials only. So if you are in this category and willing to recuse yourself please send me an EMAIL letting me know. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

BELONGING TO AN ASSOCIATION

Just and FYI about belonging to an association and attending local rules meetings for educational credits. If you are a member of an association in good standing you are allowed to attend any rules meeting at any association and receive that educational credit. BUT if you do not belong to an association then that association has the right to charge you \$20 for your attendance before you are given the educational credit. The cost use to be \$10 but OHSAA has increased it to \$20.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

As always if anyone has any questions, concerns or information concerning the association please contact myself or a member of the Executive Committee.

Thanks,

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