

# THIS WEEK IN BASEBALL



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## Baseball Coaches Manual

The 2022 Baseball Coaches Manual is now available on the Baseball page on our website. This manual is a great reference for all coaches and administrators, with information on the NFHS rules, explanation and reminders on OHSAA administrative rules, FAQ's, etc.! The manual can be found [HERE](#).

## 2022 Season Dates

February 8	State Rules Meeting Live
February 21	Coaching & Tryouts Begin
March 26	First Contest Permitted
March 28	Rules Meeting \$50 Late Fee
May 2	Final Rules Meeting Deadline
May 8	Tournament Seed/Draw Date
May 14 – 21	Sectional Tournament
May 21 – 28	District Tournament
June 2 – 3	Regional Tournament
June 9 – 11	State Tournament
June 18	Season Ends

## COACHING BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 21

Coaching, instruction and tryouts may begin on **Monday, February 21**. Please remember that tryouts may not occur prior to this date. Individual instruction is permitted, as long as there are no more than 6 players at one time in all facilities—see *General Sport Regulation 8*. Open fields may occur prior to this date as well. Nothing prior to this date may be made mandatory. Games are not permitted to begin until Saturday, March 26.

## 2022 STATE BASEBALL RULES MEETING

Per *General Sport Regulation 2*, the State Baseball Rules Meeting is required to be viewed by the head coach by the following deadlines. The State Baseball Rules Meeting is now live, as of Tuesday, February 8, 2022, on the myOHSAA State Rules Meeting page. The deadline to view the rules meeting without penalty is **Sunday, March 27 at 11:59 pm**. On Monday, March 28 at 12:00 am, there will be a \$50 late fee to view the rules meeting. The final deadline will be Monday, May 2 at 11:59 pm. **On May 3 at 12:00 am, the Baseball Rules Meeting will no longer be available, and your team will be removed from the OHSAA Tournament.**

### TO ACCESS ONLINE RULES MEETINGS

1. Login to your myOHSAA account (<http://officials.myohsaa.org/Logon>)
2. Click on the "Rules Meeting" icon
3. Click on "Find a State Rules Meeting"
4. Search for the Baseball meeting using the 'Sports' and 'Meeting Type' drop-down menus
5. Click on the 'View Meeting' button once the State Rules Meeting has gone live
6. Once directed to the Rules Meeting, please follow all prompts to complete the meeting and receive credit.

### \*IF YOU ARE A COACH AND DO NOT HAVE A MYOHSAA ACCOUNT

1. Contact your Athletic Administrator to add you to the school's Staff Management in myOHSAA
2. This will generate an email invitation from [info@myohsaa.org](mailto:info@myohsaa.org) to the coach (please look for this email in your inbox, junk or spam folders)
3. Once the email is received, click on the link in the email and follow the prompts to create an account and clear any dashboard items (verify email address and complete your contact information)

## TRAVELING OUT OF STATE

Baseball teams are permitted to travel out of state to participate in scrimmages or contests, per *Bylaw 9-2-1*. If traveling to compete in a bordering state (IN, KY, MI, PA, WV and province of Ontario), this is permitted an unlimited number of times throughout the season. **If traveling to a non-bordering state, this is permitted only one time per season, and must be approved by the OHSAA office.** If traveling to a non-bordering state, you need to fill out the *Travel to a Non-Bordering State Form* on the Baseball webpage, [HERE](#) and submit it to me at [emason@ohsaa.org](mailto:emason@ohsaa.org).

If traveling to compete out of state, please remember that:

- No contests may occur prior to March 26, 2022
  - Any competition prior to March 26 must be a scrimmage
- Competition must be the same for both schools
  - EX: if you schedule a scrimmage, it must count as a scrimmage for the opponent as well
- OHSAA administrative rules must be followed
  - Ohio Pitch Count Rule
  - Player/team limitations

## 988 – NATIONAL SUICIDE LIFELINE UNIFORM PATCH

On July 16, 2022, the National Suicide Prevent Lifeline is transitioning from its current 10-digit number to the new 3-digit number, **988**. To raise awareness of this change, Sycamore High School senior baseball player, Jake Hertzman, designed a 2-inch patch (*pictured left*), that can be placed on sports uniforms, as permitted by NFHS Rules. Jake is a mental health advocate and knows that many individuals, especially athletes, have difficulty speaking up about their mental struggles. The goal of the patch is to raise awareness and to show support for those going through mental struggles and encouraging those struggling to reach out for help.

The cost per patch is \$0.55, along with the additional cost you may encounter to sew the patch on (adhesive also an option). Jake has created a GoFundMe to raise money for schools or organizations who are not able to cover the cost. **If you are interested in ordering patches for your baseball uniforms, or want to receive further information, you may contact Jake at [988initiative@gmail.com](mailto:988initiative@gmail.com) or (513) 817-5514.**

We are grateful for athletes like Jake who are showing initiative to be advocates for mental health!

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