TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SELECTION PROCESS

For many years, the OHSAA has used a thorough process for selecting officials to work postseason tournament contests. Each Class 1 (varsity) official receives an evaluation score after the season, which determines potential tournament assignments for the following season.

The sports of baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling use this process. The OHSAA’s other sports use a similar process.

An official’s composite score is calculated by combining the following criteria:

- Coaches Ratings—Up to 15 Points
- Athletic Directors Vote—Up to 15 Points
- Local Officials Associations Vote—Up to 15 Points
- Officiating Leaders Vote—Up to 15 Points
- Total Points Possible—60

Coaches use myOHSAA to rate up to 50 officials from the regular-season on a scale of 1–5. The official’s highest three and lowest five ratings are deleted. The remaining ratings are used to calculate the official’s mean (average), median (middle number) and mode (most frequent). Those three measures are totaled for a maximum point total of 15.

At the end of the regular-season, Athletic Directors submit a ballot in each sport (preferably after consulting with their coaches) to nominate up to 15 officials. The maximum number of votes (points) that an official can receive is 15.

Local officials associations may vote for up to 25 percent of their total association membership, with those officials receiving up to 15 points for that category.

Finally, up to 15 points are added from officiating leaders, including assigners, instructors, OHSAA administrators and directors of officiating development, OHSAA-assigned observers and local association secretaries and interpreters.

After the officials’ rankings are complete within the OHSAA’s six districts, tournament eligible officials are divided into groups based on their composite score. The District Athletic Boards make officiating assignments for sectional and district tournament contests, while the OHSAA state office then assigns officials for regional and state tournament contests.

BEAU RUGG
Beau joined the OHSAA in the fall of 2012 on an interim basis and was hired full-time as assistant commissioner on Feb. 14, 2013. He oversees the OHSAA’s officiating program and is the administrator for the sports of football and wrestling. On the officiating side, he coordinates the licensing, registration and renewal process for nearly 16,000 OHSAA officials and works directly with each sport’s Director of Officials Development, rules interpreters, officiating instructors, officials assigners and local officials associations and secretaries which includes interpreting contest rules, tournament regulations and assignments among many other duties.

A native of Newark, Ohio, Beau holds two degrees from The Ohio State University. He has also completed doctoral work in physical education/sport management with a minor in business management. From 1986 to 2011, he was an assistant or associate director with OSU’s Department of Recreational Sports. He was a registered OHSAA contest official in football (six state tournament assignments) and basketball for over 30 years. He was the manager of the OHSAA State Track & Field Tournament for the past 22 years and worked the OHSAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament for the past 25 years.

OHSAA DIRECTORS OF OFFICIATING DEVELOPMENT
Baseball—Dan McGinnis
Basketball—Dennis Morris
Field Hockey—Travis Burwell
Football—Bruce Maurer
Gymnastics—Lori Powers-Basinger
Ice Hockey—Gary Wilkins
Girls Lacrosse—Lisa Fickert
Boys Lacrosse—Lee Spitzer
Soccer—Don Muerz
Softball—Jerry Fick
Swimming & Diving—R.J. Van Almen
Track & Field—Dale Gabor
Volleyball—Diane Plas
Wrestling—Toby Dunlap

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