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PAUL WALKER AWARD GOES TO ANDREW BOOTH

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is proud to announce that Andrew Booth of Wadsworth High School is the recipient of the 2024 Paul Walker Award. The Paul Walker Award is presented annually by the OHSBCA to an active coaching member of the association who has made significant contributions to high school basketball. The award is named in honor of the late Paul Walker, the longtime coach of Middletown High School. At the time of his retirement, he had the most wins as a boys' basketball coach in Ohio High School Basketball history.



The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association would like to congratulate Andrew Booth of Wadsworth High School on receiving the prestigious Paul Walker Award," stated Joe Balogh, Executive Director of the OHSBCA. "This award is presented to an active coach who has made significant contributions to Ohio High School Basketball. Coach Booth has won over 450 games in his coaching career and has been actively involved in our association."

Andrew started his coaching career at Malone College where he served as an assistant coach for 2 years. He also served as the junior varsity boys basketball coach at Mansfield St. Peter's High School for 2 years and an assistant boys basketball coach at Crestline High School for 3 years. For 7 years, he was the head girls basketball coach at Mansfield Madison High School where he had a record of 98-58.

For the past 18 years, he has led the Wadsworth girls program. In that time, he amassed a record of 356-104. In 25 years as a head coach, Andrew has an overall record of 454-162. His teams have won 15 league titles, 19 sectional championships, 9 district championships, and 3 regional championships. In 2016, his team at Wadsworth won the Division I State Championship.

Coach Booth has won various league and district coaching awards throughout his career. In 2016, he was named OHSBCA Division 1 Coach of the Year. He currently serves as the OHSBCA Girls District 2 & 3 Director and is the Co-Director of Midwest Live. He previously served as the OHSBCA Top-20 Awards Director for 3 years.

Andrew serves as an Intervention Specialist at Wadsworth High School. He and his wife Rachel reside in Wadsworth and have two adult children, Peyton (28) and Alec (25).

What they are saying about Coach Andrew Booth

"Andy Booth has been a staple of girls basketball in the state of Ohio and District 3 for many years. His teams are always one of the best around. He has done a tremendous job in building his program and keeping it at an elite level. Andy is as first class as they come."
-Brett Larrick, District 3 Director

"Andy Booth is a true gentleman and has been very kind and respectful to me throughout my career. Despite all his successes, he remains a very humble person. What really catches my eye is his dedication to the coaching profession. His involvement and commitment with the OHSBCA and all related high school girls' organizations, speaks volumes on his level of professionalism and care for the sport. I appreciate his dedication and efforts, and I know others do as well. The Wadsworth girls basketball program has been, and still is, the "GOLD STANDARD" for girls' basketball programs throughout the state."

-Maggie Ferrando, Head Girls Coach at Avon

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES EXPANSION PROPOSAL

COLUMBUS, Ohio – After months of discussion and meetings around Ohio to gather feedback, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors unanimously approved a proposal Thursday morning to utilize a new formula to determine how many divisions will be offered for postseason tournaments. The change affects OHSAA General Sports Regulation 17 and will result in girls and boys soccer now having five divisions, while girls volleyball, girls and boys basketball, softball and baseball will all have seven divisions. In those sports, Division I and Division II will only include 64 schools.

The new divisions will go into effect with the fall of 2024. The board will continue to discuss additional sports, noting several recent meetings regarding track and field. There are no changes to the number of football divisions, which is already at seven. In addition, any changes to the current deployment of the Competitive Balance process would need to be voted upon by OHSAA member schools during the annual referendum voting process.

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EXPANSION PROPOSAL

Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director, praised the board's decision as a step toward to level the playing field of OHSAA tournaments. "It's the right thing to do for the student-athletes who have been competing at this disadvantage," said Ute. "For too long, the largest schools in our divisions have been so much larger than the smaller schools in the same division, which has resulted in many schools accepting that they realistically have little chance at making a run in the tournament. In some of our sports, there have been more than 200 schools competing for a state title in that division, which is significantly more than what most other states do, and what we do in many of our own sports.

"We know that there is a lot of work to do in the coming months to prepare for additional divisions this fall," Ute said. "We have already started working on the details to accomplish this, but one thing we know for sure is that having two or three more state champions in these sports doesn't water them down or diminish winning a state title. And we anticipate that this new format will be revenue neutral, since every school makes the tournament already."

Each year, the Board of Directors would still have final authority in determining how many divisions to be used that school year, but the proposal calls for the following scale to be used to guide the board's decision on the number of divisions for girls volleyball, football, soccer, basketball, softball and baseball, however note that the sports of lacrosse, field hockey, ice hockey and boys volleyball would not change from their current division numbers:

- 199 or fewer teams: 1 Division
- 200 to 299 teams: 2 Divisions
- 300 to 399 teams: 3 Divisions
- 400 to 499 teams: 4 Divisions
- 500 to 599 teams: 5 Divisions
- 600 to 699 teams: 6 Divisions
- 700 and more teams: 7 Divisions

For girls volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball and baseball, the largest 64 schools would be placed into Division I. The next largest 64 schools would be placed into Division II. The remaining schools would be divided as evenly as possible into the remaining divisions. The OHSAA already does something similar to this in football, in which the largest 10 percent of schools are placed into Division I and the remaining schools are divided evenly in Divisions II through VII.

The proposal does not call for a change to the formula that the OHSAA uses for individual sports to determine the number of student-athletes required for team designation, which includes five in bowling, five in cross country (who score for their team at the district tournament), four in golf, three in girls gymnastics, seven in swimming and diving, four in tennis, nine in track and field and seven in wrestling.

The proposal calls for the following number of divisions to be used for individual sports:

- 200 or fewer teams: 1 Division
- 201 to 450 teams: 2 Divisions
- 451 to 700 teams: 3 Divisions
- 701 and more teams: 4 Divisions

OHSAA member schools vote to determine any changes to the bylaws or constitution via the referendum process each spring. Member schools also vote for representatives for their District Athletic Boards, who are then selected to serve on the State Board of Directors on a three-year term. The Board of Directors are then charged with reviewing and approving the General Sports Regulations on behalf of the OHSAA membership. The OHSAA General Sports Regulations do not go to the member schools for voting and are posted at: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

The OHSAA will announce structural and dates changes for future state tournaments at a later date.

ACADEMIC ALL-OHIO

Each year a committee of the OHSBCA selects its "Academic All Ohio Teams" for the school year. 2023-24 will mark the thirtieth-first year that the association has chosen "All Ohio Academic Teams."

The players are selected for this honor based on their academic excellence and their athletic contributions to their basketball teams.

OHSBCA North-South All-Star Game

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association will once again hold the North-South All-Star Game on Friday, April 26, 2024 at Olentangy Liberty High School. Girls game will tip-off at 6:30 pm followed by the boys game at 8:15 pm. All the OHSBCA awards presentation will take place during the games.

FUTURE ELECTION

In 2024, there are no positions are to be elected:

Qualifications for these **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 1st. Election Procedures can be found on Page 17 of the January 2024 Constitutional Issue.

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 14 & 15 and the Boys event will be played on June 28-30. The top Girls and Boys players and teams will assemble at Cedar Point Sports Center in Sandusky, Ohio to participate in this summer tournament. More information will be coming.

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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.

2024 Bob Arznen Award Recipients (Receives Bob Arznen Plaque)

Nate Barhorst, Anna
Dennis Brubaker, Patrick Henry
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John Millice, Triad
Kevin Pickerill, Eastern Brown
Todd Rock, Bishop Rosecrans
Rick Rockwell, Maderia
Doug Smith, Celina



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 halftime of one of their respective state finals basketball games in March of 2024 at the University of Dayton Arena.



700-Wins (Receives a Glass Award)

Dennis Schrock, Chippewa

500-Wins (Receives a Ring)

Paul Bremigan, Russia
Gary Kreinbrink, Leipsic
Tony Matisi, McDonald
Mike Miller, Triway
Roy Sembach, Newton Falls
Carla Siegel, Fort Loramie

Paul Wackerly, GlenOak

400-Wins (Receives a Wrist Watch)

Scott Elchert, Jackson Center
TK Griffith, Archbishop Hoban
Joe Guerrero, Bowsher
Jerry Keifer, Evergreen
Joe Mackey, Brunswick
Robert Podges, Stow Munroe Falls
Chris Rider, Logan
Julie Solis, Copley
Tony Staib, Gahanna Lincoln

300-Wins (Receives a Clock)

Kent Anderson, Xenia
Michael Coreno, Revere
Brad Gray, Tri-Village
Todd Grosjean, Bryan
David Kudela, Firelands
Sean Mercer, Ottawa Hills
Eric Rothgery, Elyria Catholic
Dusty Spradlin, Wheelersburg

200-Wins (Receives a 200-Game Plaque)

Todd Boblitt, Bluffton
Kyle Clair, Woodmore
Kurt Goettemoeller, Marion Local
Eric Hoover, Old Fort
Jeff Huber, Elyria Catholic
Bobby James, Huron
Jeff Miller, Unioto
Matthew Ripke, Edon
Marc Smith, Shenandoah
Jeff Winslow, Upper Sandusky
Bryan Weyant, Princeton

100-Wins (Receives a 100-Game Certificate)

Brandon Baker, Milford
Jennifer Blue, Fairfield Local
Richie Beard, Dublin Jerome
Adam Cestaro, Medina Highland
Mark Chapman, Canal Winchester
Zach Delman, Union Local
Derek Edwards, Martins Ferry
Greg Ekis, Spencerville
Ben Gerken, Liberty-Benton
Mark Hess, Troy
Abram Kaple, Buckeye Central
Mark Komlanc, Warren JFK
Brett Kopp, Piqua
Matt Maginn, Fayette
Nathan Martindale, Huber Heights Wayne
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STATE MEMBERSHIP TOTAL

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is proud to announce that **3,668 Basketball Coaches**, across the state of Ohio, have joined the OHSBCA for the 2023-24 basketball season. This is a decrease of 23 members from last year's total of 3,691. We fell short of the 4,000+ mark once again, but the Association continues to increase the many benefits offered to its membership. Congratulations to all of the Basketball Coaches who have joined the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association.

Once again, **Congratulations** to the "Great 8" - District 8 for having the largest membership total among all of the districts with **434 members**. District 8 continues to hold the crown of most membership for 30+ years. **District 13** was runner-ups again with **393 members**. **District 2** had the biggest jumped in membership from last year by adding 35 coaches and establish an all-time for membership. **District 13** added 26. Five other districts, **District 1, District 5, District 6, District 10, District 12 and District 14** increased their totals over last year. **Great Job!!**

We thank you for joining our Coaches Association and encourage everyone to become an active participant in our organization. Hopefully, we will meet all your needs as a coach, and if there is anything that our Association can do for you, please contact your District Director. He is there to serve you.

Let's continue to keep our membership strong. **The OHSBCA is the third largest State Coaches Association in the USA!!!** We want to regain the number 1 status and look forward to a better membership drive for the 2023-24 basketball season. **WE WANT TO BREAK OUR RECORD AND HIT THE 4,200 MEMBERSHIP MARK!!!!**

Here is the breakdown of the number of coaches, by district, who joined the OHSBCA this year.

DIST	TOT	DIST	TOT
1	126	9	224
2	327	10	188
3	225	11	176
4	237	12	156
5	216	13	393
6	238	14	218
7	184	15	166
8	434	16	160
TOTAL		3,668	

BOYS / GIRLS SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Each year the OHSBCA selects a Player of the Year in each division of Boys Basketball. The 2023-24 season enters the 41st year the OHSBCA has been selecting the Player of the Year. The procedures for

the selection of the Player of the Year is as follows:

1. Must be a Senior
2. Must be nominated by a state member
3. Must play in the North-South Game
4. Directors will vote on the Players
5. Nominees come from each State OHSBCA District

Boys and Girls Players in each division will be presented a plaque at the North-South All-Star Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 26, 2024.

COACHES SCHOLARSHIP

The OHSBCA Awards **Fifteen \$1,000 Scholarships** each summer to the sons and daughters of active members of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association. One of the parents of the applicant must have been an **active coach in the OHSBCA for the last five consecutive years**.

Each recipient will receive a plaque courtesy of the Ohio Army National Guard and a check for \$1,000 at the North-South Game on Friday, April 26, 2024.

OHSBCA FORMS

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association has posted its form on the website (oh.nhsbca.org). The website will allow the applicant to upload required documents and require photos.

The available forms are Academic All-Ohio, Academic Teams, Boys Assistant Coach of the Year, Boys Coach of the Year, Boys Player of the Year, Coaches Scholarship, Girls Assistant Coach of the Year, Girls Coach of the Year, Girls Player of the Year, the Top 20 Shooting Awards (2FG, 3FT, FT) - Individual and Team, Scholarship Society, Boys Showcase, Century Award, Bob Arnzen Award, and Hall of Fame Nomination.

To access the forms, go to the OHSBCA website (oh.nhsbca.org) and click on the **FORMS** link in the upper right hand corner.

SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

The OHSBCA has established the Scholarship Society to recognize Student Athletes for scholastic excellence. The Gold and Silver Certificates will be award to Seniors and Juniors who meet the criteria for the award. We want to give recognition to all Junior and Seniors who display high marks in academics, citizenship, and sportsmanship. All Juniors must have a 3.2 Grade Point Average for **Five Semesters** and Seniors must have a 3.2 Grade Point Average for **Seven Semesters**.

These athletes will able to list this honor on College Entrance papers, year books, job applications, etc. This is a significant award as it comes from the Basketball Coaches of the State of Ohio. The recipients receive a **Silver Certificate** if they are a Junior and **Gold Certificate** if they are a Senior. Their names will be listed in the Spring Edition of the **Hooplines**.



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OHSBCA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association (OHSBCA) is proud to announce the coaches and date for the Hall of Fame Class for 2024. The Induction Ceremony for the Thirty-Sixth Class will be at the Columbus Marriott University Area at 3100 Olentangy River Road in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

Tickets may be obtained by Calling Hall of Fame Director Paul Wayne at 419-261-2547 or by email at wayno14@embarqmail.com.



BOYS / GIRLS COACH OF THE YEAR

Each year the OHSBCA selects a Coach of the Year in each division of Boys and Girls Basketball. The 2023-24 season enters the 41st year the OHSBCA has been selecting the Coach of the Year. The procedures for the selection of the Coach of the Year is as follows:

1. Must be a member of the OHSBCA
2. Must be nominated by a District Director
3. Committee will review all candidates and make a recommendation to the District Directors.
4. District Directors will vote to approve the recommendation for Coach of the Year.

The winning coach in each division will be presented a plaque at the North-South All-Star Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 26, 2024.

TOP 20 STATISTICS AWARDS INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS

This will be the 25th year that the association has honored teams and individuals with the Best Free Throw, Two Point Field Goal and Three Point Field Goal Percentages. Certificates will be awarded to the "Top 20" Individual in Boys and Girls Free Throw, 2 Point Field Goals, and 3 Point Field Goals Shooting. All teams, individuals and coaches will be listed in the May Issue of Hooplines. Because of the success of this award the association now requires a form to be completed online by the head coach.

INDIVIDUAL TOP 20 RULES:

Free Throws - Players must have attempted at least 60 Free Throws during the regular 22 game season. Top 20 in Shooting Percentage will be honored.

Two Point Field Goal Shooting - Players must have attempted at least 110 Two Point Field Goals

during the regular 22-game season. Top 20 in shooting percentage will be honored.

Three Point Field Goal Shooting - Players must have attempted at least 60 Three Point Shots during the regular 22-game season. Top 20 in Shooting Percentage will be honored.

TEAM TOP 20 RULES:

Team Free Throws, Two Point Field Goal Shooting and Three Point Field Goal Shooting will be based on the Top 20 Shooting Percentage for the regular 22 game season.

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

For the 22nd year, the OHSBCA will select the Assistant Coaches of the Year to represent the State Association in each division. Each district for each division will select one Assistant Coach for Boys and one Assistant Coach for Girls. Each representative must be a member of the OHSBCA. Each of the winners will advance as a state finalist to the OHSBCA March meeting. At the March meeting, the OHSBCA District Directors will then vote and select the Boys Assistant Coach of the Year and the Girls Assistant Coach of the Year for each division.

Local winners will receive a plaque at the District's Local Meeting. The State Winners will be presented their plaques at the the North-South Game at Olentangy Liberty High School on Friday, April 26, 2024.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

The 2023-24 basketball season will be the 21st year consecutive year that the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association will recognize basketball teams for their excellence in the classroom. Again this season the OHSBCA will be honoring the top 5 girls teams and top 5 boys teams who report the highest team GPA..

Academic Team Award Winners

Criteria:

1. Complete the nomination form using the GPA's of the top nine varsity letterman.
2. All GPA's must be converted to a 4.00 grading scale.
3. All GPA's must be carried out to two decimal places (eg. 3.95)
4. GPA's are only for the **First Semester** of the 2022-23 school year. (Not cumulative GPA's.)

Award:

1. The OHSBCA in conjunction with the **Ohio Army National Guard** will provide a plaque that can be displayed at the school to commemorate the team's academic success.
2. Winners will receive recognition in May Issue of **Hooplines**. (OHSBCA Newsletter)

Special Instructions:

The **Ohio Army National Guard** will present a plaque to the winner at a mutually agreed time.

Winning team is required to take a picture and send to the Academic Chairman, Adam Hall. Teams failing to turn in pictures will not be recognized in the May issue of **Hooplines**.