

OHTSL General Meeting: Fall 2026

7.19.26 / 9:45 am / Winking Lizard

Call to Order & Community Check-In:

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| ☒ Akron Inner City | ☒ Geauga Fed SC | ☒ Orange |
| ☒ Amherst | ☒ Geneva | ☒ Parma |
| ☒ Ashland | ☒ Green | ☐ Parma Hts |
| ☒ Aurora | ☒ Highland | ☐ Perry (Lake) |
| ☒ Aurora NP | ☒ Hudson | ☒ Perry (Stark) |
| ☒ Avon | ☒ Independence | ☒ Port Clinton |
| ☒ Avon Lake | ☒ Jackson | ☐ Ravenna |
| ☒ Barberton | ☒ Kenston | ☒ Revere |
| ☒ Bay Village | ☒ Kent | ☒ Riverside |
| ☒ Brecksville | ☐ LaGrange | ☒ Rocky River |
| ☒ Broadview Heights | ☐ Lake Select SC | ☒ Rootstown |
| ☐ Brooklyn Heights | ☒ Lakewood | ☒ Sandusky |
| ☒ Brunswick | ☐ Louisville | ☒ Shaker Heights |
| ☐ Buckeye | ☒ Madison | ☒ Solon United |
| ☐ Canfield | ☒ Manchester | ☒ Southeast |
| ☒ Chagrin Falls | ☒ Mantua (<i>new</i>) | ☒ Stow |
| ☒ Chippewa | ☐ Massillon | ☐ Streetsboro |
| ☒ Cloverleaf | ☒ Mayfield | ☒ Strongsville |
| ☐ Columbia Station | ☒ Medina | ☒ Tallmadge |
| ☒ Copley | ☐ Mentor | ☒ TUSA |
| ☐ Coventry/PLX | ☐ Midview | ☒ Twinsburg |
| ☒ Cuyahoga Falls | ☐ Mustangs Jr | ☒ Vermillion |
| ☐ Cuyahoga Heights | ☒ New Philadelphia | ☒ Wadsworth |
| ☒ Dover | ☒ Nardon | ☐ Warren |
| ☐ Eagle Select | ☒ North Canton (<i>NCSC</i>) | ☒ West Geauga |
| ☐ Eastlake | ☒ North Olmsted | ☒ Westlake |
| ☒ Eastside Kickers | ☒ North Ridgeville | ☒ Wickliffe |
| ☐ Elyria | ☒ North Royalton | ☒ Willoughby |
| ☒ Euclid | ☒ Northwest | ☐ Woodridge |
| ☒ Fairless | ☒ Norton | ☐ Wooster |
| ☒ Fairview Park | ☐ Norwalk HCYS | |
| ☒ Field | ☐ Oberlin - (1 boys team) | |
| ☒ Firelands | ☐ Olmsted Falls | |

Notes:

- Columbus Crew presented opportunities for clubs to have on field experiences

President's Report: (Howard)

- Fees for 2026-27 (no change) - we find out in March each year if fees are increased
 - 11 & younger = \$16.25 for one-year fall to spring
 - 12 & older = \$18.25 for one-year fall to spring
 - \$10 for one-year fall to spring
- Would you prefer to keep the summer meeting as a morning meeting? Morning was what the vast majority wanted (about 90% vs 10%)

General Info: (Heather)

- 2026 Board Election Results - Top 3 are elected to the board
 - **Howard (ret) = 21 votes, Christian (ret) = 19 votes, Mark (ret) = 15 votes**, Alex = 6 votes, Noelle = 6 votes
 - 23/113 communities voted (20%)
- New Policy Changes for Fall 2026 (see handout for details)
 - Age divisions will follow the US Club Soccer Matrix (Aug.1 - July 31)
 - Non-competitive U8 division will be added (regional brackets, no scores kept)
 - Referee fees will increase for 9v9 and 11 v 11
 - Team Check in with official rosters will be done by referees
 - No Referee policy
 - Out of Community Players

Reminders: (Becky)

- [Community Maintenance](#) - Please ensure your community contacts & fields are updated/accurate
- [Location Maintenance](#) - Please ensure community locations & fields are updated & active BEFORE game scheduling on 4/13
- [Team Codes](#) - Community Reps are now able to edit their teams codes by accessing League->Edit Team Code. Select the CB next to the team you wish to edit, edit the 4 digit team code & select "Update"
- [Game Score Reporting](#) - game scores are required to be reported by both teams within 24 hours of the game. To mitigate some issues with some coaches not entering scores by the deadline there will be an email notification sent to the coach 48 hours post game if a score has not been entered and then at 72 hours the game score entry will be locked and results will be defaulted to the score entered by the opposing team or 0-0 if neither team enters scores. For issues with game scores contact admin@ohtsl.com

Treasurer Report: (Christian)

- Financial/Budget report
- Accounts receivable - current team fees due
- Please keep in mind that teams will not receive division reimbursement if the club fees are past due
- Please set up a permanent email address for your treasures that can be transferred from one treasurer to the next (vs using a personal email address)
- League Fees = \$110 per team (U8 = \$90), Payment mailed to: OHTSL PO Box 39398 Solon, OH 44139

Admin Report: (Becky)

- [Got Sport Player/Coach Registration](#)
 - Registrars need to go into Got Sport & updated team names with division (ex: Bay U10 Div 3W)
 - Remember: Becky is not able to approve birth certificates in GotSport so don't wait until the last minute to upload
- [Game Scheduling & Rescheduling Procedures](#) (*game change system, neutral site, location change*)
 - Neutral site game locations must be scheduled during pre-scheduling

- All game changes must happen 5 days (by 8 pm) prior to scheduled game, if you have a request in for a long time (over a week) and the other community doesn't respond, email Becky and she will postpone the game (if it is at least 5 days prior to the scheduled game).
- Game Day Procedures (*rosters, guest players, no ref, severe weather*)
 - No coaches or players who are not carded on the field... this included pending cards in Got Sport
 - Digital or paper rosters are acceptable for official team check in
 - If your fields are closed 24 or less prior to game you must notify your ref assignor
- Guest Players - Coaches must provide a separate roster with year and division on it - NOT A PLAYER CARD
 - Guest Players may not play down more than 2 divisions in their age group
 - Guest Players playing up in age; may play in any division
 - Teams that do not adhere to the rules will result in a forfeit (after opposing team informs the league)

Director Of Coaching: (Marcie, reported by Mark)

- Update on upcoming events & coaching education opportunities - [Link to upcoming courses](#)
- Reminder.... [OHTSL Coach Education Reimbursement](#)
- Leadership Council Updates - Application deadline pushed back to Sept 1, 2026 with meetings beginning in September. The application is available on our website
- Summer Coaches Workshop being held next weekend in Avon Lake (7v7), Revere (9v9) & Mayfield (11v11). Presenter will be Vince Ganzberg, DOC of US Club Soccer. Topic will be "How to teach the technical game.. Dribbling, passing & finishing". Sign up by scanning the QR codes found on the handouts on the tables or sign up by going to the home page of the website under announcement.
- Grassroots courses (6) will be offered in August for 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 in various locations. All together this year we hosted 30 grassroot courses, 3D courses and 1 C course. Information about these clinics are emailed out to all coaches and can be found on our website under coaching.
- Community workshops are available for coaches and players to support development. If you have a topic you would like covered, contact Marcie at doc@ohtsl.com to set up.
- Webinar series will be held in Spring of 2027. Contact Marcie with topics of interest.

Discipline (Rick):

- Level of discipline increases for coaches that are repeat offenders. Discipline is more severe if a coach is red carded by a younger referee (green tops)

Referee/Ref Assigning: (Frank) refadmin@ohtsl.com

- Paying Referee - Must have exact change, for 11v11 pay according to how many referees are there, for a one man system 11v11 it is \$70 (they do not get the total amount for 3 man system)
- Two center referees is NOT ALLOWED. If there are 2 you will have one Center and one AR. There should be only one whistle on the field.
- Off sides = 7v7 is at MIDFIELD (note: other leagues use a build out line), every age off sides is at Midfield
 - 8 sec rule should not start until all the opposing team players are behind the build out line
- Roster Check In
 - If referees are late you can do the check in yourselves
 - Have the assignors tell referees to get there early to do the check in policy
 - If referee does not do the check in, let Frank know
- Rules for our league - new rules will be sent out to referees
- An updated referee no show procedure is in the works.
 - Do NOT get a parent on the sideline that doesn't have the proper certifications
 - Coaches can each officiate half the game to still play the game or it can be rescheduled
 - If a referee shows up late and wants paid, let Frank know

- We are again working on a all-female referee class for the winter. This will be for new referees under 19 years of age. Details to be provided in October. (Mark)

Fall Season Waivers: (Dawn)

- Due by 8/9/26 - if waivers are not submitted games will be suspended
- Concussion in Sports: [Information Sheet](#), [NFHS Training Link](#), [Return to Play Information](#)
 - *please be aware legislation **requires medical clearance signed by a healthcare professional***
 - *The Safesport concussion module does not meet this requirement*
 - *When you submit the waiver, your community is stating that all coaches in your community have met the requirements*
- Lindsay's Law: [ODH Information Link](#), & [Player/Parent Waiver](#)

Ohio Travel Cup: (Dawn)

- Ohio Travel Cup - Oct. 3 & 4th **Registration opens 8/1/26**
 - Note: No U8 division (must register as a U9 team)
 - It will fill up so register early
 - Adding additional fields in Medina & reducing Wadsworth fields
- [Player Loan Form](#): Effective for the 26-27 season, the US Club Soccer Player Loan Form is in GotSport. The form is used to temporarily loan a player registered with US Club Soccer from one affiliated club to another for a specific competition. Form can be found by admins in Got Sport by clicking affiliations, then Available Forms and finding US Club Soccer Player Loan Form. Coaches and managers can locate the form by clicking forms then available form.
- Rec Soccer - information on the home page of [ohtsl.com](#) or contact events@ohtsl.com

New Business:

- How to grow the referee pool?
 - Referee education reimbursement program (new for fall 2026)
 - Communities find the referees and pay for it and they submit to us the documentation (must do 4 games) and then we reimburse the clubs for the referee education expenses (Fee plus uniform up to \$150 per referee)
 - Fund up to 100 referees with a maximum of 5 referees per community

Next Meeting:

- Sun, Nov 8th is the annual President & DOC meeting from 9 am to 4:00 pm. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session but I am not sure which one will be in the morning and which one will be in the afternoon
- Location: Holiday Inn Rockside

Meeting Adjournment