

# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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**TO:** Media Members Covering the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournaments

**FR:** Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Media Relations

## **POLICY FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR HOLDER OF A MEDIA CREDENTIAL AT THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

Those holding a media credential and are found by the tournament personnel to verbally abuse an official, coach or participant or to inappropriately “cheer” during a match are subject to the following:

1. First time offense - **WARNING**. Will be reminded of the expectations for those holding a media credential and will be warned of the consequences should further unwarranted behavior occur.
2. Second time offense - **REMOVAL AND PROBATION**. Will be escorted from the arena for the remainder of the tournament. Person may purchase a ticket to sit in the general fan areas.

Should the media outlet in which the person on probation request to cover the rest of this tournament, any other OHSAA tournaments this year or next year’s state wrestling tournament, the superior of that person must make an appointment with the OHSAA Director of Media Relations.

### **CREDENTIAL CONDITIONS AND PHOTO GUIDELINES**

Photographers shall review the guidelines on the media welcome letter and adhere to the location boundaries established for each mat.

Those holding a media credential are also asked to turn over the back of their media credential and review the “State Tournament Credential Conditions and Photography Guidelines.” Among the items to note are:

1. Credentials are granted to media members engaged in a legitimate working function for an accredited media organization, and credentials shall be used solely for news-gathering purposed of the tournament.
2. Personal web sites, those web sites established by individual/freelance photographers and/or individual/freelance photographers may not sell photos from OHSAA state tournaments or post galleries of photos (four or more photos on a single page).
3. Credentials are non-transferable and may be revoked at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these conditions.

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