

# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## 2026 Ice Hockey State Tournament Nationwide Arena – 200 W. Nationwide Blvd., Columbus Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15

**TO:** Media Covering the State Ice Hockey Tournament

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

Welcome to the 49th Annual OHSAA Ice Hockey State Tournament. We appreciate your coverage. Below is information to assist the media during the tournament. Note that children, parents of competitors and coaches are not permitted to receive media credentials for OHSAA state tournaments. One school media person is permitted per state qualifier, which should be submitted by the Athletic Director.

Media may park in any of the garages surrounding Nationwide Arena. The OHSAA does not have free access to any of the garages.

- **Media Check-In:** Nationwide Arena Box Office, south side of Nationwide Arena located on the corner of Nationwide Blvd. and McConnell Blvd. (beside Tim Horton's)

- **Directions to Press Box:** From the media entrance, proceed up one level to the main concourse. Turn left and go to the elevator, which is located near section 117. Take the elevator up to the press box level.

- **Photography Regulations:** Photographers are permitted to take photos from around the arena. Shooting holes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, however a priority system will be established by the OHSAA if a conflict arises.

- **Results:** Copies of box scores will be distributed to media members in the press box and in the post-game interview room as soon as they are available after each game. They will also be posted on the OHSAA's ice hockey page.

- **Media Work Area:** Media members will be permitted to remain in the press box after each contest to work. Wireless access is available throughout the arena.

- **Interviews:** Columbus Blue Jackets' staff will organize post-game interviews following each game. The locker rooms are not open for media access.

- **Credentials:** Use the same credential for both days of the tournament. Credentials are non-transferable.

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