

THIS WEEK IN BASEBALL

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NFHS BASEBALL QUESTIONNAIRE

You have been invited to take part in the NFHS rules-writing process by taking the annual baseball rules questionnaire. This questionnaire is provided so the opinions of a national sampling of coaches and registered officials will be considered by the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee. We realize that some of the questions may not be answered properly, as some of them relate to what you have seen this season—please answer the questions to the best of your ability.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL CLOSE ON May 11, 2020

To participate in the questionnaire process, please follow the link below to the Questionnaire menu and select your appropriate sport link to complete the rules questionnaire. You are NOT required to log in to take this questionnaire. We thank you in advance for your participation.

<http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/nfhs-sport-questionnaires/>

CANE'S FUNDRAISER

The OHSAA has recently partnered with Raising Cane's Ohio to provide funding for student-athlete scholarship programs and support for postseason tournaments that were cancelled due to the current coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The partnership will kick off this Thursday, April 30, when all Raising Cane's locations across Ohio will be donating 15% of sales from 4:00 pm until close, to the OHSAA for the purposes listed above.

CURRENT NO-CONTACT RULE

In recent correspondences sent to school administrators, our office has issued a no-contact period for all OHSAA sports through May 1. **This date is set to be extended from our office, but has not been determined yet.** This is to assist with Governor DeWine's stay at home order and to ensure that school facilities remain closed and are not opened up to school or non-school participants or programs. If you are aware of any schools that are opening their facilities for baseball groups to participate, please let me know ASAP. This is against our no contact period policy, but more importantly, against the Governor's orders. This also includes there shall be no physical instruction provided (practices, scrimmages, etc.) and student athletes shall not be participating with any non-school programs at this time.

I know many of you are receiving questions from your student-athletes about them participating with non-school programs at this time. As I mentioned, **this is still prohibited at this time.** Our office hopes to make that clear. By the Governor's orders, no school facilities should be open and there should be no group gatherings of any kind.

Electronic communication and programming is still permitted, as long as it continues to discourage any type of group instruction or gatherings. We understand the importance of any type of instruction or communication that can be provided to your student-athletes during this uncertain time for the mental well-being of your student-athletes, which we highly encourage.

I realize you all still probably have questions that have not been answered and I please ask for you to wait for further correspondence from our office to answer your questions. Once more information has been released, I will make sure it is sent directly to you all after it is released to the school administrators.

SUMMER REGULATION PROPOSALS

Sport administrators have proposed changes to our Regulations that could potentially alter our General Sport Regulations during the summer of 2020. *Please know that these must be approved by the Board of Directors.* I hesitated to share this information with you all as the approval is unknown at this time, however I know several of you have reached out to me about potential options for the summer months and I wanted to address the fact that options have been presented. We must follow the proper procedure, and any changes to our Regulations must be approved by our Board of Directors. Should there be any changes to Bylaws and/or Regulations, we will share that information with member schools as the process permits.

THANK YOU

This is a sincere thank you to all baseball coaches in the state of Ohio, as well as a public thank you to the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association. We realize there are probably many questions you have, but we are trying our best to remain consistent in our communication to our member schools and communities. But most importantly, thank you for your leadership during this time. Your student athletes are relying on all of you more than you know and it is comforting that Ohio baseball players are in great hands.

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