



2015 OCSAA FALL REFERENDUM

Items for the 2015 Fall Referendum will be voted on by the member school representatives from 8/25/15 - 8/31/15. When casting your ballot, please mark either "YES" or "NO" in the available space of each ISSUE. Ballots are not considered official if the form is not completed in its entirety.

Ballots are due in the Association office no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, August 31.

The athletic director or appointed representative of the member school shall email the referendum ballot to the OCSAA office by the specified deadline. Only one vote per member school. **Failure to return the referendum ballot will not void the referendum vote.** All returned ballots will be tabulated and the referendum will pass or fail based on the majority vote of returned referendums. Many members feel strongly that returning the referendum ballot is an obligation of membership. Please return your ballot, whether voting or not, by the deadline.

NOTE: If passed, all eligibility issues in this referendum will be requirements for member school participation in OCSAA post season tournaments ONLY! The OCSAA does not regulate regular season competition.

ISSUE 1

Membership Eligibility to (**bylaw II D. Membership Eligibility**)

 Definition of Membership: Any school that is considered to be a **Christian, Private** or **Charter** learning institution by the State of Ohio. Charter Schools must not be eligible for membership or do not desire membership in the **OHSAA**.

 Definition of Membership: Only schools that are considered **Christian** or **Religious** based schools qualify for membership in the **OCSAA** (excluding approved Christian Home School Associations)

COMMENTS:

Please cast your vote for either the current membership rule that allows non-Christian schools membership or vote to limit **OCSAA** membership to Christian and Religious based schools only. Upon its inception in 2010, the **OCSAA** allowed non-Christian (private and charter) schools membership in order to have enough teams to field competitive Final Four Tournaments. Now that we have enough Christian and Religious based members,

we need to decide if we are going to allow the private and charter schools continued membership from the 2015-2016 post season and forward.

ISSUE 2

Membership Eligibility to (**bylaw II D. Membership Eligibility**)

 Definition of Membership: Christian Home School Associations are permitted to join by vote of the **OCSAA** membership

 Definition of Membership: Christian Home School Associations will not be allowed membership in the **OCSAA**

COMMENTS:

Please cast your vote for either the current membership rule that allows Christian Home School Associations membership or vote to not allow Christian Home School Associations membership in the **OCSAA** from the 2015-2016 post season and forward. Since its inception in 2010, the **OCSAA** has had one Christian Home School Association in its membership (Hearts for Jesus Christ). HFJC was one of the original ten ACSI members that formed the **OCSAA** when the ACSI did away with its athletic tournaments.

ISSUE 3

Specific Date Changes to (**bylaw III Tournament Regulations**)

 Tournament Game Dates: The higher seeded team will host the lower seeded team on the date that works best for both schools involved. The game should be played within the assigned dates for that particular round as listed on the **OCSAA** three year calendar.

 Tournament Game Dates: The higher seeded team will host the lower seeded team on the assigned Saturday date for that particular round on the **OCSAA** three year calendar.

COMMENTS:

Please cast your vote to either keep tournament early round dates “optional” for both schools, which is what we currently do, or to have all tournament games played on assigned Saturday’s (excluding the senior high Final Four which is held on Friday and Saturday). This will eliminate all issues between schools not be able to find an agreed upon date as well as allow the away team sufficient time to travel during a non-school day. If approved, the “Saturday only” tournament dates will go into effect the 2016-2017 tournament year giving Athletic Directors time to work their regular season schedules accordingly.

Name of member school: _____ School phone: _____

Name of voter: _____ Position at member school: _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone: _____