

August 21, 2013

To: All OHSAA Athletic Administrators

Re: **Please Read – New General Sports Regulation 8.6 – Effective September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

As you may know by now, the OHSAA's Board of Directors passed a major change to the General Sports Regulations that will now permit school coaches the opportunity to provide **INDIVIDUAL SKILL** instruction outside the season of play, which is in addition to the previously permitted June 1 to July 31 period. This being such a major change, it is our intention to clearly and concisely provide the necessary information to all Athletic Administrators and Head Coaches of **TEAM** sports to educate everyone and provide clear interpretations for every possible scenario that would fall under this newly adopted regulation.

The regulation is General Sports Regulation 8.6 and states:

***Interscholastic coaches in the team sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, ice hockey, soccer, softball, track & field, volleyball and wrestling may provide individual instruction anytime outside the season of play outside the defined no-contact periods.***

***Individual instruction is defined as no more than four individuals present at one time in all combined facilities where the instruction is taking place.***

This communication is an effort to provide you with detailed information as well as a 'tool' to assist with communicating this to your paid and volunteer coaches. To communicate this in the best manner possible, we are asking that you:

1. **Go to the following link and watch the short (10 minute) presentation that will explain the regulation and allow the downloading of two important documents.** This is available at: <http://ohsaa.articulate-online.com/4244037503> This presentation is done in the same format as our Online Rules Meetings and not available to be viewed on a tablet or smartphone.
2. There are two documents the presentation will ask you to download. Please download these and **review** these with **ALL coaches in your district – both paid and volunteer.** These same documents will be posted to our website in the near future.
3. Please forward the link to the presentation to each coach in your system. **This is a quick and easy method for them to learn all the parameters of the regulation, the purpose of its adoption and the consequences of violations.**

**Please make certain your 'Directory' in your myOHSAA profile is updated.** Though we are asking you to communicate this with your coaching staffs, winter and spring sport head coaches are scheduled to receive a separate email detailing this information. Fall sport head coaches will receive communication separately toward the end of the fall sports season.

Hopefully, you will find this extremely helpful as you implement a significant change relative to school coaches and their ability to provide the same instruction currently limited to 'private instructors' and non-school coaches.

This regulation becomes effective **September 3, 2013** – the date the current "no-contact period" ends.