



Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter

December 2024

oh.nhsbca.org

Volume 11 Issue 4

Upcoming Events

OHSBCA

Membership Deadline
December 31st

Hooplines

Year-In-Review Issue
January 19th

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

OHSAA Girls State Finals

Univ. of Dayton Arena
March 14th - 15th

OHSAA Boys State Finals

Univ. of Dayton Arena
March 21st - 22nd

North-South Game

Olentangy Liberty HS
April 25th



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE



Joe Balogh

The month of December means that Ohio High School Basketball is in full swing as teams begin their journey for the 2024 – 2025 season. I hope that you have taken the time to make sure that you and each member of your staff have joined The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches. All of our

OHSBCA awards require five consecutive years of membership as a qualification to receive the award.

This year will also be the first year that we will have seven divisions in both girls' and boys' basketball. That means that the OHSAA made a significant change in how we will play the state semi-finals and the state finals. The girls' state semi-finals will be played the weekend of March 7 – 9 with the boys' state semi-finals on the weekend of March 14 – 16 at various locations throughout the state and the girls' state finals will be played on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 with the boys' state finals on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22. The OHSBCA and the OHSAA will plan to meet shortly after the conclusion of the state tournaments to evaluate how this new schedule worked for this season.

We will again be using the Max Preps RPI for the seeding of our tournaments this year. The OHSBCA District Directors made some adjustments by changing the percentages to 40% WP (Winning Percentage) – 40% OWP (Opponents Winning Percentage) – 20% OOWP (Opponent's Opponent Winning Percentage). A second component of points of classification was added for each division, and a third component for out-of-state opponents was also added. You are reminded that the RPI will only be used for seeding purposes it will not determine teams' placement on the tournament bracket. You are also reminded to report all your scores to Max Preps. The initial Max Preps RPI will be released the week of January 6th.

The OHSBCA will also be hosting our initial Shoot Clock Shootout at the Canton Fieldhouse on December 27, 28, and 29. There will be a total of 15 games on these three dates with five girls' games and ten boys' games being played over these three days. We hope that this event will provide our as-

sociation and the OHSAA with data to study on the possibility of implementing the shot clock for future use in Ohio.

And finally I would just like to remind you of the important role that you can play in the development of young athletes. The commitment to standards, the development of goals, and the ability to learn how to handle adversity are just a few of the many life lessons that your players can learn through playing basketball. Here is a story I would like to share from my high school coach, Ron Stevens, after we lost a tough game with one of my very best teams in the tournament. He shared a story where he told me to remember to "keep my fork." At first I didn't know what he meant but he said to remember as a kid when you were sitting at the dinner table and your mom told you to "keep your fork." That usually meant that there was something special coming like a special dessert. So, as a coach remember to "keep your fork" because with hard work, discipline, and grit there will be special things that will happen for you and your team.

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and best of luck this season.

2025 HALL OF HONOR

DISTRICT 1

PERRY SANTANGELO - CLOCK OPERATOR



Perry Santangelo is entering his 37th year as the clock operator for volleyball, girls basketball, and boys basketball at Springfield. He also serves as the scorekeeper for the varsity and junior varsity football teams at Springfield. Jeff Brink, District 1 Director, stated, "Perry Santangelo has been a fixture in Springfield Local Schools for nearly four decades. Perry has been a leader in the Springfield Athletic Booster Club, serving in a variety of capacities. Whether it was cutting the grass on the football field, cleaning the basketball locker rooms, or collecting tickets, you could always depend on Perry to make a difference in our school district. His selfless sacrifice for the district has been vital to the success of all athletic programs and the growth of our community."

OHSBCA Directory

President

Doug Graham
South Point

dgraham@southpoint.k12.oh.us

Vice-President

John Feasel
Olentangy

ohsbravescoach@gmail.com

Past President

David Sheldon
Colonel Crawford

sheldon.david@cck12.org

Executive Director

Joe Balogh
Ontario, Ohio

joe.balogh@ohiobkcoaches.com

Treasurer

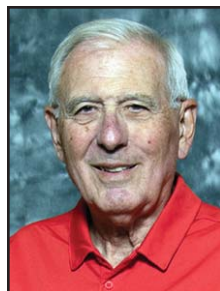
Pat Carroll
Uniontown Lake

hoopmaster@ohiobkcoaches.com

Secretary

Bob Von Kaenel
Dover

vonkaenel@dovertornadoes.com



DISTRICT 3

ED DOLINAR - COACH

Ed has spent the last 56 years on the sidelines, serving as both an assistant and head basketball coach at various schools in Northeast Ohio for boys and girls teams. "Ed has been a fixture in Lorain County basketball," said Alan Januzzi, Head Boys Basketball Coach at Open Door. "His passion for the sport and dedication to developing young players is unmatched. In addition to his head coaching experience, he has been an invaluable assistant over the years, volunteering countless hours for both the boys' and girls' Lorain County Basketball Coaches Associations. Ed is always willing to contribute, no matter the size of the task."



DISTRICT 5

WES QUILLIN CLOCK OPERATOR

Since 1992, Wes Quillin has served as the clock operator for Dover Boys and Girls Basketball and Wrestling. Through all the years, Wes has been assisted by his wife, Paula, who is the scoreboard operator. "Wes Quillin is the most dependable person I know. He is always available to help and is always there to run the clock. He can be counted on for anything that is needed," stated Bob Von Kaenel, former Dover Boys Basketball Coach.



DISTRICT 7

TY TRAXLER - COACH

Ty Traxler has spent the last 25 years at Elmwood High School. He served as the Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for 8 years and has spent the last 17 years as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Jim Bostdorf, former Otsego Head Boys Basketball Coach, stated, "I have the utmost respect for Ty as a coach and as a person. His enthusiasm, knowledge, and preparation make for an uncomfortable evening for opponents who face his teams. He is well respected by his fellow coaches. There is no questioning his integrity, worth ethic, character, and sportsmanship."



DISTRICT 9

RICK GILDOW SCOREKEEPER

Rick Gildow has served as the scorekeeper for the boys and girls basketball programs at Bellefontaine High School for the past 27 years. Jason Calton, Athletic Director at Belle-

fontaine, stated, "Rick has served the Bellefontaine boys/girls basketball programs as the scorebook guru for 27 years. He also has served as the BHS Booster Club treasurer for numerous years. He covers 3-5 games per week during the basketball season. He is a staple for our basketball programs with his relentless support of Chieftain Athletics."



DISTRICT 11

CARL DUFFORD SECRETARY/TREASURER

Carl Dufford has served as the District 11 Secretary and Treasurer for the last 37 years dating back to 1988. He served as an educator and girls basketball coach at Johnstown-Monroe. Chris Powell, District 11 Director, stated, "Carl has been a staple in District 11 for almost 40 years. He is one of the first people new coaches meet when they join our district and he does everything to help our coaches throughout the year. We are extremely fortunate to have Carl around and he makes all of our coaching lives significantly better!"



DISTRICT 13

JASON PHILYAW MEDIA

Jason Philyaw is set to enter his 27th year as the play-by-play announcer for the Ironton Tigers. Chris Barnes, Head Boys Basketball Coach at Ironton, stated, "Jason has been a tremendous asset to Ironton sports and sports in general for the entire southeast Ohio area. Jason is a tireless worker and does an outstanding job promoting our student-athletes and athletes throughout the area. I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Jason for many years now and Jason has always had a positive, upbeat attitude. I always look forward to basketball season and working with Jason."



DISTRICT 15

MIKE GORDON CONTRIBUTOR

Mike Gordon spent his entire 30 year coaching career in District 15 with stops at Waynesville High School, Wayne High School, and Alter High School. He served as the scholarship and all-star game director for District 15. Adam Priefer, District 15 Director, states, "Mike was always willing to do whatever he could to help grow the game and make District 15 one of the best districts in the state."

OHSBCA Directory

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

Aaron Elwer, Delphos St. John's

District 9 Director

Carla Siegel, Fort Loramie

District 10 Director

Pat Murphy, Columbus DeSales

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



BOB ARNZEN AWARD

The Bob Arznen Award was named after the legendary boys coach at Delphos St. John's High School. Coach Arznen spent 43 years as the Head Coach and was the second winningest coach at the time of his retirement and now sixth in the history of Ohio High School Basketball with 676 wins and only 291 losses. Bob was inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1995.

The Bob Arznen Award is given to those basketball coaches who have devoted 20 consecutive years or more service to the same school and for their loyalty and commitment to Ohio High School basketball. The honorees will be presented their plaques during the games on Championship Saturday of their respective tournaments.

2025 Bob Arznen Award Recipients (Receives Bob Arznen Plaque)

Mike Butcher, West Branch
Chuck Campbell, West Branch
Walt DeShields, West Branch
Joe Dunlevy, Indian Creek
Nathan Luce, Otsego
Bob McCosky, West Branch
Don Miller, Parkway
Tim Monahan, Archbishop McNicholas
Rick Rockwell, Maderia
Tory Rummel, Fayetteville
Lou Sellaroli, West Branch
Russ Ward, Fayetteville

CENTURY AWARD WINNERS

Doug Graham, President of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association, proudly announces the coaches who have reached a milestone in career victories during the past season. The 100 and 200 winners received their award at their local district meetings in the Fall of 2024. The 300 and high winners will be recognized during half-time of one of their respective state finals basketball games in March of 2025 at the University of Dayton Arena.

800-Wins (Receives a Special Award)

Norm Persin, South Webster

600-Wins (Receives State Tickets)

John Cullen, Canfield

Sam Davis, Bishop Watterson

500-Wins (Receives a Ring)

Tim Casey, New Albany

TK Griffith, Archbishop Hoban
Christiana Hart, Archbishop Alter

Mark Kocher, Wynford

Russ Swartz, Mogadore

400-Wins (Receives a Wrist Watch)

Tim Cogan, Carroll

David Dennis Sr, Harvest Preparatory
Mark Duckworth, Vincent Warren
Blane Maddox, Vincent Warren
Larry Taylor, Tuscarawas Central Catholic
Jason Vermillion, Arlington

300-Wins (Receives a Clock)

Jon Buchanan, Fairland

Ryan Davis, Meigs

Travis Galloway, Notre Dame Academy

Josh Jakacki, Crestwood

Chad Kiser, LaBrae

Tyson McGaughlin, Ottawa-Glandorf

Josh Sagester, Tri-Village

Chris Savage, Hilliard Darby

Tom Sunderman, Roger Bacon

Brian Ziegler, Archbold

200-Wins (Receives a 200-Game Plaque)

Nick Argentati, Northwest

Josh Arey, Peebles

Jason Bates, Pickerington North

Tyler Bates, Strasburg-Franklin

Kelley Bricker, Waynesville

Jeff Davidson, Brookville

Tim Fries, Miamisburg

Devin Fulk, Heath

Brian Gunther, Cincinnati Christian

Adam Huber, Kalida

Chcuk Huckshold, Lisbon David Anderson

Brett Larrick, Elyria Senior

Mike Lower, Northwest

Pat Murphy, Columbus St Francis DeSales

Brian Schroeder, Columbus Grove

Josh Scott, Heartland Christian

Kevin Spara, Strongsville

Sean Tucker, Toronto

JD Walters, Sheridan

Jeff Warstler, Columbus Academy

100-Wins (Receives a 100-Game Certificate)

Lindsay Belden, West Holmes

Brian Bigam, Circleville

Derek Dibling, Fredericktown

Steve Eft, Indian Creek

Wil Franklin, East Palestine

Phil Groves, Botkins

Kyle Hammond, Sandusky Central Catholic

Eric Herzberg, Columbus St Francis DeSales

Jason Hess, Ashland

Jeremy Hill, Meigs

Todd Johnson, Columbiana

Travis Kinn, Tiffin Columbian

Keith Lambert, Shekinah Christian

David Leland, Bexley

Scott McMichael, Antwerp

Andy O'Keefe, Cuyahoga Valley Christian

Chris Powell, Granville

Joe Richard, Trimble

Cody Sarsen, London

Joshua Upshire, Badger

Michael Weymer, Mathews

