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Do championships become forgotten and old trophies thrown away? Not in Springfield. Last May, this southwest Ohio town honored its 1950 state champion Wildcats similar to when they were welcomed home as heroes 60 years ago.

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Cleveland St. Ignatius celebrates its second OHSAA ice hockey championship in 2010. The Wildcats, who had previously won the title in 2000, scored nine goals while giving up only two between the semifinal and championship games. The state ice hockey tournament returns to Nationwide Arena March 12-13.
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.

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 10 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.

Dayton Dunbar holds its third Division II basketball state championship trophy in the past five years in 2010. The Wolverines did so in a true team effort with nine different players scoring in the championship game. Dunbar’s other titles came in 1986, 2006 and 2007. The boys basketball state tournament comes to the Schottenstein Center at The Ohio State University March 24-26.
During my many years as an OHSAA basketball official, it occasionally happened. I never wanted to assess a technical foul to a coach or player, but it was sometimes needed to send a message that certain behavior or language was not acceptable in interscholastic athletics.

I believe that every official shares that belief and wants nothing more than to work a well-played and well-officiated game.

But during an intense game when tempers sometimes flare, it can happen. What should not happen, however, is an individual letting his or her emotions get so out of control that an ejection occurs. One technical foul should put things back into perspective for a coach or player and get them refocused on the game.

What a great example it would set for everyone to see if, despite a disagreement with an official's decision, the coach or player remained calm and focused on the game rather than the official. An ejection is a black eye on a coach or player and his or her school.

Furthermore, member schools know that ejections are followed by a suspension and, in the case of a coach ejection, a monetary fine.

Among my biggest disappointments, though, is when school administrators do not take a leadership role with their coach or player after an ejection. When a school administrator contacts our office to ask that a suspension and/or fine be waived, that is time and effort better spent talking with the individual who was ejected and using it as a teachable moment to not let it happen again.

No game is more important than sending the right message to our kids. They are watching and will learn so much from how a coach handles adversity or a disagreement with an official. They will likely face similar adverse, frustrating or conflicting situations at some point in their lives and will show self-control if that is the behavior that was demonstrated to them.

I would love for ejection totals to diminish and become a thing of the past. When it comes down to the reasons why we all believe interscholastic sports are so important, there is no room for ejections.

Please coach and play with class and ‘Respect the Game!’

Respectfully,

Daniel B. Ross
Daniel Ross, Ph.D.,
OHSAA Commissioner
Ohio High School Athletic Association
# 2011 OHSAA Reference Sports Dates
*(Subject to Change)*

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**NOTE:** Baseball and softball pitchers & catchers may begin practice on Feb. 21.
Like many of you, I watched this past fall as another round of OHSAA state tournaments were held across the state. Spectacular team and individual performances, displays of sportsmanship, good officiating and the hoisting of championship trophies all made me proud to serve on the OHSAA Board of Directors.

It also reminded me of what an important role we all serve in making those special opportunities become a reality for kids. It starts with the parents, coaches and administrators in every member school and goes up to the elected Board of Directors, which has been entrusted to put student-athletes first and enforce the rules our member schools have adopted.

To that end, the Board established a set of goals in September for the 2010-11 school year to help steer our monthly meetings, both in Columbus, and to a certain extent, within our district boards. I think it is important that the membership know our goals, which we will strive to meet all the way through our final Board meeting in June, and which I would like to share with you here.

Among the goals are some big-picture items, such as promoting sportsmanship, ethics and integrity, supporting the work of OHSAA committees and striving to enhance communications at all levels of the OHSAA. Assisting with the OHSAA Foundation is also a priority, as is reviewing the options to expand activities and continuing to discuss the focus of 7th and 8th grade programs.

There are several specific items on our goals list as well, led by the very important work of the Competitive Balance Committee, which is studying the issues surrounding public and non-public schools in our tournaments. In addition, such items as implementing recommendations from the OHSAA’s technology committee, evaluating the financial status of the OHSAA and ensuring that Ohio will not be forced to make any cuts to its sanctioned sports opportunities or state tournament venues are key. We also plan to remain one of the few states that does not have an annual membership fee or tournament entry fees, along with providing catastrophic insurance at no cost to our schools.

I eagerly anticipate each of our Board of Directors meetings, when we have a chance to review these goals and ensure that progress is being made on achieving great things on behalf of our member schools.

The winter sports tournaments will be here soon and I look forward to visiting with many of you along the way. I wish you continued success as the 2010-11 school year enters its second half.

Sincerely,

Dave Gray, President
OHSAA Board of Directors
HEAD OVER HEELS

Hudson gymnast Bridget Madel looks for her landing during a routine on the balance beam during the 2010 gymnastics state championships. Over 100 gymnasts competed during the 2010 tournament. The 39th edition of the tournament returns to Hilliard Bradley High School March 4-5.
STARS SHINING BRIGHTLY

With the spotlight on the American flag, Dianne Rob‐
inson sings the National Anthem before the champi‐
onship matches of the 2010 wrestling state tournament. Preceded by the Parade of Champions, 14,886 spec‐
tators were on hand at the Schottenstein Center to see the best wrestlers in the state compete for a title.

Photo courtesy of Terry Horner
POOL PARTY

That's the theme at the state swimming and diving finals every year, as teams and individuals look to take home championship gold in front of a jam-packed C.T. Branin Natatorium. Branin, which has the largest seating capacity of any natatorium in Ohio, will play host to the state tournament again February 23-26.
MEET THE OHSAA CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS

Since 2007, the OHSAA has selected individuals who have had prominent roles in the history of Ohio interscholastic athletics into the OHSAA Circle of Champions. The honorees not only had outstanding achievements at the high school level, but also have had outstanding achievements after their prep careers ended, having displayed outstanding character and serving as role models. The members are honored each year at the boys state basketball tournament in March. Below are the Circle of Champions inductees:

2010
- Tony Trabert
- Al Oliver
- Jesse Owens
- Howard "Hopalong" Cassady
- Jerry Lucas

2009
- Robin Freeman
- Larry Siegfried
- Mary Wineberg
- Dick Scafrath
- LeBron James

2008
- Bill Willis
- Galen Cisco
- Susan
- Nash Sugar
- Jim Lachey

2007
- Todd Blackledge
- Jay Burson
- Dean Chance
- Archie Griffin
- Bill Hosket
- Dante Lavelli
- Cindy Noble
- Hauserman
- Katie Smith
- Clark Kellogg

Start Date Reminder for Fall Sports in 2011

Member schools are reminded that practice may begin for all 2011 fall sports on Monday, August 1. In the past, there were varying start dates for the different sports, including a possible earlier date depending on a member school’s first day of classes. Member schools sponsoring football are reminded of the five-day acclimatization period regarding equipment and two-a-day practices. More information will appear in the spring issue of OHSAA Magazine.

Dual Team State Wrestling Tournament Taking Shape

OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak presented an outline to the Board of Directors in December for how the newly adopted wrestling dual team state tournament will be conducted when it begins during the 2012-13 season. It will be set up in a regional, seeded format, similar to the OHSAA’s football tournaments, and will conclude the week before the sectional round of the individual state tournament. The dual team state tournament will be a one-day event consisting of the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. More information is posted online on the wrestling page at OHSAA.org. There are currently 600 OHSAA member high schools that offer wrestling, with 14,000 participants.

Junior High Committee Releases Informational Brochure

The OHSAA’s Junior High Committee recently completed a brochure that has been emailed to all member schools and posted at OHSAA.org. The brochure addresses many issues facing junior high schools, such as eligibility, non-interscholastic participation, recruiting and other issues. The brochure is posted online on the ‘Member Schools’ page at OHSAA.org.

Focus on Concussions Growing

As coaches have learned through attendance at Rules Interpretation Meetings, a major rule change in all sports involves concussion management. Rule 3-3-8 reads “Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

In Ohio, the approved health-care professionals are either a Medical Doctor (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) or a Certified Athletic Trainer (A.T.C.). Written approval from one of those professionals is required before an athlete may return to play. Officials, which shall assume the coach has received the written approval, do not have to “diagnose” a concussion, but have received education on how to recognize signs of a concussion.

Coach Certification Required in Ohio

Member schools are reminded that Administrative Code in Ohio requires that all coaches – both paid and volunteer – must obtain certification through the Ohio Department of Education. Each school is responsible for maintaining records on their coaching staff. All coaches must obtain the ODE’s “Pupil Supervisors’ Activity Permit,” which requires completion of an approved sports first aid course, a current CPR card, fundamentals of coaching (through the National Federation) and a BCI background check. See the ‘Member Schools’ and ‘Sports Medicine’ pages at OHSAA.org for more information. New last year is a requirement that the district superintendent or signing authority signs each application, which brings this application in line with all other applications.

Parents in Sports Course Available from NFHS

“The Role of the Parent in Sports” online course is now available from the National Federation. The free course is designed to educate parents about their role as a sport parent in the interscholastic setting. The NFHS is developing a 10-minute introduction to the course that can be shown at preseason parent meetings, which provides an overview of the course content and a current assessment of the parents’ understanding of their role as they interact with their child, coaches, officials and other parents. Go to www.nfhslearn.com to view the content of the course.

Maple Heights quarterback Shaq Washington accounted for seven touchdowns in the 2010 Division II football championship game. The senior ran for 174 yards and a record tying four scores, while also throwing for three, leading the Mustangs to a 15-0 season and their first football title. The football finals return to Canton and Massillon December 2-3.
OHSAA Board Approves Changes to School Sportsmanship Awards

Following a recommendation from the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity (SEI) Committee, the OHSAA Board of Directors in August approved a change to the SEI School Awards Program beginning with the 2010-11 school year.

Rather than only providing the opportunity for OHSAA member schools to win the Harold A. Meyer (HAM) Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award, the SEI School Awards Program will have a tiered system in which the precursor to winning the HAM Award will be for schools to have met the Respect The Game Challenge, a submission form that confirms that they have emphasized sportsmanship, ethics and integrity within their schools. In addition, six HAM Award winners will annually be presented the Commissioner’s Award for Exceptional Sportsmanship, signifying that they have some of the state’s top sportsmanship programs.

Schools that meet the Respect The Game Challenge will receive a decal for their gymnasium floor or a banner that says they have “Met the Respect The Game Challenge.” The criteria for winning the Meyer Award will not change — schools must verify that they have completed an eight-part program within their school community in which they have implemented a sportsmanship, ethics and integrity program. A major change, however, will be that schools will no longer submit materials in a three-ring binder but will instead provide a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation that verifies they have met the criteria and show examples of their program. Winners will continue to receive the Harold A. Meyer banner.

Six schools that are considered to have had the best HAM submissions will be presented the Commissioner’s Award for Exceptional Sportsmanship. Additional criteria will be assurance from other administrators that the school community and athletic teams have demonstrated outstanding sporting behavior and that the school has not had any coaches or student-athletes ejected from contests during the previous year. Additionally, schools in consideration for this award must submit a 30-second Public Service Announcement on sportsmanship. Winners will receive a crystal award that will be presented at the 2012 OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournaments along with a year’s use of Dr. Mike Thomson’s “Respect The Game - Respect Yourself” online program that sends coaches, captains, athletes and parents weekly sportsmanship, ethics and integrity audio and video podcast messages.

“The OHSAA has awarded the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award for the past 19 years, and the concern from the SEI Committee is that this program has become somewhat stagnant,” said Roxanne Price, OHSAA assistant commissioner and chair of the Association’s SEI committee. “Some long-time winners were not making updates to their annual submissions; a few individuals were upset when substandard submissions were not presented the award; not many new schools were submitting applications, and there were concerns that some winning schools were not displaying appropriate sporting behavior at contests. So we’re hopeful that the new, tiered program will help revitalize the SEI School Awards Program and will help create more awareness about the importance of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity within Ohio’s schools.

“I want to commend the subcommittee that was formed to develop these changes and thank the Board of Directors for approving the recommendation,” Price added.

OHSAA Associate Commissioner Bob Goldring chaired the subcommittee that developed the revised program. The subcommittee also consisted of OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass; Bill Hanna, principal at Ottawa-Glandorf High School; Mark Princehorn, athletic administrator at Hilliard Davidson High School and representative of the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; Kelly Whelan, a long-time registered basketball official; Kathy Mercer, volleyball coach at South Charleston Southeastern High School and representative of the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; and Scott Dempsey, girls soccer coach at Bexley High School and representative of the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association.

“A capacity crowd looks on as the girls Division II 1600 meter run takes place at the 2010 boys and girls track and field championships. Over 26,000 spectators filled the stands during the two-day event at The Ohio State University. The 57th annual girls track and field championships return to Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium June 3-4.”
GLORY DAYS

In the southwest Ohio town of Springfield, championships are not forgotten. Similar to the parade which honored the Wildcats 60 years ago, the Springfield High School boys basketball team of 1950 found itself in the sun again last summer.

By Tom Stafford, Springfield News-Sun Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Trophies, plaques, photos, sweaters, programs—even a piece of the net the Springfield High School Wildcats cut down before a screaming crowd of 8,048 on March 25, 1950, at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

Dick Pitzer’s collection of memorabilia from the school’s mad march to the State Class A Championship 60 years ago brings back memories for some; it provides a portrait of the past for others.

They were all on display last Memorial Day weekend when the Springfield community held its annual parade and honored their beloved 1950 state champions once again. It was 60 years ago when a crowd estimated at more than 25,000 jammed the same streets to welcome home the state champions as heroes.

“The annual parade gave us the wonderful opportunity to somewhat replicate the big victory celebration that took place 60 years ago in downtown Springfield on the Sunday following the championship game,” said Bob Rice, a 1950 SHS class member who helped plan the reunion over Memorial Day weekend.

“The players rode in vintage, open convertibles and two floats carrying more 1950 graduates, all behind the current Springfield High School marching band. It was a hoot!”

The program included Dick Hatfield’s comments about a broadcast of the game available on CD, and remarks by both historian and SHS Class of 1950 graduate Dr. William Kinnison and team captain and retired Springfield surgeon Dr. Bill Goettman.

Kinnison, the retired Wittenberg University president, noted that what was “just current events” at the time is now “a historic exhibit.”

A 10-minute film of the parade welcoming the players home showed not only the players, cheerleaders and tens of thousands of Springfielders lining the route, but also the background buildings as they stood in 1950.

“Some of these things have been shared with the community since 1970,” when the first reunion of team members occurred, said Pitzer, whose late father, Elwood, coached the team. (Dick Pitzer was not yet 6 months old when the Wildcats won the title.) “But for some of these things, it will be the first time they’re displayed.”

That 1950 spirit toured the city as floats and convertibles carry members of the team and class in the Memorial Day Parade. In addition to Goettman and Kinnison, team members included Bob Bronston, Joe Calhoun, Roger Crabtree, Don DeJong, Dick Dillahunt, Chrystal “Boo” Ellis, Earl Fritts, Bob Hutchins, Lamar Kilgore, Bill McKaig, Nathaniel “Nat” Murphy and Jack Sallee.

Goettman said that while they were “an incredible team athletically ... these people and this team were good citizens.” He also recognized cheerleaders Nancy Henderson, Roseann Van Pelt, Sylvia Black and Lois Nichols and called his coach’s widow, Betty Pitzer, "a second mother for all of us."

In a similar way, the entire town of Springfield embraced the team during its tournament run 60 years ago.

“Then this city started to send us notes, telegrams and supported us in a way we’d never felt,” Chrystal “Boo” Ellis said. “A community... was pushing these young men to a place they had never been.”

And that mentoring didn’t stop after the state championship trophy made its way to Springfield. Six of the team members went on to graduate from college and five of them in their college’s athletics hall of fame, including Ellis at Bowling Green, Sallee at Miami and Goettman at Wittenberg.

“All of us were good citizens, family men and had wonderful careers in a variety of professions,” Goettman said. “I think this team epitomized what it means to be a student-athlete.”

STRICTLY AVERAGE SEASON TURNS MAGICAL

• Entering the tournament, the Wildcats had what Springfield Daily News sports writer Bob Sullivan called a "strictly average" season. Their record was 11-7 and they’d gone 2-4 in their last six games.

• On their tournament run, they beat Troy, Sidney, Springfield Catholic Central, Xima, Middletown, Hamilton, Mansfield and Akron South.

• After a 40-34 come-from-behind win against Middletown, the Wildcats managed a 44-42 victory over defending state champion Hamilton, which had beaten them 55-33 and 54-43 during the regular season. Hamilton, however, was without its star big man Bob “Pappy” Smith, who was lost to injury.

• After beating Hamilton, Coach Pitzer said: “You know, it’s easy to say that some boys are the finest you have ever coached, when they win. But I tell you that this team is the finest bunch of boys I’ve ever worked with since I started coaching back in 1938.”

STATE TOURNAMENT

• The next week, the News-Sun ran this information under a photo: “Springfield High’s rampaging Wildcats got their first look at the
State Fairgrounds Coliseum here Wednesday and impressed approximately 50 newsmen, photographers, electricians and carpenters with their height, poise and shooting ability. They would face Mansfield that Friday.

After 11 ties and lead changes in the first half, Bronston and Ellis inched the Wildcats into the lead, then four "net strippers" by Goettman and Sallee in a minute and a half put Springfield into a lead they wouldn't relinquish as they handily beat Mansfield, 60-48.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Although Akron South entered the final game 18-3 and Springfield 18-7, longtime Dispatch reporter Paul Hornung said "talent-wealthy, fast-breaking Springfield will undoubtedly rate an edge over Akron South in the evening finale.

"Elwood Pitzer, coach of the scrappy sharpshooters from Springfield says, 'These kids are going to be tough to lick. I think our chances are good against Akron South, very much so.'"

Daily News reporter Sullivan said in the title game played before 8,048 wild, screaming fans jammed in the Fairgrounds Coliseum, "the Wildcats faltered frequently but ... never folded." With cold shooting, errant passes and defensive lapses, "the anguished moments the Wildcats caused their followers had many a grey hair popping out here and there."

In attendance were Coach Oliver Matheny and many members of the Wildcats' 1925 state championship team.

Ellis had 21 and Sallee 17 for the Wildcats as Springfield won 53-48.

AFTER THE WIN …

"News-Sun sports writer Dick Otte said "You could hear a pin drop in either dressing room … A big smile and a soft thank you was the typical response" of the winners "to the congratulations offered by school officials and friends" after the win. "As in every game since the Middletown contest…victory celebrations carried a subdued tone."

Goettman and Ellis were named to the Class A Tournament first team. McKaig and Sallee were on the second team.

In the celebration, team members harvested feathers from the bright red hat Betty Pitzer, the coach's wife, wore through the tournament. "I didn't dare to go to a game without it," she said. "The boys were rather superstitious."

Not wanting to tempt fate, Coach Pitzer wore the same suit to every tournament game.

Springfield Sun editorialist Maynard Kniskern called the team's win a victory for the hometown; a victory for organized sports, as "it would be hard to imagine a better example of team play and effective leadership; and a victory for Elwood Pitzer, who not only showed that he could win a state title, but that "in his main job of molding character through athletics he can produce winners who are gentlemen as well as fighters." Added Kniskern: "That's the biggest victory of all."
Board approves rewording of general sports regulations 4.3 and 5.3

Based on conflicting language that existed regarding two of the OHSAA's sports regulations, the OHSAA Board of Directors in October approved modifications to General Sports Regulations 4.3 and 5.3.

The approved changes are below and became effective immediately.

**OHSAA General Sports Regulation 4.3—Participating in Non-Interscholastic Team Sports During the Interscholastic Sports Season**

A member of an interscholastic squad in a team sport (baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, soccer, softball and volleyball) sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board shall not participate in an athletic contest, try-outs or any type of team or group training or practices on or with a non-interscholastic squad in a team sport in the same sport during the school’s interscholastic season.

**OHSAA General Sports Regulation 5.3—Individual Instruction**

Individual skill instruction may be received in any sport by a squad member at any time in individual lessons provided that these individual skill instructions do not violate any Board of Education, school administrators’ or coaches’ policies. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the coach may not conduct individual or group lessons for a squad member except during June 1 to July 31 and during the season of the sport.

**Annual Referendum Process Nearing**

The OHSAA’s annual referendum voting process will once again take place this spring, with voting by member school principals on a list of proposals to the OHSAA constitution and bylaws as approved by the Board of Directors. The process begins in April when OHSAA staff will conduct meetings around the state to meet with the membership and explain the items up for vote. The voting period is May 1-15.
Improve communication. Enhance training. Provide educational resources. Develop evaluation standards. These are some of the long-term goals of the OHSAA’s new Officiating Development program implemented in 2010.

The program is led by Directors of Development in 12 OHSAA sports: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, gymnastics, ice hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball and wrestling. The Directors of Development, who also serve as the sport’s state rules interpreter, are not wasting any time putting ideas into action in the program’s freshman campaign to improve the level of officiating across the state.

Dennis Morris, Director of Development in the sport of basketball, has been active in his new role. Morris, who has over 35 years of experience as a high school basketball official and is a member of the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame, has been instrumental in moving the state rules meetings online, increasing communication to the state’s basketball officials and creating an observer program to evaluate officials at all regional basketball tournament games.

“It’s still early, but the program has been well-received throughout the state,” says Morris. “Development is a slow process, but we’ll start seeing how these efforts pay off on the court as we move forward.”

Basketball officials have received a mechanics manual and find a monthly newsletter in their inbox touching on different points of emphasis, current issues and other feature articles. Morris also took video from the 2010 boys and girls state basketball tournaments and created two training videos that further explain mechanics, positioning and other unusual calls. The National Federation of State High School Associations posted the videos on its web site to give every official access to the training materials.

Basketball, with over 1,600 teams, 40,000 participants and 5,400 officials in Ohio, isn’t the only sport seeing improvements to its officiating program. Gymnastics, a sport with around 150 teams, 1,000 participants and 100 officials, is also seeing several changes under Lori Powers-Basinger, the Director of Officiating Development for gymnastics.

“The biggest goal I have with the program is to develop consistency with our officials,” said Powers-Basinger, a 23-year OHSAA gymnastics officiating veteran and a USA Gymnastics National Judge. “Gymnastics is one of the more unique OHSAA sports and we want to make sure the communication, education and training are consistent with officials across the state.”

Powers-Basinger has developed a base score video to be used by state tournament officials prior to the state meet to ensure the officials are starting on the same page before they go out onto the floor. Next year, videos will be used at the district tournaments, as well.

With nearly 16,000 officials involved in Ohio high school athletics, communicating a unified and cohesive message is extremely important. If the early work of the Directors of Development is any indication, the Officiating Development Program will provide a unique opportunity for officials to receive that message and additional training resources to advance the overall level of officiating across the state.
**Officiating Update**

**OHSAA’s Henry Zaborniak Inducted into Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame**

OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak Jr. will enter the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame during ceremonies on May 21, 2011, at the Columbus Convention Center. Zaborniak oversees the OHSAA’s entire officiating program and also serves as the OHSAA’s administrator for two of its largest sports – football and wrestling.

Zaborniak is one of 19 individuals and six teams to enter the hall of fame this year. He is a Big Ten Conference football official and has been a Division I football official since 1990. Zaborniak was a high school and collegiate basketball official from 1975-92.

Zaborniak joined the OHSAA in 1989 and was promoted to assistant commissioner in 1995. An officiating clinician and presenter around the country, he is a member of the Rules Committee for the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

For more information about the hall of fame, visit www.ohiobasketballhalloffame.com.

**The Five W’s of Interscholastic Athletics**

**WHO?** We’re educational athletics, not big-time event promoters.

**WHAT?** We’re the builders of tomorrow’s community leaders, not farm clubs for college and professional teams.

**WHEN?** We’re an after-school activity, not a year-round endeavor. These are programs that should allow kids to be kids.

**WHERE?** Our games should be played locally. There’s plenty of healthy competition where kids can learn and grow through athletics in most of our backyards. We don’t need national schedules to accomplish our purposes.

**WHY?** Because it’s the right way to do it. Schools offer these programs because they enhance the educational experience of the young people who participate.

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**Late Official’s Benevolence Continues through OHSAA Donation**

By Brad Pettiford, OHSAA Sports Information Intern

There are altruistic people in this world who are truly inspirational. They are the kind of people whose genuine passion towards life enables them to have a profound impact in their chosen vocation and on the lives of people they meet. These are the kind of people who touch lives in such a remarkable way that their legacy will always be remembered.

Bill Smith is a prime example of the type of man who created such a legacy through his passion and willingness to facilitate the efforts of others.

A well-respected basketball, football and baseball official from southwest Ohio, his legacy of benevolence will continue to have a positive impact on the Ohio High School Athletic Association and its members. Mr. Smith donated $10,000 to be used in promoting and advancing officiating techniques for all secondary athletic sports sponsored by the OHSAA, from which the OHSAA has established the William E. Smith Trust in honor of the late official. Mr. Smith was inducted into the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame in 2001 to recognize his more than 50 years of being an OHSAA official and state rules interpreter.

OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak says that the trust will extend beyond the three sports who Smith officiated. “Bill was a guy who was always about the people,” Zaborniak said. “Along those lines, we want to use the fund to enhance the people-related skills in officiating. It will enable us to better prepare our officials to bridge the communication divide amongst coaches, players and spectators.”

The impact that Smith made extended beyond the athletic venues and into the classroom as well. After graduating from college in 1956, he first taught at Roger Bacon High School before continuing his teaching career at his alma mater, Xavier University. “Bill took great pride in helping his students excel in the classroom,” said Andrea Rossi, an OHSAA administrator who had Smith as an accounting professor at Xavier. “You could tell that it was more than a job to him; it was his passion.”

Smith’s work in the teaching and officiating fields enabled him to enhance the lives of thousands of students and student-athletes over a long and rewarding career in the Cincinnati area. His impact will continue to be felt and his legacy will continue to be remembered through yet one more act of kindness.

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Plain City Jonathan Alder gathers around its state baseball championship trophy after winning a thrilling 3-2 decision over Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit in the Div. II title game in 2010. The state baseball tournament returns to Huntington Park in Columbus June 2-4.
The Official Vote
Rating and voting for officials is required of all member schools by the OHSAA, meaning that in high school sports, every year is an election year.

Just as teams strive to make a lengthy tournament run, officials also do their best to still be working late in the tournament season. The Ohio High School Athletic Association requires that all member schools play a role in selecting outstanding officials to receive OHSAA tournament contest assignments.

The winter 2010 issue of OHSAA Magazine (see page 15) described how officials are selected for tournament assignments. Many member schools have contacted the OHSAA recently asking for clarification on their responsibility in the process.

There are two officials evaluation requirements per season, 1. rating AND 2. voting.

Officials Ratings are available to either the athletic administrator or the head coach. The head coach will only have access if the athletic administrator has set up their login through staff management in myOHSAA. Athletic administrators and head coaches can review ratings by logging into myOHSAA and selecting their sport from the “Select Sport” dropdown box along the left side of the screen.

Official ratings are indicated by the stars on the schedule page, green stars indicate officials have been rated and red stars indicate officials have not been rated and can be clicked to be taken to the officials rating form. Find instructions (including setting up a login for your head coach and adding officials to the rating form) at http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialRatingInstructions.pdf.

Both evaluations are used in the selection of tournament officials for next season. The purpose of voting is to allow the athletic administrator to have input and the purpose of rating is to allow the head coach to have input.

Tournament Officials Voting is only available through the athletic administrator’s login to myOHSAA; your coaches do not have access to this link. The athletic administrator can review voting by logging into myOHSAA and clicking on “Tournament Officials Voting” along the left side of the screen. Using the Select Sport dropdown, athletic administrators can either view submitted ballots or add officials to empty ballots for submitting. Find instructions at http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialVotingInstructions.pdf.

Voting and rating are just two of the six elements that are used to determine which officials get OHSAA tournament assignments. Other criteria involve votes cast by the OHSAA District Athletic Boards, assigners and local officials associations, plus input from OHSAA staff and commissioners. A ranking system (rating multiplied by number of votes received) then leads to a limited number of officials receiving tournament applications. From the list of applicants, District Athletic Boards determine sectional and district assignments, while OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Henry Zabomik selects regional and state assignments.

Coaches Education in Ohio Becoming a Model of Success

The spring issue of OHSAA Magazine will provide an in-depth update on the current state of the coach education program. Currently, 46 states endorse and/or approve NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) Coach Education courses.

For more information, log on to www.nfhslearn.com.

The following are a few Ohio-specific highlights provided by Uniontown Lake athletic director Bruce Brown, a coach education instructor who helps coordinate Ohio’s coach education program.

1. As of January 1, 2011, nearly 22,500 interscholastic coaches in Ohio have been trained or are in the process of training. That number includes those who have completed either the online or “blended” courses and who are currently in the process of completing these courses.

2. Ohio has become a true leader in the country in making coach education and certification a priority. In December at the NIAAA conference, the National Federation held an Ad Hoc committee meeting on coach education. Many states are looking closely at what has been accomplished in Ohio as a possible model for their own coach education requirements.

3. With an estimated 44,500 interscholastic coaches, one out of every two school sport coaches in Ohio has been trained. Those are amazing results considering we started training coaches in Ohio just over two years ago.

4. As a reminder, completion of the coach education program is now a part of the Pupil Activity Permit, which is required by the Ohio Department of Education for all coaches.
OHsAA Pay-to-Participate Survey Yields Results
Forty-two Percent of Respondents Report having PTP Policy

By Brad Pettiford, OHSAA Sports Information Intern

The OHSAA has concluded its survey of Ohio high schools and the prevalence of pay-to-participate policies around the state. The survey was sent out to athletic directors at every school in the state, according to the contact information provided in the 2010-11 OHSAA School Directory. The research process took place from June 2010 until November 2010, with the initial findings being published in the fall issue of OHSAA Magazine.

Final results of the survey, for which there was a 66 percent response rate, show that 42 percent of Ohio high schools currently have some sort of pay-to-participate policy in place.

Pay-to-participate policies are most prevalent in the Central District, with 65 percent of responding schools having implemented some type of fee requirement. The Southwest District recorded the highest actual number of schools with pay-to-participate policies (73).

There are a wide variety of policies that have been implemented by schools around the state. Semantically creative policies like “bus fees” or “insurance coverage fees” sometimes take the place of participation fees. Several schools charge different amounts based on sport, and many schools graciously provide “family caps”—amounts that cannot be exceeded for families with multiple athletes or multiple-sport athletes. Research has shown the cheapest fee to be $10 per sport, while the most expensive fee is over $800 per sport.

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.

### District Breakdown

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Jerry Snodgrass is the newest assistant commissioner to join the OHSAA, beginning work there in August 2008. 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.
ATHLETIC TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

By Dr. Chris Stankovich, OHSAA Magazine Contributor

Athletic transferable skills and why they are important

Athletic transferable skills are learned in sports and are invaluable beyond sports – including the classroom, a future career, and life! Examples of athletic transferable skills include the ability to set and achieve goals, motivation, discipline, being a good ‘team player,’ making spontaneous decisions, and bouncing back from adversity (to name a few). Surprisingly, athletic transferable skills often go unnoticed by athletes because they take these skills for granted and erroneously believe that other non-athlete students have learned the same skills. This oversight may be explained by how regularly athletes use their athletic transferable skills – and consequently, take them for granted.

When student-athletes make the connection that athletic transferable skills are a.) unique to sports, b.) invaluable beyond sports, and c.) can help in every aspect of life, only then will they realize that their sports career and the lessons learned while competing can pay huge dividends toward a lifetime of happiness, health, and peak productivity.

Why athletic transferable skills work

Have you ever wondered why some athletes are calm, cool, and collected on the field – yet when it comes to writing a paper or delivering a speech in front of a class the exact opposite occurs? For most athletes, making the connection that the confidence and composure needed for athletic success is the same confidence and composure needed for academic success often does not occur. Instead, most athletes compartmentalize their athletic skills – and forget about the “transferable” part of these skills.

More specifically, the same skills an athlete uses to prepare for an opponent or make important decisions in the clutch are the same skills needed to communicate with teachers or one day successfully complete a job interview.

How to use athletic transferable skills

• Begin to draft a list of all the skills you have learned in sports. To get you started, take time to write down as many skills as you can and be sure to include the small ones, too (i.e. regularly making it on time to practice).
• Review your list and begin to examine how well you are currently using the skills you identified in other areas of your life, including school and other activities. Try to look for ways to integrate your athletic transferable skills in better, more effective ways if you discover you are not using them at all.
• Talk to your coaches about athletic transferable skills and get their thoughts. You will likely discover even more athletic transferable skills you have probably overlooked when you listen to how they have used these skills to move ahead in their adult lives.
• Take time to tell your teammates about athletic transferable skills and how they can capitalize on them, too! Remember, most athletes take these skills for granted, so it is quite likely they will appreciate this new discovery!

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MYOHSAA UPDATE

Much progress has been made and development continues on the myOHSAA technology project. Three main areas are currently in development.

First, improving the member school scheduling tool. These include adding contest types to designate a scrimmage, preview, jamboree (football), Foundation Game (volleyball or basketball), etc., changing the contracting accepting interface, changing the display of the notification box and adding an event moving feature.

Second, finishing and launching the public interface is a top priority. This will allow everyone to be aware of schedule changes, etc., when they occur.

And third, work on the API (application programming interface) data bridge with Schedule Star continues as both parties work through testing and more testing to synchronize the transfer of data between the two systems.

Once the scheduling enhancements have been completed, member schools can expect an update regarding those new features and progress on the Schedule Star bridge. Stay tuned to OHSAA.org and the spring issue of OHSAA Magazine for another update.

WHAT’S THE SCORE?!?

The tournament brackets within myOHSAA are dynamic brackets, meaning that when OHSAA tournament contest managers enter scores following a tournament contest, the brackets are immediately updated for all to see. Therefore, tournament managers are reminded to enter final scores into myOHSAA as soon as possible for families, fans, and the media to utilize.
The 2010 OHSAA Foundation Basketball Service Week has come to an end. This widely successful program included over 250 schools across the state taking part in over 100 events between November 17, 2010, and December 4, 2010.

The program offers member school basketball teams the chance to replace a scrimmage with a “Foundation Game.” The “Foundation Game” consists of two teams playing under normal game conditions, but does not count toward either team’s overall record. Schools are required to participate in a community service project benefiting a charity of their choice in conjunction with the game.

Some of the highlights from the 2010 Foundation Games were:

- The Chillicothe Unioto and McArthur Vinton County Foundation Game raised approximately $21,000 for Emile Coy, a senior at Unioto battling cancer for the second time in the past year. “I feel that this project and game has really opened the eyes of our team to how great it is to be a part of something bigger than they are,” said Matt Hoops, Unioto’s head boys varsity basketball coach.

- The Lebanon and Franklin Foundation Game collected 17,000 pounds of food for the Warren County Food Pantries.

- The Columbus Eastmoor Academy and Pickerington North Foundation Game was hosted and sponsored by Ohio State basketball great Clark Kellogg, with an X-Box 360 NBA2K11 Challenge between the two schools. “It is exciting to see our youth taking the opportunity to represent more than just themselves and their schools,” said Kellogg. Proceeds went to Operation Smile and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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The member schools collected over $100,000 for charitable organizations across the state. Some of these organizations included:

- Susan G. Komen Foundation
- American Cancer Society
- Relay For Life
- American Heart Association
- Various Scholarship Funds
- Children’s Hospital
- ALS Central Ohio
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Stefanie Spielman Fund
- The United Way
- American Red Cross
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Jimmy V Foundation
- Spina Bifida Association

“Along with the member schools, the OHSAA Foundation would like to thank each person who had a hand in making this year’s Basketball Foundation Service Week such a success,” said Kim Combs, Executive Director of the OHSAA Foundation. “A special thanks as well to the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association, which continues to support our efforts within the basketball community.”
Whether it is on the basketball court or in the community, the Strasburg-Franklin basketball teams are lending a hand. As part of the 2010 OHSAA Foundation Service Week from November 17 through December 4, the teams helped distribute groceries at the Total Living Center in Canton, Ohio.

This non-profit organization offers free groceries three or four times a week to those in need. This fall, the Strasburg-Franklin teams were able to unload over 16,000 pounds of groceries to over 400 people in need.

“This is a non-profit organization that works for a great cause. It is great to be able to help them in any way,” said Miller. “Being able to our kids get their hands dirty and make a difference in the community is an eye-opening experience for them.”

A few of the varsity boys players have been able to take part in this charitable act all three years. “It is a great feeling to help out those in need,” said Austin Hostetler, who helped out for his third year. “It lets us see how lucky we are and that we shouldn’t take anything for granted.”

Drew Kuecher, also volunteering for his third year, believes the charity work plays an important role with the team’s chemistry. “This is an opportunity that brings the team together,” said Kuecher. “We all have positive attitudes and it helps to create a brotherhood between all of us.”

As part of the OHSAA Foundation Service Week, schools get the opportunity to take part in a regulation game, under normal game conditions, to replace one of the five allotted scrimmages. The game does not count toward their win-loss records. Schools select a local community service activity in which both schools participate in conjunction with the Foundation Game.

“The Foundation Game gives our players more experience and it is a great jump start for the season,” said Miller. “It allows our young players to get a feel for the game atmosphere and our more experienced players to remember what it feels like.”

Without hesitation, all involved agreed that the opportunity to help out the community and their basketball team is a great experience. “Basketball is an extension of life,” Miller said. “Being able to help out the community in a positive way really puts that into perspective.”

This year marked the third year that the school has taken part in this activity, and Shawn Miller, the varsity boys basketball coach, noted the importance of working with the Total Living Center.

“It is a non-profit organization that works for a great cause. It is great to be able to help them in any way,” said Miller. “Being able to our kids get their hands dirty and make a difference in the community is an eye-opening experience for them.”

2010 Foundation Service Week Participants

Thank you for another successful year!

Archbold
Athens
Austintown-Fitch
Beavercreek
Bellevue
Berkshire OHSAA Foundation Intern
Bexley
Bishop Fenwick
B inkliss Middletown
Bishop Rosecrans
Blanchester
Boardman
Bryan
Butler
Canal Winchester
Canton South
Carey
Carrollton
Centerville
Chesapeake
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Maysville
McKinley
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Mifflin
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Northwest (Cincinnati)
Northwest (McDermott)
Norton
Notre Dame
Oak Hill
Ontario
Orville
Patrick Henry
 Pettisville
Plymouth
Princeton
Reading
Ridgedale
River View
Roosevelt
Rootstown
Rossford
Shelby
Sheridan
Southeastern
Southern (Racine)
Springboro
Springfield
St. John’s Jesuit
St. Joseph Central
Catholic
St. Edward
St. Francis DeSales
St. Xavier
Starrsburg-Franklin
Struthers
Stryker
Symmes Valley
Thomas Worthington
Toledo Central Catholic
Triway
Unioto
Upper Arlington
Van Wert
Vermilion
Warren Local
Waterford
Wauseon
West Branch
West Carrollton
West Muskingum
Western (Pike)
Western Brown
Westerville Central
Westerville North
Westerville South
Wickliffe
Wilmington
Wyoming
Xenia
Zanesville

* Denotes schools omitted from 2010 Foundation Newsletter.
DID YOU KNOW?

While studying the OHSAA's finances, please keep in mind these five key financial benefits that all member schools are afforded:

1. The OHSAA does not have annual membership fees. Such fees were discontinued by the OHSAA in the mid-1980s.

2. The OHSAA does not have tournament entry fees. Those fees, even though they were often only between $25 and $50 per sport, were also discontinued in the mid-1980s.

3. The OHSAA pays for catastrophic insurance coverage for all student-athletes, cheerleaders, band members, etc. That is an annual expense of approximately $700,000. The only assistance that schools are asked to provide toward that cost is a $250 donation for the opportunity to participate in a football jamboree game in August, at which schools may charge admission and generate revenue in other forms similar to a regular-season game.

4. In some OHSAA regional and state tournaments, schools are reimbursed travel costs. Those travel costs include mileage, meals, overnight accommodations, etc.

5. In some OHSAA regional and state tournaments, schools are permitted to offer presale tickets to their communities and keep a percentage of the revenue generated.

Please see pages 20 & 21 in the fall issue of OHSAA Magazine for a complete look at the OHSAA budget.
**Play Hard. Don’t Blink.**

**Sports Eye Safety Program**

The Ohio Ophthalmological Society’s *Play Hard. Don’t Blink.* sports eye safety program works with leagues and individuals in Ohio to promote the use of protective eyewear to reduce the number of sports eye injuries in Ohio’s young players. From baseball and softball helmets with face masks to sports goggles, including prescription sports goggles, you can get the eye injury protection you need to prevent youth sports eye injuries at no cost!

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.

**Schools across Ohio are Fueling up with Chocolate Milk Free Concession Kit Offer**

The American Dairy Association Mideast (ADA) has partnered with the OHSAA to promote chocolate milk as the Official Beverage of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Through this partnership, the ADA and OHSAA are promoting the “Fuel Up with Chocolate Milk” campaign to educate student-athletes, administrators, and fans on the benefits of drinking chocolate milk after exercising and physical activity.

The “Fuel Up” campaign can be seen all across the state at various OHSAA events and activities. From having chocolate milk as a beverage choice at the concession stands and customized branding at these events to rally towels for the fans (be sure to grab yours at the girls and boys basketball games and many other OHSAA events), it’s clear that chocolate milk is a popular choice among athletes.

Fortunately, we can prevent most of these injuries by encouraging players to wear eye protection.

Why wouldn’t a player use protective eyewear? Competitors in several sports have verified that face guards and protective eyewear do not impair their concentration or reduce their ability to focus. Some coaches feel that the extra protection actually enhances their young athletes’ concentration and alleviates their fear of injuries.

The Ohio Ophthalmological Society (OOS) 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 and organizations throughout the state to provide protective eyewear in efforts to reduce sports eye injuries and facial injuries.

**CORE PARTNERS**

**S P O N S O R S**

**O F F I C I A L B A L L S P O N S O R S**

**F A L L**

Football Wilson GST, Used in all OHSAA tournament contests

Soccer Mike T-90, Catalyst, Used in all OHSAA regional and state tournament contests

Volleyball Molten/IV 58L-BKSV-OH, Used in all OHSAA tournament contests

**W I N T E R**

Girls Basketball Rawlings/Comp/OHIO 285VB, Used in all OHSAA tournament contests

Boys Basketball Rawlings/Comp/OHIO VB, Catalyst, Used in all OHSAA regional and state tournament contests

**S P R I N G**

Baseball Rawlings R105-OHIO, Used in all OHSAA tournament contests

Softball Optic Yellow Worth C12RYL, Used in all OHSAA tournament contests

Steve Neil

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.
championships in March), the ADA has taken advantage of all the great outlets the OHSAA possesses. The organization has also used the partnership to reach out to the various local dairies across the state that are so vital to our everyday lives. Specifically, these dairies have donated chocolate milk for athletes and fans to enjoy at OHSAA championship events.

Starting this past fall, the ADA extended its partnership and began to support and become involved with the Respect the Game Respect Yourself campaign. Through this program, the ADA is now able to educate OHSAA coaches through Dr. Mike Thomson, who visits select coach’s clinics to educate them about the program and distributes refreshing chocolate milk. Finally, the “Fuel Up with Chocolate Milk” campaign has become the presenting sponsor of the new OHSAA Radio Network (visit OHSAA.org for a list of stations and championship event broadcasts).

**WHY CHOCOLATE MILK?**

- Chocolate milk is an ideal beverage for student-athletes. It provides them with the nutrition needed after sporting events and practices: 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.
- Chocolate milk is the perfect way to encourage our student-athletes to make smart food choices and lead a healthy lifestyle.
- Promoting nutrient-rich chocolate milk to our community complements a nationwide effort by the National Football League and the National Dairy Council called Fuel Up to Play 60! Nearly all Ohio schools are participating in this great program.

“Ohio’s Dairy Farmers are proud to see chocolate milk as the Official Beverage of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, bringing a positive nutrition message to middle and high school students across the state”

– Scott Higgins, Chief Executive Officer
FREE CONCESSION KIT OFFER

Attention School Boosters! Are you looking for additional concession stand sales? Want to include a good-for-you item on the concession menu? Add nutrient-rich chocolate milk, the official beverage of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, to your menu and watch your sales GROW!

If your school has an exclusive beverage contract with a soda company, no worries! Federal law states that milk – white or flavored – can be served anytime, anywhere on school grounds. That includes in your athletic complexes and concession stands.

To encourage your school’s coaches, athletes, students, fans and parents to “Fuel Up with Chocolate Milk,” the American Dairy Association Mideast is pleased to offer Ohio middle and high school booster groups a free chocolate milk promotion kit. OHSAA is proud to partner with Ohio’s dairy farmers because it’s a great way to encourage students to make smart food choices and lead a healthy lifestyle.

“The Fuel Up with Chocolate Milk” promotion kit includes a 60-quart Igloo cooler on wheels, colorful banners, posters, buttons and stickers, suggested PA announcements, and a simple how-to guide to help booster groups sell chocolate milk.

Booster groups will also have the opportunity to win exciting prizes just by showing us how they activated their “Fuel Up with Chocolate Milk” promotion kit!

Visit www.drink-milk.com/kit to request your kit today! While supplies last. One kit per booster group. Please allow two weeks for delivery.
**SportsTime Ohio**

SportsTime Ohio is the official television partner of the OHSAA and has exclusive rights to selected OHSAA state tournaments. Log on to the OHSAA's online Fan Guide to purchase DVDs of state tournament contests televised by STO. During the 2010-11 school year, events include the volleyball state finals, the football state finals and other selected football playoff games, the bowling state tournament, the ice hockey state tournament, the girls and boys basketball state finals and the softball state finals. STO provides fans across Ohio with exceptional regional programming, beginning with quality coverage of the Cleveland Indians. STO's programming expands beyond the OHSAA and baseball with coverage of the Browns, Ohio State, Cleveland State, golf, and outdoors programming. SportsTime Ohio is your home for Ohio sports.

**OHSAA Radio Network**

Created in the spring of 2010, the OHSAA Radio Network is a free, non-exclusive, commercial-split broadcast of selected OHSAA state tournament contests. During the 2010-11 school year, those events include the football championship games, the entire girls and boys basketball state tournaments and the baseball state tournament for a total of 42 contests. Radio stations and streaming websites are welcome to obtain the feed, which is delivered either 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 Stried at tstried@ohsaa.org.

**2011 Winter Championships Previews**

By Brian Day, OHSAA Sports Information Intern

**What:** BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING  
**When:** February 23-26  
**Where:** C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton

**About the Championships:** The largest natatorium in Ohio, C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton welcomes the 2011 state swimming and diving championships. Branin Natatorium has hosted the boys finals since 1976 and the girls finals since 1980 and seats up to 2,400 spectators with another 1,000 on the pool deck. A new schedule format debuts in 2011 that moves the swimming finals of both divisions into the evening (Div. I finals will be Saturday evening and Div. II Friday evening). In 2010, Cincinnati St. Xavier won the Div. I boys title for the 31st time, while Hunting Valley University School won the Div. II crown for the second-consecutive year. Streaks continued on the girls side in 2010 as Upper Arlington (Div. I) won for the sixth-consecutive year and Gates Mills Hawken (Div. II) won for the 12th straight year. Sectionals begin the week of Feb. 7 leading up to the 84th annual boys and 35th annual girls state meet.

**What:** WRESTLING  
**When:** March 3-5  
**Where:** Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State University, Columbus

**About the Championships:** Six hundred and seventy-two wrestlers will hit the mats vying for a state championship in the 74th annual state tournament, which is a three-day event held over five sessions and consists of 1,260 matches. In 2010, Wadsworth ended Lakewood St. Edward’s streak of 13 consecutive titles by winning the Div. I team crown. St. Paris Graham won its 10th straight championship in Div. II and Monroeville won its first title in Div. III. Monroeville’s team title was highlighted by senior Logan Steiber becoming the 19th four-time state champion in Ohio history. Sectional tournaments begin the week of Feb. 14.

**What:** BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING  
**When:** March 4 (Girls) and March 5 (Boys)  
**Where:** Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl

**About the Championships:** The fifth annual bowling state championships will move to Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl in 2011. Bowling is the youngest OHSAA sanctioned sport and is one of the fastest growing, with 62 more boys teams and 73 more girls teams in the 2009-10 school year than the previous season. In 2010, Springfield Kenton Ridge claimed the boys team title for the second-consecutive year, while Daniel Glascoc of Beavercreek was the individual medalist. The girls team state championship in 2010 went to Youngstown Boardman, with Mary Wells of Westerville Central winning the individual title. Sectional bowling tournaments begin the week of Feb. 14.

**What:** GYMNASTICS  
**When:** March 4-5  
**Where:** Hilliard Bradley High School

**About the Championships:** The 2011 state gymnastics championships return to Hilliard Bradley High School for the second-consecutive year. Team competition will be held Friday, March 4, while individual competition is Saturday, March 5. Individual medals are awarded in the vault, uneven parallel bars, balance beam, floor exercise and in the all-around. Brecksville-Broadview Heights continued its storied gymnastics history with its seventh title in a row in 2010. The Bees also claimed championships in four of the five individual events. District tournaments begin the week of Feb. 14 leading up to the 39th annual state tournament.

**What:** ICE HOCKEY  
**When:** March 12-13  
**Where:** Nationwide Arena, Columbus

**About the Championships:** The puck will drop again at Nationwide Arena for the 2011 ice hockey state tournament. This marks the ninth year in a row the event will be held at the home of the NHL’s Columbus Blue Jackets. Semifinals will be played Saturday, March 12, while...
the finals will be held the following day, which marks the OHSAA’s only championship event scheduled for a Sunday. In 2010, Cleveland St. Ignatius downed Sylvania Northview for the Wildcats’ second state ice hockey title. District tournaments, held in Sylvania, Brooklyn, Kent and Columbus, will begin the week of Feb. 14 leading up to the 34th annual state tournament.

What: GIRLS BASKETBALL
When: March 17-19
Where: Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State University, Columbus

About the Championships: Nearly 800 girls basketball teams will begin sectional tournament play the week of Feb. 14 hoping to find their way to Value City Arena for the 36th annual girls state basketball tournament. Four teams in each of the four divisions will reach that goal and compete for a state title in Columbus. The 2011 order of play is Div. II, Div. IV, Div. III and Div. I. Canton McKinley (Div. I), Findlay Liberty-Benton (Div. III) and Canal Winchester Harvest Preparatory (Div. IV) won state championships for the first time in 2010, while Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown (Div. II) successfully defended its title for the Blazers’ second-consecutive championship.

What: BOYS BASKETBALL
When: March 24-26
Where: Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State University, Columbus

About the Championships: The OHSAA’s 2011 winter sports season will cap off with the 89th annual boys state basketball tournament the last weekend of March. The third longest-running OHSAA state tournament – behind boys track & field (103 years) and boys tennis (91 years) – has been held at Value City Arena every year since 1999. Divisional rotation in 2011 is Div. II, Div. IV, Div. III and Div. I. State champions in 2010 were Massillon Jackson (Div. I), Dayton Dunbar (Div. II), Lima Central Catholic (Div. III) and Dayton Jefferson Twp. (Div. IV). Sectional tournaments tip off the week of Feb. 21.
GO THE DISTANCE

Runners race past the grandstand of Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in the Div. I 4x800 meter relay at the 2010 state track and field championships. The two-day event drew over 25,000 in attendance and returns to Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University June 3-4.

EASY ON THE FROSH

Only a freshman, Hebron Lakewood’s Kelsi Thompson (#19) is mobbed by her teammates after belting a lead-off home run in the second inning against Poland Seminary in the 2010 Div. II state softball championship. The run held up and gave the Lancers a 1-0 victory and their third consecutive state title. The 2011 state softball tournament returns to Akron Firestone Stadium June 2-4.
The Game Plan

Fuel up with nutrient-rich foods, like 1% chocolate milk, fruit and yogurt parfaits, salads and whole grain breads. Play for 60 minutes every day.

Fuel Up With Chocolate Milk

Carbohydrates to Provide Energy and Help Refuel Muscles

Protein to Support Growth and Repair of Muscles

Fluid and Electrolytes to Rehydrate

Vitamins and Minerals to Help Build Strong Bones and Bodies.

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