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Upcoming Events

OHSBCA Fall Meeting

OHSAA Offices

October 20th

Girls Practice Begins

October 24th

Boys Practice Begins

October 31th

Girls First Game

November 21st

Boys First Game

November 26th

OHSBCA

Membership Deadline

December 31st

Hooplines

Year-In-Review Issue

January 23rd

OHSBCA Awards

Academic All-Ohio

Academic Teams

Boys Assistant COY

Boys Coach of Year

Boys Player of Year

Coaches Scholarship

Girls Assistant COY

Girls Coach of Year

Girls Player of Year

2FG/ 3FG / FT Awards

Scholarship Society

Deadline March 1st



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome everyone to the 2025-26 basketball season. As we begin the start of practice, I want to give you an update on the many topics that the OHSBCA has plans for the coaches of Ohio. To begin, the MaxPrep Rating system will remain the same for this season. The OHSBCA will continue to monitor and make necessary tweaks if needed at the end of the season.

The OHSBCA will again be hosting a Shot Clock Shootout over the Holiday break at the Canton Field House. We have expanded the shot clock to other events held over the Martin Luther King Weekend for organizers who have



John Feasel
Olentangy

requested to use it. We are looking forward feedback and gather data for the OHSAA.

The OHSBCA and 28.5 have combined to host an All-Female Showcase (girls' teams, women coaches, and women officials at Big Walnut High School on Saturday, January 31, 2026.

The State Tournament will return to the Final Four format and will be hosted in the Dayton Area. The Girls tournament will be played over a three-day period (March 12 -14) and the Boys tournament will be played over a four-day period (March 19 – 22). All Finals will be played at University of Dayton Arena. More details will be available once the schedule is finalized.

We will again hold the North-South game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 24, 2026 and the Hall of Fame Banquet at the Columbus Marriott OSU on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

The Midwest Live Events will again be held at Cedar Point Sports Complex. The Girls event has been pushed back a week later to Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2026. The Boys event will continued to held the same weekend Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28, 2026.

It's an honor to lead the OHSBCA for the next three years. There are some major changes on the horizon, the Shot Clock and High School NIL is about to reshape basketball in Ohio—but we'll navigate them together.

I've been attending as many district meetings as possible and plan to visit games across the state this season. My goal is to be a leader who's involved, approachable, and truly represents all of you.

Wishing everyone a great season—it's one I know I'll remember!

RPI RATING SYSTEM

By Joe Balogh, Executive Director

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association has revisited the rating system being use with Max Preps. The OHSBCA agree that the RPI Formula that we have been using was transparent and easy to calculate. These factors were very important to the coaches and the directors decided to remain with the same RPI Formula that was used last season. The three components of the formula will consist of Percentages for RPI, Points of Classifications, and Out of State Points.

First component is the Percentages for the RPI. The Percentages for RPI is based on WP (Winning Percentage), OWP (Opponents Winning Percentage), and OOWP (Opponents Opponents Winning Percentage). The formula will be **40%WP x 40%OWP x 20% OOWP**.

The second component will be Points of Classification. Division 1 - 2 points, Division 2 - 1.85 points, Division 3 - 1.70, Division 4 - 1.55, Division 5 - 1.40, Division 6, 1.25, and Division 7 - 1.10.

The third component is based on out-state opponents. The point value of 1.55 points will be awarded.

The OHSBCA and coaches will be monitoring the effects of these components to the rating system and will re-evaluate at the end of the season.

HOOPLINES

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 concide 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.

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OHSAA MEMBERS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026

Divisional breakdowns were approved by the OHSAA Board of Directors on June 12, 2025. Below is the numbers used to classified schools in the divisions for Basketball Tournaments 2026.

OHSAA SPORT DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS FOR 2025-2026		
BOYS		
Division 1	625 or More	(66 Teams)
Division 2	431 - 624	(72 Teams)
Division 3	269 - 430	(130 Teams)
Division 4	196 - 268	(129 Teams)
Division 5	144 - 195	(131 Teams)
Division 6	100 - 143	(130 Teams)
Division 7	99 - Less	(132 Teams)
GIRLS		
Division 1	577 - More	(65 Teams)
Division 2	407 - 576	(71 Teams)
Division 3	262 - 406	(127 Teams)
Division 4	189 - 261	(128 Teams)
Division 5	132 - 188	(127 Teams)
Division 6	91 - 131	(125 Teams)
Division 7	90 - Less	(126 Teams)

NEW DISTRICT DIRECTORS

District 8 Director - Todd Boblitt, Bluffton



Todd has spent his entire coaching career at Bluffton High School, leading the boys' basketball program for the past 20 years. During that time, he has compiled a 242-196 record, guiding his teams to one league title and six sectional championships.

District 11 Director - Rodney Brown, River Valley



Rodney has been a varsity head coach for 13 years, spending his first seven seasons at Cardington and the last six at River Valley. He has an overall record of 170-138. His teams have won two league titles, five sectional championships, and one district championship.

District 13 Director - Heath McKinnis, Oak Hill



Heath has served as a varsity head coach for 10 years. He spent two seasons coaching the girls' team at Jackson High School, followed by two seasons with the boys' team. For the past six years, he has led the Oak Hill boys' basketball program. Heath holds a career coaching record of 71-130.

Girls 10/11 Director - Carey Largent, Big Walnut



Carey has served as the head girls' basketball coach at Big Walnut High School for the past four years, compiling an impressive overall record of 61-15. Under her leadership, the program has secured an OCC championship, a district title, and a regional championship.

OHSBCA ELECTION RESULTS

Here are the winners for the 2025 Election

Vice-President - Brett Larrick, Elyria Senior

Secretary - Bob Von Kaenel, Dover, Ohio

District 1 Director - Jeff Brink, Springfield

District 3 Director - Brett Larrick, Elyria Senior

District 5 Director - Joe Dunlevy, Indian Creek

District 7 Director - Dave Boyce, Perrysburg, Ohio

District 9 Director - Carla Siegel, Fort Loramie

District 11 Director - Rodney Brown, River Valley

District 13 Director - Heath McKinnis, Oak Hill

District 15 Director - Adam Priefer, Centerville

Girls Director 1 & 4 - Mike Miller, Triway

Girls Director 8 & 9 - Tracy White, Versailles

Girls Director 10 & 11 - Carey Largent, Big Walnut

Girls Director 13 & 14 - Jon Buchanan, Fairland

Congratulations to all the winners. We look forward for them to represent the coaches of Ohio!



GATORADE

Gatorade is excited to provide you with a new Coach Resource highlighting the Importance of proper hydrations for your athletes and how Gatorade Hydrates Better Than Water. Through this tool, your athletes can better understand how Gatorade helps to restore fluids and electrolytes that are lost in sweat to support optimal performance.

Gatorade is dedicated to providing support for Coaches at all level and this new resource marks the first in a series of educational tools. The goal of the resource library is to arm Coaches with fueling plans so you can help your athletes stay on the field long, recover faster, and remain healthy all season long.

<https://performancepartner.gatorade.com/content/resources/pdfs/whats-lost-in-sweat.pdf>

Also, remember to order your Gatorade High School Performance Packages at up to 80% off retail pricing.

https://performancepartner.gatorade.com/images/GPPSellSheet_2025.pdf

To place an order, please contact your Authorized Gatorade Athletic Team Dealer or email GatoradeG-ForcePartner@pepsico.com to find your Authorized Gatorade Athletic Team Dealer.

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District 1 Director

Jeff Brink, Springfield Local

District 2 Director

Sean O'Toole, Gilmour Academy

District 3 Director

Brett Larrick, Elyria Senior

District 4 Director

Josh Hose, Massillon Washington

District 5 Director

Joe Dunlevy, Indian Creek

District 6 Director

Joe Bedingfield, Willard

District 7 Director

Dave Boyce, Perrysburg

District 8 Director

Todd Boblitt, Bluffton

District 9 Director

Carla Siegel, Fort Loramie

District 10 Director

Michael Bates, Africentric

District 11 Director

Rodney Brown, River Valley

District 12 Director

Clint Crane, Caldwell

District 13 Director

Heath McKinniss, Oak Hill

District 14 Director

Josh Arey, Peebles

District 15 Director

Adam, Preifer, Centerville

District 16 Director

Ricardo Hill, Indian Hill



MIDWEST LIVE 2025 RECAP

The OHSBCA finished the 4th Annual Boys Midwest Live Event this past June. With the change in the NCAA recruiting calendar, the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan join forces to hold a team event during the live recruiting period.

Midwest Live was a NFHS certified scholastic recruiting event held that was held June 27th- 29th at the Cedar Point Sports Center in Sandusky, Ohio. The teams played 4 games in a two-day format (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday).

There were 142 High Schools from Ohio (96 Schools), Michigan (35 Schools), Indiana (6 Schools), Pennsylvania (2 School) and West Virginia (3 Schools) that participated in the two-day event. There was a total of 228 college coaches from 144 schools represented at the showcase.

The purpose of this event was to showcase some of the best underclassmen talent the States of Ohio and Michigan have to offer. This was a college exposure event for student-athletes who have a goal of playing basketball at the next level and earning a scholarship. This event was held during the prime NCAA evaluation period for college recruiters.

The OHSBCA also held the 3rd Annual Girls Midwest Live Event a two weeks prior to the Boys (June 13th & 14th) at the Cedar Point Sports Center. Each team played two games per day for a total of four games.

There were 106 High Schools from Ohio (102 Schools), Pennsylvania (2 Schools) and West Virginia (2 Schools) that competed in the two-day event. There was a total of 97 college coaches from 67 schools represented at the showcase.

Plans for the 2026 Midwest Live Event are in the works. The Girls two-day event will be held June 19 - 20, 2026 and the Boys three-day event will be held June 26 - June 28, 2026.

WHY JOIN THE STATE ASSOCIATION

1. Provides at website (oh.nhsbca.org).
2. Publishes "The Hooplins" - The Official Publication of the OHSBCA.
3. Monthly Newsletters
4. Sponsors the State Basketball Clinic in Columbus.
5. Presents fifteen \$1,000 Scholarship to Member's children
6. Presents certificates and / or plaques to Century Award Winners to all Coaches who win 100-200-300-400-500-600-700-800 games on ALL COACHES on any level.
7. Presents plaques to ALL COACHES on any level for the Bob Arnzen Award.
8. Honors Boys & Girls Academic All-Ohio.
9. Honors Boys & Girls Top Five Academic Teams.
10. Maintains a Scholarship Society by presenting

Gold Certificates to all seniors who received a 3.2 GPA for seven semesters, and Silver Certificates to all junior who received a 3.2 GPA for five semesters.

11. Honors Boys & Girls Coaches of the Year in All Divisions.
12. Honors Boys & Girls Assistant Coach of the Year.
13. Presents Rings to Member Coaches for State Championship.
14. Sponsors the OHSBCA Hall of Fame.
15. Presents the Paul Walker Award to an outstanding coach.
16. Presents the Larry Wilson Award for contributions to the OHSBCA.
17. Selection of a Boys & Girls Coach for the Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award for the OHSAA.
18. Sponsors the North-South All-Star Games for Boys & Girls.
19. Selects Players & Coaches for the North-South All-Star Games.
20. Free admission to North-South All-Star Games
21. Honors Boys & Girls Players of the Year in all divisions.
22. Honors Mr. & Ms. OHSBCA Players of the Year for the State of Ohio.
23. Sponsors the Boys & Girls Midwest Live Event.
24. Presents the Hall of Honor Award for Exemplary Service to the OHSBCA.
25. Access to the NHSBCA Playbook App. which allows you to draw, store and show plays on any electric device.
26. Access to the NHSBCA Resource App. which contains over 100 animated plays and drills coaching clinic videos, podcast series and a variety of articles.
27. Honors Top Team & Individuals Free Throw Shooting in State.
28. Honors Top Team & Individuals Two Point Field Goal Shooting in State.
29. Honors Top Team & Individuals Three Point Field Goal Shooting in State.
30. Become a Member of the National High School Basketball Coaches Association.
31. Access to OHSBCA News on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
32. Presents John Wooden Legacy Award to Boys & Girls Coach that exemplify the traits of education, longevity, character, service, and excellence.
33. Presents Morgan Wootten Lifetime Achievement Award to Boys & Girls Coach that have dedicated their life to the game and have had a tremendous influence on their players and community.
34. Eligible for the Point Guard College Heart of a Champion Award.
35. Access to the Holding Court Podcast presented by the OHSBCA.
36. Receive discount offers on services provided by our sponsors.
37. A collective voice on issues related to basketball at the local, state and national levels.

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

Tracy White, Versailles

Girls DD 10 & 11

Carly Largent, Big Walnut

Girls DD 13 & 14

Jon Buchanan, Fairland

Girls DD 8 Director

Beth Simmons, Summit CD



FUNDRAISING UNIVERSITY

Fundraising University—the official fundraising platform of the OHSBCA—is offering one-on-one sessions at the clinic to discuss fundraising options and evaluate your current efforts.

We provide a variety of proven, tech-driven fundraisers, including:

- Discount products (cards and tickets)
- Consumable products (Popcorn, Cookie Dough, Beef Sticks, Coffee)
- Donation platforms that give supporters a gift (not crowdfunding!). Supporters receive a National Discount Offer!!!! Hundreds and Hundreds of discount/coupons that can save them \$\$\$\$ for supporting your team.

As fundraising continues to shift toward technology-based solutions, it's more important than ever to ensure your athletes and supporters are using a safe, effective platform. Don't get caught in the "percentage game" with hidden costs, tipping models, or the selling of supporter information. With Fundraising University, there are no hidden fees and 100% supporter security.

Our process combines high-level customer service with hands-on coaching, helping your team raise more money than ever—in less time, with less resistance—so you can stay focused on coaching, not fundraising headaches.



2025-26 LUCEO MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The OHSBCA will continue its partnership with Luceo Sports that adds value to your membership. You have access the Basketball Centric Apps - Whiteboard and Assist. Whiteboard is a Playbook Animation iOS app from Luceo Sports. This gives every coach the option of draw, storing and showing plays on any electric device (iphone, ipad, laptop, etc.) The Luceo Whiteboard program is currently used by NBA and college teams all over the country.

Luceo Sports has transcended the way players learn with the Assist App. This digital learning is highly engaging and mimics the way players learn today in this digital world. The Assist App allows coaches to deliver their animated playbook, to provide video driven team and personnel game plays, to create memorization games, and develop competitive team leader boards. Empower players to maximize their studying and mental preparation with an educational app designed to meet the specific needs of professional basketball players.

ORGANIZATION - ALL IN ONE PLACE

Give everyone on your team access to everything they need, whenever they need it. Everyone gets their own account, and the Assist app works on any

iPhone, iPad or Android device. Plus you can control which parts of the library your players see.

SAVE CONTENT FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

Stop trying to save playlists or download recordings to your phone. Sync content directly from X, Instagram, Youtube, Facebook and more directly to Luceo's Assist App. We've got you covered with established templates for organization, so you can kiss those days of juggling twenty apps goodbye.

TEACHING - EASILY COACH PLAYERS

Combine Luceo's animated play diagrams and video clips with it's built-in recording & telestration features to create easy to understand coaching moments. Add competitive learning games to create a complete online classroom.

LEARNING - GAMIFY EVERYTHING

Turn learning into a fun and competitive game. Repetition and retention are critical - have your players get competitive with their knowledge by turning everything into a digital game. Create training content that appeals to today's athletes and stop with the paper handouts.

EXECUTION - IMPLEMENT YOUR STRATEGY

Don't burn precious timeouts. Instantly pull up your best players, replay them, tweak on the fly, or sketch something new. Keep your team locked in and one step ahead.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT - ALWAYS PROGRESSING

Track player development by creating customized training sessions, monitoring progress, and generating detailed reports. Easily share updates with players and parents, ensuring clear communication about growth and performance. Keep your stakeholders updated and engaged.

DOWNLOAD & SHARE - PRO PLAYBOOKS & TRAINING MATERIALS

Tap into thousands of custom plays, skill-building drills, and training plans from top coaches. Or use our intuitive tools to easily turn your coaching materials into revenue by selling content through the Luceo Library.

CONNECTION - KEEP EVERYONE CONNECTED

Enhance team communication with our built-in chat feature, allowing coaches, parents, fans, and players to stay connected effortlessly. Share plays, game plans, and feedback instantly in one centralized platform, keeping everyone on the same page and ready to perform.

PERSONAL COACHING PORTFOLIO

Your coaching career, in your pocket. Your drills, playbooks, installs and ideas - safe forever! Never lose access to your coaching material, even when you change jobs. Create & Collect coaching materials from any source with one-tap. Stay Organized with quick tagging. One app to carry your coaching career on your phone, tablet, or computer - online or offline. With a personal portfolio, you own everything. So if you do ever move to a new home, you'll be setup in no time.

Members take full advantage of these benefits. Your players will enjoy it!!