



2020 OHSAA Girls Basketball State Tournament

March 14-16, 2020

St. John Arena, The Ohio State University
410 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, OH 43210

- * **Deadline is Tuesday, March 10 at noon.**
- * **Read notes at the right and on page 2 before submitting.**
- * **Fax (or scan and e-mail) to the attention of Tim Stried at 614-267-1677 or tstried@ohsaa.org.**

Name and Title

Form should be completed by editor or assignor. Applications from individual photographers not accepted.

Media Outlet

Street Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email (print clearly)

Requested Game(s) Coverage

Does your media outlet intend to cover all 12 games? _____

If not, which team(s) or division(s) does your media outlet intend to cover?

Media Type (check all that apply and see notes)

- A.) Newspaper _____ *Daily, Weekly or Other* _____
- B.) Audio Only Play-by-Play Broadcast* _____ *Connection Needed* _____
* Broadcast fees apply, see media policies and information.
* See 'Broadcast Connections' information at right.
- C.) Television News _____ *Need Parking for Satellite Truck?* _____
- D.) Website (non-broadcast) _____ (Reminder: Photos may not be sold)
- E.) Radio News _____ *Phone Line Needed?* _____

Names of Persons Attending (if request is approved)

Note: No children or coaches permitted. Please do not wear school gear.

Press Row _____ Full-Time ___ or Stringer ___

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Press Row(*) _____ Full-Time ___ or Stringer ___

Photo/TV _____ Full-Time ___ or Stringer ___

Photo/TV (*) _____ Full-Time ___ or Stringer ___

(*) if space permits

Confirmation Email and List

Upon processing a credential application, the OHSAA will send a confirmation email to the media outlet. In addition, a list of approved media outlets will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. Denied requests will be notified via email.

Credential Pick Up/Media Entrance:

Credential pick up information and location will be outlined in the media application confirmation memo.

Photographers Note

Children or coaches are not permitted to receive media credentials. Media outlets found to be in violation are subject to reduced access at future OHSAA state tournaments.

Broadcast Connections

Broadcast media outlets needing a connection should clearly indicate their preferred type (telephone line, internet line, etc.) on the credential application. Internet lines are \$100 and are handled by Tim Stried in conjunction with the St. John Arena staff. Telephone lines are approximately \$60 and are handled by Ohio State's OCIO (Office of the Chief Information Officer). Telephone line requests go to Steve Aldous (aldous.3@osu.edu, fax 614-688-3425, help line 614-292-6080).

Coverage, Media Types and Number of 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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Please contact Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org or 614-267-2502, ext. 124) at the OHSAA office should you have additional questions. Previews and additional information will be posted on the OHSAA web site.

YOUR HOSTS: OHSAA Director of Sport Management Kathleen Coughlin is the OHSAA's administrator for basketball. Tim Stried, the OHSAA's director of communications, will be available to assist the media with credentials, seating assignments, interview requests, media notes, statistics, photographer placement, etc. Associate Commissioner Bob Goldring coordinates the postgame press conferences.

DIRECTIONS: St. John Arena is located at 410 Woody Hayes Drive Columbus, Ohio 43210. There are two primary routes to get to the arena: 1.) Traveling south on State Route 315 to the Lane Avenue exit and turn left onto Lane Avenue. 2.) Traveling north on State Route 315 to the lane Avenue exit and turn right onto Lane Avenue.

DIVISIONAL ROTATION AND SCHEDULE: The divisional rotation for the state tournaments in 2020 is II, IV, III and I. The Division II and IV semifinals are Thursday. The Division III and I semifinals are Friday. The semifinals are played as double-header sessions (beginning at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.). The championship games are single-session contests on Saturday.

CREDENTIALS: Fax (or scan and email) the official credential application form to Tim Stried at the OHSAA office (614-267-1677). The deadline to submit requests is noon on Tuesday, March 10.

CREDENTIAL CONFIRMATION: The OHSAA will send a confirmation email to media applicants and also post a list on OHSAA.org of those media members who have been approved for credentials. Denied requests will be notified via email.

COACHES AND MEDIA TELECONFERENCE: The OHSAA will conduct a media teleconference featuring the head coaches of the state tournament qualifiers on the Monday preceding the basketball state tournaments. The girls basketball teleconference will be held Monday, March 9. Contact Tim Stried for the schedule and call-in details.

PARKING: Not every media member can be accommodated with a parking pass. Some media members will be mailed a parking pass, while other media will be instructed where to pick up a parking pass prior to arriving at the Schottenstein Center. Parking details will be included in the confirmation email (see earlier note). For those media who do not receive a parking pass, parking is available in the lots around the facility near Ohio State's baseball stadium and track stadium. A shuttle service is provided from the Buckeye Parking Lots at the north end of Fred Taylor Drive to bring those who park in those lots to the arena.

CREDENTIAL PICKUP/MEDIA ENTRANCE: Credential pick up information and location will be outlined in the media application confirmation memo. Media are requested to show photo identification at credential pick up. Those who do not provide photo ID may be denied entrance.

PRESS ROW: A separate seating chart will be created for each session. As media arrive at press row, please see an OHSAA representative for your specific seat assignment.

MEDIA WORKSPACE: Reporters covering all 12 games of the tournament (or the last game of the day) may continue working at their seats along press row. Otherwise, please use the arena's media work room, which is located off the main hallway behind press row. Photographers may work in the media work room. Wireless internet is available in the arena. Media shall request a password and username when credentials are picked up.

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PREGAME TIMING INFORMATION: A separate timing information document will be provided to broadcast media so they are aware of the timing of such items as the National Anthem, pregame introductions and the exact tip time. The National Anthem is played before every session.

INTERVIEWS: No media members, including photographers, are permitted in the locker rooms at any time. A post-game news conference will take place in the Media Interview Room, located in the hallway by the locker rooms. Following a brief cooling off period, the head coach and key players will attend. An OHSAA media escort will coordinate media members obtaining quick sound bites from one team if they are waiting near the interview room for the other team to finish its news conference. However, all radio and television post-game interviews must take place after the news conference. Once the first team finishes its news conference, all one-on-one interviews must stop and the second team is required to enter the news conference. For the championship games, interviews for quick sound bites are permitted on the court immediately following the conclusion of BOTH awards ceremony. News conferences will also take place in the Media Interview Room. Additional one-on-one interviews, besides the quick sound bites, will take place after the news conference.

POST-GAME PHOTOS: For the semifinals and finals, still photographers and TV cameras are permitted on the court briefly for celebration and emotion types of photos. Photographers must then leave the court area and stand in a designated area so that fans can view the awards ceremonies. At that point, only the OHSAA's official photographer, a Spectrum Sports TV camera and a Schottenstein Center TV camera are permitted on the court.

TELEVISION INTERVIEWS: Interviews with coaches and players are not permitted on the court after contests unless approved by Tim Stried or Bob Goldring from the OHSAA. TV reporters may enter the court to do a stand-ups but, as previously mentioned, they must wait to conduct one-on-one interviews with any coaches or players. Keep in mind that for the semifinals, a media escort will assist you with quick interviews if one team is waiting for the other team to wrap up its press conference. Following the championship games, the media escort will also help media conduct courtside interviews, but they must take place after BOTH awards ceremonies. No media members are permitted in team locker rooms.

NOTE ON TV REPORTS: Lights on cameras are not permitted when shooting a game or when shooting a reporter doing a report while using the basketball court for a background while a contest is in progress. Shots from spectator seating areas are not permitted without prior permission from the OHSAA.

LIVE AUDIO BROADCASTS: Live audio broadcasts are permitted if approved by the OHSAA. OHSAA broadcast rights fees apply (see chart posted on the 'News & Media' page at OHSAA.org.). Broadcast connection charges are additional (see earlier note).

SECOND MULT BOX AVAILABLE: Two mult boxes will be provided for use by the media during the basketball state tournaments. One will be located in the postgame press conference room. The other will be located at midcourt behind the second row of the media seating. Media are welcome to obtain the audio from the house audio feed (which includes the postgame trophy presentations) and the postgame press conferences.

HOSPITALITY: There is a Media Hospitality Room located off the main floor. Meals will be served as selected times during the tournaments. Media members are requested to remain inside the Media Hospitality Room with their food and beverages (teams will be entering/exiting the court in the hallway directly outside the Hospitality Room). Only water is permitted at courtside.

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