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Alexis Neri

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Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Association of State High School Associations, takes a look at why school sports are more important now than ever before despite being challenged for their existence.

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On the Cover: Columbus St. Francis DeSales junior soccer student-athlete Alexis Neri had an assist in the 2011 OHSAA Div. II state championship game to help lead her Stallions to a 2-0 win over Toledo St. Ursula Academy in Crew Stadium.

Inset Photo: McDonald claimed its sixth team title (82, 83, 99, 01, 04, 11) during the 2011 OHSAA Division III state cross country meet. The Blue Devils were led by junior Patrick Kunkel (#341) and senior Kyle Joynes (#339), who finished 14th and 17th, respectively.

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Mission

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.

Commitment

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is committed to serving its member schools by being the nation’s premier non-profit athletic administration organization.

We will:

• Provide exemplary athletic oversight through swift, fair, consistent and impartial regulatory rulings;
• Operate with openness that generates trust and with strict fiscal accountability;
• Provide impartial, responsive and inclusive leadership;
• Conduct tournaments of nationally recognized excellence; and
• Honor our ultimate purpose, which is to foster lifelong values, good citizenship, ethics and a fair-play approach to life among student-athletes while promoting safe and sporting-like athletic environments.

Did you Know?

• 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 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.

The OHSAA is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), which consists of the 50 individual state high school athletic and/or activities associations and the association of the District of Columbia and nine Canadian organizations. These associations have united to secure the benefits of cooperative action and increased efficiency through the coordinating of ideas of all who are engaged in high school athletic and activities programs.

NFHS Mission Statement

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) serves its members, related professional organizations and students by providing leadership for the administration of education-based interscholastic activities, which support academic achievement, good citizenship and equitable opportunities.

• 51 State Associations • 20,000 High Schools • 500,000 Coaches and Sponsors
• 11,000,000 Student Participants • 500,000 Officials and Judges •
• 9 Canadian Associations • 14 Other Affiliate Members

Vonne Byrd (pictured above) and his Dayton Carroll teammates won their second OHSAA Division II boys soccer state championship in a row in 2011 defeating Richfield Revere, 3-0. The Patriots finished the season 23-0-0. Crew Stadium in Columbus hosts the six boys and girls soccer championship games November 9-10.
While the law of the land guarantees the opportunity for a free, public education, the opportunity for participation in school sports is a cherished privilege. For student-athletes, that opportunity can be obtained by meeting all the eligibility requirements established by our member schools and then diligently practicing the skills needed to succeed. Those are the things student-athletes can control.

But the second part of this privilege is something student-athletes cannot control, and unfortunately, it is being threatened all across our state. Kids can do all the right things — and so many of them do — and be shining stars in their communities, but if there are no school sports teams of which they can be a part, the void is immense.

This is what makes the privilege of school sports a two-way street. As adults involved with educating kids, it is our responsibility to ensure the privilege of school sports exists for students to earn. Think about all the lessons learned, adversities overcome, relationships forged and memories stored away from our participation in school sports. We were afforded that opportunity to become better people and build a piece of a foundation for success thanks to school sports. Today, we must take the responsibility of ensuring that the next generation of kids can earn that privilege as well.

I saw a TV commercial from a department store recently that was advertising another “back to school” sale. As the commercial depicted dozens of students walking into the school building, the thing that struck me was that each of them entered the building displaying the wears of their extracurricular activity. There were kids in band uniforms marching in line, cheerleaders bouncing along side by side, a girl bouncing a soccer ball on her knee and a group of kids throwing a football. I honestly couldn’t remember the name of the department store because I was so proud that the company used sports and activities to depict what back to school meant!

And that’s when it hit me again what this fabric of education is all about. Just like in the TV commercial, education and extracurricular activities are intertwined so tightly that sometimes it isn’t possible to tell them apart. That’s the way it should be! Sports are an extension of the classroom and help reinforce the dedication and discipline needed to build the basis for a successful career and life.

Please join me in protecting the privilege of school sports for our young people. It is a message that we cannot deliver too many times.

Respectfully,

Dan Ross, Ph.D.,
Commissioner,
Ohio High School Athletic Association
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**Note:** Dates and locations are subject to change
We all have our calling. It can come in many forms and, though some find it sooner than others, we all eventually settle into our chosen paths. If you are reading this, that probably means your path is in some way connected with interscholastic athletics. For that, I thank you.

Whatever your role in school sports and wherever your path takes you this school year, it is my hope that you’ll carry forward the OHSAA’s ‘Respect the Game’ philosophy. It is something we all can do within our responsibilities and interaction with kids. The great thing is that no matter how you practice ‘Respect the Game,’ it can be demonstrated many ways through school sports.

I was reminded of that fact during our August Board of Directors meeting, which started the 2012-13 school year on a great note. Through all the updates, presentations and conversations we had in the board room, I was reminded that the overall mission of education-based school sports is at the heart of all our work and that ‘Respect the Game’ can be applied to each of them.

The diligence and hard work of our school administrators and their support staff shows that the lessons learned through sports are important. The countless hours put in by our coaches and their commitment to safety shows their dedication to kids. Athletic trainers, doctors and physicians continually amaze me with their expertise and care for student-athletes. Officials ensure that the games are played by the rules, booster clubs support the teams and coaches, facility staff keeps the field and courts in shape, bus drivers transport our kids to and from contests safely, and the list goes on.

All these groups are needed to make a school’s athletic department run smoothly. Each of Ohio’s six District Athletic Boards and the OHSAA staff is dedicated to supporting all of them. When that happens, the real winners are the student-athletes.

We all have a great opportunity in front of us during this 2012-13 school year. It is an opportunity to teach kids the true meaning of school sports and to put ‘Respect the Game’ into practice every day. Don’t let this opportunity pass you by!

Sincerely,

Phil Stevens
President, Board of Directors
Ohio High School Athletic Association
Nighttime settles in during the 2011 OHSAA Division IV football state championship game featuring Creston Norwayne and Kenton at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium. Around 10,500 fans saw 40 points scored between the two teams in the fourth-quarter, capped off by Norwayne senior Adam Wallace throwing the winning touchdown pass to sophomore Kaleb Harris with 31 seconds to go in the game, leading the Bobcats to a 48-42 victory. Massillon and Canton Fawcett Stadium will host the football state championships for the 23rd year in 2012, November 30 and December 1.
A crossing pass from Cincinnati Summit Country Day junior Izzie Englehart narrowly escaped being deflected by Laurel School’s junior goalkeeper Rachel Piccus, finding sophomore teammate Meredith Schertzinger (#10). Schertzinger sent a header into the back of the net for one of five goals the Silver Knights would score in a 5-2 victory over Laurel. The 2011 OHSAA Division III girls soccer championship game marked the first ever played after only having two divisions prior to last year. Boys and girls soccer state championships return to Crew Stadium in Columbus November 9-10.
Serve’s Up

Columbus Bishop Ready prepares to receive a serve from Gates Mills Gilmour Academy senior Maddie Kosar. Gilmour Academy would defeat the Silver Knights in straight sets to advance to the 2011 OHSAA Division III state championship game. The 38th annual state volleyball championships return to the Ervin J. Nutter Center at Wright State University, November 8-10.
SCHOOL FUNDING ISSUES AND PAY TO PARTICIPATE FEES CONTINUE TO CONCERN

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors is tremendously concerned about the status of interscholastic athletics and activities in Ohio schools. The OHSAA is aware of the financial burdens that face many of our public and nonpublic schools alike. A few years ago in anticipation of additional burdens in this area, the OHSAA produced a bulletin designed to heighten awareness of the critical need for interscholastic athletics entitled “School Sports are Vital to Ohio’s Youth.” Copies of this publication are still available and the publication is online at www.ohsaa.org/members/SportsAreVital.pdf.

Although a fee-based participation scenario is not the ideal solution to school funding problems, the alternative of reducing or eliminating participation opportunities would be even more unfortunate. If a school completely discontinues its entire interscholastic athletics program, it is wholly representative of the entire state of Ohio.

By Kristin Daugherty, OHSAA Administrative Liaison

In June, the OHSAA sent a survey to 800 high school athletic directors around the state. A total of 548 (68.5%) athletic directors responded back with their information and opinions, including 466 public schools and 82 private schools. The following are some of the interesting findings from the survey:

• The large majority of athletic directors (400/548; 73%) who responded to the survey agree with the OHSAA regulation that prohibits live video of Friday night football games (except when the majority of the broadcast is handled by students on the school’s website). Athletic directors said they believe live video would hurt their athletic department’s budget by reducing their gate. The public school average was slightly higher in this category (358/466; 77%), whereas the private school average was significantly lower (42/82; 51%).

• Nearly half (265/548; 48%) the schools that responded to the survey will have pay-to-participate (PTP) fees during the 2012-13 school year. The public school average (222/466; 48%) was consistent with that trend, whereas the private school average was slightly higher (43/82; 52%).

• In terms of districts, the Central and Southwest districts reported having the highest percentage of schools with PTP fees, both at 63%, followed by the Northeast (49%) and Northwest (33%) districts. The East (31%) and Southeast (21%) districts reported the lowest number of schools with PTP fees.

• The Northeast district had the highest average PTP fee ($181), followed by the Central ($156), Southwest ($141), Northwest ($120), East ($96) and Southeast ($81) districts.

• The highest PTP fee for one varsity sport was $1,500, coming from a Northeast district school for ice hockey, and the lowest PTP fee was $10 in the Central district.

• There were 8,368 total head coaches at the 548 schools that responded, averaging out to 15 coaches per school. The highest number of coaches at a school was 36 in the Northeast district, and the lowest number was two from the Southwest district. Seven hundred thirty-six head coaches coach more than one sport.

• Some interesting gender results found that of 8,368 head coaches, 1,861 are female (22%), 255 are females coaching a male sport and 2,204 are males coaching a female sport.

• Multiple athletic directors noted in their survey responses that students pay a one-time “transportation fee,” which helps offset costs due to the rising price of gasoline.

For complete results of this survey, visit OHSAA.org or contact Kristin Daugherty.

Note: The numbers used in this report are based off the information provided by schools that responded to the survey. Therefore, the percentages reported are not wholly representative of the entire state of Ohio.

JUNE 2012 OHSAA SURVEY TO ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association seeks your feedback on the following questions for informational purposes only. No data will be shared that identifies a specific school and will be used for composite and average purposes only.

1. How many individual people does your high school employ as varsity head coaches (including non-OHSAA sports)?
   a. How many are the head coach of more than one sport?
   b. How many head coaches are females?
   c. How many head coaches are females coaching a male sport(s)?
   d. How many head coaches are males coaching a female sport(s)?

2. The OHSAA does not allow live video of Friday night football games (except when the broadcast is handled by students on the school’s website). Do you agree with this regulation?

3. Are you also the athletic director for any junior high school(s) that feed into your high school?

4. Will your high school have pay-to-participate fees in 2012-13 that are in addition to your normal tuition fees? If so, what is your school’s policy? (Public Schools)

- OR -

4. Will your high school have pay-to-participate fees in 2012-13 that are in addition to your normal tuition fees? If so, what is your school’s policy? (Private Schools)
OHSAA TO ADD WHEELCHAIR TRACK & FIELD EVENTS
EIGHT EVENTS TO BE CONTESTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2013 OHSAA STATE TRACK & FIELD TOURNAMENT

By Bob Goldring, OHSAA Associate Commissioner

In June, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors made a historic decision when it approved a recommendation to add eight wheelchair championship final events – four for boys and four for girls – to the OHSAA State Track and Field Tournament beginning in 2013. Wheelchair athletes in one boys division and one girls division will compete in the 100 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters and shot put, with participants wearing school uniforms and being awarded for individual honors, although they will not score points for their teams. Track and field is the first sport in which the OHSAA will include wheelchair athletes as part of a state tournament and makes Ohio one of approximately a dozen states to do so.

“This is something we have talked about for some time now and I’m thrilled that our Board of Directors has taken the formal step to make this a reality,” OHSAA Commissioner Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D., said. “The executive committee of the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (OATCCC) has worked diligently to finalize the details and establish the parameters, and we are excited that the OHSAA will have the opportunity to make a positive impact on this group of outstanding student-athletes and create lifetime memories for the participants along with their families, schools and communities.”

During the regular season, all fully automated timing qualifying wheelchair times in the 100, 400 and 800 and wheelchair distances in the shot put will be collected by the OATCCC, with the top eight male and top eight female times or distances in each event qualifying for championship final events at the state tournament without regard to the OHSAA divisional assignment of the participants’ schools.

To qualify for the wheelchair events, athletes must have a permanent, physical disability and must be verified by a licensed physician. Participants must also meet all OHSAA and school eligibility requirements. While participating, coaches may not assist athletes in the 100, 400 or 800, and no motorized chairs are permitted. Athletes in the shot put may be assisted by coaches in getting to the competition area and entering and leaving the circle. The coach may also hold down the chair during the throwing attempt to prevent excessive movement.

“The impact on the young athletes with physical disabilities participating in this championship will be incredible,” said Charlie Huebner, United States Olympic Committee Chief of Paralympics. “They will be representing their schools and communities in ways that have never been seen in Ohio. I commend the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the state track and field coaches association for making this dream a reality for the athletes participating in Paralympic sport.”

A tentative schedule for the OHSAA State Track and Field Tournament on Saturday, June 8, 2013, has the girls and boys wheelchair division 100 meter events taking place during the Division III tournament in the morning; the girls and boys wheelchair division 400 meter events being held during the Division II tournament in the early afternoon, and the girls and boys wheelchair division 800 meter events occurring during the Division I tournament late in the afternoon. The girls and boys wheelchair division shot put events will take place during the Division I field events that begin at either noon or 3:00 that afternoon.

OHSAA SEEKS MISSING HANDBOOKS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is in need of three editions of the OHSAA Handbook for its files. If you have a copy of the 1983-84, 1984-85 and/or 1985-86 OHSAA Handbook in your possession and are willing to donate the book(s) back to our office, please send the Handbook(s) to: Bob Goldring, Associate Commissioner, c/o OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214. Thank you!

LET THE FAN GUIDE WORK FOR YOU!

Each year hundreds of thousands of OHSAA fans, student-athletes, coaches and officials travel to participate in regional and state tournaments. The OHSAA Fan Guide is the ultimate resource for these individuals. The Fan Guide was developed in 2006 when the OHSAA partnered with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to help fans find hotels and restaurants near the Jerome Schottenstein Center and Nationwide Arena. The program was expanded in 2007 to include other venues in Central Ohio, and now has expanded to include all OHSAA tournaments. In addition to hotels and restaurants, the Fan Guide also provides information on directions, tickets and restaurants near the Jerome Schottenstein Center and Nationwide Arena. The program was expanded in 2007 to include other venues in Central Ohio, and now has expanded to include all OHSAA tournaments. In addition to hotels and restaurants, the Fan Guide also provides information on directions, tickets, gear, programs, DVDs and photos. There is also a newly expanded online guide that can be found at www.ohsaa.org/FanGuide. The Fan Guide is just one of the many ways the OHSAA continues its commitment to conduct tournaments of nationally recognized excellence.
NORWAYNE BOBCATS WIN STATE TITLE WITH CLASS

As Norwayne High School in Creston (Wayne County) prepared to play in the Division IV state football championship game last fall, the school and community also prepared to display respect and class before, during and after the game. The following is a public address announcement delivered to the school and the community the week of the state championship game:

Norwayne Students and Community –

On Saturday afternoon, December 3rd, we will have the privilege to participate in the Division IV OHSAA state championship football game between Norwayne High School and Kenton High School. There is a lot of hype and press leading up to this state championship game and we want to reflect a bit on the real purpose of this magical moment.

Everyone present at the game will have either heard, read or witnessed the success stories of these two great high school football teams: the players, the coaches and all the statistics that now brings two great Ohio communities together for a headline event.

The mission of our Ohio High School Athletic Association is to oversee, regulate and administer interscholastic athletic activities/competition in a fair and equitable manner so it is an integral part of our students’ educational experience.

We truly believe school athletics carries as its foundation: academics, citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. It is in these connections that all of us attending the game play such a vital role, whether we are players, contest officials, school officials, cheering students or cheering fans.

Let’s reflect for just a moment how this all fits together:

**Academics** – playing by the rules

**Citizenship** – courtesy and dignity

**Leadership** – stepping up to the challenge

**Sportsmanship** – fair play, be respectful

**Ethics and integrity** – accept defeat with dignity & be humble in victory

It is our combined hope and ongoing challenge to subscribe to those standards completely and consistently as we cheer on our great Norwayne Bobcat football team and community.

Let us ‘Respect The Game’ on all fronts. Thank you, and Go Bobcats!
STUDENT-ATHLETE DISPLAYS INCREDIBLE ACT OF SPORTSMANSHIP

By Kristin Daugherty, OHSAA Information Liaison, compiled from various media reports of the event

Meghan Vogel, a junior student-athlete at West Liberty-Salem High School, won the 1,600-meter run at the 2012 OHSAA Division III girls state track & field meet. But it was her last place finish in the 3,200 run that will most likely be remembered by fans for years to come.

Vogel started her difficult 1,600/3,200 double day by winning the mile in an upset, beating a Versailles runner she had never before beaten and breaking the 5-minute barrier (4:58.31) for the first time in her life. Three laps into her 3,200 eight-lap race, though, Vogel was falling off the pace and knew she would not be contending for another title. As she rounded the final turn, Vogel saw Arlington High School sophomore Arden McMath, the only other runner who hadn’t finished yet, nearly fall to the ground.

Then, in an inspiring act of sportsmanship, Vogel stopped, picked McMath up, put McMath’s arm around her shoulders and half-carried, half-dragged her the last 20 meters, ensuring McMath finished in front of her. A standing ovation greeted the runners as they finished.

“I was thinking, I just need to pick her up,” Vogel later told news outlets. “She was ahead of me, and she deserved to be ahead of me.”

What makes Vogel’s act of sportsmanship even more extraordinary is the fact that she knew she faced a possible disqualification for her actions. According to OHSAA rules, in a situation in which a runner is aided by another runner, both are disqualified.

“I’ve been around cross country since I was four weeks old,” Vogel said. “I know the rules. I knew that if an official had helped, it would have been an automatic DQ for her. I thought if I helped, maybe they’d look another way. Really, it wouldn’t have bothered me if they DQ’d me. I just wanted Arden to finish.”

Vogel and McMath finished last and next-to-last. They were not disqualified, no official raised a yellow flag to call for a foul and the meet referee was not called on to make a decision.

“Basically, what you saw here is the real spirit of high school athletics,” said Dale Gabor, the OHSAA’s director for cross country and track and field. “What she did showed true sportsmanship and camaraderie.”

In the following weeks, Vogel made national headlines with stories on ESPN, USA Today, Fox News and Yahoo sports, just to name a few. Throughout the entire process, Vogel remained humble and inspired thousands by her selfless actions.

“Helping (McMath) across the finish line was a lot more satisfying than winning the state championship,” she said.

SCHOOLS REMINDED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN HEAT

In July, the OHSAA sent a memo to all member schools regarding precautions to be applied when practices and contests are conducted when the heat and humidity reach high levels. The entire two-page memo is posted on the OHSAA’s Sports Medicine page at OHSAA.org. Below are the highlights from the memo:

• In football, five days of acclimatization are required of all football players. During the first two days, practices shall be allowed to be outdoor practices. On the third, fourth and fifth day, full pads may be worn on the field. Pads are prohibited as contact drills. On the third and fourth practice days, shoulder pads may also be worn. Full pads may be worn on the fifth day, but contact continues to be prohibited. Contact may occur on the sixth day of practice.

• Practice sessions should be revised when conditions (heat index) warrant. Newly-adopted OHSAA Football Regulation 1.16 requires schools to assess the heat index prior to practice to determine whether activity should be modified or ceased. High heat and humidity should alert coaches to health concerns of their athletes. When the heat index is elevated, revision in practices shall occur.

• 7th & 8th grade teams may also begin practice on July 30. Whenever 7th & 8th grade teams begin, they must follow an acclimatization schedule at least as cautious as the high school.

• Athletes should drink 17-to-20 ounces of water or sports drink 2-to-3 hours before exercise and an additional 17-to-20 ounces 10-to-20 minutes prior to exercise.

• During practice, athletes should be allowed unrestricted fluid replacement. A general guide is to drink 7-to-10 ounces of water/sports drink every 15 minutes. Water must be available during practice.

• After practices, athletes should drink 20-to-24 ounces of water/sports drink for each pound of weight lost, and the rehydration should occur within two hours of the completion of practice.

• Every player shall weigh in before and after each summer practice session (only required in football). The OHSAA provides weight charts for this purpose. A trainer, manager or other responsible person should be designated to observe the weigh-ins. During two-a-day football practices, athletes should gain back at least 90 percent of the weight lost in the first practice before being allowed to participate in the second practice.

• Again, stress to participants the importance of properly hydrating themselves during the days leading up to the contest, and also to drink 8-to-12 ounces of water or sport drinks 20 minutes prior to the contest.

• Consider starting your contests one-half to one hour later than normal when the temperature will likely cool down. In addition, officials are permitted to establish predetermined breaks during a contest.

• The National Federation of State High School Associations has a new course available entitled “A Guide to Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention.” To access the free course, go to www.nfhslearn.com.
STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY GUIDES POSTED AT OHSAA.ORG

In May, the OHSAA emailed all high school principals and athletic directors a link to the 2012-13 Student-Athlete Eligibility Guide. The OHSAA did not print and mail copies this year, but is asking schools to print copies from the PDF posted at OHSAA.org instead. Having the brochure online also allows schools to email the link to parents.

The OHSAA asks that when schools conduct the required preseason meetings, principals, athletic administrators or coaches should review the items in the guide with student-athletes and their parents.

Links to the 2012-13 high school and junior high eligibility guides can be found by clicking on “Eligibility” at OHSAA.org.

The OHSAA encourages all schools to:

• Print the five-page guide and distribute copies to student-athletes and their parents.
• Print out and insert the guide within your student-athlete handbook.
• Forward the link to the parents of your student-athletes.
• Share copies with your coaching staffs, and they should be made known about the link so that they can share it with parents.
• Print copies and/or provide the website link to your guidance counselors.

Included in the five-page online version of the guide is the High School Eligibility Checklist. This form has been made available for use at school’s discretion. Use of this form is not an OHSAA requirement, but is encouraged.

OHSAA Authorization Form/Eligibility and Authorization Statement

The OHSAA Authorization Form and the OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statement require the signatures of both the student and the parent. The latest versions of these are also posted at OHSAA.org in the sports medicine area as part of the pre-participation physical examination form. The eligibility and authorization form is where parents and students verify that they have read the eligibility guide, understand its contents and have had any questions addressed.

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director, National Association of State High School Associations

I’m not quite sure what qualifies a former college basketball coach to assess the state of high school sports, but last week in USA Today’s online edition, the following headline caught my attention: “Former college coach proposes ending high school sports.” Wow!

This article, which originally was published in the Reno (Nevada) Gazette-Journal, contained thoughts and ideas of Len Stevens, a former college basketball coach and current executive director of the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stevens suggests we should “kick it (high school sports) to the curb” and go the way of the European model focusing solely on club sports.

The author of the article, Dan Hinxman, suggests that Mr. Stevens’ thoughts might be preposterous, ludicrous and, perhaps, downright offensive to some individuals. Mr. Hinxman is correct. As the head of an organization that provides leadership to 51 state high school associations, 19,000 high schools and more than 7.6 million student-athletes involved in high school sports, I am pleased to report that funeral arrangements have been cancelled.

What Mr. Stevens probably doesn’t know is that many of those countries employing the “European model” would trade their model in an instant for the education-based philosophy of high school sports in the United States. After listening to my report at the 9th International Session for Educators at the International Olympic Academy in Greece last summer, representatives from many nations marveled that our programs receive little or no government support in our schools, and the universal wish of the delegates from other nations was that their programs could be more like ours.

Mr. Stevens suggests that since club sports have been growing in the United States we should end high school sports and go exclusively with club sports, which “would answer a lot of problems and put the high school focus back where it belongs – on education.”

What Mr. Stevens doesn’t account for is that if sports were removed from American high schools, the focus would not be on education. The focus would be on trying to locate students who abruptly left school – dropouts – when sports were taken away.

And, by the way, the education component is the singular unique component of the U.S. model. Student-athletes learn much more than how to set a screen in basketball or cover the first-base bag in baseball. While the number of teacher-coaches has dwindled, most schools that employ out-of-school coaches require those individuals to complete an education course, such as the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course.

On the other hand, club sports lack an educational component. These programs exist solely for the purpose of improving one’s athletic skills and, through that process, hopefully landing a college scholarship. The team concept rarely exists and there is no overall philosophy to help prepare students for life after school, which is a major goal of education-based sports within the schools.

Mr. Stevens also noted that no one attends games any more. Really? A survey conducted by the NFHS last year indicated that more than 510 million people attended high school sporting events during the 2009-10 school year. On Friday nights in the fall, there are

Thomas Worthington senior captain Kieran Ford looks for an open teammate last year during the 33rd annual OHSAA girls field hockey state tournament. The Cardinals defeated defending state champion Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy 1-0 in the semifinals before knocking off Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown 1-0 in overtime in the championship game. It was the third state title for Thomas Worthington, which also won titles in 2007 and 1988.

Cincinnati Elder senior Rahkim Johnson (left) and Lakewood St. Edward senior Ty Walz (right) grapple during the OHSAA Division I 220 lb. weight class championship match in 2012. Walz would go on to defeat Johnson, 2-1, and help St. Edward win its 27th all-time team championship. The 2013 team duals state championships will be held February 9 at St. John Arena at The Ohio State University and the individual state tournament will run February 28 through March 2 at Ohio State’s Jerome Schottenstein Center.
7,000 high school games being played every week. On winter nights – two to three times a week – there are about 18,000 girls and boys basketball games being played. More than 7.6 million high school students compete in high school sports, and those numbers have risen for 22 consecutive years.

How many of those 7.6 million kids would still be around if the only option was to join a club team? The clubs only want the very best athletes, and fees can range from $5,000 to $10,000 a year to be involved with a year-round travel team.

A large majority of high school students who are involved in sports are there to have fun, to be with their friends, to compete and learn and to be a part of a team. Kids have a need to be needed and to be a part of something positive, to be involved with their peers and coaches who care. Many students involved in sports do not have a support system at home – their high school teammates and coaches are their lifeblood. This concept simply does not exist through club sports.

At our recent National Athletic Directors Conference in Indianapolis, several high school athletic directors talked about their days as high school athletes and the importance of these programs.

Monica Maxwell, a middle school athletic director from Indianapolis, said, “I knew I wanted to get out of my neighborhood. If it wasn’t going to be through athletics, it was going to be through the military . . . I think that story – my story – is a story of many athletes. They know that their ticket out of their neighborhood is going to be athletics.”

Lanness Robinson, an athletic director from Tampa, Florida, said, “If I didn’t maintain a 3.5 grade-point average, my mom wouldn’t let me play sports. That’s the only reason I tried because otherwise I didn’t care. I believe that athletics is the greatest dropout prevention program that we have . . . I think the three most identifiable people on the school campus . . . are the head football coach, the principal and the quarterback. What does that say about school? I’ve read stories where schools have actually made the decision to cut programs and I think in most cases, they reinstate athletic programs because they found that it doesn’t work.”

John Evers, a retired athletic director from Indiana, said “When good things happen – if a team is making a great playoff run – the community comes together. That’s not something you often get outside of athletics. I’ve never seen a town rally around a chemistry class, but I have seen them rally around a team of kids doing something special.”

Becky Oakes, director of sports at the NFHS, said in a recent issue of High School Today, “Students enjoy the school-community identity that comes with playing in high school. In general, high school coaches will treat each student as part of the team and the community; this is the selling point that high schools have far over any club team.”

Certainly, there are challenges in many states, mainly due to funding issues. But even in those situations when funds become tight, more often than not the community responds because it sees the value of these programs for young people. With all due respect to Mr. Stevens, there are 7.6 million reasons we’re going to keep sports within our schools.

About the Author: Bob Gardner is executive director of the Indianapolis-based National Federation of State High School Associations, the national leadership organization for high school athletic and activity programs.
PUPIL ACTIVITY/COACHING PERMIT INCLUDES CPR AND FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

A reminder to all coaches (paid and volunteer) and school administrators that according to the Ohio Department of Education, the Pupil Activity/Coaching Permit is required for a pupil activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity or activities with health and safety considerations.

Specifically regarding coaches, on page two of the application is the following section:

Additional Coaching Requirements
1. Coaches must hold a valid CPR card during his/her season.
2. Coaches must complete the NFHS ‘Fundamentals of Coaching’ class.

Please do not send copies of your class certificate or CPR card to the OHSAA. Completion of these two requirements must be verified by the school district where you are coaching.

For more information and to locate the form, log on to www.ode.state.oh.us and click on the ‘Teaching’ tab. Then click on ‘Educator Licensure.’

In the 2011 OHSAA boys Division I golf tournament at The Ohio State University Golf Course, Upper Arlington freshman Justin Wick hit a hole-in-one on the par three, 13th hole. Wick holed out on the fly by hitting a six iron 185 yards, for the only ace of the tournament. The boys and girls golf tournaments return to Columbus and NorthStar Golf Resort in Sunbury with Division II and III playing October 12-13 and Division I, October 19-20.

2011-12 SCHOOL EJECTION TOTALS (Player or Coach)

The schools listed below had three or more ejections (player or coach) during the 2011-12 school year. Any coach or player ejected or disqualified from an interscholastic contest due to unsporting behavior or flagrant foul shall be suspended from coaching in all contests for the remainder of that day and shall be suspended from coaching or playing 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. Additionally, a coach who is ejected shall be fined $100 and must take the National Federation of State High School Associations Teaching and Modeling Behavior Course, which must be completed within 30 days. (Note that the $100 shall be used to support the OHSAA’s Respect The Game program). A student who is ejected or disqualified a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.

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Columbus St. Francis DeSales | 7 | Avon Lake | 3
Painesville Harvey | 7 | Batavia Clermont Northeastern | 3
Cincinnati Oak Hills | 6 | Blanchester | 3
Pickerington Central | 6 | Cambridge | 3
Fairfield | 6 | Canfield | 3
Duncan Falls Philo | 6 | Canton South | 3
Akron Coventry | 5 | Cincinnati Colerain | 3
Chillicothe | 5 | Cincinnati Glen Este | 3
Cincinnati Northwest | 5 | Cincinnati Hughes | 3
Columbus Marion-Franklin | 5 | Cincinnati Winton Woods | 3
Findlay | 5 | Cincinnati Withrow | 3
Lakewood St. Edward | 5 | Cleveland Rhodes | 3
Maple Heights | 5 | Cleveland St. Ignatius | 3
Sylvania Southview | 5 | Columbus Centennial | 3
Toledo St. Francis deSales | 5 | Dayton Carroll | 3
West Jefferson | 5 | Dayton Chaminade Julienne | 3
Akron Garfield | 4 | Dublin Scioto | 3
Barberton | 4 | Euclid | 3
Beavercreek | 4 | Fairborn | 3
Bloom-Carroll | 4 | Fairport Harding | 3
Bowling Green | 4 | Garfield Heights | 3
Canal Fulton Northwest | 4 | Gates Mills Gilmour Academy | 3
Cincinnati Princeton | 4 | Gnadenhutten Indian Valley | 3
Cleveland Central Catholic | 4 | Hudson | 3
Clyde | 4 | Johnstown-Monroe | 3
Columbus Briggs | 4 | Lewis Center Olentangy | 3
Columbus Independence | 4 | Loveland | 3
Columbus Mifflin | 4 | Lyndhurst Brush | 3
Columbus Northland | 4 | Manchester | 3
Columbus Whetstone | 4 | Mansfield Madison | 3
Dayton Northridge | 4 | Mason | 3
Elyria | 4 | Maumee | 3
Gahanna Lincoln | 4 | Middletown | 3
London | 4 | Morrow Little Miami | 3
Lorain | 4 | Newton Falls | 3
Mayfield | 4 | North Olmsted | 3
McArthur Vinton County | 4 | Norwood | 3
Mentor | 4 | Oberlin | 3
Mentor Lake Catholic | 4 | Olmsted Falls | 3
Middletown Bishop Fenwick | 4 | Orwell Grand Valley | 3
North Royalton | 4 | Peebles | 3
Oregon Clay | 4 | Pepper Pike Orange | 3
Reading | 4 | Rootstown | 3
Sandusky | 4 | Sidney | 3
Solon | 4 | Springfield | 3
Sylvania Northview | 4 | Stow-Munroe Falls | 3
Warren Champion | 4 | Strongsville | 3
West Milton Milton-Union | 4 | Toledo Scott | 3

Totals (Player or Coach)
In his second year as the athletic director at Trotwood-Madison High School, Guy Fogle is continually drawing on his wide variety of experiences in his current role. The former news anchor had been on television for 20 years in Dayton at three stations and he did play-by-play broadcasting for ONN and Time Warner Cable for high school athletic events and also contributed to the Dayton Daily News. Before his media career, Fogle taught 10 years of high school language arts with 15 years of coaching, including five as a head basketball coach.

Leaving the media side of athletics and moving into the administrative side, Fogle says there is a different dynamic. Instead of looking for stories, he is now instructing his coaches how to promote their sport and players to the media in order to gain positive coverage.

A 2004-05 Southwest District Athletic Board media award winner, being an athletic director was in the back of Fogle’s mind for a period of time. He cites Bob Denny, Fred Durkle and John Rossi, among others, for the positive influence and persuasion into getting involved at this level. His perspective in doing so revolves around, “keeping in mind that these are kids and I want to do what is best for them as student-athletes.”

A two-time cancer survivor, Fogle works through challenges with the thought, “This isn’t the worst thing I’ve gone through.” He doesn’t let the battles with cancer define his life, but recognizes it has changed his approach to handling different challenges.

In just a short time, the Rams athletic programs have seen success under Fogle’s leadership. He notes the boys basketball team and track program having good seasons this past year, with the pinnacle being Trotwood’s 2011 Division II state football championship.

“Exhilarating and exhausting,” is how Fogle describes the football championship run, though he wouldn’t change anything about the long 18-19 hour days leading up to the game. Fogle recalls a conversation at mid-field after the game with head coach Maurice Douglass repeatedly saying over and over, “This is absolutely amazing.”

After such early success, Fogle still knows there will always be challenges in his role. At the end of a long day, Fogle reminds himself why he puts in the long hours and hard work. It all revolves around wanting what is best for his student-athletes.
PAIN KILLER DEPENDENCY CAN HAVE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES

By Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General

Tyler Campbell of Pickerington was a young man who loved doing things like riding bikes to parks, fishing in the park pond, skipping rocks in creeks and playing youth sports. He loved sports of all kinds, especially football. Tyler was a 2007 graduate of Pickerington High School North, where he excelled in academics, football and baseball.

Tyler’s passion for football reached its pinnacle when he earned a spot on the University of Akron football team.

Tragically, Tyler’s drug dependency began with an addiction to prescription pain medication first prescribed by a doctor after Tyler sustained a football injury. While receiving treatment for his addiction, Tyler learned about heroin, a cheaper and more readily available drug that provides a similar high. On July 22, 2011, just one day after leaving a treatment facility, Tyler overdosed on heroin in his family’s home. Tyler leaves behind a grieving family and a close community of friends, teammates and neighbors.

OHSAA member schools have a passion for kids involved in athletics and keeping them drug free. That is why I am pleased to partner with the OHSAA to reach out to coaches, educators, individuals involved in sports medicine and high school athletes to help spread the word about the dangers associated with the abuse of opiate-based medications.

Athletes often experience pressure to perform at very high levels. Pressures can be both external and self-induced as an athlete strives to better his or her performance. An athlete’s competitive personality can also drive him or her to play through pain, and when the pain becomes too much to handle, prescription pain medications provide quick relief. But if the use of these drugs is not monitored by parents, coaches and medical staff, athletes can become addicted. Even athletes competing at the Olympic level, like equestrian Amy Tryon of Duvall, Washington, can be victims. She died this spring from an overdose of opiate drugs.

As Ohio Attorney General, I am focused on fighting the scourge of prescription drug abuse. Every day in Ohio, we lose four people to drug overdoses. Powerful prescription painkillers like Oxycodone, an opiate-based drug which is prescribed for legitimate pain-relieving purposes, are highly addictive and can become the gateway to other drugs like heroin. My office is pleased to be partnering with the OHSAA to provide information about opiates through a variety of outreach programs to the athletic community.

Since athletes are often natural-born leaders, we’re reaching out to them to speak to their schools and communities. It is our hope that these athletes can be a catalyst for changing the culture that currently supports the abuse of these drugs. They can share the message that drug usage leads to severe consequences like dismissal from a team; emotional and financial devastation to themselves, family and friends; and even criminal prosecution and death.

While we have already lost too many student athletes like Tyler, it’s not too late to prevent other kids and young adults from reaching the same fate. My office is partnering with local communities to help educate and empower them. We are producing videos featuring community members who have battled prescription drug addiction. In Pickerington, we’re partnering with Tyler’s Light, a non-profit organization founded by Tyler’s parents, Wayne and Christy Campbell, that is already seeing success in promoting their Speak Up Save a Life message. I encourage you to view the Tyler’s Light videos on www.TylersLight.com. The videos will open your eyes, break your heart and give you hope.

If your school or community would like more information, please contact Jennifer Bidding-er in my office at 614-644-5808 or Jennifer. biddinger@ohioattorneygeneral.gov.
COACH EDUCATION CONTINUES GROWTH IN OHIO

By Bruce Brown, Executive Director, Ohio Interscholastic Athletics Administrators Association

As expectations and standards for Ohio schools advance, interscholastic coach training and professional development continue to progress in a similar fashion. The Ohio High School Athletic Association took the lead in 2008 by collaborating with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in developing new standards for Ohio interscholastic coaches. Added to pre-existing background checks and sports medicine training was the requirement for all 7th through 12th grade coaches to complete a coach education course which met established criteria.

During the past three-plus years, more than 40,000 Ohio interscholastic coaches have completed the “Fundamentals of Coaching” course as developed by the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS). Within the past school year (June 2011 through May 2012), Ohio led the nation with over 14,000 coaches from the Buckeye State taking and completing the course!

Continuous improvement of interscholastic coaches, both teacher-certified and non-certified coaching staff members, is an objective of the OHSAA Coach Education program. As such, OHSAA encourages and provides multiple resources to assist coach training and development. In cooperation with the NFHS, the following courses are available on the www.nfhs-learn.com site.

- “Concussions—What you need to know” (FREE course)
- “Sportsmanship” (FREE course)
- “Heat Illness and Acclimation” (FREE course)
- “Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment” (FREE course)
- “The Role of Parents in Sports” (FREE course)

There are also currently 12 sport-specific training courses and five sport coaching-related courses available on the www.nfhs-learn.com site.

CHECK IT OUT ON YOUTUBE

The NFHS has several Coach Education resources posted on YouTube. Check out their dedicated page at: www.YouTube.com/NfHSCoachEducation

NEW ONLINE COACHES CORNER

The OHSAA has redesigned its “Coaches Corner” website to include more resources for coaches. Log on to OHSAA.org/members/CoachesCorner.htm to get information on:

- Pupil Activity/Coaching Permit from the ODE
- The NFHS online magazine Coaching Today
- Quick links to all Ohio coaches associations websites
- Clinics and conference advertisements
- Open dates, equipment classifieds
- Officials rating information

Upper Arlington finished as runner-up in the 2012 OHSAA Division I boys state swimming and diving tournament. Below, sophomore Thomas Trace is set to take off from the blocks in the 100 yard backstroke competition. The 2013 boys and girls state swimming and diving championships will be held February 20-23, at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton.
HENRY ZABORNIAK

Henry Zaborniak joined the OHSAA in 1989 and was promoted to assistant commissioner in 1995. He oversees the entire officiating program and also serves as the administrator for two of the OHSAA’s largest sports – football and wrestling. Zaborniak began officiating in 1972 and has been a Division I-A intercollegiate football official since 1990. Often requested to be a presenter and clinician around the country, Zaborniak is a member of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and is a member of the Big Ten Conference football officials staff.

OHSAA OFFICIATING
CALENDAR
Annual Permit Renewal Period:
June 1-30

RENEWAL DEADLINE WITH
$50 LATE FEE

Fall Sports: July 31
Winter Sports: Oct. 31
Spring Sports: Jan. 31

CHANGE CLASSIFICATION
-Football, Volleyball, Soccer:
  Application Period: Nov. 1-15
  Testing Available: Nov. 15-30
-Basketball, Wrestling:
  Application Period: March 1-15
  Testing Available: March 15-30
-Baseball, Softball:
  Application Period: April 20-May 5
  Testing Available: May 5-20

NEW APPLICATIONS
-Fall Sports:
  Application Period: June 15-July 15
  Examination Dates: July 15-Aug. 15
-Winter Sports:
  Application Period: Sept. 15-Oct. 15
  Examination Dates: Oct. 15-Nov. 15
-Spring Sports:
  Application Period: Dec. 15-Jan. 15
  Examination Dates: Jan. 15-Feb. 15

HOLDING TRUE TO HIGHER STANDARD

OHSAA licensed officials are not only held to a high standard by the coaches, school administrators and student-athletes who need their services, but officials want to hold themselves and fellow officials to a high standard as well. The OHSAA officiating department, led by Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak, has worked with Ohio’s officials to develop the following Statement of Beliefs and Code of Ethics.

OFFICIALS STATEMENT OF BELIEFS
1. WE believe that the recruitment of officials is most successful by individuals through local associations.
2. WE believe that training leads to enjoyment in officiating and in turn leads to retention of officials.
3. WE believe that continuing education leads to talented and competent officials.
4. WE believe that the OHSAA must support officials through training, education and action.
5. WE believe that reward and recognition of officials creates enthusiastic officials.
6. WE believe that strong leadership must be present in all local associations.
7. WE believe that a strong officiating program and competent officials creates a positive experience for student-athletes.

OFFICIATING CODE OF ETHICS
Schools have entrusted us to assist them in the education and development of their youth through athletics. The proper operation of such a process requires that officials be independent, impartial and responsible to people they serve. In recognition of these expectations there is hereby established a Code of Ethics for all officials. The purpose of the code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all officials.

An Official must devote time, thought and study to the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to carry out these rules so that one may render effective and creditable service in a fair and unbiased manner.

An Official must work with fellow officials and the state association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of issues.

An Official must resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one’s position as an official to benefit oneself. Under all circumstances, officials must avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group of persons other than the athletes we serve.

An Official must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the officiating industry in all personal conduct and relations with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public, to be a worthy example to the athletes under one’s jurisdiction.

An Official will be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the game.

An Official shall avoid the use of tobacco and products at the contest site.

An Official shall not consume alcohol prior to or during the contest.

An Official must remember and recognize that it is important to honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss. Every member of the officiating profession carries a responsibility to act in a manner becoming a professional person. The conduct of any official influences the attitude of the public toward the profession in general as well as toward the official in particular.

2012 OHSAA OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Front Row from left to right
Lyfle Smith, Sue Desmond (her late husband, James Desmond, was inducted), Cynthia Czarny, Beverly Little, Howard Eckert

Back Row from left to right
Glen Schmidt, Bruce Maurer, Larry Wolf, Joe Abernathy, Neal Charske, Daniel Koterba, Warren Hood, Robert Spangler, George Hardesty
# Financial Update – 2012-13 Budget

## Sports Tournament Totals

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## Total Revenues & Expenses

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By Pete Japikse, Pupil Transportation Director, Ohio Department of Education

You have the team ready, the game plan laid out, the players know their plays, the equipment is packed and ready to go, and the site locations and game officials are scheduled. Now . . . we just need to get the team there safely and on time.

Easy? Maybe not. Ohio has a comprehensive set of pupil transportation regulations, documented in law and impacting all transportation of students to and from school and school-related functions. These regulations are safety based and cannot be waived. Compliance is obligatory and liabilities can be assigned to schools and the staff that make transportation arrangements that do not comply with the regulations. While some might consider these rules to be restrictive and a barrier to travel, they are actually time-tested safety regulations that protect the players, coaches and schools.

Let's look at the basics of legal school transportation first. (The complete details can be found in Ohio Revised Code 4511.76 and Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83, all of which can be found online at www.education.ohio.gov).

1) All transportation of students to and from school and school-related functions is subject to Ohio's regulations. This includes public schools, private schools, community schools and athletic events, music events and even small team events like chess or debate.

2) The safest way to move students is on a yellow school bus. This fact has been born out repeatedly over the years and is also supported by the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration. There are many aspects that build to this safety success, most notably including:
   - School buses are designed for maximum passenger safety and comply with more federal and state vehicle construction standards than any other passenger vehicle.
   - School buses are regularly inspected by district mechanics as well as by state patrol inspection teams to ensure that they are operating correctly and without defects.
   - School bus drivers are commercially licensed vehicle operators, and in Ohio also meet additional stringent standards including motor vehicle record checks, criminal background record checks, periodic driving evaluations and specialized pre-employment as well as annual inservice training.
3) What about smaller vehicles, such as vans? Ohio’s administrative code allows the use of passenger vehicles designed for nine passengers or less on nonroutine trips, providing certain criteria are met.

- The vehicle must be designed by the original equipment manufacturer to transport nine passengers or less. This is a federal restriction and cannot be met by removing a back seat or by limiting the number of passengers actually riding – it is based upon the original design specification. Passenger vans designed for 12-15 passengers are not legal vehicles for student transportation.

- The vehicle must have a sign on the roof that marks it as a student transportation vehicle, must have the owner’s name on the side, must have safety equipment on board and must have passed a mechanical inspection at least once each year.

- These vehicles can be privately owned, providing the specifications above are met and appropriate proof of insurance exists.

- The drivers of these vehicles must be a certified school bus driver or an individual that meets all the Ohio standards for a student transportation vehicle operator, including successful completion of the state van driver training program, an annual physical, a satisfactory driving record, a satisfactory criminal background check and annual in-service training for pupil transportation.

- All drivers must also be registered with the Ohio Department of Education pupil transportation office and be registered as an active (valid) driver.

4) Trip documentation and field trip approvals are required on all student transportation trips. School transportation services are exempt from federal commercial transportation regulations and from oversight by the public utilities commission, but only if there is documentation on board the vehicle that shows the trip is being operated as a school function and with appropriate approvals. These forms are required to include the itinerary of the trip including origin, destination and travel times, as well as any stops or intermediate destinations such as meal stops.

5) What about the use of a coach’s personal car? What is the harm in a coach loading some players into a personal vehicle and just getting them to the game or practice site? There are an incredible number of liabilities to be considered here, most notably dealing with accidents and injuries should they occur. While it is entirely possible that a coach or faculty member may be able to complete one or even several trips without incident, once that incident does occur the problems become immeasurable. Most notably, it is very likely that insurance and damage claims, which will default to the vehicle owner and not the school, will not be certified once the investigators learn that the trip was out of compliance with Ohio law.

6) The responsibility for passenger safety on board a school transportation vehicle ultimately falls on the vehicle operator. However, on field trips, athletic trips and other non-curricular travel there is always another school staff member onboard the vehicle – whether it is a coach, teacher, parent chaperone, or other responsible person. The best chance for successful safe student travel is when all staff work together collaboratively to manage the student behavior while on the trip. In Ohio this includes a required safety briefing at the beginning of every trip – to remind students of the safe travel rules and other relevant expectations while on the vehicle. Included in this briefing is the need to remind everyone that it is illegal to obstruct the bus aisle and especially emergency exits on the bus.

We are fortunate in Ohio to have great procedures and processes in place and an outstanding safety record in our pupil transportation services. While funding shortfalls and other fiscal constraints impact our resources and can result in reduced availability of buses and drivers, we still have to be mindful of the legal standards that have been adopted to protect our students, staff, and schools.

Kayla Kosmerl won the individual all-around title at the 2012 OHSAA gymnastics state championships. The Mentor senior also helped lead her team to a state runner-up finish in the team competition. The 2013 gymnastics state championships will take place March 1-2 in Hilliard.

KIM COMBS

After being involved with the OHSAA for three years in the areas of sponsorship, marketing, travel, partnerships and the annual Basketball FanFest, Kim Combs was named Executive Director of the OHSAA Foundation in January of 2010. Combs works directly with the Foundation’s service week initiatives, website and newsletter correspondence and the student leadership conferences, which promote leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship and service and are attended by over 750 student-athletes around the state each year. The Grove City native is a graduate of The Ohio State University, has worked for the Columbus Sports Commission and owns her own consulting company, KNC Solutions, which provides support for non-profit sports and charity events.

BOB GOLDRING

Bob Goldring joined the OHSAA in the fall of 1995 as Director of Information Services. He was promoted to Assistant Commissioner in June 2005 and to Associate Commissioner for Operations in August 2008. A 1977 graduate of Orrville High School, he holds two degrees from The Ohio State University. Bob’s previous work has all been in collegiate sports information offices, including Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Purdue University and Ohio State University.

Wheelersburg freshman Wade Martin pitched a complete game, one-hit shutout in helping the Pirates win the 2012 OHSAA Division III state baseball championship. Martin struck out nine Lima Central Catholic batters and Wheelersburg won its second baseball title. The state baseball championships return to Huntington Park in Columbus June 6-8, 2013.
ENJOY INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS, EVEN IF IT DOESN’T LEAD TO A D1 SCHOLARSHIP!

By Christopher Stankovich, Ph.D., OHSAA Magazine Contributing Writer
www.drstankovich.com

Many kids who compete in interscholastic sports dream of one day playing college sports, and who can blame them with all the year-round training, sport specialization and travel leagues that often comprise their childhood sport experience? In some cases, these kids (and their parents) dedicate enormous amounts of time, energy, and money toward that “D1 scholarship,” and in worst-case scenarios even obsess about it.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with kids who pursue college athletic scholarships, nor are they automatically destined to experience some kind of psychological disorder if they fail to reach this goal. What these kids may be missing, however, is the fun, joy and excitement that is the interscholastic sport experience – regardless of whether the child ever plays in college. It is sad when kids see their sport as a job instead of a healthy recreational activity.

Many of the kids I see in my practice talk openly about what camps they need to attend to “be seen” by college coaches, or how early they need to get their highlight video out to colleges. In addition to seeing me, they might also be working with a private strength coach, a nutritionist and other professionals designed to help the athlete maximize his or her abilities. None of these endeavors are “bad,” per se, but they often create a paradigm for kids that becoming a D1 athlete is, in fact, a job.

Research has consistently shown that the #1 reason why kids play sports is to have fun. We must wonder how much fun some of these kids are having today when their sports experience is filled with non-stop training, marketing themselves to college coaches, as well as the work that will be required to get their scholarship. The realities show that only about 5 percent of all high school student-athletes will ever play in college (this includes Div. III non-scholarships, walk-ons and other partial athletic scholarships). This is not meant to be a pessimistic view, but instead a realistic view. Secondly, when kids lose the fun element typically associated with playing sports, they leave themselves open to a much higher degree of stress, which can leave them vulnerable to academic, social and psychological problems.

If you are a school administrator, coach, parent, or student-athlete, think about how the following tips can help you have more fun playing your sport (and experience less stress, too):

• Interscholastic sports only come once in a lifetime, and they are designed to be FUN! Do everything you can to enjoy the experience while you can.

• Know the realities about earning full-ride D1 scholarships, as well as the work that will be needed to play college sports. In some cases kids have elevated odds of making it but don’t fully understand all the work involved in competing at the college level.

• Try to maintain a healthy and balanced schedule while competing as a student-athlete by investing time in academics, school activities and community service. By developing a balanced lifestyle, student-athletes will actually stay fresh and less at-risk for burnout.

• Seek and use school and community resources if things become confusing, stressful or interfere with academics. Oftentimes student-athletes feel stressed when competing in interscholastic sports, yet do not feel comfortable opening up about their stress – or don’t know where to go for help. Be sure kids know it’s OK to talk about their unique sport stressors and that seeking counseling can be a big help.

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Senior guard Chad Nelson helped lead Pickerington Central to a 26-2 record and the 2012 OHSAA Division I boys state basketball championship. The Tigers defeated Toledo Whitmer 45-40 to win their first state basketball championship in their first appearance. The 2013 boys basketball state championship will be held March 21-23, 2013 at the Jerome Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University.

Convoy Crestview freshman Terra Crowle is surrounded by happy teammates during the 2012 OHSAA Division IV softball state championship game. The Lady Knights had plenty to smile about as Crowle pitched seven innings, allowing only two runs to Vienna Mathews, while Crestview scored six to take home the state championship. The title was the Lady Knights second in softball, previously winning in 2005.
HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, THE OHSAA AND HOME TEAM MARKETING – A WINNING COMBINATION

The benefits of education-based athletics and activity programs are priceless to the student and the community. These programs provide valuable lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship and perseverance. High school athletics and activities prepare students to be productive members of society – and, in many cases, can be life changing.

According to a survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations, students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than other students. The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) is proud to support these types of interscholastic athletics and activities, giving student-athletes the resources to be successful. With a mission to regulate and administer competition in a fair and equitable manner, the OHSAA helps promote the values of participation as an integral part of a student’s educational experience.

The OHSAA represents 800-plus individual member high schools and almost as many junior high schools and is charged with recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics. The ability to provide these services and resources for the schools and students is becoming more and more difficult with cuts in funding. Fortunately, corporate partners have stepped in to aid in the OHSAA’s mission with financial support of post-season tournament events.

There is a strong sense of support by consumers for corporations that sponsor high school athletics. According to a survey conducted by Turkey Research in 2010, 74 percent of parents would rather see a company spend its sponsorship budget spread across many high schools as compared to 15 percent who would rather see sponsorship budgets spent on a single sponsorship of a professional team. Even more encouraging for these sponsors, 83 percent of high school sports fans agree they would consider trying sponsor’s products and/or services.

The OHSAA is pleased to partner with Home Team Marketing (HTM) to secure these sponsors that provide funding to support scholarships, transportation, reimbursement, catastrophic insurance coverage, membership fees and much more. HTM also partners with 19 additional state associations and more than 5,000 individual high schools across the country, providing more than $17 million in funding back to the institutions. For more information on how HTM helps the OHSAA and high schools throughout the state, please visit www.hometeammarketing.com.

Steve Neil joined the OHSAA as assistant commissioner in August of 2005. He earned a pair of degrees from Miami University, where he also played baseball and worked in the athletic department for eight years. Steve works with the OHSAA’s corporate partners and serves as the administrator for ice hockey.
Together, the OHSAA and its valued sponsors are supporting a cause that will make a lasting impact on student-athletes and their communities. Each sponsor has a unique role that it plays in helping to support the OHSAA’s mission while promoting their brand and message to fans, administrators and communities throughout the state.

Farmers Insurance and Marathon are OHSAA partners that have demonstrated a solid commitment to education-based athletics. They have been able to fulfill their corporate responsibility as good citizens and neighbors in communities across the state of Ohio. Supporting the OHSAA and ultimately the member school communities, Farmers and Marathon have established beneficial relationships within the local communities, while generating warm leads and business opportunities.

Other corporate sponsors, such as the American Dairy Association and the Ohio Ophthalmological Society, provide the OHSAA member schools, athletes and fans with healthy lifestyle and safety messaging to help raise consumer awareness about specific wellness initiatives. Getting the word out to athletes regarding the benefits of good nutrition and eye safety helps the OHSAA fulfill its goal of providing valuable resources to keep participants healthy and safe during competition. These messages also spill over to the fans about the health benefits of fueling up after exercise and supporting the Save Our Sight fund when renewing their drivers’ licenses.

Financial assistance for college has helped out hundreds of OHSAA student-athletes in the form of scholarships and recognition on behalf of Farmers Insurance and Taco Bell. These corporate partners have invested thousands of dollars to make college more affordable to athletes across the state. Taco Bell commits to underwriting at least 12 scholarships annually, while Farmers Insurance supports minority athletes that have shown exemplary leadership through the Farmers Emerging Scholar Scholarship program.

If you’ve been to an OHSAA football, basketball or volleyball championship event the past few seasons, there is no doubt you’ve felt the increased excitement through our sponsors’ in-game promotional contests. Marathon has given away thousands of dollars in gas cards, rewarding fans for their participation in spirit contests. Duck Brand Duck Tape has also added to the level of entertainment with its spirit challenge, encouraging fans to make spirit wear out of duck tape to cheer on their favorite team from the stands.

Across the country, high school sports have caught the attention of major broadcast companies, and, in Ohio, the OHSAA is pleased to have a partnership with SportsTime Ohio and Time Warner Cable to provide OHSAA event action to millions of households across the state. These sponsors will continue to enhance event broadcasts and provide weekly support of high school based athletics during the 2012-13 school year and beyond.

Nike augments the enthusiasm and participation at the OHSAA football championships with its Nike Rivalry Contest. Students can get involved and show off production talents, some earning extra credit, for submitting a video showcasing a story of their schools’ rivalry. Fans vote on Facebook for the winning school, which is announced at the Division I championship football game, providing an exciting pre-game production. The winning school receives a full set of Nike uniforms for their football team.

Another expense for the OHSAA is the printing and production of tickets to the tournament events. Thanks to sponsors such as McDonalds and SportsTime Ohio placing advertising on the back of tickets, the OHSAA can use the dollars saved to fund additional programs that support student-athletes.

The OHSAA thanks all of its partners for their continued support and looks forward to a great 2012-13 school year!
SPORTS TIME OHIO AND TIME WARNER CABLE

The OHSAA will announce STO and TWC’s football game selections at OHSAA.org on Monday afternoons during the playoffs. STO will televise the volleyball state championship games Nov. 10, while TWC will televise the field hockey state championship game Nov. 9-10. Highlights of all OHSAA tournaments can be seen on the weekly High School Insider Show on STO.

STO and TWC provide fans across Ohio with exceptional regional sports programming, beginning with quality coverage of the Cleveland Indians. Their programming expands beyond the Indians and the OHSAA with coverage of the Cleveland Browns, Ohio State, the Mid-American Conference, Cleveland State, golf and outdoors programming.

Log on to the OHSAA’s online Fan Guide to purchase DVDs of state tournament contests televised by STO and TWC.

OHSAA RADIO NETWORK

The OHSAA Radio Network will again provide live play-by-play coverage of all six football state championship games Dec. 2-3. Created in the spring of 2010, the OHSAA Radio Network is a free, non-exclusive, commercial-split broadcast of the football state championship games, the entire girls and boys basketball state tournaments and the baseball state tournament (total of 42 contests). Radio stations and streaming websites are welcome to obtain the feed, which is delivered online via a 48K stereo broadband audio stream or from a phone line (32K mono).

The OHSAA has selected veteran broadcasters and will utilize about half of the commercial time for its public service announcements and promotion of its official corporate partners. A detailed programming log will be created for each game for stations to follow. For more information, contact Tim Sniad at tsniad@ohsaa.org.

2012 FALL TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

By Paul Seiter, OHSAA Sports Information Assistant

BOYS GOLF
October 12-13 (Div. II & Div. III) and October 19-20 (Div. I)
Ohio State University Scarlet Golf Course, Columbus (Div. I & Div. II) and NorthStar Golf Resort, Sunbury (Div. III)
The Ohio State University Golf Courses and NorthStar Golf Resort will be loaded with talent come October. Between the three team champions, featuring five players on a team, and the individual champions, only one player from the 2011 winners has graduated. Seventeen returning champions have the opportunity to return to the state tournament. Returning team champions are Dublin Jerome (Div. I), Springfield Kenton Ridge (Div. II) and Columbus Wellington School (Div. III).

GIRLS GOLF
October 12-13 (Div. I) and October 19-20 (Div. I)
Ohio State University Gray Golf Course, Columbus
For the 20th time in Division I and fifth time in Division II, girls will tee it up at the Gray Course at The Ohio State University in search of a state golf championship. 2011 team champions Dublin Jerome (Div. I) and Dayton Chaminade Julienne (Div. II) will be looking for back-to-back titles and a third overall as well as the opportunity to move into a tie with three other schools for the lead for all-time team championships. Two freshmen won individual honors a year ago, Danielle Nicholson (Geneva, Div. I) and Haylee Harford (Warren John F. Kennedy, Div. II), and look to return against the top golfers in the state.

FIELD HOCKEY
November 2-3
Upper Arlington High School, Upper Arlington
After finishing as runner-up the previous year, Thomas Worthington defeated Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown 1-0 in overtime to win its third field hockey state championship in 2011. Upper Arlington High School will play host for the ninth time in 2012 for the 34th edition of the girls field hockey state championship.

CROSS COUNTRY
November 3
National Trail Raceway, Hebron
National Trail Raceway made its debut as host for the cross country state championships in 2011, entertaining 11,637 spectators, the second-largest crowd ever to attend the state championships. The fast course left a favorable impression among runners and sent Brunswick (Div. I), Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary (Div. II) and Liberty Center (Div. III) home as girls champions, and Dublin Coffman (Div. I), Springfield Shawnee (Div. II) and McDonald (Div. III) as boys champions. The 2012 state meet marks the 84th and 35th state championships for the boys and girls, respectively.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
November 8-10
Ervin J. Nutter Center, Wright State University, Dayton
In Dayton, Wright State University’s Nutter Center will host the 38th annual volleyball state tournament with Division II and I semifinals beginning on Thursday followed by Divisions IV and III semifinals Friday. Championship matches will be played Saturday in the same divisional order. State champions in 2011 were Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame (Div. I), Columbus Bishop Hartley (Div. II), Casstown Miami East (Div. III) and St. Henry (Div. IV).

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER
November 9-10
Crew Stadium, Columbus
For the 14th year in a row, Crew Stadium hosts the boys and girls state soccer championships. Last fall a record 15,535 fans took in two days of championship soccer. In 2012, the three girls championship games take place Friday, with last year’s champions Strongsville (Div. I), Columbus St. Francis DeSales (Div. II) and Cincinnati Mariemont (Div. III) all looking to return to Columbus. Three games of boys championship action will take place on Saturday. In 2011, Columbus St. Ignatius (Div. I), Dayton Carroll (Div. II) and Worthington Christian (Div. III) all took home championship trophies.

FOOTBALL
November 30 & December 1
Canton Fawcett Stadium (Div. I, III, IV) and Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium (Div. II, V, VI)
The best football teams in the state will travel to Stark County at the end of fall in an attempt to claim one of six championships. The 41st annual state championship football games will be played at Fawcett Stadium in Canton and Paul Brown Tiger Stadium in Massillon. Three first-time champions were crowned in 2011: Trotwood-Madison (Div. II), Creston Norwayne (Div. IV) and Kirtland (Div. V). In Division I, Cleveland St. Ignatius won its OHSAA-leading 11th state championship, while Youngstown Cardinal Mooney (Div. III) won its eighth title and Maria Stein Matson Local (Div. VI) won its fifth championship.
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