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To: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors  
From: Peter Weber, Executive Director  
Subject: Important Reminders for 2020-21 School Year

While this was not the Spring that any of us imagined, we appreciate everyone's support during the past few months. We wish you the best with your end-of-year events and recognitions and look forward to the 2020-21 school year. We will send information to the membership regarding plans for Fall sports/activities as it becomes available this summer.

Please note the following information and pass it along to the appropriate people in your school/district. Contact our staff via email with any questions as we are working remotely ([OSAA Staff Contact Information](#)).

- CONTINGENCY GROUPS** ([Contingency Group Information](#))  
The OSAA has formed contingency groups for Fall sports (cross country, volleyball, soccer, football) and activities (cheerleading, dance/drill, speech). The groups are meeting virtually on a regular basis to provide input and potential recommendations to OSAA Staff and the OSAA Executive Board on the upcoming season. Access the link above for a list of contingency group rosters, meeting dates and notes/minutes of each virtual meeting. Please contact the OSAA staff member in charge of the sport/activity with questions/input.
- MORATORIUM WEEK**  
The OSAA Executive Board has eliminated this year's Moratorium Week which had been scheduled for July 26-August 1, 2020.
- ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY and SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION**  
([OSAA Rule 8.1.1](#)) ([OSAA Rule 8.1.2](#)) ([Full Chart](#))  
Students who did not pass the required number of classes/credits during the Spring grading period must make up those classes via summer school, correspondence course, online course, night school, etc. to be eligible to participate in the Fall of 2020. Remember that a Pass counts toward this requirement. This applies to all OSAA activities, including speech and music competitions.

In addition to the class/credit requirement above, a student must also be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements by earning a minimum of the quantity of credits per OSAA policies. Returning students who do not meet the minimum credit requirements will need to enroll in and complete a credit recovery program this summer in order to regain (or attempt to regain) their eligibility. Students who are not "on track to graduate" prior to the start of the school year are not eligible to participate for the entire 2020-21 school year.

Students who received incompletes and/or weren't able to earn enough credits but have been unable to access Distance Learning for All due to circumstances beyond their control, will be able to seek an academic waiver through the OSAA's standard process. In accordance with the spirit of ODE's guidance, the Executive Board has instructed OSAA Staff to continue to err on the side of students when ruling on these academic requests.

4. **DISTRICT ATHLETIC 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 Athletic Committee for transfer students who are not eligible by OSAA rules until after they attend a class or a practice this Fall.

5. **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.

6. **HEAT INDEX POLICY**

[\(Heat Index Policy and Calculator\)](#)

Schools shall monitor the heat index for their geographic area prior to practices. This policy applies to all OSAA sanctioned sports and activities in all seasons. Indoor activities where air conditioning is available are not bound by this policy. Athletic Directors and Coaches can subscribe to receive OSAA Heat Index Notifications at the link above. An OSAA Heat Index Notification is generated for areas where the forecasted high temperature and relative humidity indicate a forecasted heat index that may require practice modifications. Only those areas that have a forecasted heat index of 95°F or higher receive alerts. Notifications are sent daily via e-mail and/or text.

7. **PARTICIPATION ON AFFILIATED TEAMS / COACHES** [\(OSAA Rule 8.6.5\)](#) [\(Student Intent to Transfer Certificate\)](#)

It is important to remind your coaches, athletes 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 then 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. Students who intend to transfer should complete a Student Intent to Transfer Certificate indicating that they intend to transfer prior to receiving athletic instruction from a coach at the new school.

8. **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR and COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT** [\(OSAA Rule 1.2; Board Policy – Certification\)](#)

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 the following certifications.

- a. [NFHS FUNDAMENTALS of COACHING](#)
- b. [CONCUSSION RECOGNITION and MANAGEMENT TRAINING](#)
- c. [NFHS HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION](#)
- d. [ANABOLIC STEROIDS and PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING SUBSTANCES TRAINING](#)
- e. [SPIRIT SAFETY CLINIC \(CHEERLEADING and DANCE/DRILL COACHES ONLY\)](#)
- f. [HEADS UP FOOTBALL CERTIFICATION \(FOOTBALL COACHES ONLY\)](#)

9. **FALL ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOPS**

[\(2020 Administrator Workshops Information/Registration\)](#)

The OSAA will be presenting its Administrator Workshops listed below to familiarize representatives from the member schools with the services, policies, procedures, rules and interpretations of the Association, August 11-14, 2020. We would also like to invite all Assistant Athletic Directors and Athletic Director Secretaries to join us for the trainings. We are planning to have these in-person at this time. If that isn't possible, we'll change to online webinars. All attendees must register for a workshop through the link above.