• Our first 2018 softball bulletin comes early again this year as we have information that we would like to get to our umpires. Our bulletins will come to you directly this year from the OHSAA office which will make it easier on our secretaries and interpreters who will no longer have to relay the information to you. This will be more efficient and allow for more timely distribution with everyone receiving the information at the same time. **Topics in this bulletin include state meeting and detailed Mechanics Clinic information (see page 2 for registration form).** With our first clinic coming up early in February now is the time to register. **New Sites are included for 2018:**

  •  Sunday, February 11 – Cincinnati/Dayton Area
  •  Sunday, February 25 – Toledo Area
  •  Sunday, March 4 – Columbus Area

• 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 2018! 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.

• **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 2018 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.

  Tuesday, January 30 – Zanesville – High School – 1701 Blue Ave
Thursday, February 1 – Columbus – OHSAA Office – 4080 Roselea Place

Tuesday, February 6 – Jackson – High School – 500 Vaughn St.

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

Tuesday, February 13 – Canton – McKinley High School – 2323 17th St. NW

Thursday, February 15 – Cleveland - Garfield Heights High School – 4900 Turney Rd.

Tuesday, February 20 – Piqua – Upper Valley Career Center – 8811 Career Dr.

Thursday, February 22 – Findlay – Donnell Middle School – 301 Baldwin Ave.

The online meeting for softball will be available during the first week of February. To access the online State Rules Meeting, you must log in to your myOHSAA profile and click on the “Rules Meetings” icon in the top right. 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 March 7. 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 2018. 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.

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2018 SOFTBALL UMPIRES MECHANICS CLINICS

Sunday, February 11 – Cincinnati/Dayton Area

Sunday, February 25 – Toledo Area
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All sessions are from 9 AM to 4PM.

The OHSAA will again sponsor three Softball Mechanics Clinics in 2018. 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.

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2018 SOFTBALL UMPIRES MECHANICS CLINICS

REGISTRATION FORM
Select Location:

____ Sunday, February 11 – Cincinnati/Dayton Area – Lakota East HS– 6840 Lakota Ln - Liberty Township

____ Sunday, February 25 – Toledo Area – Lake HS – 28080 Lemoyne Rd. - Millbury

____Sunday, March 4 – Reynoldsburg HS 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