



# THIS WEEK IN BASEBALL

END OF SEASON ISSUE | MAY 17, 2024

## 2024 REMAINING SEASON DATES

May 11 – 18	Sectional Tournament
May 20 – 25	District Tournament
May 30 & 31	Regional Tournament
June 7 – 9	State Tournament
June 15	Season Ends

## 2025 BASEBALL SEASON MEMO

On May 15, the OHSAA sent out a memo to all head baseball coaches, that listed the anticipated start dates and tournament dates for the 2025 baseball season. The 2025 baseball season start date is currently scheduled for Saturday, March 29. This start date has been published in the Baseball Regulations since the summer of 2022. Please be aware that the OHSBCA has a proposal to start the 2025 season on Friday, March 28 and would mean the baseball season would start on a Friday instead of a Saturday for future seasons. This will be voted on at the Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, June 7. For further information regarding the 2025 baseball season and tournament dates, as well as expected information to come regarding the increase to seven divisions in the sport of baseball starting with the 2025 baseball season, please review the full memo [HERE](#).

## REFERENDUM PASSED

OHSAA member schools passed all six proposed revisions to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws. One referendum item I wanted to mention that may affect any schools who plan out-of-state trips to a non-bordering state, is the modification to **Bylaw 9 – Contests with Out-of-State Schools**. This modification allows schools to: **1.** travel to bordering states or provinces an unlimited number of times strictly to practice without prior approval from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office; and **2.** travel to a non-bordering state for practice purposes only one time per sports season with prior approval from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office. The previous language only permitted teams to practice while out-of-state if they were also participating in a contest(s) during that trip.

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## POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & PAPERWORK

Please familiarize yourself with the Baseball Tournament Information webpage [HERE](#).

### ROSTER/TRAVEL PARTY LIST

A maximum of 28 individuals are admitted via the pass gate and in the dugout. This is to be made up of the 22 (maximum) players in uniform, The 22 players will be the only players permitted in the dugout or on the field for warm-up or any part of the contest. The 22 may be changed from game to game throughout the tournament; however, any player in uniform must meet all eligibility requirements established by OHSAA Bylaws. All levels of tournament in all areas of the state shall use the *Team Roster/Travel Party List* and **every dugout shall be limited to 28 individuals, including the 22 players in uniform. This shall be enforced at every level.** Please use the Team Roster/Travel Party List, found on the Baseball Tournament Information webpage.

### TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The [2024 Baseball Tournament Regulations](#) are to be enforced at every level of the postseason tournament.

## END OF SEASON REMINDERS

While many of you are still participating in the OHSAA postseason tournament, I wanted to provide a few out of season reminders.

### END OF BASEBALL SEASON – JULY 31

From the end of the school's baseball season – July 31, school coach(es) may coach an unlimited number of their own student-athletes, for a maximum of 13 coaching days. If there are more than 6 (7+) of their own school athletes present, they would have to count it as 1 of their 13 permitted coaching days during this timeframe. If there are 6 or fewer of their own school athletes present, it does not have to count towards the 13 coaching days.

**NOTE:** This applies to the entire baseball coaching staff—the entire coaching staff only has a maximum of 13 days to work with more than 6 athletes at a time. As an example, the Varsity coach does not receive 13 coaching days and the JV coach receives 13 days—the 13-day maximum applies to the entire coaching staff.

### NO CONTACT PERIOD

Per *General Sport Regulation 11*, the mandatory no contact period for baseball coaches is August 1 – August 31. No member of a school's coaching staff shall coach or provide skill instruction (including reviewing film) to team members during this timeframe. This includes any school coaches who are also non-interscholastic team coaches, coaching your own players\*. This would include tryouts, practices, competition, etc., for non-interscholastic teams/programs.

Please keep in mind that the intent of the no contact period is to allow the players to rest and have a break. Starting on September 1, baseball coaches may work with no more than 6 athletes at a time, during the off-season.

*\*if you are coaching a non-interscholastic team during the month of August 1 – August 31 and you do not have any of your own student-athletes from your school team on the non-interscholastic team, this would not apply.*

### FAQS

#### Q: What is considered the end of my baseball season?

A: When your regular season and/or postseason tournament games have been completed.

**SCENARIO 1:** High School A was defeated in the OHSAA postseason tournament on May 15. They do not have any regular season contests remaining. **VERDICT: Season is completed.**

**SCENARIO 2:** High School A was defeated in the OHSAA postseason tournament on May 15. They have a make-up game scheduled for May 22 and after that, they have no more games scheduled. **VERDICT: Their season is not completed until the May 22 game concludes.**

#### Q: We have been defeated in the postseason. I have 2 games left in my 27-maximum game allowance on the season. Can I schedule a regular season contest during the postseason tournament games?

A: Yes! Regular season contests can be scheduled at any time from the start of the season through June 15, 2024—even if you have already completed your postseason tournament run. Contests may be scheduled in between tournament games.

#### Q: Our JV team has completed their regular season; however, our Varsity team is still in the postseason tournament. Can my JV players go ahead and participate with their non-interscholastic teams?

A: Yes, as long as you do not intend to have them participate with Varsity team/on the Varsity roster for any the remaining Varsity game(s). Once a student-athlete participates with a non-interscholastic program, they are not permitted to return to the school team for the remainder of that school season. If you intend on having some of your JV players on the Varsity roster for the remaining Varsity tournament games, they should not participate with their non-interscholastic programs until they are completely done with the season.