The Ohio High School Athletic Association
Serving member schools, coaches, student-athletes and contest officials since 1907

OHSAA Mission
To serve our member schools and enrich interscholastic opportunities for students.

Act with Dignity
Speak with Courtesy
Play with Pride

Preparing students not for the next level of sports, but for the next level of life.

The OHSAA Believes That:
• Participation in interscholastic athletics programs is a privilege, not a right.
• Participation in interscholastic athletics programs complements a student’s school experience and teaches lifelong lessons of hard work, teamwork and self-discipline.
• Participation in interscholastic athletics programs promotes citizenship and sporting behavior, instills a sense of community and promotes a lifetime appreciation for sports and healthy lifestyles.
• All students, regardless of ethnicity, race or gender, should have an equal opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics programs.
• Sporting and ethical behavior are expectations in interscholastic athletics by all participants, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators.
• Coaches, administrators and contest officials should serve as positive role models who are critical to a student’s development and success.
• In order to minimize health and safety risks and maintain ethical standards, it is mandatory that interscholastic athletics participants are free from use of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs.
• All rules, regulations and facilities for and supervision of interscholastic athletics programs should ensure maximum protection of the health, safety and well-being of each participant.
• Limitations should be placed upon the length of sport seasons and the number of interscholastic contests played by participants.
• Students should engage in a well-rounded experience that encourages participation in a multitude of extracurricular activities.

Fan Fair Play Code
• I will remember that young people play sports for THEIR enjoyment.
• I will have realistic expectations and understand that doing one’s best is just as important as winning. I understand that ridiculing an athlete for making a mistake is not acceptable behavior.
• I will respect the official’s decisions and will encourage others to do the same.
• I will respect and show appreciation for the coaches and understand that they have given their time to provide sport activities for our young people.
• I will encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
  • I will show respect for my team’s opponents because I realize there would be no game without them.
  • I will not use bad language and will not harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
  • I will always show good sportsmanship. Young people learn by example.

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