What is the Ohio High School Athletic Association? Here’s a look at who makes up the OHSAA and how the OHSAA supports education-based athletics and its member schools and carries out its mission.

**MEMBERS, STAFF AND PARTNERS**
- Schools are volunteer members—816 High Schools, 760 7th–8th Grade Schools
- 26 Sanctioned Sports (13 Girls, 13 Boys)
- Approximately 400,000 Student-Athletes in Grades 7–12
- Approximately 16,000 Officials
- Approximately 70,000 Coaches
- Six District Athletic Boards elected by the member schools in that district
- State Board of Directors (rotation system from the District Athletic Boards)
- Executive Director and Office Staff (24 full-time employees)
- Partnered Coaches Associations for Each Sanctioned Sport
- 10 Allied Educational Organizations

**FINANCES**
- No tax dollars received
- No membership fees from schools
- OHSAA State Office Revenue Sources:
  1. 80%—Ticket Sales from Regional and State Tournaments
  2. 10%—Officials Dues
  3. 10%—Sponsorships
- Limited tournament entry fees for schools (selected sports only)
- Bonus returned to schools for ticket sales in some sports
- Reimbursement to schools of selected regional/state tournament expenses (OHSAA returned over $2.6 million to member schools last school year)
- OHSAA pays for catastrophic insurance coverage ($700,000 annual premium)

**TOURNAMENTS, ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICES**
- Strive to conduct the best state tournaments in the country
- Enrollment data for tournament divisions comes from Ohio Dept. of Education
- Member schools voted in favor of Competitive Balance Proposal in 2014
- Monitor eligibility of student-athletes
  1. Constitution and bylaws voted on by school principals
  2. Schools are the primary enforcer of bylaws and sports regulations. The OHSAA does not have full-time staff devoted to compliance or investigations
- Provide services to our member schools, such as:
  1. Coaches Education
  2. Annual Leadership Conference (largest in the nation, 1,500 students)
  3. Sportsmanship and “Respect the Game” Programs
  5. Booster Education
  6. Safe-School Zone
  7. Service Week
  8. Sports Medicine Education
- Focus on the life-lessons student athletes learn through their involvement with athletics

**OHSAA Mission**
- The OHSAA receives no tax dollars of any kind.
- The OHSAA is a private, not-for-profit organization and is audited by an independent firm every year.
- Membership status in the OHSAA is on a volunteer basis.
- The OHSAA has no full-time staff members assigned full-time to compliance or investigations. The responsibility of following OHSAA bylaws and regulations resides with each member school. Violations are to be reported in writing to the OHSAA.
- Student-athletes tend to have better attendance records, lower dropout rates, higher grade-point averages, improved self-confidence and are better prepared for a successful career.

**Did you Know?**
- No annual membership dues.
- Selected tournament entry fees.
- Reimbursement for some travel expenses to regional and state tournaments.
- No cost for catastrophic insurance coverage of all student-athletes.
- Opportunity to sell presale tickets to some regional and state tournament contests and keep a portion of the revenue.
- Annually, an average of $2.6 million is distributed to schools in the form of travel reimbursements and ticket bonuses.

Gahanna Columbus Academy claimed its 11th state title after defeating Hudson, 3-0, in the 2018 OHSAA field hockey championship game. The 2019 field hockey tournament will return to Upper Arlington High School for the 19th straight year.