



# 2023 OHSAA Softball State Tournament

June 1-3, 2023

Firestone Stadium

1575 Firestone Parkway, Akron, Ohio 44301

- \* **Deadline is Tuesday, May 30 at Noon.**
- \* **Read notes at the right and on page 2 before submitting.**
- \* **Scan and e-mail to the attention of Tim Stried at [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org) or fax to 614-267-1677.**

### Name and Title

Form shall be completed by editor or assigner. No parents of state qualifiers or coaches allowed. Media outlets in violation will have reduced access.

### Media Outlet

### Street Address

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

### Requested Game(s) Coverage

Which teams does your media outlet intend to cover?

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### Media Type (check all that apply and see notes)

- A.) Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: *Daily, Weekly or Other*
- B.) Radio/Internet Audio Play-by-Play Broadcast\* \_\_\_\_\_ *Connection Needed?* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Broadcast fees apply. See media policies and information.  
 \* See 'Broadcast Information' in the right column for details.
- C.) Delayed Video Play-by-Play: Contact Tim Stried at OHSAA for details.
- D.) Television News \_\_\_\_\_ *Need Parking for Satellite Truck?* \_\_\_\_\_
- E.) Website (non-broadcast) \_\_\_\_\_ (Reminder: Photos may not be sold)
- F.) Radio News \_\_\_\_\_

### Names of Persons Attending (if request is approved)

Note: No parents of state qualifiers or coaches permitted. Photo ID required at check-in.

If writing AND taking photos, only put name on photographer line.

Writer/Broadcaster \_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time \_\_\_ or Stringer \_\_\_

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Note: photographers are not permitted on the field or in the dugouts.

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time \_\_\_ or Stringer \_\_\_

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### FOR OHSAA USE ONLY

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SYS \_\_\_\_\_ ECON \_\_\_\_\_ BRM \_\_\_\_\_

### Confirmation E-mail and List

Upon processing a credential application, the OHSAA will send a confirmation email to the media outlet. In addition, the media list will be posted at [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org).

### Parking

There is no reserved media parking area. The paved lot beside the stadium is for handicapped passes, umpires and tournament staff. Media shall park in the parking garage or along Firestone Parkway in the median.

### Broadcast Information

Upon arrival, broadcast media who need a connection (internet or phone line) should ask for Jeff Mourton by the press box for instructions. Broadcast media must pay a rights fee prior to broadcasting. Fees will be collected by Jeff Mourton at their broadcast table.

Broadcasters are asked to keep post-game shows to a minimum if a crew is waiting for your broadcast location for the next game. Please alert Tim Stried at the OHSAA as soon as possible of your intentions so coordination can take place with the state tournament staff in Akron.

### Coverage and Credentials

The number of credentials granted depends on space, the type of coverage being provided and other factors. See Section 5 of the OHSAA Media Regulations for details.



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## 2023 OHSAA Softball State Tournament Media Information

The following information is provided to assist media covering the upcoming OHSAA softball state tournament. Please contact Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org or 614-267-2502, ext. 124) at the OHSAA office if you have additional questions. Additional information will be posted on the OHSAA web site ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)) the week of the state tournament.

**YOUR HOSTS:** State Tournament Media Coordinator Jeff Mourton (Office: 330-375-2853, 330-812-7876, JMourton@akronohio.gov) and State Tournament Manager Melvin Blake (MBlake@akronohio.gov) welcome you to Firestone Stadium. The OHSAA will have several staff members on site during the state tournaments.

**SCHEDULE:** Game times all three days are 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The divisional rotation is III, II, I, and IV.

**LOCATION:** Akron Firestone Stadium, 1575 Firestone Parkway, Akron, OH 44301

**WEATHER DELAYS:** Check with Jeff Mourton near the press box and follow the OHSAA on Twitter: @OHSAAsports

### **DIRECTIONS:**

**From the North:** Take I-77 south or State Route 8 south to the Wilbeth Road exit. Turn right (west) onto Wilbeth and follow to South Main Street (approximately 1.25 miles). The stadium is at the intersection of South Main, Wilbeth and Firestone Parkway. Turn right onto Main and then a left into the Stadium parking lot.

**From the West:** Take I-76/I-277 east to the South Main Street exit. Turn left (north) onto South Main. The stadium is approximately one mile north at the intersection of South Main, Wilbeth and Firestone Parkway.

**From the South:** Take I-77 north to the Wilbeth Road exit. Turn left (west) onto Wilbeth and follow to South Main Street (approximately 1.25 miles). Turn right onto Main and then a left into the Stadium parking lot.

**From the East:** Take I-76 west to I-77 south to the Wilbeth Road exit. Turn right (west) onto Wilbeth Road and follow to South Main Street (approximately 1.25 miles). Stadium parking is available in the lot located between Firestone Parkway and Main Street.

**MEDIA CREDENTIALS:** Media shall complete the official credential application form and scan and email it to Tim Stried at the OHSAA (tstried@ohsaa.org) or fax to 614-267-1677. The deadline to submit requests is noon on Tuesday, May 30. Credentials will be held for pickup at the concession stand window on the third-base side of Firestone Stadium. Media must show photo identification. If the team you are covering wins its semifinal game, the same credential is valid for the championship game.

**NOTE ON MEDIA CREDENTIALS:** Please note that parents of state qualifiers and coaches may not receive media credentials to OHSAA state tournaments. Media outlets found to request credentials for these individuals could have reduced access at future state tournaments.

**CREDENTIAL CONFIRMATION:** Upon processing a credential application, the OHSAA will send a confirmation email, which contains important information about the state tournament. In addition, the OHSAA will post a list on its web site of those media members who have been approved for credentials.

**PARKING:** There are no media parking passes and there is no reserved media parking area. Fans and media shall park along Firestone Parkway as directed by parking attendants.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Note that during the game, photographers are not permitted inside the fence or inside the dugout. As soon as the game ends, photographers are permitted on the field.

**MEDIA WORK SPACE:** Please see media coordinator Jeff Mourton for a seat at the media tables at Firestone Stadium. In addition, there are tables set up in the second-floor hallway on the third-base side (above the postgame interview room). The media work room will close 60 minutes following the conclusion of the last postgame press conference each day.

**POSTGAME INTERVIEWS:** There will be a postgame press conference following every game in a room under the main grandstand.

The head coaches and key players will be escorted to the press conference. Quick interviews by TV and radio reporters are permitted prior to the press conference but must take place off the field. Only credentialed photographers and TV cameras are permitted inside the gate after the game.

**WIRELESS AVAILABLE:** Wireless internet access is available throughout the stadium. Please see Jeff Mourton for the password.

**BROADCAST CONNECTIONS:** Broadcast media needing an internet line or a telephone line should check with Jeff Mourton near the press box for instructions. Stations must use an 800 number, credit card, call collect or have the station call the broadcast crew.

**VIDEO BROADCAST INFORMATION:** Media outlets that request to do delayed video play-by-play of an OHSAA state tournament contest shall contact the OHSAA for details.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES TO BROADCAST MEDIA:** Broadcast media must pay a rights fee prior to broadcasting. Fees will be collected at your broadcast location. Broadcasters are asked to keep their postgame shows to a minimum if a crew is waiting for a broadcast location for the next game. Please alert Tim Stried at the OHSAA as soon as possible of your intentions so coordination can take place with the state tournament staff in Akron.