



# Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game

Thomas More College  
April 12<sup>th</sup>

### OHSBCA North-South All-Star Game

Olentangy Liberty HS  
Girls Game - 6:30 pm  
Boys Game - 8:15 pm  
April 25<sup>th</sup>

### OHSBCA Hall of Fame

Columbus Marriott OSU  
Social Hour - 5:30 pm  
Dinner - 6:30 pm  
Induction - 7:30 pm  
April 26<sup>th</sup>

### Girls Midwest Live

Cedar Point Sports Center  
Sandusky, OH  
June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

### Boys Midwest Live

Cedar Point Sports Center  
Sandusky, OH  
June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

### OHSBCA Coaches Clinic

St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus, OH  
September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE



Joe Balogh

Doug Graham and I attended the annual OHSAA meeting with the presidents of each coaching association on Wednesday and then I attended the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday. Here are a few items that might be of interest to you and the members of your district association.

- Competitive balance numbers for winter sports were just completed and final numbers will be presented during the May or June Board of Directors meeting. You may want to check with your athletic director to make sure your school's number is correct.
- The 13 summer days of coaching has not changed except that the starting date will be the Monday of the week that May 15 falls on. So this year the start date is Monday, May 12.
- All fall sports will start on August 1 except that golf will start the at the beginning of the week that August 1 falls on.
- A reminder to know the regulations for individual skill coaching for team sports.
- There will be no more rating of officials because Dragon Fly cannot do it. There will be a voting process for coaches similar to what athletic directors are currently doing. There will be four categories to determine state tournament officials: coaches, athletic directors, local official associations, and stake holders (league assigners, OHSAA officials).
- There is now a process where player ejections are reviewed by the OHSAA if video is sent within 48 hours. An example was given where there was a fight between two schools and the OHSAA had the two athletic directors of the schools look at the film and determine who should be suspended and who should not be suspended. There are no appeals for coaches being ejected from games.
- Tournament expansion --- the OHSAA explained that the purpose of expansion in sports is to put teams into a tournament that would be of equal representation similar to the league they play in.

As we wrap up the 2024-25 school year, the annual Boys & Girls North-South All-Star Game were played on Friday, April 25 at Olentangy Liberty High School. On the next, Saturday, April 26, we in-

ducted the 68<sup>th</sup> Class in the OHSBCA Hall of Fame. Inducted were Scott Aronhalt (Zanesville). Ray Corbett (Grandview Heights), Tim Tucker (Margaretta), and Paul Wackerly (St. Thomas Aquinas, North Canton Hoover, Massillon Perry, and Glen Oak.

Congratulations to the 14 state champions in Ohio high school basketball. Champions for the Girls were D1 - Pickerington Central (Coach Jonathon Hedgepeth), D2 - Winton Woods (Coach Carlton Gray), D3 - Purcell Marian (Coach Jamar Mosley), D4 - Bellevue (Coach Kory Santoro), D5 - Portsmouth (Amy Hughes), D6 - Columbus Grove (Coach Brian Schroeder) and D7 - Waterford (Coach Jerry Close). Champions for the Boys were D1 - Olentangy Orange (Anthony Calo), D2 - Westerville North (Coach Shan Trusley), D3 - Louisville (Coach Tom Siegfried), D4 - Maysville (Coach David Brown), D5 - Lutheran East (Coach Sma Liggins), D6 - Monroe Central (Coach Mason Lang) and D7 - Russia (Coach Spencer Cordonnier).

Finally, THANK YOU for all you have done for the game of basketball, the growth and development of your players and the commitment to your schools and communities. Your dedication to our sport does not go unnoticed, and your time and energy spent with our kids is of worth beyond your paycheck. On behalf of the OHSBCA, thanks for all you do for the game of basketball. Have a GREAT Summer!!

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The OHSBCA will be offering an exciting opportunity designed specifically for first- and second-year head basketball coaches. A Mentorship Program that will provide invaluable professional development, mentorship, and resources to help support new head coaches in their transition into leadership.

Understanding the unique challenges that come with stepping into a head coaching role, this program connects new coaches with experienced mentors who can provide guidance, insight, and support throughout the season. Participants will also gain access to a variety of coaching resources aimed at enhancing their effectiveness both on and off the court.

The program benefits include:

- A complimentary OHSBCA membership for the 2025-2026 season, valued at \$25.00
- A waived registration fee for the 2025 OHSBCA Clinic, valued at \$105.00

## OHSBCA Directory

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- Assignment of an experienced mentor who can offer advice and support
- Access to OHSBCA's online coaching resources, including training materials and best practices
- Scheduled in-person and Zoom meetings to facilitate discussions, share strategies, and provide ongoing mentorship
- Additional gifts and coaching-related resources provided by the OHSBCA

Participation in this program is limited to 20 applicants, and the registration deadline is July 11, 2025. The cost to enroll is \$150.00.

We believe this program is a tremendous opportunity for new head basketball coaches to build their knowledge, expand their coaching network, and gain the confidence needed to lead a successful program. If you have any questions or would like to register a coach, please reach out to [ohsbcpub-licrelations@gmail.com](mailto:ohsbcpub-licrelations@gmail.com). Thank you for your time and for your continued dedication to developing coaches and student-athletes.

## OHSAA BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT RETURNING TO TRADITIONAL FINAL FOUR

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Next March, the Ohio High School Athletic Association girls and boys basketball state tournaments will return to the traditional format of the Final Four, with all state semifinalists converging in the same area in one weekend for the state tournament.

The University of Dayton Arena will continue to host all seven state championship games, along with several semifinal games, but UD Arena cannot host all 21 games of the state tournament with the new seven division format in basketball.

Additional sites in the Dayton area will be announced as host sites for some state semifinal games. The OHSAA Board of Directors approved the change at its April meeting.

"We looked at several options on how to conduct this year's state tournament with seven divisions, because UD Arena is not available to host all 21 games," said Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director. "We settled on the football model, with the state semifinals held on the weekend prior to the state finals. The feedback we received from the coaches at this year's state tournament led us to make this proposal to the board to go back to the traditional final four model, which will require additional sites. There are some great options in that area and we are already working on those details."

Last fall, the girls volleyball state tournament, which also had 21 contests, utilized three additional sites to supplement Wright State University. This coming June, the baseball state tournament will use one additional site. Firestone Stadium in Akron is available

that week to host the 21 games of the softball state tournament.

Last fall, soccer expanded to five divisions for girls and boys, with the state semifinals taking place mid-week and the winners advancing to Historic Crew Stadium for 10 championship games over four days.

The specific state tournament schedule and additional sites will be announced at a later date.

## OHSBCA COACHES CLINIC

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association (OHSBCA) is pleased to announce that the 2025 OHSBCA Clinic will be held at the Frank Murphy Convocation Center, located on the campus of St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio. St. Charles is a four-year Catholic college preparatory school founded in 1923. Originally established as a seminary, the school now serves as an all-male high school within the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, with a strong reputation for academic and athletic excellence.

Mike Ryan, Head Basketball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director at St. Charles, expressed the school's enthusiasm, "we are thrilled to host the OHSBCA Clinic in 2025. St. Charles is eager to welcome coaches from across the state to our exceptional facilities, providing a dynamic setting for learning and collaboration. With a tradition of excellence, both academically and athletically, we are proud to support the growth of high school basketball in Ohio. We look forward to offering a memorable experience for all attendees and contributing to the success of the OHSBCA Clinic."

The Frank Murphy Convocation Center, which opened in 2023, is a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance both athletic performance and fan experience. It features seating for 1,300, three video boards, and a dropdown scoreboard, making it an ideal venue for the clinic.

"We are excited to partner with St. Charles Preparatory School and host the 2025 OHSBCA Clinic at the impressive Frank Murphy Convocation Center," said Adam Hall, OHSBCA Clinic Director. "This state-of-the-art facility will provide an exceptional environment for learning and networking. St. Charles has a long-standing tradition of excellence, both academically and athletically, and we're grateful for their commitment to supporting high school basketball in Ohio. We're confident that this clinic will be a fantastic experience for coaches, helping to foster collaboration and growth across our basketball community."

The 2025 OHSBCA Clinic will be held September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

CHECK OUT THE OHSBCA  
ON THE WEB

[oh.nhsbca.org](http://oh.nhsbca.org)

## OHSBCA Directory

### District 1 Director

Jeff Brink, Springfield Local

### District 2 Director

Sean O'Toole, Gilmour Acad.

### District 3 Director

Brett Larrick, Elyria Senior

### District 4 Director

Josh Hose, Massillon

### District 5 Director

Joe Dunlevy, Indian Creek

### District 6 Director

Joe Bedingfield, Willard

### District 7 Director

Dave Boyce, Perrysburg

### District 8 Director

Aaron Elwer, Delp St John's

### District 9 Director

Carla Siegel, Fort Loramie

### District 10 Director

Michael Bates, Africentric

### District 11 Director

Chris Powell, Granville

### District 12 Director

Clint Crane, Caldwell

### District 13 Director

Travis Wise, South Point

### District 14 Director

Josh Arey, Peebles

### District 15 Director

Adam, Preifer, Centerville

### District 16 Director

Ricardo Hill, Indian Hill

## NOMINATIONS FOR OHSBCA HALL OF FAME

Any coach can nominate a worthy candidate for the OHSBCA Hall of Fame. From time to time, questions are raised why coach so and so is not in the Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Sometimes it is just a simple fact that the coach has not been nominated for this honor.

Any coach can nominate a candidate for the Hall of Fame. Nomination Forms can be obtained by contacting chairperson Greg Nossaman of Olentangy Liberty or by downloading the form from our OHSBCA web site ([oh.nhsbca.org](http://oh.nhsbca.org)). Complete the requested information and mail to:

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Let's Honor "ALL" our great coaches!

## CENTURY AWARD

OHSBCA members who achieve Century Award status (100-200-300-400-500-600-700 wins) during the season should complete the Century Award Form located on the OHSBCA website ([oh.nhsbca.org](http://oh.nhsbca.org), click on Forms, then click forms online, and click the Century Award).

- \* Varsity coaches may count their varsity wins in Ohio only
- \* Boys and Girls wins may be combined for total wins.
- \* Junior Varsity, Freshmen, and Junior High coaches may count their wins at any level towards their totals

Questions contact:

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**DUE SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

## BOB ARNZEN AWARD

The Bob Arnzen Award is awarded to coaches who have devoted 20 consecutive years or more service to the same school at any level and must be an active member of the OHSBCA for the past five years. Recipients will receive a plaque at halftime of their respective state tournaments.

If you qualify for the 2024-25 school year, please submit a complete the online application at the OHSBCA website ([oh.nhsbca.org](http://oh.nhsbca.org)) and click on forms. Select the Bob Arnzen Award form:

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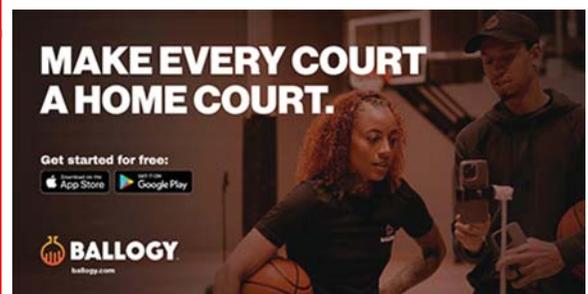
## FUTURE ELECTIONS

In 2025, the following positions are to be elected:

1. **Vice-President** (9-year term)
2. **Secretary** (4-year term)
2. **Odd Number Districts Directors** (3-year term)
3. **Girls District Directors of Districts 1 & 4, District 8 & 9, Districts 10 & 11, and Districts 13 & 14** (3-year term)

Candidates for Vice-President must be a member of the Association, must be in an active coaching position, and have served at least two years as a District Director or Girls District Director at the State level or must have been five years in a leadership position at the District level.

Qualifications for the **OTHER POSITIONS** is that the candidate must be a member of the OHSBCA. Candidates for all these positions must send a letter of intent to the President of the OHSBCA stating the position in which the will be a candidate for by July 1<sup>st</sup>.



## BALLOGY

Hey Coach!

Our partners at Ballogy just launched their biggest update yet—and it's built with you in mind.

Ballogy now gives you a completely reimagined way to manage your team, assign workouts, and track progress from anywhere (mobile device or desktop). You can get 10 players on for free and explore powerful tools designed to help you coach smarter, not harder.

Here's what's now available for FREE:

- AI-powered shot tracking breaks down every session, shot by shot
- Real-time performance data with shooting percentages and heat maps
- 100+ elite-level drills and workouts ready to assign
- Custom training plans built in seconds
- Ballogy AI delivers on-the-spot guidance for player improvement
- Global leaderboard and player resume tools to motivate and showcase talent
- New recruiting opt-in gives players direct exposure to over 2,000 colleges via our new partnership with CSA PrepStar

Ballogy isn't just a training app—it's a development platform built to give your team a home court advantage, wherever they are. Download the Ballogy app and claim your free group now!



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## OHSBCA Directory

### Girls DD 1 & 4

Mike Miller, Triway

### Girls DD 2 & 3

Andy Booth, Wadsworth

### Girls DD 5 & 12

Troy McClellan, Strasburg

### Girls DD 6 & 7

Natalie Lantz, Shelby

### Girls DD 8 & 9

Greg Rickard, Crestview

### Girls DD 10 & 11

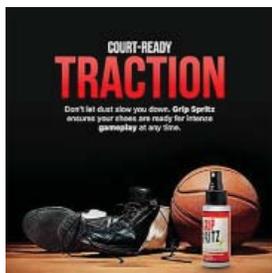
Dave Butcher, New Albany

### Girls DD 13 & 14

Jon Buchanan, Fairland

### Girls DD 15 & 16

Beth Simmons, Summit CD



## GOLF OUTING

The OHSBCA will be hosting a golf outing on Saturday, September 13, 2024 at the Delaware Golf Club. This golf outing is the day before our annual clinic and we will have a shotgun start at 1:30 PM. So plan on bringing your staff down a day early for a round of golf. After the round, a meal will be provided. We will only be accepting the first 32 teams so please make sure to register your team

## OHSBCA SHOT CLOCK SHOOTOUT

The OHSBCA will, once again, sponsor the Shot Clock Shootout of the Christmas holidays. The 2025 Shot Clock Shootout has been finalized. This two-day event will take place over the Christmas break on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. at the Canton Memorial Field House, featuring ten games over a two-day period.

### Saturday, December 27, 2025

12:00 PM - Shelby vs West Branch (Girls)  
1:45 PM - Northwest vs Canton McKinley (Girls)  
3:30 PM - Olentangy vs Hoover (Boys)  
5:15 PM - Elyria vs Massillon Washington (Boys)  
7:00 PM - Maysville vs St. Vincent-St. Mary (Boys)

### Sunday, December 28, 2025

12:00 PM - Grand Valley vs Rocky River (Boys)  
1:45 PM - Olentangy Berlin vs Rocky River (Girls)  
3:30 PM - Hamilton Township vs Canton Central (Boys)  
5:15 PM - Youngstown Ursuline vs Tallmadge (Boys)  
7:00 PM - Warren Harding vs Canton McKinley (Boys)

## OHSBCA COMMUNICATION

Monthly newsletters from September through April will be published and sent to all active members with a valid email address. The information will be short and concise to keep you updated on the latest happening of Ohio basketball.

Hooplines will be published twice a year. The Year in Review will be released in January which contains the rich history of the OHSBCA. The Spring Edition will be issued in May, highlighting all of the award winners that the OHSBCA honors for the past basketball season.

Social Media will posted current updates on the OHSBCA happenings. You can get them at:

**Twitter:** @ohiobkcoaches

**Facebook:** Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association

**Instagram:** ohsbca1947

## 28.5 OHIO CLASSIC

The OHSBCA is proud to host the first-ever 28.5 Ohio Classic on Jan. 31, 2026, at Big Walnut High School! A historic day for Ohio high school hoops—girls' teams, coached by women and officiated by women.

### Saturday, December 27, 2025

10:45 AM - Worth. Kilbourne vs Dublin Jerome  
12:30 PM - Fort Loramie vs Indian Hill  
2:15 PM - Holy Name vs Medina  
4:00 PM - Archbishop Hoban vs Versailles  
5:45 PM - St. Vincent-St. Mary vs Princeton  
7:30 PM - Copley vs Big Walnut

## MIDWEST LIVE SCHOLASTIC EVENT

Once again, the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association will be hosting a Midwest Live Scholastic Event for both the Girls and Boys. These events will be held during the NCAA Division I Recruiting Period in June. The Girls event will be held on June 13 & 14 and the Boys event will be played on June 27-29. The top Girls and Boys players and teams will assemble at Cedar Point Sports Center in Sandusky, Ohio to participate in this summer tournament.

The Girls event will have over 100 high school teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The Boys event will have 140 high school teams from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Indiana.



## GATORADE

Hey Coach,

We are excited to announce that the Gatorade Chews are now available in the 2025 Gatorade High School Performance Packages! Please see attached to view this year's updated pricing guide.

Gatorade Chews are available for the Fueling on the Go and Sideline Essentials packages. Gatorade Chews are designed to deliver energy to athletes without caffeine. Flavors: Cool Blue and Fruit Punch

Gatorlyte Sticks replaced Gatorade Zero Sticks for all packages. Gatorlyte Sticks have a unique blend of 5 electrolytes for rapid rehydration of athletes. Flavors: Watermelon and Cherry Lime

New Gatorade coolers are available in the Sideline Essentials package (max 2 coolers per package in any combination: 6 gallon, 9 gallon, or 60 qt ice chest on wheels)

Muscle Milk is available in 3 flavors for the Fueling on the Go and Sideline Essentials packages: Chocolate, Vanilla, and Strawberry

Each school is limited to 15 high school packages per calendar year and based on first come, first served. These packages may only be purchased to be used for the ordering high school.

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact your Authorized Gatorade Athletic Team Dealer or email [GatoradeGForcePartner@pepsico.com](mailto:GatoradeGForcePartner@pepsico.com) to find your Authorized Gatorade Athletic Team Dealer.