

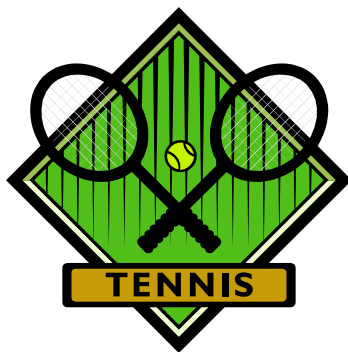


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Boy's Tennis

Manual

For Coaches



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TO: Tennis Coaches-Boys

FROM: Roxanne Price, Assistant Commissioner

RE: OHSAA Tennis Regulations and Related Materials

This tennis manual is intended as a guide to assist with the coaching and administration of interscholastic boy's tennis. Included in this manual are the sports regulations for tennis as adopted by the OHSAA Board of Control, and a brief summary of the general sports regulations that apply to all recognized sports of the OHSAA. Additional information regarding the OHSAA bylaws and constitution can be found in the current edition of the OHSAA Handbook or on our website at www.ohsaa.org. Please refer to our handbook or website for information regarding scholarship, residency, transfers, recruiting and other issues that may affect a student's eligibility for interscholastic athletics.

As state rules interpretation meetings were held for the 2006-07 school year, there is no requirement to attend a rules interpretation meeting this school year. In the sport of tennis, rule interpretations meetings are held every other school year.

The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations will serve as the official rules of tennis. Many of these rules are outlined in the OHSAA tennis regulations. The OHSAA has, in the past, provided the USTA Handbook to each member school sponsoring tennis as a courtesy, but because the 07 Handbooks were already sold out and no new handbooks will be printed until January 08 (08 Edition), the handbooks will not be distributed to member schools. There are few changes in the rule book. The USTA handbook can be accessed online at www.usta.com/about_us, click on the header that indicates "Rules". The "Rules of Tennis" and the "Twelve Point Tie Break Procedures for Tennis" shall be used in all contests without exception. This may not be changed by mutual agreement of the coaches.

A tennis team will consist of three singles and two doubles. Participants may not compete in both singles and doubles. Stacking is not permitted. The requirement is that in a given contest the coach is required to play the singles players and doubles teams in rank order.

Please be reminded that coaching and instruction in boy's tennis begins March 10, 2008. Please refer to the tennis regulations regarding scrimmages, previews, and regular season match limitations. Also note that although a girl may play on the boy's tennis team, any girl who played on the girls' tennis team in the fall of 2007 is ineligible to compete on the boys' team in the spring of 2008.

Again, these materials have been provided to assist you with the coaching and administration of tennis. Take the time to read and review the materials. If you have any questions, or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 267-2502, ext. 114 or email me at rprice@ohsaa.org.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship, and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

By OHSAA Board of Control regulation, any school sponsoring interscholastic contests in high school tennis must have the head coach, assistant coach or athletic administrator attend a rules interpretation meeting. For the sport of tennis, these meetings are held every other academic year. **There are no rule interpretation meetings scheduled for 2007/08.**

If you should have a question regarding the rules of tennis, you may contact one of the OHSAA rule interpreters listed below:

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CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES

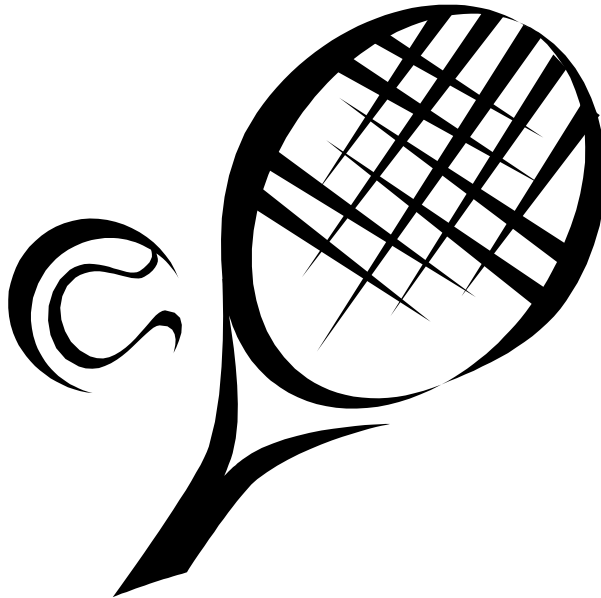
2008 OHSAA BOYS TENNIS CALENDAR	
March 10	First Day of Coaching and Instruction
March 31	First Regulation Season Contest Permitted
April 28	Deadline for Entering or Withdrawing from the OHSAA Tournament
April 28	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted
*May 12- May 17	Sectional Tournaments
May 19- May 24	District Tournaments
May 30-31	State Tournament – The Ohio State University, Stickney Tennis Center

* Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).

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2007-08 TENNIS — BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) Dual competition consists of three singles matches and two doubles matches using seven different players.
- 1.2) Each individual match is best two out of three sets. The 12 point tie-breaker rule shall be used when necessary.
- 1.3) During regular matches, no advantage scoring may be used if opposing coaches have mutually agreed to do so prior to the match.
- 1.4) Maximum number of matches per individual per day is three. Each match played in dual competition counts as one match in the season limitation. If a player participates in more than three matches in one day, the player shall forfeit the fourth match and, it shall count as two matches for the school in the season limitations.
- 1.5) There will be no rest period between the second and third sets.
- 1.6) If weather or darkness interrupts a match before either team has won three points (and thus the match), uncompleted matches shall be resumed at the exact point where terminated. The match shall be rescheduled at the earliest possible date agreeable to both coaches. Players not appearing for a rescheduled match shall forfeit that match. Unfinished matches shall not count in team scoring.
- 1.7) The warmup period for all matches shall not exceed 10 minutes.
- 1.8) All warm-up serves in both singles and doubles shall be taken prior to the start of play.
- 1.9) Play shall be continuous as defined by U.S.T.A. regulations. In case of injury or illness, a player will be allowed a maximum of five minutes rest after which the player must resume play or forfeit the match.
- 1.10) Singles players must play in order of team rank. The better doubles team must play No. 1 doubles. This rule applies to injury or illness preceding a match. Forfeiting a point for a missing player's position is not allowed. If the No. 1 player cannot compete, the regular No. 2 player plays at No. 1, the regular No. 3 player plays at No. 2, and the substitute is placed at No. 3. "Stacking" is not allowed under any circumstances.
- 1.11) All team members must wear a uniform which is consistent with the school's color or tennis uniform. Any lettering or pictures on clothing must pertain to the school name or emblem. Manufacturer's names or logos are permitted provided they do not exceed 2 1/4 square inches and no dimension is greater than 2 1/4 inches. Girls have the option of tennis dress or school uniform. "Doubles" team players shall wear like color tops. Any visible undergarments that extend below the uniform shorts or skirt shall be the same color of the shorts or skirt or represent school colors. This dress code shall be enforced by the home coach or tournament director. Failure to comply will result in a player being denied the right to participate.
- 1.12) The home school coach shall serve as the referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USTA rules.

2) Out of State Travel

A tennis team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and games in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a tennis team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time. A tennis team may not travel out of state to practice.

3) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches under Section 10 of the General Sports Regulations

4) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 4.1) A member of an interscholastic tennis squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of tennis during the school's season (Bylaw 10-3- 2).

- 4.2) Individual non-interscholastic competition dates:

A tennis athlete who has not participated for the school in tennis that season must cease non-interscholastic tennis competition four weeks (28 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the State Tournament in tennis in order to be eligible for OHSAA Tournament competition.

Dates: Girls: September 17, 2007; Boys: April 28, 2008.

Interscholastic tennis coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

5) Penalties

The **maximum** penalty for violation of Bylaw 10-3-2, participation in a non-interscholastic tennis match while a member of the school's interscholastic tennis squad or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic tennis season or the ensuing season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

1) Coaching and instruction may begin:

Girls — August 6, 2007.

Exception: Classes begin on or before August 17, coaching may begin August 3.

Boys — March 10, 2008.

2) First Match:

Girls — August 13, 2007.

Boys — March 31, 2008.

3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament:

Girls — September 17, 2007.

Boys — April 28, 2008.

4) Coaching and Season end:

Girls — Saturday after State Tournament—October 27, 2007.

Boys — Saturday after State Tournament—June 7, 2008.

5) Scrimmages — Maximum of one prior to first match.

After the conclusion of the sectional tennis tournaments, participants who qualify for further OHSAA tournament competition may practice with tennis players from other schools who have similarly advanced.

6) Regular season matches permitted:

- a. Maximum of 20 contests for team and individual (plus the OTCA team tournament) or the equivalent calculated as follows:

Type of Match		Counts as
Dual		1
League or Conference Tournament	Played in one day	1
League or Conference Tournament	Played in two days	2
Invitational Tournament (Single or Double elimination)	Played in one day	1
Invitational Tournament (Single or Double elimination)	Played in two days	2
Invitational Tournament	Played as round robin	1 for each opponent

b. A team is limited to three tournaments per season.

c. A player is limited to participation in a maximum of three matches per day.

7) Rules — United States Tennis Association.

8) Official — No requirements.

Boys Tennis' extended calendar:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Coaching Begins	3/10	3/9	3/8	3/7	3/5	3/4
Season Begins	3/31	3/30	3/29	3/28	3/26	3/25
Non-Interscholastic Date	4/28	4/27	4/26	4/25	4/23	4/22
Sectional	#5/12- 5/17	#5/11- 5/16	#5/10- 5/15	#5/9- 5/14	#5/7- 5/12	#5/6- 5/11
District	5/19- 5/24	5/18- 5/23	5/17- 5/22	5/16- 5/21	5/14- 5/19	5/13- 5/18
State	5/30-5/31	5/29-5/30	5/28-5/29	5/27- 5/28	5/25- 5/26	5/24- 5/25
Season Ends	6/7	6/6	6/5	6/4	6/2	6/1
Easter	3/23	4/12	4/4	4/24	4/8	3/31

*See exception in B1 and C1

Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no more than two days prior to the established date).

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8

1) Coaching and instruction may begin:

Girls — August 6, 2007

Exception: Classes begin on or before August 17, coaching may begin August 3.

Boys — March 10, 2008

2) First match:

Girls — August 13, 2007

Boys — March 31, 2008

3) Coaching and Season end:

Girls — October 27, 2007

Boys — June 7, 2008

4) Scrimmages — None permitted.

5) Regular season matches permitted:

a. Maximum of 16 contests for team and individual or the equivalent calculated as follows:

Type of Match		Counts as
Dual		1
League or Conference Tournament	Played in one day	1
League or Conference Tournament	Played in two days	2
Invitational Tournament (Single or Double elimination)	Played in one day	1
Invitational Tournament (Single or Double elimination)	Played in two days	2
Invitational Tournament	Played as round robin	1 for each opponent

b. A team is limited to three tournaments per season.

c. A player is limited to participation in a maximum of three matches per day.

6) Rules — United States Tennis Association.

7) Official — No requirements.

The following is a summary of the sports regulations as they apply to match protocol and to the postseason tournaments. Items addressed are warm up periods, rest periods, foot faults, equipment, etc.

Summary of Tennis Regulations and 2008 Tournament Information
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I. **Eligibility**

1.1 OHSAA eligibility bylaws apply to all participants.

1.2 OHSAA Bylaw 10 - non-interscholastic competition applies.

2. **Rules of Play**

2.1 Current U.S.T.A. rules for singles and doubles play apply unless specifically modified below.

2.2 Each individual match is best two out of three sets. The twelve-point tiebreaker will be used in each set.

2.3 In OHSAA sponsored tennis tournaments, individuals are prohibited from participating in more than three matches per day.

- 2.4 Players and coaches are requested to assist in starting matches on schedule. A ten minute default rule may be enforced.
- 2.5 The warm-up period for all matches shall not exceed ten minutes.
- 2.6 All warm-up serves in both singles and doubles shall be taken prior to the start of play.
- 2.7 Play shall be continuous as defined by U.S.T.A. Regulations. In case of injury or illness a player will be allowed a maximum of five minutes rest after which the player must resume play or forfeit the match.
- 2.8 Singles players must play in order of team rank. The better doubles team must play No. 1 doubles. This rule applies to injury or illness preceding a match. Forfeiting a point for a missing player's position is not allowed. If the No. 1 player cannot compete; the regular No. 2 player plays at No. 1, the regular No. 3 player plays at No. 2 and the substitute is placed at No. 3 "Stacking" is not allowed under any circumstances.
- 2.9 Either player may call a "let" if interference occurs, but the player calling a "let" must be in control of the ball. A "let" will not be allowed after a player has hit and erred.
- 2.10 Players are warned not to catch balls before they strike the court.
- 2.11 In case of foot faults the coach (not players) should notify the tournament manager. The tournament manager will handle the violations and may assign a foot fault judge if necessary.
- 2.12 Players are requested to record scores on scoreboards as they change courts when scoreboards are provided.
- 2.13 The winner of each match will report the score to the tournament manager, return used balls and then be notified of the schedule time of his next match.
- 2.14 In tennis there will be no rest period between the second and third sets
- 2.15 There shall be a minimum of thirty minutes between matches in the sectional tournaments and a minimum of forty-five minutes between matches in district tournaments for all competitors.

3. Equipment

- 3.1 Only "championship" quality, "approved by the U.S.T.A." balls shall be used in matches.
- 3.2 The home team will furnish the balls for the matches unless other arrangements have been made between the coaches.
- 3.3 The home team coach shall determine whether new balls will be used for third sets. The decision and announcement to the players should be made in advance of the start of play.
- 3.4 Tennis racquets and strings shall conform to current U.S.T.A. standards.
- 3.5 Singles sticks shall be used in all sectional and district tournaments.

4. Official

- 4.1 The home team coach shall serve as the referee.
- 4.2 All matches should begin at the specified starting time. Individual matches may be delayed a predetermined period of time to accommodate a player late for a legitimate reason.
- 4.3 Either coach may request a foot-fault judge or line judge. It is the home coach's responsibility to make such assignments.
- 4.4 A player may request interpretation of a rule from his/her coach or the host coach during play.

5. Conduct, Character, Discipline

- 5.1 Ethical conduct of players and coaches should be observed at all times.
- 5.2 During participation in regular season and OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played. The tournament manager shall report individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct during an OHSAA tournament to the OHSAA Commissioner. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 12, if the situation warrants it. Participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

6. Coaching

- 6.1 Coaches may talk to players only when they change ends of court and shall not delay play by doing so.

- 6.2 Coaching may only take place where facilities permit it. Matches on other courts cannot be interfered with. Coaches may not come onto the court.
- 6.3 Coaching is not permitted by anyone other than the school's assigned tennis coaches.
- 6.4 The use of signals, cheering (as opposed to applause), vile suggestions, and the like, during play, is considered unethical and is not permitted.
- 6.5 No coaching from sidelines.

7. **Please refer to the Tennis Regulations regarding:**

- a. Uniforms- hats/visors are considered part of the uniform and uniform regulations shall apply.
- b. Code of Conduct

2008 Tournament Schedule

Sectional: May 12-17, 2008 (Specific dates to be established by District Athletic Boards).

District: May 19-24 2008 (Specific dates to be established by District Athletic Boards).

State: May 30-31, 2008 The Ohio State University

General Sports regulations for 2007-08 can be found in the OHSAA handbook (available on the website, www.ohsaa.org) These rules pertain to tournament deadlines, instructional programs and open gyms, media regulations (including the filming of athletic contests by schools and spectators), transportation to and from interscholastic contests, forfeitures, interrupted contest, alcohol and illegal drugs, and the OHSAA's inclement weather policy, etc. Please refer to these regulations when you have questions about the items mentioned above. The following have been excerpted from the OHSAA General Sports Regulations for your immediate reference. The numbers reflect the numbers as they appear in the handbook and on the website.

2007-08 GENERAL SPORTS REGULATIONS

OHSAA SPORTS REGULATIONS

Introduction

Article 5-7-1 of the Constitution grants authority to the Board of Control to determine the contest rules and regulations for each sport.

The Board of Control has adopted the following contest rules and regulations effective August 1, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Control.

These regulations apply to all interscholastic teams and contests, including but not limited to varsity, junior varsity, reserve, junior, sophomore, freshman, and 7th-8th grade teams. The regulations do not apply to intramural teams.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Official Contest Rules

The official contest rules and rule books as published by the listed organization have been approved by the Board of Control for all interscholastic athletic contests in the following sports.

(Refer to Bylaw 1-4-3 which states "Interscholastic competition shall be conducted using contest rules adopted by the Board of Control and modifications or changes in sport rules are not permitted except those provided in the rule book and approved by the Board of Control.")

FOOTBALL	NATIONAL FEDERATION
BASKETBALL	NATIONAL FEDERATION
BASEBALL	NATIONAL FEDERATION
BOWLING	UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS
SOFTBALL-FAST PITCH	NATIONAL FEDERATION
VOLLEYBALL	NATIONAL FEDERATION
TRACK AND FIELD	NATIONAL FEDERATION
SWIMMING AND DIVING	NATIONAL FEDERATION

WRESTLING	NATIONAL FEDERATION
SOCCER	NATIONAL FEDERATION
CROSS COUNTRY	NATIONAL FEDERATION
FIELD HOCKEY	NATIONAL FEDERATION
ICE HOCKEY	NATIONAL FEDERATION
GYMNASTICS	U.S.A. GYMNASTICS
GOLF	UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION
TENNIS	UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

2. Mandatory Attendance at OHSAA Sponsored Rules Interpretation Meetings

- 2.1) Any school sponsoring a sport recognized by the OHSAA in which a state tournament is held, must have the head varsity coach or assistant varsity coach in that sport or the athletic administrator attend an OHSAA-sponsored state rules interpretation meeting in that sport if such a meeting is held in order for teams or individuals from that school to be eligible to enter the OHSAA-sponsored tournament.
- 2.2) Those attending will be responsible to be in attendance within 10 minutes of the start of the meeting and remain until the conclusion of the meeting to receive credit for attendance.
- 2.3) Those attending may file an appeal if they arrive 10 minutes after the start of the meeting.
- 2.4) The Commissioner is authorized to consider an appeal for those failing to attend a state rules meeting because of extraordinary circumstances.

3. OHSAA Sponsored Tournaments Entry/Withdraw Procedures and Draw/Seed Meeting Dates

3.1) When schools complete the OHSAA participation form online each spring and indicate they sponsor a varsity sport, they will select "yes" for each sport in which they plan to enter the OHSAA tournaments. Those who select "no" after each sport will be withdrawn from the OHSAA tournament. Instructions for filling out the participation form will be provided to the membership.

3.2) Two weeks prior to each draw/seed meeting date for each sport, schools will be given a one week period to enter or withdraw from an OHSAA tournament should they change their previous decision in that particular sport.

The specific one-week periods for each sport during the 2007-08 school year are listed below.

3.2.1) Whether a school selected "yes" for an OHSAA tournament on its participation form or changed its previous decision and entered an OHSAA tournament during the designated one-week period for that particular sport, all schools shall complete all tournament and souvenir program forms (roster, pass lists, schedule, submission of team photo, etc.) online during the same designated one-week period for each particular sport. **The specific one-week periods for each sport during the 2007- 08 school year are listed below.** Instructions for filling out the tournament and souvenir program forms will be provided to the membership. Schools that fail to complete all tournament souvenir program forms online during the designated one-week period for each particular sport will be fined \$150 for each missed deadline.

3.3) After the one-week periods end as outlined in 3.2 above, schools that desire to enter or withdraw from an OHSAA tournament may do so by filing a "Petition Letter of Entry or Withdraw" with the OHSAA office (**not the tournament manager or District Athletic Board**) prior to the particular sport's draw/seed meeting. If entry is approved, schools will be provided instructions on how to complete entry online and complete all tournament and souvenir program forms. Schools will be fined \$150 for their late entry or withdrawal.

3.3.1) The Commissioner's office shall have the authority to approve or disapprove such "Petitions." Decisions to disapprove an entry may be appealed to the Board of Control.

3.4) A school coach or administrator shall attend a mandatory draw/seed meeting for each sport.

The specific dates for each sport's draw/seed meeting during the 2007-08 school year are listed below.

Common tournament draw/seed procedures shall be used as approved by the Board of Control and listed within each sport's tournament regulations (District Athletic Boards shall determine placement of teams on brackets).

District Athletic Boards will provide schools with seeding information, will notify schools of the exact locations and times of the meetings and will notify schools in what sports the meetings will not be conducted.

3.4.1) Schools that fail to send a coach or administrator to a mandatory draw/seed meeting will be fined \$150.

3.5) Schools that fail to participate in a tournament (individual or team) after indicating that they will enter a tournament will be ineligible to participate in that particular sport's OHSAA sponsored tournament the following year. Additional penalties may include: 1.) a fine of \$150; 2.) payment of officials fees for the missed contests; 3.) payment of the opponent's travel expenses for the missed contests, and 4.) additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner. The penalties rendered by the Commissioner may be appealed to the Board of Control.

		Tournament Entry/Withdraw	Tournament Entry/Withdraw w/Penalty	Draw/Seeding Meeting Date
Fall Sports				
Golf	Sectional			
	9/24-9/29 & 10/1-10/6	9/3-9/10	9/11	9/16
Girls Tennis	Sectional			
	10/1-10/6	9/10-9/17	9/18	9/23
Soccer	Sectional			
	10/15-10/20	9/24-10/1	10/2	10/7
Volleyball	Sectional			
	10/15-10/20	9/24-10/1	10/2	10/7
Field Hockey	State Qualifying			
	10/15	9/24-10/1	10/2	10/7
Cross Country	District			
	10/20	10/5-10/12	10/13	10/7
Winter Sports				
Girls Basketball	Sectional			
	2/4-2/16	1/7-1/14	1/15	1/20
Swimming & Diving	Sectional			
	2/4-2/9	1/28-2/4	2/6	1/27
Boys Basketball	Sectional			
	2/11-2/23	1/14-1/21	1/22	1/27
Ice Hockey	District			
	2/4-2/23	1/14-1/21	1/22	1/30
Wrestling	Sectional			
	2/11-2/16	1/21-1/28	1/29	2/3
Gymnastics	District			
	2/11-2/23	1/21-1/28	1/29	2/3
Bowling	Sectional			
	2/10-2/17	1/21-1/28	1/29	2/3
Spring Sports				
Softball	Sectional			
	5/10-5/17	4/14-4/21	4/22	4/27
Baseball	Sectional			
	5/10-5/17	4/14-4/21	4/22	4/27
Boys Tennis	Sectional			
	5/12-5/17	4/21-4/28	4/29	5/4
Track & Field	District			
	5/19-5/24	5/2-5/9	5/10	5/11

General Sports Regulations 4 Instructional Programs

5 Physical Fitness Programs

6 Open Gymnasiums or Facilities

7 Mandatory No Contact Period

8 Cheerleader Pyramids and Acrobatic Routines

See 2007 OHSAA Handbook or check on-line at www.ohsaa.org

9. Ejection of Coach (Disqualification for unsporting conduct or flagrant violation) A school (coach, athletic administrator or principal) must file a written report with the OHSAA, within 10 days, any time a coach is ejected from a contest, home or away. If a coach is ejected/ disqualified from a contest and no other coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education from that school is present (Bylaw 3-2-1), the contest shall be forfeited. A coach who has been disqualified shall be ejected from the vicinity of the playing area and is prohibited from further contact, direct or indirect, with team members, managers and other coaches during the remainder of the contest. The coach must return to the locker room or team bus or leave the premises.

The coach shall not go to the spectator area. The penalty for failure of the coach to comply with the ejection regulation shall result in the forfeiture of the contest. Note: When national playing rules refer to a disqualification for unsporting conduct or a flagrant violation, this is considered an ejection as referenced in this regulation.

10. Ejection for Unsporting Conduct (Disqualification for unsporting conduct or flagrant violation)

10.1) Players

Any player ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

When ejection or disqualification of a player results from illegal substitution in baseball, fast pitch softball or basketball, the two contest suspension does not apply.

If the ejection or disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).

A student who is ejected or disqualified a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.

A student who has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced.

When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory.

This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the OHSAA tournament regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

10.2) Coaches

Any coach ejected or disqualified from an interscholastic contest for unsporting conduct shall be suspended from coaching in all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the coach shall be suspended from coaching for all contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

If the ejection or disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the coach shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the same sport during the following season in the next school year.

A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or to the individual who has been assigned to coach the team any time prior to or during the contest including halftime or any intermission. A suspended coach shall not travel with the squad to an away contest.

A coach who has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time shall be suspended indefinitely and required to attend a mandatory conference with the Commissioner at the OHSAA headquarters. The principal of the school shall be required to attend this conference as well. Any penalty shall be determined in accordance with Bylaw 12.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced.

When a suspended coach is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory.

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11. Participants Leaving The Playing Area

No member of any school-sponsored interscholastic athletics squad shall leave the 'playing area' in which a contest is being conducted and enter the 'spectator area' of the facility to engage in any type of conflict—verbal or physical. If a student-athlete leaves the 'playing area' and enters the 'spectator area' of a facility to so engage a person, the minimum penalties shall be:

11.1) The student-athlete's privileges to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be revoked and the student-athlete shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year.

11.2) The school shall be immediately placed on probation pending an investigation (and report) into what happened, what caused it to happen, what was done by the school to diffuse what happened and what 'safeguards' have been implemented by the school to prevent future happenings.

General Sports Regulation 12 Tournaments-see 2007 OHSAA Handbook or check on-line at www.ohsaa.org

13. Athletic Uniforms

Uniforms worn by participants in a high school athletic contest must conform to the playing rules adopted by the OHSAA for that sport. Any lettering or emblems on uniforms must pertain to the school name, school nickname, individual's name, the sport, drug use prevention, sportsmanship, ethics or integrity or be of a patriotic nature and provided it does not violate the rules of the sport in regard to location. Any visible manufacturer's logo on a uniform or undergarment must conform to the rules adopted by the national rules committee for that sport. However, if there is no specific rule, the maximum size is 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension exceeding 2 1/4".

General Sports Regulation 14 Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date

15 Non-Recognized Sports

See 2007 OHSAA Handbook or check on-line at www.ohsaa.org

16. Regular Season Participation Limitation Penalty

An athlete who exceeds the regular season participation limitation (periods, quarters, halves, or contests) as specified in the individual sports regulations becomes an ineligible athlete. The athlete is ineligible for further regular season competition if the violation occurs prior to the end of the season or tournament competition if the violation occurs during the last regular season contest in the sport concerned. The forfeiture bylaws apply as written in Bylaw 11.

General Sport Regulation 17 Transportation to and from Interscholastic Contests

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18. Interscholastic Scrimmage

18.1) An interscholastic scrimmage is defined as a contest in sports in which the rules of the sport are not followed in all respects. The length of the scrimmage is limited to a maximum of three consecutive hours per squad or individual per day for grades 9-12 and two consecutive hours per squad or individual per day from grades 7-8.

18.2) A scrimmage may involve any number of teams from various schools. A scrimmage does not count in the won/lost record.

18.3) No admission of money, materials or supplies may be charged for a scrimmage.

Voluntary donations of supplies or money may be accepted at a scrimmage but cannot be required for admission.

18.4) This regulation prohibits two or more school teams from practicing together unless it is a scrimmage.

General Sports Regulation 19 Preview

20 Athletic Contest

See 2007 OHSAA Handbook or check on-line at www.ohsaa.org

21. OHSAA Sponsored Tournaments Curfew Regulations

The first priority when making the decision to delay, suspend, continue or postpone a contest is the safety of the student-athletes, coaches/school administrators, parents/fans and officials.

21.1) No tournament contests/events shall start later than 11:00 p.m.

21.2) When deciding whether or not to delay, suspend, continue or postpone a tournament contest/event, the tournament manager must consult with the school administrator/designee.

Items to consider in the decision:

21.21) The estimated time to complete the contest.

21.22) The travel time of all schools involved.

21.23) The current and expected weather conditions.

21.24) The availability of the officials.

21.25) Other events scheduled at the host site and the participating schools.

21.3) In the case of unforeseen circumstances or an emergency, the following factors shall be used to develop a tournament contest/event contingency plan:

21.31) Overnight accommodations.

21.32) A list of all parties involved and local emergency telephone/cellular numbers.

21.33) Plans established by the participating schools' emergency plan.

Note: A sample tournament contest/event contingency plan is posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org).

The OHSAA recommends that all member schools develop an athletic contest/event contingency plan for use during the regular season.

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS AND STEROIDS

1. Tobacco

School participants (coaches, players, trainers, managers, statisticians, scorekeepers, cheerleaders, etc.) and contest officials in an athletic contest are prohibited from using any form of tobacco at the playing site of an interscholastic contest. Penalty for violation by school participants is disqualification from that contest. Violations by contest officials shall be reported to the OHSAA.

2. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

3. Steroids

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

Note: At its September 1998 meeting, the OHSAA Board of Control endorsed the position statement issued by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations on the use of drugs, medicine and food supplements in interscholastic sports. The statement is as follows:

"School personnel and coaches should not dispense any drug, medication or food supplement except with extreme caution and in accordance with policies developed in consultation with parents, health-care professionals and senior administrative personnel of the school or school district.

"Use of any drug, medication or food supplement in a way not prescribed by the manufacturer should not be authorized or encouraged by school personnel and coaches. Even natural substances in unnatural amounts may have short-term or long-term negative health effects.

"In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes, maintain ethical standards and reduce liability risks, school personnel and coaches should never supply, recommend or permit the use of any drug, medication or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes."

LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Recognition and Management

Occasionally it may be necessary to interrupt an outdoor interscholastic athletic contest due to lightning in the area. Officials, coaches, certified athletic trainers, athletes and administrators should be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Due to the fact that this natural phenomenon is highly unpredictable, upon first sign of lightning or other threatening weather (thunder), the contest officials and school administrators shall monitor weather in the area. Upon the first indication that thunderstorm development is within 15 miles of the contest, the contest official shall suspend the competition until 30 minutes after the storm has left this 15 mile zone. In order to protect student-athletes, spectators and other participants, there shall be access to appropriate shelter in the event of such suspension. All contests suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption.

Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- **Monitor Weather Patterns** — Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.

- **Flash to Bang** — This method is used to assess how far away lightning is striking. It is determined by counting the number of seconds it takes to hear a clap of thunder after witnessing a flash of lightning.

The number of seconds is then divided by five to get the distance, in miles, to the lightning flash. Generally, a 30-second or less flash-to-bang count suggests it is advisable to move athletes from the field to a safe shelter.

- **National Weather Service** — Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for

severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions.

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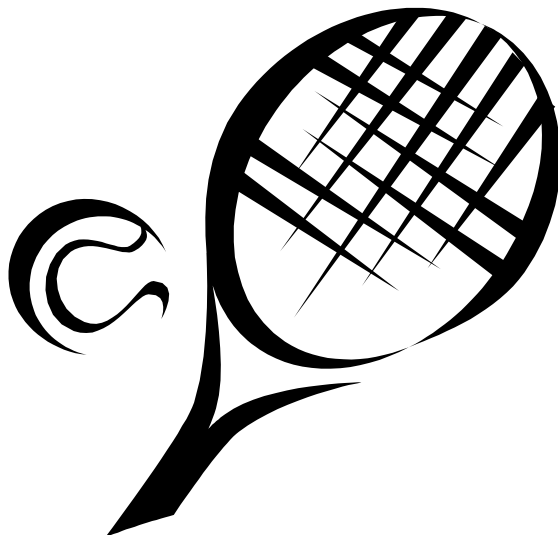
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