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Softball Interpreters Bulletin  
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- Our first 2017 softball bulletin comes early again this year as we have information that we would like to get to secretaries and interpreters and ask that you pass on to your umpires. Please send the information below concerning our Mechanics Clinics on to your membership.
- Softball packets have been mailed by the OHSAA to all officials. Remember these are not sent First Class so they may be delivered at various times to your umpires. If an umpire does not receive a packet the first thing to do is check and make sure that they have renewed their permit for 2017! This can be checked on myohsaa. Also, these mailings are not forwarded by the postal service. Umpires need to update their myohsaa profile and address when they move.
- Also, if you have any updates with new secretaries or interpreters please send me that information as well - swdoc@fuse.net
- Reminder - On Thursday, January 26, 2017, there will be a special rules meeting and lunch for local baseball/softball interpreters at the Doubletree Hotel, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus 43235. This meeting counts as fulfilling the requirement of a State Rules Interpretation meeting. The cost of the buffet is $30.00 per person. **This cost is a legitimate expense of your local association.** **Associations are required to have a representative attend this meeting.** The registration deadline for this meeting is January 19, 2017. Please be sure and get your registration forms in to Tyler Brooks at the OHSAA office by that time. If you need another registration form with the details contact Tyler at tbrooks@ohsaa.org. The agenda is:

  9AM Registration
  930-1130AM Baseball
  1130 AM OHSAA Information Baseball and Softball
  1230 Lunch
  130-330PM Softball

- Interpreters – The powerpoint presentation for the dual credit meeting will be on the disk given to you at the January 26 Interpreters Meeting.
• STATE MEETING INFORMATION –

As in the past, all softball umpires must attend four local rules meeting and one state rules meeting. As you know the OHSAA requires umpires holding permits in both baseball and softball to attend four local meetings for each sport. Please see details in the PRESEASON GUIDE.

The state meeting will be available both online and in person. There will be eight in person meetings. Each meeting will feature sessions of about two and a half hours and in addition to the state meeting will review the most important items that we want to cover prior to the 2017 season. By attending the entire session, you will receive credit for a local meeting in addition to the state softball meeting. The schedule is listed below with all meetings starting at 6PM.

Wednesday, January 25 – Jackson – High School – 500 Vaughn St.

Thursday, January 26 – Columbus – OHSAA Office – 4080 Roselea Place

Tuesday, February 7 – Findlay – Donnell Middle School – 301 Baldwin Ave.

Wednesday, February 8 – Monroe – High School - 220 Yankee Rd.

Thursday, February 9 – Canton – McKinley High School – 2323 17th St. NW

Tuesday, February 14 – Zanesville – High School – 1701 Blue Ave.

Tuesday, February 21 – Piqua – Upper Valley Career Center – 8811 Career Dr.

Wednesday, February 22 – Garfield Heights - High School – 4900 Turney Rd.

The online meeting for softball will be available during the first week of February. To find the link to the meeting, you must navigate to the Officiating webpage at www.ohsaa.org/Officiating, or you can access the online meeting from the myOHSAA.org login page (before you log in to your profile). You may also access a listing of in person meetings from your myOHSAA account. The last day in which an online rules meeting may be viewed without penalty will be Wednesday, March 8. Note that tablets and mobile devices should not be used for the online meetings as frequently these devices will not record rules meeting credit. A laptop or desktop device should be used.

• MECHANICS CLINIC INFORMATION

The OHSAA will sponsor three Softball Mechanics Clinics in 2017. Details are in the flyer below. Please get this out to your umpires as soon as possible in order that they can register promptly and thanks to Larry Black for again serving as our registration coordinator. Early registrations help insure that we have an adequate supply of registration gifts, plenty of instructors and lunch for all participants.
The OHSAA will again sponsor three Softball Mechanics Clinics in 2017. These clinics, designed to help umpires improve their skills and attain their advancement goals, will emphasize plate and base mechanics. Staff will be from the OHSAA Softball Umpire Instructional Team and will include OHSAA softball tournament observers. An OHSAA state rules meeting will also be available for registered clinic attendees only. Umpires attending will receive credit for their required state meeting and one local rules discussion meeting.

The cost of each clinic will be $60 which includes all instruction, lunch, and a registration gift. Immediate registration is encouraged as the number of attendees at each location will be limited. Some past clinics have sold out – we hated to cut off registrations and as a result have added additional clinics around the state.

This clinic will be a working clinic – attendees should come prepared for both plate and base drills in an indoor setting. Please bring your plate equipment - OHSAA umpire uniform is recommended. Please also bring gym shoes as the weather will likely require that these be indoor events. Stations will be rotated in order that attendees can work with each instructor. Questions should be directed to Clinic Director Jerry Fick, OHSAA Director of Officials Development – Softball at swdoc@fuse.net.

For Registration - Mail form found on Page 2 to: Larry Black, OHSAA Softball Clinic Registration Coordinator, 768 West Main Street, Westerville, OH 43081

Note – Clinic registration will start at 9AM and program will begin at 930AM. In case of inclement weather participants will be notified by email and the clinic will be rescheduled.
OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2017 SOFTBALL UMPIRES MECHANICS CLINICS

REGISTRATION FORM

Select Location:

____Sunday, February 19 – DONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL – FINDLAY – 301 BALDWIN AVE

____Saturday, March 4 – WALSH JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL – CUYAHOGA FALLS – 4550 WYOGA LAKE RD.

____Sunday, March 5 – REYNOLDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL LIVINGSTON CAMPUS – COLUMBUS - 6699 EAST LIVINGSTON AVE.

Name:________________________________________

OHSAA Permit #________________________EMAIL

ADDRESS_________________________________________________

Primary Phone Number_________________________________________________

Years Registered as an OHSAA Softball
Umpire_________________________________________________

Mail with payment of $60 to: Larry Black, OHSAA Softball Clinic
Registration Coordinator, 768 West Main Street, Westerville, OH 43081

Make checks payable to OHSAA
• **A message to all OHSAA officials who hold BOTH a baseball and softball permit and also to all local association secretaries for each of these sports.** As you have been previously informed, effective last season, the OHSAA will require umpires holding permits in both sports to attend four local meetings for baseball and four local meetings for softball. Local Associations will no longer be permitted to offer meetings that give credit for both sports in a single session. There will be one exception to this provision as each local association will be able to conduct one meeting that covers OHSAA regulations and other items that are common to both sports. Officials will be able to attend only one of these meetings and those who do so will receive credit for a meeting in both baseball and softball. An official attending one of these meetings would then have to attend at least three additional baseball meetings and three additional softball meetings to meet the attendance requirements for each sport. All local associations offering these “dual credit” meetings may offer only one such meeting per year and will be required to follow an agenda and powerpoint provided by the OHSAA. We want to be certain that all umpires holding both of these permits are all aware of this change. Many umpires won’t be impacted because either associations or individual umpires have been meeting the new requirements in past years. **Obviously, the purpose of these changes is to increase the educational opportunities for our umpires working both games and ultimately benefit participating student athletes by enhancing the knowledge base of umpires in these sports.**

• Secretaries and Interpreters – please remind your members who are impacted by this (those with BOTH baseball and softball permits) at your meetings and in your other communications.