Ohio High School Athletic Association

Softball Interpreters Bulletin

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• In this bulletin – 1) State Meeting Info including change in site for Findlay meeting; 2) Mechanics Clinic Info; 3) Recruiting New Umpires and weekend classes
• Our first face to face state meetings were held this past week in Jackson and Columbus. Upcoming face to face state meetings are:

February 7 – Findlay – Glenwood Middle School – 1715 North Main St.

NOTE SITE CHANGE FOR TUESDAY’S FINDLAY MEETING FROM DONNELL MS TO GLENWOOD MS!

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

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. All meetings start at 6PM!

For those desiring to do the state meeting online it is now available at the pre-login page on your myohsaa portal using this link - http://officials.myohsaa.org/Logon. Although the deadline is March 8 we encourage officials to not “wait until the last minute”.

• 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.

2017 SOFTBALL UMPIRES MECHANICS CLINICS
Sunday, February 19 – Findlay

Saturday, March 4 – Akron

Sunday, March 5 – Columbus

All sessions are from 9 AM to 4PM.

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 below 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

• We continue to have a need for new umpires in nearly all areas of the state. We all know how difficult it is to recruit new umpires and get them enrolled in classes during the middle of the winter. In order to help with this, we have some weekend classes that allow new umpires to avoid the weeknight meetings and get started. In addition to the weekend classes participants work scrimmages in their home area and take the test. They are then referred to the local association back in their home area. Classes open next week in Central Ohio (instructor contact is Mike Burwell - WMTC2001@YAHOO.COM) and Northeast Ohio (instructor contact is Wally Stuchul - wls9@zips.uakron.edu). Additional classes are offered in March in Southwest Ohio (Cincinnati and Dayton) – those interested can contact Jerry Fick at swdoc@fuse.net. Of course, registration for all classes can be done directly on the officials portal.