



The Ohio High School Athletic Association

# Central District Athletic Board

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TO: Central District Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Jim Hayes, Treasurer

DATE: September 10, 2012

RE: 2012-13 Tournament changes

Many of you have probably heard that the Central District Athletic Board (CDAB) made a major change in how Sectional Tournament sites will be determined in the sports of Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball and Softball. We will continue to seed on line and conduct an open draw meeting for each of these sports but tournament sites will now be based on seed. For Sectional level games only, the better seeded team will be given the opportunity to host the game. District level games will still be played at neutral sites determined by the CDAB.

Our hope is that by permitting the better seeded team to host the Sectional level contests we might see an increase in attendance. In that same spirit, we have also instituted a lower priced student ticket for the Sectional tournaments. We have listened to the concerns of superintendents regarding travel costs and yet we still wanted to maintain the coach's preferences of open draws while making it easier for fans to attend games.

The host school will be determined by the better seeded team, not necessarily the top team on the bracket. If the better seeded team's facilities do not meet minimum National Federation standards they will be responsible for finding an adequate site or allowing their opponent to host the contest. If neither school has adequate facilities, they are to work with the tournament manager assigned by the CDAB to oversee that specific sport to find a site.

The host school will be expected to assign a site manager and arrange for the necessary personnel needed to host a contest. (Hosting a single tournament contest should not take any more people than needed to host any regular season contest) The site manager will be expected to follow the financial procedures adopted by the CDAB in regards to the handling of tickets, payment of officials, payment of workers and timely completion of a Sectional Tournament financial report. Specific guidelines will be provided at a later date as we continue to work to make this as simple as possible.

Host schools will be encouraged to work with your district treasurer to coordinate the handing of the gate receipts and payments. It is my understanding information has been shared in recent weeks with school treasurers about establishing "agency" accounts to handle these transactions. Please contact your treasurer to see how your district is handling this.

Good luck during the tournament season and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.