



Oregon School Activities Association
25200 SW Parkway Avenue, Suite 1
Wilsonville, OR 97070
503.682.6722 fax: 503.682.0960 <http://www.osaa.org>



May 30, 2023

To: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Peter Weber, Executive Director
Subject: Important Reminders for 2023-24 School Year

With spring championships wrapping up this weekend, our staff wishes you the best with graduation and other end-of-year activities. As we look ahead to 2023-24, please note the following and pass it along to the appropriate people in your school/district.

- END OF THE ASSOCIATION YEAR** ([OSAA Rule 6.7](#))
The OSAA Association Year concluded on Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day). That means summer season activities may begin on Tuesday, May 30.
- MORATORIUM WEEK AND FALL 2023 IMPORTANT DATES** ([Board Policy – Moratorium Week](#))
This year’s Moratorium Week is set for July 23-29, 2023. Schools may request a shift in their Moratorium Week to another 7-day period this summer if they have conflicts. To request a shift, please email Kyle Stanfield at kyles@osaa.org.

The first practice date for Fall 2023 is Monday, August 14. The first contest date for cross country, soccer, and volleyball is Thursday, August 24. Football jamborees may begin Thursday, August 24 with football’s first contest date set for Thursday, August 31.
- BASKETBALL SHOT CLOCK** ([OSAA Basketball Shot Clock Packet](#)) ([Shot Clock Operator Duties](#))
Per Executive Board approval last September, OSAA will be requiring a :35 second shot clock in all varsity basketball games at all classifications for boys and girls starting with the 2023-24 season. The shot clock is also allowed, but not required, for sub-varsity contests. We encourage schools to utilize the shot clock this summer to gain experience for players, coaches, officials, and shot clock operators. Information for shot clock operators is available through the above link.
- PARTICIPATION ON AFFILIATED TEAMS / COACHES** ([OSAA Rule 8.6.5](#)) ([Student Intent to Transfer Certificate](#))
It is important to remind your coaches, students, and parents that if a student plays on a team where a majority of players attend another school or the coach is from another school and the student transfers to that school, the student is **INELIGIBLE** for one calendar year. This also includes students who have received athletic instruction within the past calendar year from any coach affiliated with the school to which the student transfers, including if a coach with whom the student has been affiliated in the past calendar year is subsequently hired by the receiving school. Students who intend to transfer should complete a Student Intent to Transfer Certificate indicating that they intend to transfer prior to receiving athletic instruction or participating on a team where the majority of players attend the new school.
- ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY and SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION**
([OSAA Rule 8.1.1](#)) ([OSAA Rule 8.1.2](#)) ([Satisfactory Progress Toward Graduation Chart](#))
Please remind your students who did not pass the required number of classes/credits during the spring grading period that they need to make up those classes via summer school, online course, night school, etc. to be eligible to participate in the Fall of 2023. This applies to all OSAA activities, including speech and music competitions. The OSAA plans to continue to utilize an email process for academic eligibility hardship requests rather than the online request form. Note that schools will now need to include the student’s detailed academic plan for regaining academic eligibility when making a request.
- RECIPROCAL/INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS** ([Eligible Student Transfer Certificate](#))
Schools are reminded that transfers between school districts may occur through reciprocal/interdistrict agreements. Students may be eligible if the transfer occurs over the summer between school years and if the student maintains a Joint Residence with the student’s parents.

7. **DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

Please remember that under OSAA policy, no hardship requests involving future eligibility may be considered until the student is actually in an ineligible status. Consequently, schools may not file a hardship request with their District Committee for transfer students who are not eligible by OSAA rules until August 14 after they have attended a class or a practice this Fall.

8. **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR and COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS** ([Board Policy – Certification](#))

Athletic Directors and all coaches (paid and volunteer) must complete these requirements prior to assuming their duties. We strongly encourage schools to utilize the Manage Staff section on the OSAA website, especially the Sync feature, to track these certifications.

NOTE: The OSAA is working with 3D Institute to finalize a new course, Beyond the Scoreboard, which will become available this summer as an option for new coaches to meet their fundamental certification requirement. The anticipated launch date is July 1, 2023. Our belief is that this course will effectively promote the ideals of coaching interscholastic education-based activities and the entire student in a way that will benefit Oregon schools and students.

9. **FALL ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOPS**

([OSAA Board Policy – Administrator Workshop Attendance Requirement](#)) ([Workshop Registration Form](#))

The OSAA’s Fall Administrator Workshops have been set for August 8-11, 2023. Remember that schools are required to have at least one representative participate in a workshop each Fall to review services, policies, procedures, rules, and interpretations of the Association. Registration is required and you can access using the link above.

Tuesday, August 8	8:30am – Noon	<i>Camp Withycombe, Clackamas</i>
Wednesday, August 9	8:30am – Noon	<i>Mountain View High School, Bend</i>
	8:30am – Noon	<i>South Medford High School</i>
	12:30pm – 4pm	<i>OSAA Office, Wilsonville + Webcast</i>
Thursday, August 10	8:30am – Noon	<i>Pendleton High School</i>
	8:30am – Noon	<i>Churchill High School, Eugene</i>
Friday, August 11	8:30am – Noon	<i>OSAA Office, Wilsonville + Webcast</i>

10. **FOOTBALL COACH / PLAYER SAFETY COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The OSAA requires that any football coach (paid or volunteer) complete OSAA Football Certification prior to assuming coaching duties and to recertify annually prior to the beginning of each Association year. Note that NFHS Football Tackling has replaced the USA Football Shoulder Tackling, Blocking & Defeating Blocks this year. Football coaches must now complete the [NFHS Football Tackling](#), [Concussion Recognition and Management Training](#), [NFHS Heat Illness Prevention](#), and [NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#) **annually**. Football coaches must also complete the [NFHS Fundamentals Course](#) (or OSAA Beyond the Scoreboard Course) one time and an [Anabolic Steroids and Performance Enhancing Substances Training](#) every four years.

Additionally, each member school sponsoring football is required to identify a Player Safety Coach (PSC). Each PSC is required to attend an in-person clinic biennially prior to the start of the Association year that is conducted by an OSAA Master Trainer in preparation for implementing and overseeing the player safety program at their school.

Below is a list of 2023 PSC clinics now open for registration. Register online at - <https://forms.gle/QArvby9uyRXmcMuj9>.

2023 Player Safety Coach Clinic Schedule		
Date	Site	Time
Friday, March 3	OACA/Nike Football Clinic	8am – Noon
Saturday, June 17	Pendleton High School	8am – Noon
Saturday, June 24	Lakeridge High School	8am – Noon
Saturday, July 22	Roseburg High School	8am – Noon

Please contact our office if you have any questions. OSAA Summer Hours begin Monday, June 12-Friday, August 4. During that time the office will be open from 7:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Thursday. Have a great summer!