



2025 OHSAA Softball State Tournament

June 4-8, 2025

Firestone Stadium

1575 Firestone Parkway, Akron, Ohio 44301

- * **Deadline is Tuesday, June 3 at noon.**
- * **Read notes at the right and on page 2 before submitting.**
- * **Scan and e-mail to Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org).**

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 and/or games 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 during the game.

Photographer _____ Full-Time _____ or Stringer _____

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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.

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 Mourtou by the press box for instructions. Broadcast media must pay a rights fee prior to broadcasting. Fees will be collected by Jeff Mourtou at their broadcast table.

Broadcasters are asked to keep postgame 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.

FOR OHSAA USE ONLY

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SYS _____
ECON _____
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2025 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) the week of the state tournament.

YOUR HOSTS: State Tournament Manager Melvin Blake (MBlake@akronohio.gov) and OHSAA softball administrator Kelly Schoenly (kschoenly@ohsaa.org) welcome you to Firestone Stadium. The OHSAA will also have several staff members on site during the state tournaments, including OHSAA Director of Media Relations Tim Stried on Saturday. Ryan Sauline is the softball state tournament media assistant.

SCHEDULE:

Wed., June 4 – Division IV and VII semifinals

Thur., June 5 – Division V semifinals;
Division IV and VII championships

Fri., June 6 – Division III and VI semifinals;
Division V championship

Sat., June 7 – Division II and I semifinals;
Division III championship

Sun., June 8 – Division VI, II and I
championships

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

WEATHER DELAYS: Check with state tournament personnel in the press box. Updates will be posted on the OHSAA's Twitter account: @OHSAASports.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Media shall complete the official credential application form and scan and email it to Tim Stried at the OHSAA (tstried@ohsaa.org). The deadline to submit requests is noon on Tuesday, June 3. 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 assistant Ryan Sauline 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 first-base side of 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 Ryan Sauline for the password.

BROADCAST CONNECTIONS: Broadcast media needing an internet line or a telephone line should check with Jeff Mourtou 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.