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Official Announcement: Transition to Bound Platform (2026–2027 School Year)

The Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association (OCIAA) and Mid-Hudson Athletic League (MHAL) are pleased to announce that beginning with the **2026–2027 school year**, we will transition to a new scheduling and assigning platform: **Bound**.

Why the Change?

This transition is necessary due to the discontinuation of our current system, RSchool (owned by Arbiter), which will be shut down at the conclusion of the current school year. While we explored transitioning to Arbiter's updated platform, it ultimately did not meet the operational needs of our Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics or the schools we serve.

After a comprehensive evaluation process, **Bound** was selected as the best solution to support our leagues moving forward.

Why Bound?

Bound offers:

- A modern, user-friendly interface for scheduling and assigning
- Integrated tools for administrators, coaches, and officials
- A public-facing platform and mobile app for improved communication with families and communities
- A responsive and reliable customer service team

We are confident that Bound will enhance efficiency, communication, and overall user experience across our athletic programs.

Implementation & Rollout Plan

Phase 1: Preparation (May–June 2026)

- Finalize system setup with Bound
- Coordinate onboarding timelines with each school
- Distribute initial communication and expectations to athletic directors and administrators

Phase 2: School Onboarding (June 2026)

- Schools will gain access to the Bound platform **before the end of the school year**
- Athletic Directors and key personnel will begin entering data (game changes, non-league games, personnel, etc.)
- Early exposure will allow users to become familiar with the system ahead of fall sports

Phase 3: Training & Support (June–August 2026)

- Structured training sessions will be provided for:
 - Athletic Directors
 - Coaches
 - Assignors
- Training formats will include live sessions, recorded tutorials, and support documentation
- Ongoing support will be available through both Bound and league leadership

Phase 4: Public Launch (Summer 2026)

- Schools will receive **marketing materials and communication templates** to share with families and communities
- Promotion of the Bound mobile app for:
 - Schedules
 - Scores
 - Notifications
- Encourage adoption by parents, athletes, and fans prior to the fall season

Phase 5: Full Implementation (Fall 2026)

- Bound becomes the official platform for:
 - Scheduling
 - Game assignments
 - Public communication
- Continued support and troubleshooting as schools fully transition