

THE REBOUNDERS REPORT



The Ohio High School Athletic Association

Issue #7 February 19, 2013

The days are 'slightly' longer, shadows a little different, a warm day here and there. Yep....you can tell it's Tournament Time! Tournament play is under way across the state. I have "out of season" reminders and regulations posted on the same page as this posting. Last week I also posted 'help' for non-school (AAU) coaches. Later this week I will be sending information to Junior High Athletic Coordinators to assist them with out-of-season questions and answers. Take note of the column to the left...a MAJOR change!

Individual Instruction Proposal PASSED by OHSAA Board of Directors (Sept. 2013)

What a step. Will it be forward or backward? The challenge to answer that will be in front of ALL of us...together. What am I talking about? The OHSAA's Board of Directors passed a committee recommendation that would permit school coaches to provide instruction OUTSIDE the season of play. Yes...let me repeat...to allow you as the school coach to INSTRUCT players outside the season. Think about it; for approximately 90 years, the OHSAA restricted coaching to ONLY during the defined season of play. Then, in the early 90's, the present '10 day' rule was adopted for June and July. Now, effective the fall of 2013, the opportunity to give individual instruction will be provided to school coaches OUTSIDE the season of play AND outside of June and July. Hold onto your chair...yes...this WILL be permitted.

Several key points to this:

-The change/permission is designed to give coaches the opportunity to provide INDIVIDUAL instruction. INDIVIDUAL. What does that mean? Shooting...dribbling, SKILL level instruction. There was no intention to add OR even address TEAM instruction in the summer months. -It means that "Individual Instruction" must carefully be defined. It will. The board adopted the NCAA language that will permit 4 individuals in all combined facilities where the instruction is taking place.

-Individual instruction will not be permitted during the current 'no-contact periods'.

This was adopted from the proposals first made by the OHSBCA. Early proposals wanted a period in May and October of each year for instruction. However, when other sports came along and requested this same opportunity, it became difficult to provide equal periods of time in the school's facility schedules. Hence the 'anytime' outside the season (except no-contact periods).

The challenges?

They are many. Burnout...and not only players...but for coaches. Do more and no increase in pay. Non-mandatory...but we know how players (and parents) perceive 'non-mandatory'. The coaches WANTED it...and it is up to all of us together to make it work.

September of 2103. That is when the regulation change will go into effect. Not a day before! And since there are already a few that by the end of this column are looking at ways to 'beat the system' and 'get around' the regulations:

-The rule will be CAREFULLY written to look at every possible 'what if'.

-The same committee recommend SEVERE penalties (suspension and tournament exclusion) for violations.

Obviously....more to follow.

*Jerry Snodgrass
Assistant Commissioner*

Reminders, Reminders, and Reminders

With tournament time here, I again ask coaches to read the tournament regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Though there are some variances in Sectional/District tournaments across the state, there are a set of regulations that must be followed at all sites. They include:

- The number in uniform
- The number permitted on the bench at the Regional/State Tournament

Additionally, each District designates the number permitted in on Pass Lists. Look at them before you go to your tournament contests. The last thing you want is a hassle as you walk in the door and reply with an "I didn't know". Complete Tournament Regulations can quickly be printed at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/bkrglts.pdf> Also, though it is a busy time for everyone, help your assistant coaches and sub-varsity coaches by making certain they are aware of 'no-contact' regulations, out-of-season regulations, etc. There is a considerable amount of help in these areas at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/2013/RR2012-13.htm>

Important Reminder for Rating Officials

As we approach the last quarter of the season, this is a reminder to **RATE your officials**. Rating instructions can be found at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialRatingInstructions.pdf> A few informational items relative to officials and tournament selections:

- Ratings and votes for officials THIS year affect tournament assignments for NEXT year
- Coaches **RATE** officials
- Local Secretaries, Assignors, District Board Members, OHSAA Staff, and Athletic Directors **VOTE** for officials
- Pools are developed from a combination of Coaches Ratings and other's votes
- Each District Athletic Board assigns officials to Sectional and District Tournaments from procedures they develop.

Warfield, Kern & Spielman Headline Circle of Champions at OHSAA State Tournament

For several years, individuals have been honored by the OHSAA for their contribution to Ohio High School Sports. From Jerry Lucas, to "Hopalong Cassidy", the OHSAA has recognized the 'best of the best'.

Former Cleveland Browns great, Paul Warfield headlines the list of honorees who have accepted an invitation to be part of this year's recognition. Rex Kern (Lancaster High School) and Chris Spielman (Massillon Washington High School) will be honored as well.

OHSBCA Selects Hall of Fame Nominees

The OHSBCA has selected their inductees for the "Class of 2013" into the OHSBCA Hall of Fame. This year's inductees are: Bill Cady (LaSalle High School), Mark Huffman (Monroe Central High School), Carl Wolfe (Racine Southern High School) and Mike Gallagher (Wooster High School). They will be inducted at the OHSBCA's Hall of Fame ceremonies on Saturday, April 20.

Answer the Survey Coaches!

In Rebounders' Report #4 (<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/2013/RR12-13Issue04.pdf>) the NFHS "rules process" was highlighted. Part of the 'rule change' process utilizes a series of questions that EVERY SINGLE head coach in Ohio (and registered official) is able to answer and provide input. It serves as the basis for the National Rules Committee looking at any rule changes for the future. The link to this survey was sent to all head coaches (and registered officials) a week ago with a March 4 deadline. PLEASE help me, help the NFHS and help the SPORT by providing important answers to the survey questions.

Last Week's Survey Questions: State Tournament Survey

Thanks to the 200 respondents to the survey questions from the last Rebounders Report regarding the state tournament. Here are your opinions:

Should Div. I games be the final game of state tournament?

70% - No

If you coached, would you support posting state tourn. Schedule the week of tournament?

82% - Yes

Good idea or bad idea to play ONLY the finals at Schottenstein Center?

63% -Bad Idea
18% - Good Idea