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## Welcome to the 2020 OHSAA State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament

**Subject:** Media Information Policies  
**To:** Media Covering the OHSAA State Tournament  
**From:** Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications

Welcome to the Eighth Annual OHSAA State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament. If you have any concerns or needs, please ask our assistants at press row or the media entrance or ask for Matt Titus.

The policies cited below have been developed with members of the media and in accordance with OHSAA Regulations. The media entrance opens at 10:00 a.m. and stays open throughout the day. Media are permitted to stay in St. John Arena between sessions.

### 1. General Policies

- A. Media credentials are for your use only. They are non-transferable.
- B. IMPROPER USE OF A PASS WILL SUBJECT THE USER TO REMOVAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON THE MEDIA OUTLET THAT THE CREDENTIALS WERE ISSUED. **DO NOT CHEER, COACH AND/OR COMMENT DURING A WRESTLING MATCH.**
- C. Please wear the OHSAA issued media credential when entering press row and the mat area. Those with floor passes, other than the designated Press Floor Area, must also wear a wrist band.
- D. Use of tobacco products is not allowed in St. John Arena.
- E. Please be considerate of other media when standing briefly in press row.

### 2. Access to the Arena Floor

- A. Some print media will be assigned to a press row area on the arena floor (credentials will be marked as "Arena Floor Press Row), but only those with a photographer's wrist band will be permitted around the mats.
- B. Media with a "Press Row" credential will not be allowed on the arena floor, other than the designated Press Area, until after the championship matches have concluded Saturday night.
- C. Interviews will take place in the press row area for Session 1 and on the arena floor after all dual meets have finished for Session 2.

### 3. Access to Referees/Officials

Should the need arise for a credentialed media person to obtain a ruling or clarification with a Referee, please see Tim Stried, who will designate a pool reporter during the OHSAA State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament. The questions will be asked by the pool reporter at the conclusion of each round only.

### 4. Photographers

- A. Please sit on the ends of the mats behind the restraining line.
- B. Please do not stand in front of the Match Scoreboards
- C. If videotaping or taking photos from Press Row, please do not obstruct views of others.
- D. During the QF's and SF's, the middle two mats have very limited access for photographers. If there are more photographers desiring to be positioned beside the inside mats than space permits, Tim Stried will designate priority.
- E. Only OHSAA runners and those with All-Access passes are permitted to sit in the chairs located in front of the Head Table.

### 5. Dual Team Results

- A. Results all Divisions will be distributed after each round and will be posted online through the OHSAA's wrestling page.
- B. Occasionally there are errors in the results. If you find one, please bring it to the attention of the head table. Your effort is tremendous with this very important job.

### 6. Media Interview Request System

After the state quarterfinals and semifinals, interviews with coaches and select wrestlers are permitted in the media press row area or in the St. John Arena concourse. After the state finals Saturday night, media interviews will take place on the mat for that specific division.

### 7. Official's Decisions

Please help us conduct a first-class tournament by not criticizing the decision of an official. Please keep comments to yourself – especially if you are on the floor.

### 8. Media Refreshments:

The OHSAA provides media with soft drinks, water and snacks throughout the tournament in the Recruit Room (SW Corner). This room is located adjacent to Mat 5. Only water is permitted to be taken to your seat at press row. A meal will be served beginning at 5 p.m. Additional food items are available for purchase at the arena concession stands.

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