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350,000 Student-Athletes

1,653 Member Schools

821 high schools, 832 junior high schools

24 sports

1 Mission

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Front cover main photo: Sylvania Southview’s JJ Pindzak was a state placer in the 400-meter dash at the 2014 OHSAA state track meet and anchored the 4x400 relay squad that finished third. He now plays football at the University of Cincinnati. Inset photo: Tontogany Otsego’s A.J. Digby and Paige Ireland have overcome physical challenges to excel in athletics thanks to hard work and positive attitudes. Photo by J.D. Pooley.
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.

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

**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 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.

**Columbus Academy** doubles pair Shrikar Kundur (front right) and Ryan Jung (back right) shake hands with **Cincinnati Country Day** doubles pair Kevin Yu (front left) and Patrick Wildman (back left) following the Division II doubles championship match at the 2014 OHSAA boys tennis state tournament. Wildman and Yu defeated Jung and Kundur 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-3) to earn the fourth doubles state championship for Country Day. After the boys tennis state tournament in May of 2015, the OHSAA tennis state tournaments will move to the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason.
Prior to becoming the commissioner of the OHSAA in August 2004, Dr. Dan Ross served as a school superintendent for 21 years at three districts, including Patrick Henry (1983-86), Pickerington (1986-97) and Avon Lake (1997-2004). He has more than 30 years in education, having served as a superintendent, principal, teacher, counselor, coach and official. Dr. Ross is a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, and graduated from Columbus St. Charles High School in 1967. He received degrees from Ohio Dominican, Xavier and Bowling Green. Dr. Ross was a registered OHSAA official for 20 years and was selected to work state finals games five times in boys basketball and twice in girls basketball while also being certified in volleyball and baseball.

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OHSAA 101

What is the Ohio High School Athletic Association? The answer, in a nutshell, can be boiled down to the following list, which identifies who makes up the OHSAA and how the OHSAA carries out its purpose.

- 821 High Schools
- 832 Middle Schools
- 24 Sports
- 400,000 Student-Athletes
- 17,000 Officials
- 65,000 Coaches
- Six District Athletic Boards (elected by the member schools)
- State Board of Directors (rotation as prescribed by OHSAA Constitution)
- Commissioner and State Office Staff (22 full-time employees)
- Allied Organizations
- Partnered Coaches Associations
- OHSAA State Office Revenue:
  1. Ticket Sales - 80%
  2. Officials Dues - 10%
  3. Sponsorships -10%
- No tax dollars
- No membership fees from schools
- No participation fees from schools
- Bonus returned on ticket sales from schools
- Reimbursement from schools of selected regional/state tournament expenses (OHSAA returned over 2.6 million to our schools)
- No catastrophic insurance costs from schools ($700,000 premium paid by OHSAA)
- Endeavor to conduct the best tournaments possible
- 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. Sportsmanship and “Respect the Game” Programs
  4. Booster Summit
  5. Safe-School Zone
  6. Service Week
  7. Sports Medicine Education
  8. Annual Leadership Conference (largest in the nation, 1,500 students)
- Focus on the life-lessons student athletes learn through their involvement with athletics – PLEASE SEE PAGE 12!
### OHSAA Ready Reference Sports Dates

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**NOTE:** Dates and locations are subject to change
The Cincinnati Withrow High School boys soccer team is comprised of students who come from 15 different countries, but this is not an international all-star team. The students have found a home, perhaps just a temporary one, from strife in their own countries, and the game of soccer not only bonded them together, but also with their rivals.

On August 4, 2014, the Cincinnati Walnut Hills High School soccer program presented items to the Withrow soccer program that came from weeks of efforts to round up donations. Walnut Hills team members and families collected $550, while approximately 40 pairs of new soccer cleats came from Greg Deutsch and Soccer Village. An additional $250 came from Wyre Inc. in West Chester through the efforts of the Scott Blieden Family and Cincinnati United. Additional anonymous donations came in, including shin guards, soccer balls and jerseys.

Before the donations came in, the 40 Withrow players shared 23 pairs of cleats, 15 pairs of shin guards and one soccer ball.

“I was immensely impressed with the way the boys and girls soccer program responded,” Tom Donnelly, athletic director at Walnut Hills, said. “I have seen the parents at Walnut Hills respond to our own needs, but it was wonderful to see them respond to Withrow’s needs. In August, Walnut Hills and Withrow’s coaches and players met in the middle of the field to share and celebrate the spirit of sport and the nobility of the human spirit.”

Meredith Bailey, a 2014 graduate of Walnut Hills, rounded up hundreds of pairs of donated shoes, from snow boots, prom shoes, athletic shoes, school shoes, dress shoes and more, and delivered them to 14 different Cincinnati Public Schools. Four-hundred pairs of shoes and socks were donated to CPS’s summer program “Project Connect,” which provides activities and meals for disadvantaged students during the summer months.

“It’s been a lot of time and work, but giving fellow CPS students the correct size shoes allowed me to share my Walnut Hills pride and community spirit,” Meredith said. “My teachers at Walnut Hills supported my project and donated some of their own shoes. Hundreds of pairs also went to Kenya (SOTENI), Ghana, pantry facilities in Kennedy Heights (The Caring Place) and to NorthSide (CAIN) and to The Drop Inn Shelter downtown.”

"SURSUM AD SUMMUM – RISE TO THE HIGHEST" – WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL MOTTO

YOU NEVER RISE HIGHER THAN WHEN YOU HELP SOMEONE ELSE

WATCH: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zzsjoc7GhUs
ONE HURDLE AT A TIME

From Left: Garfield Heights Trinity’s Amber Eles (finished second), Covington’s Jackie Stiffling (third), Warren John F. Kennedy’s Morgan Rice (first), Steubenville Catholic Central’s Monica Rigaud (fifth) and Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas’ Taylor Lockey (sixth) race in the 2014 OHSAA Division III girls 100-meter hurdle finals at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University.
BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY

Bloom-Carroll defeated Plain City Jonathan Alder 9-0 in the 2014 OHSAA Division II baseball state championship last spring to win its first state title. The 2015 OHSAA Baseball state tournament returns to Huntington Park in Columbus June 4-6.
RESPECT THE GAME

Perhaps no other OHSAA program is as important as the "Respect the Game" campaign. Created in 2004, the Respect the Game program was the culmination of the OHSAA’s Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee along with ideas and input from administrators, coaches and student-athletes across Ohio.

Posters and Program Ads Sent to Schools
In May, schools will receive camera-ready program ads that can be inserted into fall programs and other publications. In September, member schools will receive three copies of the OHSAA’s two new Respect the Game posters.

Public Service Announcements
The OHSAA has created many Public Service Announcements that promote Respect the Game and the purpose of interscholastic programs. These PSAs are available for free download on the ‘Respect the Game’ website. Many of these PSAs are also available in video format.

Schools Receive Annual Certificates
Member schools receive the following certificates at no cost to present to deserving students in their school:
- Two (2) Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards
- One (1) Courageous Student Award
- One (1) State Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity
- Two (2) Scholar Athlete Awards

For more information on the SEI school awards program, including how to apply for the Respect the Game Challenge Award, the Harold A. Meyer Award and Commissioner’s Award for Exceptional Sportsmanship, log on to:

Ohio Leads Nation with Seven Paralympic All-Americans in 2014
2014 was a landmark year for Ohio high school Paralympic athletes, as seven were named U.S. Paralympics Track and Field High School All-Americans by the U.S. Paralympic Committee. Ohio led all states in the number of All-Americans and also saw two athletes awarded with the 2014 National Boys Track Athlete of the Year and 2014 National Girls Field Athlete of the Year.

Tontogany Otsego’s A.J. Digby was named an All-American in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, discus and long jump on his way to being named the 2014 National Boys Track Athlete of the Year. Ravenna Southeast’s Jenna Fesemyer was awarded the 2014 National Girls Field Athlete of the Year. Fesemyer was named as an All-American in the 800 meter, discus, shot put and javelin.

At the 2014 OHSAA Track and Field State Tournament, Fesemyer won and set state tournament records in all events of girls wheelchair competition, including the 800 meter run, shot put, 400 meter dash and 100 meter dash. Nationally, Wooster’s Casey Followay and Galloway Westland’s Timothy Bailey were named All-Americans in the 100 meter, 400 meter and 800 meter. Liberty Center’s Robert Burns was named as a 400 meter, 800 meter and 1500 meter All-American. Randy McMullen from Kent Roosevelt was named as an All-American in the 1500 meter, discus and shot put. Xenia Christian’s Grace Norman was named an All-American, qualifying through competition in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter and 1500 meter.

Excerpt from the U.S. Paralympics release: “Only two years after developing their high school Paralympic program, Ohio boasts the most athletes named to the All-Americans list with seven athletes. Other states with multiple athletes on the list include: Washington (five), Louisiana (four), Alabama (four), Texas (three), New Jersey (three) and Indiana (three). All of the states with multiple athletes have Paralympic programs embedded in their high school systems.”

Fort Loramie and Anna Team Up for Tots
The Fort Loramie High School boys basketball “Holiday Helpers Game” was played at Fort Loramie on December 19, 2014 with Anna. Fans were invited to bring a new toy for infants through age 18. Both communities showed their willingness to assist by donating over 400 gifts. On December 30, Fort Loramie’s seniors delivered the gifts to Dayton Children’s Hospital.

“With the help of Dayton Children’s Child Life Unit, our seven seniors had the pleasure and special experience of personally giving the gifts to the young patients in the hospital who were seriously ill and unable to be home for the holidays,” said Fort Loramie Head Coach Corey Britton. “This teaches our student-athletes the importance of using the game of basketball to become a more positive role model and to always support those in difficult circumstances, especially children. This was an incredibly rewarding experience for all of us.”

Pictured are Fort Loramie basketball players (left to right): Cole Cordonnier, Clint Ratermann, Ty Frilling, Devin Braun, Grant Olberding, Andy Grewe, Frank Reithman. Special thanks to OHSAA Media Advisory Committee member Dave Ross for submitting this story.
DATES FOR FALL CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS ANNOUNCED

The Fourth Annual OHSAA High School Preseason Cross Country Invitational at National Trail Raceway will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015. The pre-sea-so-an event is a chance for runners to kick off their season by running on the state championships course. No other OHSAA sanctioned meets are on that date or on the following Saturday (Aug. 22). There will be four sections of schools of similar size, with each section having races including an open 3,200, an open 5,000 and a team 5,000. There will be team and individual awards for all races. The event begins at 9 a.m. and entry information will be sent to athletic directors in May.

The Third Annual OHSAA Junior High Postseason Cross Country Invitational at Lancaster High School will be held on October 24, 2015 featuring two mile races of team and open competition among junior high schools of similar size. There will be team and individual awards for all races. Information will be sent to athletic directors in September.

PRESEASON MEETINGS ARE MANDATORY

OHSAA Bylaw 3-1-4 states that every school, no later than two weeks after the beginning of each sports season, shall conduct a mandatory preseason meeting with all student-athletes who wish to participate in the upcoming sports seasons, their parents and booster club officer(s). The meeting shall consist of a review of the student-eligibility bulletin and key essential eligibility requirements, a review of the school’s Athletic Code of Conduct, a sportsmanship, ethics and integrity component, and a review of issues concerning concussions and steroids.

RATING AND VOTING FOR OFFICIALS (OHSAA GENERAL SPORTS REGULATION NO. 3)

To assist in the process in determining which contest officials will be assigned to OHSAA tournament contests the following school year, high schools are required to rate and vote for officials after each varsity contest. Athletic administrators have additional voting responsibilities. The sports in which rating and voting is required; the deadlines in which ratings and voting must be completed, and the procedures on how to rate and vote for officials are published in the OHSAA Officials Handbook or the sport-specific OHSAA coaches/officials manual and provided in memos disseminated to athletic administrators. Failure to participate in the required rating or voting process will result in the school being fined $150 per occurrence.

CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS WELCOMES SIX OHIO LEGENDS

Six former Ohio high school greats were inducted into the OHSAA Circle of Champions during the finals of the 2015 Boys State Basketball Tournament March 28, including Lisa Cline, Bob Golic, Randy Gradishar, Lou Holtz, Troy Smith and Chris “Beanie” Wells. It marked the ninth-consecutive year the OHSAA has selected individuals who had prominent roles in the history of Ohio interscholastic athletics to be included in its Circle of Champions program.

Past honorees in the OHSAA Circle of Champions program have been: 2007-Todd Blackledge; Jay Burson; Dean Chance; Archie Griffin; Bill Hosket; Clark Kellogg; Dante Lavelli (since deceased); Cindy Noble Hauserman, and Katie Smith; 2008-Galen Cisco; Jim Lachey; Susan Nash Sugar, and Bill Willis (posthumously); 2009-Robin Freeman (since deceased); LeBron James; Larry Siegfried (since deceased); Dick Schafra, and Mary Wineberg; 2010-Howard “Hopalong” Cassidy; Jerry Lucas; Al Oliver; Jesse Owens (posthumously); and Tony Trabert, 2011-Harrison Dillard; Wayne Embry; John Havlicek; Jim Houston; Madeline Manning Mims, and Phil Niekro; 2012-Barry Clemens; Bob Hoving; LaVonna Martin-Floreal; Butch Reynolds; Dick Snyder, and Gene Tenace; 2013- Earle Bruce; Rex Kern; Michael Reid; Chris Spielman, and Paul Warfield; 2014-Jessica Davenport; Abby Johnston; Jim Paxson, and John Paxson.
WHO’S GOT SPIRIT?
SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS, THAT’S WHO

To better understand the real and perceived connections between school spirit and student achievement, Varsity Brands commissioned Harris Poll to conduct an online survey of high school students, parents of high school students and high school principals across the United States. Interviews were conducted in the Spring of 2014. These groups were asked about school pride, academics, self-esteem, community involvement and more.

The following are excerpts taken directly from the report by Varsity Brands.

SCHOOL SPIRIT: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, INVOLVEMENT AND CONFIDENCE

Students with school spirit do more than show support for their school. They perform better academically, are more socially and civically engaged, and are happier in general than their less-spirited peers. What’s more, the majority of principals (92%) feel that high school spirit is tied to high student achievement.

In fact, students with a high level of school spirit are substantially more inclined than students with low levels of school spirit to like school (94% vs. 42%).

From academic achievement to general happiness, there is a positive relationship to school spirit. Principals overwhelmingly feel that it is important that they personally build school spirit at their school (89%) and that higher levels of school spirit is tied to higher student achievement. And parents who say their child has a lot of school spirit are more likely than parents who don’t to report that their child performs above average in school academically compared to other students (61% vs. 31%, respectively).

Four out of five high school principals believe that school spirit is a key measure of an effective school administration. “School spirit is the heartbeat of the school,” one principal explained. “It can make or break a school year.”

Principals report that compared to students with lower levels of school spirit, those who have a great deal of spirit are:

- More confident 91%
- Happier 88%
- More active in their communities 87%
- More fulfilled 73%

Whether taking first place in the science fair or working to defend the debate team’s championship record, those who have a great deal of school spirit are generally better academic stewards. In fact, students with higher levels of school spirit are significantly more likely than students with low school spirit to get mostly As or mostly As and Bs in school (75% vs. 45%).

And the return on effort doesn’t end there. Nearly two-thirds (65%) of students with higher levels of school spirit like school a lot compared to only 7% of students with low school spirit. It follows that students with high levels of school spirit are more likely than their counterparts to say they put a great deal of effort into school (62% vs. 20% of students with low school spirit).

When it comes to spirit, it’s all in the family—and not just among former student body presidents, bandleaders or football quarterbacks. Nearly all high school principals (93%) say that parents are more involved in their child’s education when their child has a strong sense of school spirit.
GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

On August 30, 2014, OHSAA football official Dan Foust wrote a Facebook post about his experience officiating a varsity football game the night before at Buckeye Central High School in New Washington, Ohio. The following is an excerpt from his post:

Last night was opening night of high school football season in Ohio. I have been officiating football since 1983, and last night we were at one of those small towns for opening night. It was also Senior Night, and you could see the pride in the eyes of the players as they walk with their parents across the field. What followed was one of the most touching events I’ve witnessed at any football game.

The band completed their pregame show and the announcer then made a very touching announcement about someone who had passed away on Thursday, the week prior to our game. I found out it was the police chief, who, at a relatively young age, died of a heart attack. As we stood in complete silence (and the crowd was large, which is typical of small town Northwest Ohio football), with our hats over our hearts, a police car drove slowly from one end zone to the other with its lights on, in front of the crowd and the band, in memory of the recently fallen police chief. A siren blew from behind us during that trip across the field by the police car. I was moved.

What epitomizes most high school football games in small towns, not only in Ohio but across the country, is that most of the community is present. I’m guessing that most of the town was in the stands. Moments like this give communities an opportunity to remember individuals, events, etc., because almost everyone they want to invite to such an event is already there for the band show and a football game. What our crew witnessed had nothing to do with the football game, but had everything to do with small town, Midwest values, and the most appropriate place to hold a short ceremony for a local hero. I was proud to have had an opportunity to be there and to be part of the game that followed.

“Tonight, before we honor America, we would like for all to stand and honor Chief of Police Scott Robertson, who left us way too soon on August 21. Mayor Ben Lash is now driving a New Washington police cruiser across the field and casually waving, just like Chief Robertson did on a daily basis to many of us.”

– Public Address Announcer at Buckeye Central High School

Special Thanks to Kevin R. Vargyas
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By Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services

TONTOGANY, Ohio – It’s a good thing in Ohio the door was already open for student-athletes with physical disadvantages to participate in school sports. If it wasn’t, A.J. Digby and Paige Ireland would have kicked it down when they entered high school.

It hasn’t been easy, but they confidently entered through that door and now walk through the hallways at Otsego High School like the other students there, but their impact reaches much further than the groomed farm fields that surround this small northwest Ohio town.

Located in Wood County, Tontogany is six miles west of Bowling Green and 25 miles southwest of Toledo. Despite its small size of only about 400 people, it is home to two student-athletes who have risen up in their respective sports to the amazement of their coaches, teammates and fans from area schools who look on with wonder.

Paige, with only one arm, is a four-year varsity softball player. A.J., who is missing both legs below the shins, has made national headlines in track and also plays football, which is his first love.

Digby was born with bilateral fibular hemimelia, a congenital disorder in which the fibulas in the lower legs are not formed properly. When he was 10 months old, both of his feet were amputated. That didn’t stop him from playing baseball and flag football as an elementary school student and he started running track in junior high.

On the track, A.J. excels in the 200, 400, 4x200 relay and the 4x400 relay. His blades are built so that he stands at his natural height of 6-feet, but there is no advantage gained. “Someday, the technology of blades might provide some kind of advantage, and when it does there will need to be some limits put on them. Blades are made based on a height calculator so that you can’t become taller than you are supposed to be,” said A.J.

Similarly, Paige’s left arm never formed in the womb, but that didn’t stop her from picking up a bat at age 5 and start hitting a ball. “I wanted to live a normal life,” Paige said. “I have been fitted for a prosthetic arm, but it’s just not me.”
“Many people who are born without limbs don’t want to use prosthetics because the limbs are not natural to them,” A.J. added. “I will walk around at home without my prosthetics, but I need them to be able to play sports.”

SETTING GOALS
He has made national headlines on the track, but football is A.J.’s first love. He started playing flag football in first grade and didn’t start running track until seventh grade.

“I am a really competitive person and football is an outlet for that,” A.J. said. “I’ve never let things bother me and the doctors told my parents to let me do what I want to do. I knew if I put my mind to it, I would be able to play. My teams have become my biggest support groups.”

On his blades, A.J.’s exploits on the track have reached the national level. Last summer, he was named an All-American in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, discus and long jump on his way to being named the 2014 National Boys Track Athlete of the Year.

“A.J. is very motivated and competitive with himself,” Dzierwa said. “He wants to do well and push himself and the team. He has never made excuses and never shies away from the physical contact of football. He loves being out there and doing everything that everybody else is doing.”

“His freshman year, A.J. tried out just about every event,” said Ryan Hafner, Otsego’s track coach. “He has that competitive edge and drive to go out and improve. He has developed into a leader and is vocal in practice. He works with the younger kids and different things they can do. From a coaching standpoint, that is just awesome.”

A.J. plans to major in physical therapy or exercise science and might also pursue coaching track, possibly at the national level through the U.S. Paralympic Committee. He might have a football coaching whistle around his neck someday, too.

“A.J. is a very bright, smart young man. He understands life and football and what he can do on the football field,” head football coach Matt Dzierwa said. “A.J. gets the big picture and the detailed part of football, too. I also coached him in junior high and it has been a pleasure watching him grow up and mature. I could definitely see him coaching someday. I’ve had him in class and he excels there, too.”

On football field, in addition to playing junior varsity, A.J. has contributed in varsity games as a long snapper and free safety. He is also a back-up quarterback.

“A.J. likes setting goals and putting in the work to accomplish them,” Hafner said. “He definitely likes the knowledge and technical aspects of the sport. A.J. studies it and I think he enjoys sharing that knowledge. I had him in honors math and that helps him out. He puts that to use in practice.”

HARD WORK PAYS OFF
Paige has often drawn some of her motivation from the stands. “Sometimes when I come up to bat, I hear people yelling to bring in the outfielders. That drives me crazy.”
She was playing travel ball by seventh grade. She wears No. 9 for the Knights and primarily plays first base, but has also played third base and in the outfield. When she needs to throw, she quickly pulls off her glove and tucks it under her arm. Type former Major League Baseball pitcher Jim Abbott’s name into YouTube for an example.

“When Paige was a freshman, I really didn’t know how much we would be able to use her, but she proved very quickly that she could play at the varsity level,” head softball coach Dan Sheperd said. “She works very hard. She told me once, ‘If you ever want to make me mad, treat me like I’m disabled.’ She wants to be treated like any other player. In fact, we forget that she only has the use of one arm.”

Paige wants to continue playing softball after high school, possibly with the Bowling Green State University club team. She has plans to coach high school and/or travel softball and is deciding on studying sport management, business or English in college. Her focus and dedication are rooted in softball.

“It’s hard and I have to work harder than anyone else, but I’m perfectly OK with that,” Paige said. “Hard work is learned in athletics and that carries over into school and life. My parents and coaches have never babied me and that has helped me earn it.”

If coaching is in her future, Sheperd won’t be surprised.

“As a senior, she has taken on that leadership role of being one of the first ones up, even getting equipment out,” Sheperd said. “I think she would be a good coach because she would have the sense for finding that starting point developmentally for any player. You can’t skip steps in developing players and you have to start at their level.”

ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS
Perhaps the physical prowess of these two teens is an ironic tribute to Chief Tondoganie, the Ottawa Indian chief from whom the town is named. On this rare patch of dry land in the middle of the great Black Swamp 250 years ago, Tondoganie traversed the foot trails around the village where Paige and A.J. now excel on different kinds of trails.

Because of the hard work and positive attitude that Paige and A.J. display every day, those trails will take them as far as they can push themselves to go.

Next up will be college, where applications don’t typically ask how many arms and legs the applicant possesses. A.J. and Paige have proven they don’t need to.
In addition to sections on the OHSAA website for each sport, there are sections for member school resources, eligibility, news and media, sports medicine and officiating. Below are the most-used pages from the officiating section.

- Officials Reports, Forms and Annual Dues
- Renew Permit or Change Status
- Directors of Officiating Development Bulletins
- Officiating Assignments
- Find an Instructor or an Assigner
- How to Become an Official
- Meet the OHSAA's Officiating Department
- Meet the OHSAA's Directors of Officiating Development
- Officiating Code of Conduct
- Officials in the News
- OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame

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Check out the OHSAA’s YouTube channel for video public service announcements, the annual preseason meeting video and content from the NFHS, too.

OHSAA Social Media Introduces the Golden Megaphone and “My Story”

The Battle for the Golden Megaphone Challenge was introduced this past winter to promote sportsmanship and positive school spirit from the students, fans and communities of our member schools. Over 50 schools submitted photos and videos of their student sections, of which Dayton Carroll, Batavia Amelia, Delaware Buckeye Valley, Columbus Bishop Hartley and Akron St. Vincent-St Mary were selected as finalists. Buckeye Valley was recognized as the 2015 Golden Megaphone Challenge winner.

The “My Story” Program will reach out to those who are longtime OHSAA tournament attendees to collect their stories of support for high school athletics in Ohio. Fans are encouraged to email mystory@ohsaa.org to submit.

THE FAN GUIDE IS A FAN’S TICKET TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT

Located on the OHSAA website, the OHSAA Fan Guide provides fans with a resource of detailed information regarding state tournaments in our 24 varsity sports. The Fan Guide has eight categories, each containing information relevant to a state tournament. Whether you’re looking to buy tickets to an event, stay overnight, dine in the area or purchase team or game memorabilia, the OHSAA Fan Guide has it covered.

The directions page lists every regional and state tournament hosting site. With each site is a link to their website, providing information on traveling to the event. Once you’re at the event, the hotels page provides information on staying with one of OHSAA’s sponsor hotels. Links to each hotel’s website along with their address is listed. In addition to staying near a state championship, dining options near The Ohio State University, Nationwide Arena and Huntington Park are provided on the restaurants page.

The tickets page is a comprehensive guide to ticket prices for OHSAA tournament games. You can also search for available tickets. The gear page provides you with the opportunity to purchase OHSAA or state champion team apparel. Personalization is possible through clicking the customize option when selecting a piece of apparel.

Purchasing a program from the OHSAA is possible for any sport from current and some past years on the programs page. Prices and program covers for the current school year are listed, as well as contact information for purchase requests. You can also stay informed by watching past state tournament games by purchasing DVDs. Purchase requests and available DVDs are listed. Finally, if you’re looking to capture a specific moment from a state tournament, the photos page connects you to the official photographer of the OHSAA, Impact Action Sports Photography.

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Tournament regulations are available online at OHSAA.org by going to the individual sport home-page, under ‘Tournament Info,’ on the left side of the webpage. Tournament regulations are posted and updated once a tournament draw has occurred.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT DRAW DATES

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THE SIX MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR NON-ENROLLED STUDENTS

1. Are home-educated students living in our school district eligible for athletics at our public school?

Yes, but first you want to make sure the student is indeed home-educated by confirming with the superintendent that the student has been excused from compulsory attendance. This will also confirm that the family resides in your district. The student must be eligible in all other aspects (scholarship, age, transfer, etc.). If a student claims they are home-educated but you are unable to confirm this with your superintendent, see question 2.

2. Are students living in our school district who enter online (community) schools eligible for athletics at our public school?

This depends on the school. A student who attends one of Ohio’s more than 500 community schools, whether digital or brick-and-mortar, shall, in accordance with state law, have a participation opportunity – not a guarantee – at the public school in the parents’ residential district. Please note, however, that online digital academies, such as ECOT, Ohio Virtual Academy, Ohio Connections Academy, etc., are considered public schools. Students who attend these schools are NOT home-educated, even though they may be receiving their education at home. State law permits these students to have participation opportunities ONLY at the public school in the parents’ district of residence. The student must be eligible in all other aspects (scholarship, age, transfer, etc.).

3. Are students living in our school district who attend a non-public school eligible for athletics at our public school?

A student who attends a non-public school shall have a participation opportunity ONLY at the public school located in the district of residence and ONLY if his/her school does not sponsor the specific sport. The student must be eligible in all other aspects (scholarship, age, transfer, etc.).

4. Are home-educated/non-public school/community school students who are NOT living in our school district eligible for athletics at our public school?

No. If the family does not live in your district, they are not eligible at your school. The law permits these students to have a participation opportunity ONLY in the public school in the residential district. They are not entitled to a greater participation opportunity than those students attending member schools. There is an exception for the home educated student only. If the sport that home educated student wishes to play is not sponsored by the school in the residential district, the student MAY be permitted to participate at another public school district subject to the sole discretion of that district’s superintendent.

5. Do home-educated/non-public school/community school students who live in a multiple high school district get to choose which school they would like to attend?

No. Students who live in a multiple high school district must compete at the school the student would have been assigned to attend, or the school closest to the residence of the parents.

6. What is the last question I should ask when determining whether or not a home-educated/non-public school/community school student is eligible for athletics?

“Have you participated in any sports in the previous 12 months at another school?” If the answer is yes, the student may be considered a transfer student and may have to meet an exception to become immediately eligible. If the student does not meet a transfer exception, the student may have to sit out until the first 50 percent of the maximum allowable regular-season contests are competed in any sport he/she played in the 12 months prior to the transfer. Contact the OHSAA’s eligibility department if you need assistance in determining which exception this student may be able to meet.

The most comprehensive guidance for these guidelines can be found on the OHSAA website at: http://www.ohsaa.org/eligibility/GuidelinesForNon-EnrolledStudents.pdf.

DEBORAH MOORE

Dr. Deborah Moore joined the OHSAA as an assistant commissioner in June of 1989 and was promoted to Associate Commissioner for Eligibility in August of 2008. A native of Newark, Ohio, she owns degrees from Kent State and Ohio State and spent 15 years as a teacher and professor before joining the OHSAA. Dr. Moore also serves as the OHSAA’s administrator for the sports of field hockey, volleyball, swimming & diving and gymnastics.

ROXANNE PRICE

After 20 years in inter-collegiate athletics, Roxanne Price came to the OHSAA in February of 2006 and was promoted to assistant commissioner in August of 2007. After graduating from Fremont Ross High School and Ohio State, she worked at the University of Virginia, Akron, Ohio State and Columbus State in the areas of student support services and athletics administration. The author of three children’s books, Roxanne works with student-athlete eligibility and oversees the sports of tennis, bowling and softball in addition to the OHSAA’s sportsmanship program.

ELIGIBILITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Due to the many questions surrounding the OHSAA Bylaws concerning eligibility, the OHSAA website has a section dedicated solely to helping people understand what matters have an effect on a student-athlete’s eligibility. In addition to the complete text of OHSAA Bylaws, the online eligibility resource center contains an Eligibility Guide for Student-Athletes, an Eligibility Checklist, an Eligibility Guide for Guidance Counselors, a list of Bylaw situations requiring the Commissioner’s Approval and a Transfer Bylaw Resource Center. Additionally, the eligibility resource center also contains various eligibility forms like the Pre-Participation Physical Exam Form, the Residential Transfer Exception Form, and the Affidavit for Bona Fide Residence Form, along with many others. All this information can be found at http://www.ohsaa.org/eligibility.

SCHOOLS ASKED TO AID OHSAA PROCESS OF COMMUNICATING WITH COACHES

The OHSAA reminds athletic administrators that it is vitally important to enter all names and contact information (especially email addresses) for their coaches into the Association’s myOHSAA online system. This will aid the OHSAA greatly in its communication efforts with coaches, providing coaches directly with more information and allowing coaches to engage in functions such as surveys. Please also make sure the names and contact information is entered each time a change takes place within your coaching staff.
FROM THE COMMISSIONER – ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HAZING

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A reminder to all coaches (paid and volunteer) and school administrators that according to the Ohio Department of Education, the Pupil Activity Program/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. Must hold a valid CPR card during his/her season.
2. Must show evidence of completing one of the two approved online concussion programs.
3. 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 those two requirements must be verified by the school district where you are coaching.

For more information and to locate the form, log on to the OHSAA’s Sports Medicine page for the direct link to the ODE permit section.

JERRY SNODGRASS
Jerry Snodgrass joined the OHSAA in August 2008 as assistant commissioner. For the previous 31 years he served as a high school teacher, coach and athletic director, including the last 25 years at Findlay High School. Snodgrass was elected president of the OHSAA Board of Directors for the 2006-07 school year and is a trustee for the OHSAA Foundation.

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Pangrazio is the 28th Ohioan to enter the National High School Hall of Fame, which is more than any other state (Illinois ranks second with 23 inductees). The previous 27 Ohioan to be inducted are posted at: http://www.ohsaa.org/NFHSHallOfFame.htm

Pangrazio was a 1989 charter member of the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame, and last year he was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. He and 11 other individuals will enter the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame July 2 at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans during the 33rd Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which will wrap up the 96th annual NFHS Summer Meeting.

The OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame induction banquet is scheduled for June 13 in Columbus. Each of the 14 inductees is being honored for significant contributions to interscholastic officiating in Ohio and were selected by the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Committee. More information on the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame is posted at: http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/HallofFame.htm

“it is an honor to have an Officials Hall of Fame where the best in Ohio are recognized for their outstanding careers and their dedication to officiating,” said Beau Rugg, OHSAA Assistant Commissioner and one of last year’s Hall of Fame inductees. “Officiating is a service and it is a joy to recognize these highly respected individuals with induction into the Hall of Fame. We thank all officials for their service to student-athletes, coaches, schools and other officials.”

Pangrazio was an OHSAA football official for 45 years (1955-2000) and an OHSAA basketball official for 55 years (1945-2000). He officiated six state football championships and 10 state basketball tournaments (eight boys, two girls). He conducted countless clinics and camps and was instrumental in recruiting and mentoring numerous new football and basketball officials. Pangrazio was also a highly successful college basketball official in several conferences and was a Big Ten Conference basketball officials observer and evaluator at Ohio State University for 25 years.

The OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame is the only Hall of Fame sponsored by the OHSAA. The OHSAA’s Circle of Champions recognizes individuals from various areas who had outstanding careers in high school athletics and have further contributed to interscholastic sports.

2015 OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Induction Class:

- Marie Anthony, Columbus (BK)
- Dolores Billhardt, Willoughby (Administrator, deceased)
- Joseph Grimes Jr., Shaker Heights (BK)
- John Gurney, Shelby (BB, BK)
- Galen Harris, Tipp City (BB, SB, BK, VB, WR)
- Ken Kaiser, Columbus (BK, FT)
- Robert Peterfish, Columbus (SD, deceased)
- Pat Porter, Chillicothe (BB, BK, SB, VB)
- Bryan Reamsnyder, Toledo (FT, deceased)
- Sue Reuck, Coshocton (BB, BK, BK, VB)
- Brian Spangler, Reynoldsburg (BK, FT)
- Melvin Staats, Newton Falls (BB, SB)
- Elizabeth Van Tine, Englewood (CC, TF)
- Eugene Wodziisz, Parma (BK, FT)

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.

OFFICIALS STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

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The Officiating Update Department of the OHSAA provides information to the membership concerning officiating matters. The OHSAA provides educational opportunities to officials through training, education and other duties.

For more information, visit the OHSAA website at www.ohsaa.org or contact Beau Rugg at the OHSAA Office at 614-297-4596.
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT
Corinne Taylor has served as the athletic director at Bexley High School since 2012. Originally from Columbus, she earned her undergraduate degree from Ohio University and earned master’s degrees from The Ohio State University and the University of Dayton.

Prior to Bexley, Taylor worked as the athletic director for many Columbus City Schools, including Centennial High School, East High School and her alma mater, Whetstone High School. Before working in high school athletics, she was the intramural sports program director for five years at The Ohio State University, which helped prepare her for the role as athletic director.

Taylor grew up loving sports and participated in sports from the time she could walk. She says that one of the most rewarding aspects of her job is having the ability to work with the student-athletes and watching them play the sports that they love. She enjoys helping them learn and experience success on and off the field or court.

One of Taylor’s biggest challenges is managing all of the aspects of her job, specifically the things that parents and athletes don’t see until something goes wrong. She credits her staff at Bexley for doing an amazing job to help run the program and can always count on other athletic directors for advice.

One of Taylor’s most important pieces of advice to other athletic directors and student-athletes is to have fun and pay attention to details. Taylor says that life is always a learning process and it’s important to realize that learning never stops.

By Andrew Mann, OHSAA Sports Information Intern

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MEMBER FINANCIAL BENEFITS
Among the many benefits of OHSAA membership are five advantages tied specifically to finances:
1. No annual membership dues
2. No tournament entry fees
3. Reimbursement for some regional and state team tournament travel expenses
4. Keep a portion of presale tickets for selected tournaments
5. No cost for annual catastrophic insurance premium

In addition, did you know that the OHSAA’s CFO, Jordan oversees internal financial operations, the annual budget, tournament financial operations and the independent company that performs the annual audit. He also serves as the financial advisor for the OHSAA Foundation.

Annually, an average of $2.6 million is distributed to schools in the form of travel reimbursements and ticket bonuses.

To learn more about partnering with Nationwide Children's Sports Medicine, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Sports-Medicine or email Bill Kulju, MS, AT, ATC at William.Kulju@nationwidechildrens.org
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Kids these days have plenty of choices when it comes to playing sports, including recreational community leagues, travel teams, and of course, traditional school sports. While all of these sport experiences can provide invaluable life skills development for kids, only school sports are based solely on the philosophy that education serves as the foundation for the athletic experience. What this means is that school sports are designed to help kids learn the necessary life skills to complement the traditional academic experiences they receive in the classroom, providing for a comprehensive, holistic experience.

School sports, while sometimes taken for granted when compared to opportunities afforded in travel and premier leagues, still offer an unbelievable “bang for the buck” when you consider all the many great benefits they provide. In addition to a foundation built upon education and life skills, other benefits include:

- Personal identity through the sport (great for confidence, leadership, and social skills). Student athletes are often recognized by their peers and serve as ambassadors for their schools when they are in the community, allowing them to use their athletic identity in positive ways.
- Well-maintained facilities and administrative oversight to ensure kids enjoy a safe sport experience.
- Trained coaches and skilled officials help mitigate sports issues and problems today (like concerns around concussions), as well as provide for fair play on the field managed by competent officials.
- Grade requirements and social responsibility expectations that must be met in order to be awarded the privilege to play interscholastic sports, prompting kids to prioritize academics and make responsible decisions.

Kids who compete in interscholastic sports learn countless “Athletic Transferable Skills” that can be used in the classroom, their future careers, and just about every aspect of their lives. Some of these skills include mastering time management, communicating effectively with teammates and coaches, multi-tasking responsibilities, setting and achieving goals, handling failure and adversity and developing leadership skills. While many elite and travel leagues tend to focus on skill development and preparing kids to earn a college scholarship, school sports have a more widened, broader view of the athletic experience that is based on growth, learning, and development.

While it is true that many communities across Ohio and throughout the country face fiscal challenges in order to support school sports, it is important that we not lose sight of their value and do all that we can to continue to offer kids these great opportunities. Kids learn through school sports, and they are also empowered by being looked at as role models, leaders and ambassadors for their schools. In the future, families and school systems will need to continue to work together to fund these efforts, and more creative measures may be required in order to continue to provide kids the same sport opportunities in the future that their parents had before them.

DR. CHRIS STANKOVICH

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JUNE IS SPORTS EYE SAFETY MONTH

Every year, hospital emergency departments throughout the country treat over 45,000 sports-related and recreational eye injuries. More than half are suffered by children. Eye injuries are often the result of a high-speed ball, aggressive body contact or a swinging/moving piece of sports equipment. Young players often lack the reflexes, coordination, strength or experience to avoid these eye hazards. For example, children often misjudge balls in flight, causing them to take a blow to the face or head.

Eye injuries from sports may cause loss of vision or complete loss of an eye. Bleeding within the eye (hyphema) may cause glaucoma years later. Even a minor eye injury can cause retinal detachment and blindness.

Fortunately, we can prevent most of these injuries by encouraging players to wear eye protection. The Ohio Ophthalmological Society’s sports eye safety program, “Play Hard. Don’t Blink. Always Wear Protective Eyewear,” combines education for parents and coaches with a variety of protective eye gear, activities and information designed to make safe playing habits cool to kids.

Funded by the Ohio Department of Health Save Our Sight Fund, the program works with schools, youth leagues, organizations and individuals throughout the state to provide protective eyewear in an effort to reduce sports eye injuries and facial injuries. For more information, please visit our website: www.playhardgear.com.

TYPES OF EYE PROTECTION
At least 90 percent of sports eye injuries can be prevented by wearing eye protection. In addition, many young athletes have found that the extra protection actually enhances their concentration and alleviates their fear of injuries so they play better.

RECOMMEND EYEWEAR BY SPORT:
Baseball: Polycarbonate face guard or other certified safe protection attached to batting helmet; sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses for playing in the field.
Basketball: Sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses.
Fencing: Full face cage.
Field Hockey Goalie: full face-mask; all others: sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses.
Handball/Racquetball/Squash: Sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses.
Ice Hockey: Helmet and full face protection.
Lacrosse: Helmet and full face protection for male athletes. Approved polycarbonate goggles for female players.
Soccer: Sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses.
Softball: Polycarbonate face guard on batting helmet; sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses for playing in the field.
Street Hockey: Sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses; goalie: full face cage.
Swimming and pool sports: Swim goggles recommended.
Tennis/singles: Sturdy street-wear frames with polycarbonate lenses.
Tennis/doubles: Sports goggles with polycarbonate lenses.
Water Polo: Swim goggles with polycarbonate lenses.

The Ohio Ophthalmological Society is the most comprehensive, cohesive group of Eye MDs and Surgeons Dedicated to Preserving Vision in Ohio. For more information about the Ohio Ophthalmological Society, please visit our website at: www.ohioeye.org.

REMEMBER THE SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND!
“Play Hard. Don’t Blink.” is funded by a generous grant through the Ohio Department of Health’s Save Our Sight Program. The Save Our Sight Program was created to ensure that children in Ohio have good vision and healthy eyes. The program accomplishes this through the early identification of children with vision problems and the promotion of good eye health and safety. Citizens of Ohio fund the program through voluntary $1 donations when they apply for or renew their license plates and tags. Visit the Save Our Sight Fund website: www.saveoursight.org and remember to donate a $1 next time you renew your license plates and tags!
On behalf of Ohio’s dairy farmers, the American Dairy Association Mideast is proud to continue to partner with OHSAA, designating chocolate milk as the official beverage of OHSAA.

ADA Mideast and OHSAA share a common goal to improve the health and wellness of children. As a core partner of OHSAA, ADA Mideast encourages student athletes to make smart food choices and lead a healthy lifestyle through its Fuel Up with Chocolate Milk campaign.

Lowfat chocolate milk is packed with nine essential nutrients and is an ideal beverage for student athletes providing them with the nutrition needed after sporting events and practices. This includes carbohydrates to provide energy and help fuel muscles, protein to support growth and repair of muscles, fluid and electrolytes to rehydrate, and vitamins and minerals to help build strong bones and bodies.

To further encourage students to lead a healthy lifestyle, Ohio’s dairy farmers support Fuel Up to Play 60, an in-school nutrition and physical activity program, created in partnership with the National Football League.

Fuel Up to Play 60 empowers students to eat healthy, including a daily breakfast, and to be active for at least 60 minutes every day. Research shows that improved nutrition and increased physical activity can lead to improved academic performance.

In Ohio, ADA Mideast works with the Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals to provide Fuel Up to Play 60 to more than 3,200 schools. To learn more, visit FuelUpToPlay60.com.
## Basketball Game Scoring Table

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## Game Details
- **Time:** 6:00
- **Score:** 17 to 0
- **Teams:** Cleveland Villa Angelast JOS vs. Columbus Eastmoor Academy

## Game Highlights
- **Fouls:**
  - POS: 3
  - TOL: 4
  - TM Foul: 0

## Advertisements
- **Fuel Up with Chocolate Milk**
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## Venue
- **Location:** Schottenstein Center
- **Website:** www.ohsaa.org

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**Note:** The image contains various elements related to a basketball game, including scoreboards, advertisements, and team names. The digital displays and banners suggest a professional or semi-professional setting.
In 2014, Cincinnati Country Day sophomore Asher Hirsch defeated Country Day freshman JJ Wolf to win his second-consecutive Division II singles state title. Country Day claimed both the state champion and state runner-up in Division II singles. Dayton second-straight year, becoming the first school to claim a singles state champion and runner-up in consecutive years since Youngstown Rayen in 1927 and 1928. Hirsch is the 27th two-time singles state champion in OHSAA boys tennis history, and a third state title would make Hirsch only the fourth player to win three singles state titles in OHSAA boys tennis history. Cleveland St. Ignatius junior Nathan Griffin won the Division I singles state championship, the first for the school. Cincinnati Sycamore doubles pair Nakul Narendran (Jr.) and Mustafa Ahmad (Sr.) took home the Division II doubles state championship, earning Sycamore its fifth doubles state title. In Division II doubles, Country Day senior Patrick Wildman and freshman Kevin Yu defeated Gahanna Columbus Academy doubles pair Ryan Jung (senior) and Shrikar Kundur (junior) to win Country Day’s fourth doubles state championship.

**BOYS TENNIS**

WHEN: May 29 & 30
WHERE: OSU Outdoor Varsity Tennis Courts, The Ohio State University, Columbus

The OHSAA boys tennis state tournament returns to the OSU Outdoor Varsity Tennis Courts May 29 and 30. It will mark the last OHSAA state tennis tournament at The Ohio State University before moving to the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, beginning with the girls state tournament in the fall of 2015. This year marks the 96th year for the OHSAA boys tennis state tournament.

In 2015 OHSAA Spring State Tournament Previews

**State Tournament Dvds for Sale**

Check out the OHSAA’s online “Fan Guide” to purchase DVDs of state tournament contests back to the early 1970s. Log on to www.ohsaa.org/FanGuide. The Fan Guide also features driving directions, hotel information, souvenir program order forms, apparel links, dining information and the OHSAA’s official photographer, Impact Action Sports Photography.

**Track and Field**

WHEN: June 5 & 6
WHERE: Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, The Ohio State University, Columbus

Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University will host the 108th OHSAA track and field state tournament. Nearly 2,000 student-athletes will compete in 42 events across three divisions. Also for the third straight year, seated student-athletes will compete in four wheelchair events.

In 2014, Solon won its second-straight Division I girls state championship after accumulating 47 points with seven podiump finishes. Solon senior Jelena Ruhnke finished second in the girls 100-meter dash, was a member of the second-place 4x100 meter relay team and finished first in the girls 200-meter dash. Cleveland Glenville earned its 16th boys track and field state championship, winning Division I boys with a point total of 40 from five podium finishes. Glenville’s 16 boys track and field state championships are the most by a school.

In Division II, Dayton Meadowdale won its first girls track and field state championship after scoring 40 points with five podium finishes. Dayton Dunbar won the Division II boys state title, its eighth all-time. Dunbar finished with 47 points and had podium finishes in five events.

McDonald claimed the Division III girls state championship with 45 points and six podium finishes. The state title was McDonald’s first in girls track and field. Lima Central Catholic also claimed its first track and field state championship, winning the Division III boys state title with 52 points and eight podium finishes.
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4 hours before the game, start hydrating and consider a high-carbohydrate pre-game meal such as:
- A baked potato topped with veggies and salsa
- Pasta with red sauce
- Brown rice and veggies with a side of fruit

2 hours before the game, continue drinking small amounts of fluid and, if you missed the pre-game meal, eat foods rich in carbohydrates and low in fiber such as:
- A fruit and yogurt smoothie with lowfat granola
- Toast with jelly
- Pretzels and fruit
- Cereal with lowfat or fat free milk and fruit

30 minutes before the game, hydrate with 8-12 oz. of fluid.

If the event is going to last longer than 60 minutes, grab a carbohydrate/electrolyte boost, like a sports drink, with a small serving of fruit.

AND AFTER YOUR EVENT, rehydrate with a beverage rich in carbohydrates and electrolytes such as lowfat or fat free chocolate milk (or lactose-free chocolate milk)

Chocolate milk has a carb: protein ratio of 3:1, is a good source of potassium, and has a moderate amount of sodium

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