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If you haven’t attended a face to face meeting or completed the 2018 State Softball Meeting online, you have until March 7th to do so.

TO ACCESS ONLINE RULES MEETINGS:
1. Login to your myOHSAA profile
2. Click on the “Rules Meeting” icon
3. Click on “Find a State Rules Meeting”
4. Search for your sport specific State Rules Meeting using the ‘Sports’ and ‘Meeting Type’ drop-down menus
5. Click on ‘View Meeting’ once the State Rules Meeting has gone live

Remember that a minimum of four local meetings are required. If you have questions, contact your local secretary.

There was an email sent to all Class 1 Softball officials covering all details of our voluntary testing program. Starting this season, the OHSAA is piloting a yearly online testing program. The test is totally voluntary, but taking the exam has the opportunity to provide you extra points on your composite postseason score for 2019. You will need to access the exam at the following link, [http://exams.nfhs.org](http://exams.nfhs.org) Your username and password is your OHSAA permit number. Only your first attempt at the exam will count towards the bonus points, so take your time.

- 94-100% - 3 points
- 86-92% - 2 points
- 80-84% - 1 point

The test is available until March 16th. We hope you take this opportunity to participate.

Final Mechanics Clinic is this week – Sunday March 4 at Reynoldsburg HS Livingston Campus—Registration Forms and more information at end of this bulletin. Plan now to attend! If you
don’t feel you can get the form in quickly enough please email me at swdoc@fuse.net and we will add you to the roster. You may “pay at the door.”

- 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 starting a little later in the spring 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. Registration for these classes can be done directly on the officials’ portal. Please take the time to recruit a friend or relative into our program.

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**2018 SOFTBALL UMPIRES MECHANICS CLINICS**

Sunday, March 4 – Columbus Area - Final Clinic!

**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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REGISTRATION FORM

_____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