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## REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR 2026 OHSAA STATE BASEBALL FINALISTS

**Congratulations** on your Regional Championship! Ohio's State Baseball Tournament in downtown Akron continues to be among the best in the nation. We all look forward to this year's State Tournament and the excitement that comes with playing at one of the premier ballparks, Canal Park in downtown Akron, Ohio.

You were provided instructions after your District Championship to download and submit the required paperwork for **both** the Regional and State Tournaments. Doing this allows us to be more efficient, eliminating the need to duplicate any of this material. Since some schools may have updated/changed items from the Regional level, we are asking all State Tournament participating schools **to send any updated changes to Scott Rex ([srex@ohsaa.org](mailto:srex@ohsaa.org))**.

This is also an important reminder that the **virtual State Finalist's Meeting** will be held **Monday, June 8, at 10:30 AM** via Microsoft Teams. You will receive the meeting invitation (directly from Microsoft Teams) and link by Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 PM. You will need the Microsoft Teams application (phone or desktop) to access the meeting. Once you download the application, you can either join the meeting by clicking the link in the email regarding the meeting or by going to the Calendar tab in Microsoft Teams and click "Join" in the upper right-hand corner of the meeting invitation on Monday at 10:30 AM.

We request two (2) representatives from your school attend the virtual meeting, to insure you have the accurate information. We will review several important items and go over the electronic packet of materials for the State Tournament. Please review these tournament instructions and the State Finalists Manual (to come!) prior to the Finalists Meeting, if possible. There will be representatives from the Akron RubberDucks, Akron Summit County Visitor's Bureau, Aimbridge Hospitality and the OHSAA staff, who will all be available for any questions.

Again, congratulations and we look forward to an exciting weekend of State Tournament baseball!

Sincerely,

Monroe Britton  
OHSAA Sport Administrator



## STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

*All State Finalists will receive a State Finalists Manual that will go into further detail, however please read below for a few key components to get you started on planning your trip to Akron!*

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

See below for the contact information for myself, our State Tournament Site Manager with the Akron RubberDucks and Tim Stried, for media inquiries. I am best reached by text/call on my cell phone or by email.

Monroe Britton, OHSAA Baseball Administrator	<a href="mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org">mbritton@ohsaa.org</a>	B: (614) 267-2502 x 135 C: (740) 361-4649
Brian Lobban, RubberDucks Tournament Manager	<a href="mailto:blobban@akronrubberducks.com">blobban@akronrubberducks.com</a>	B: (330) 375-1728 C: (330) 321-5695
Eh Rehfus, Thurman Munson Tournament Manager	<a href="mailto:erehfusjr@gmail.com">erehfusjr@gmail.com</a>	C: (330) 705-5014
Tim Stried, OHSAA Media Coordinator	<a href="mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org">tstried@ohsaa.org</a>	B: (614) 267-2502 x 124

### TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Please review all Baseball Tournament Regulations from the baseball website at [HERE](#).

### VIRTUAL STATE FINALIST MEETING | MONDAY, JUNE 8 at 10:30 AM | MICROSOFT TEAMS

The OHSAA invites two representatives (preferably the head coach and Athletic Director) of all participating schools to attend the virtual State Baseball Finalists' Meeting on Monday, June 8 at 10:30 AM, through Microsoft Teams. **The meeting invitation link will be sent directly to the head coach and Athletic Director by Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 PM.** All viewers will need to download the Microsoft Teams app (desktop or mobile version) to view the State Baseball Finalists' Meeting—there is no cost associated with downloading Microsoft Teams.

### STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION FORM

The last page of this packet includes a State Information Form that needs to be completed and emailed to Monroe Britton at [mbritton@ohsaa.org](mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org).

### HOME TEAM DESIGNATION

Tournament draws were conducted in the OHSAA office. The home team in all Semifinal and Final games will be the top team on the bracket.

### UMPIRES

Game umpires for the State Tournament are selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Executive Director's office. Per OHSAA rules, any protest arising from the decision and interpretation of the rules by the officials during the game **will not be considered**. The decisions and interpretations are final per *OHSAA Bylaw 8, Section 3*.

### PRACTICE

No practices are permitted at Canal Park or Thurman Munson, the sites of the 2025 State Baseball Tournament.

### COACH CERTIFICATION/ELIGIBILITY

Only coaches with valid Pupil Activity Permits through the Ohio Department of Education and in uniform, will be eligible to be in the dugout/on the field before during and after the game.

## SIZE OF SQUAD PERMITTED IN DUGOUT/FIELD

From the Sectional to the Regional Tournaments, all schools utilized the *Team Roster/Travel Party List* for entrance and dugout admittance. **Please know that for the State Tournament only, teams will be permitted to have an increase of 32 (from 28) individuals in the dugout. Even with the increase to 32, there may still only be maximum of 22 players in uniform.**

A bag tag is required for admittance into the dugout and lower field area(s) and shall be made up of the following, for a total of no more than 32:

- Twenty-two (22) players in uniform
- Student Manager
- Bat Boy/Girl
- Athletic Trainer
- Scorekeeper
- Coaches

## TEAM ADMISSION

Each team will be provided commemorative participant bag tags to be used for admission to Canal Park/Thurman Munson for any game of the OHSAA State Baseball Tournament, including the game they will participate in. You will be provided the number of bag tags equal to the number permitted in the dugout (32) upon arrival at Canal Park/Thurman Munson at the team/VIP entrance. The bag tags provided will take the place of a pass list at the State Tournament level. The bag tags will provide admission at the team/VIP entrance only.

***Anyone beyond the 32 permitted with a bag tag will require a ticket for entrance and will not be permitted in the dugout.*** We thank you in advance for your respect regarding this administrative component of the event.

## ADMINISTRATOR ADMISSION

8 school administrators will continue to use the same Hometown Ticketing code they have used throughout the postseason. Administrators will need to enter Canal Park/Thurman Munson at the main gates to have their ticket(s) scanned.

## ADMISSION

All tickets are \$10.00 for students and \$16.00 for adults for State Semifinal and Final games at Canal Park/Thurman Munson. One ticket will provide admission for the entire day at that specific venue only. Children under the age of 5 are permitted complimentary admission. All tickets will be sold online and can be purchased from the OHSAA Tickets website ([HERE](#)). **Please note that the tickets will not go live for purchase until all State Finalists are determined on the bracket.**

Any questions regarding tickets need to be directed to Claudia Markoff.

**Claudia Markoff**

E: [cmarkoff@ohsaa.org](mailto:cmarkoff@ohsaa.org)

P: 614-549-6973

## DUGOUT ASSIGNMENTS

The home dugout will be along the third base line and the visitor's dugout will be along the first base line.

## OFFICIAL PITCH COUNTER

The OHSAA will provide an official pitch counter for your Semifinal and Final games in the State Tournament. The official pitch counter will be tracking pitch counts and will be seated in the visitor's dugout, along the first base line. Should there be any pitch count questions or concerns, the official pitch counter will provide the final information on behalf of the OHSAA.

## POSTPONED GAMES

In the event of postponements, the postponed games are scheduled in their original order. This will be reviewed at the Finalists Meeting. Though not every situation can be accommodated, the Director reserves the right to alter game schedules to

accommodate conflicts. This is approved per the Board of Directors adopted Tournament Regulations. Should there be any postponements or changes to game times, Emily Mason will communicate directly with the Athletic Director via cell phone.

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

With the help of the Sports Alliance of Greater Akron powered by the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitor's Bureau, you all have the option to work with the Aimbridge Hospitality group in Akron for the Fairfield by Marriott Akron Fairlawn, the Homewood Suites by Hilton and the Courtyard by Marriott Akron Stow. Additionally, the Stars Hotel Group is offering the Holiday Inn Express Akron South for the participating teams.

To receive the provided rates, we ask that you reach out to Malcolm Moore for the Fairfield Inn & Suites Akron Fairlawn, Homewood Suites and Courtyard Akron Stow. For the Holiday Inn Express Akron South, please contact Michele Spangler. **You may contact both providers as soon as you advance to the State Tournament—they will be expecting to hear from teams over the weekend.**

#### **Malcolm Moore**

*Akron Fairlawn Properties*

**P:** 701-551-8127

**E:** [malcolm.moore@aimbridge.com](mailto:malcolm.moore@aimbridge.com)

#### **Michele Spangler**

*Holiday Inn Express Akron South*

**P:** 330-668-9090

**E:** [michele.spangler@starshotelgroup.com](mailto:michele.spangler@starshotelgroup.com)

*More information on hotels will be provided in the PDF mentioned below!*

#### **VISITING AKRON**

The Akron/Summit Convention & Visitor's Bureau has put together a wonderful guide to Akron that includes area information on the hotel properties, dining options, maps and emergency information. A PDF version of the guide will be provided in the materials emailed to teams by Sunday.



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STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Submit to Monroe Britton at [mbritton@ohsaa.org](mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org)  
*by the State Finalists Meeting*

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Players in Uniform (Max 22): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Coaches w/ Pupil Activity Coaching Permits (Including Head Coach): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Administrator(s) assisting with the Awards Ceremony:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
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**Respect**  
**THE**  
**GAME**