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Re: football advice

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To: Alex Embry <alex.embry@ohio.kyschools.us>
Cc: "Cope, Butch" <bcope@khsaa.org>

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 2:41 PM

Thank you for the update Mr. Embry. We will notify the district schools and change documents to reflect that change going forward. Best of luck getting participation back up for the future and we will include you in future plans beginning in 2027 so you can consider future options.

On Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 1:39 PM Alex Embry <alex.embry@ohio.kyschools.us> wrote:

Ohio County High School would like to officially declare that we intend to withdraw from district play in varsity football and play on an independent basis starting with the 2025 season.

Please advise what you need from us to make this happen for next season.

Go Eagles!

Alex Embry
Principal
Ohio County High School

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On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 12:25 PM Tackett, Julian <jtackett@khsaa.org> wrote:
Afternoon Alex.

Your school may withdraw from district play at any time. You might (depending upon the opponent's feelings) be liable for forfeit fees for any canceled games, but certainly, you may withdraw. If you desire to withdraw from the playoffs this year, you must do so in writing prior to the establishment of the brackets, or you will automatically be out next year. You may, at your discretion, simply withdraw from both the playoffs this year and district competition next year along with the playoffs. Those remain your options. If you withdraw for next year, you will still be able to re-enter in 2025 when football is realigned.

When the classification is drawn for 2025 later this school year, every school will be given a chance to withdraw and not be placed. However, if withdraw at that point, you would be out for at least two seasons (2025 and 2026) depending upon the final action of the Board when drafting the alignment.

Best of luck. We already have one school withdrawing from this year's playoffs (Ballard Memorial) and these decisions are never easy. But student safety has to be at the forefront of everyone's minds.

On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 9:31 AM Cope, Butch <bcope@khsaa.org> wrote:
Mr. Embry,
I've copied the Commissioner on your email as he is the lead contact for Football in the office.

On Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 9:20 AM Alex Embry <alex.embry@ohio.kyschools.us> wrote:

Mr. Cope I am reaching out to you to start the conversation about Ohio County High School going independent in the future in regards to football. This past offseason we were placed in a very challenging 5A football district. Our opponents are South Warren, Bowling Green, and Greenwood all of which have found themselves in the top of the rankings all year long. We are not in a place to play, much less compete with teams of this caliber.

We are yet to score a point against a district opponent, and if memory serves me correctly, we have only recorded 1 first down. My coaching staff, parents, alumni, and players are all beat down mentally and physically from these lopsided football games.

I realize we will be in the middle of a two year cycle while the KHSAA realigns everyone for football, but I wanted to open the discussion about Ohio County High School going independent in football for next season, or perhaps the 25 season.

Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

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"Ultimately, a genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus. And on some positions cowardice asks the question is it safe? Expediency asks the question is it politics? Vanity asks the question is it popular? The conscience asks the question is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politics nor popular but he must do it because conscience tells him it is right." —Dr. Martin Luther King

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