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OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



2020-21

OHSAA BASKETBALL SECTIONAL/DISTRICT

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS' MANUAL



A Message from OHSAA Basketball Administrator, Kathleen Coughlin

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a manager for the OHSAA Basketball Tournament, specifically in 2020-21 when so much continues to change! The resiliency of our Athletic Administrators, Coaches, and Student-Athletes has been outstanding, and we could not be more excited for the winter tournaments to begin. With the COVID-19 pandemic among us, it is imperative that all mandates listed in the Ohio Health Director's Order, as approved by the Governor's Office, must be followed during OHSAA tournament contests.

The road to the 46th/99th Girls' and Boys' State Basketball Tournament begins with YOU. This is the traditional Managers' Manual provided to all managers of Sectional and District tournaments that reflects the consistent procedures for all tournament games across the state. Though each District Athletic Board (DAB) is permitted certain adjustments in the individual districts, this manual reflects items adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors to provide a consistent and fairly administered tournament across the state.

The manual is designed to help you in the operation of the tournament and is divided into basic parts of:

1. Introduction Information
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4. Sectional and District Specific Information
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With the transition to many Districts playing "Home Site" Sectional/District Tournaments, it is as important as ever to pay close attention to the Basketball Tournament Adopted Regulations.

Consistent with the last few years, is the use of a 'running clock' in games when the score differential reaches 35 points. Please read this carefully. I cannot stress enough the importance of adhering to these regulations at the Sectional/District level. As you might expect, should a regulation not be followed, it only becomes magnified when the team advances to another level and is required to follow a regulation that should have been followed all along.

Regional managers will receive a separate Regional Manager Manual.

We do ask that you review many of the regulations at your seed/draw meetings with coaches. This is requested so coaches understand they are agreeing to various regulations before entering the tournament. Ultimately, that should help you as the Tournament Manager when coaches voice concerns after the draw. Their entry into the tournament is an agreement to follow the regulations – whether they like them or not.

Each District Athletic Board is given the task of organizing tournaments at the sectional and district level in their respective athletic districts under the tournament regulations adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors. These tournament regulations can be seen in their entirety at the end of this manual.

Though nearly all of your communication will be with the District Athletic Board member in your district that oversees basketball, if I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us via email. Thanks for your efforts and making this year's tournament a reality!

KATHLEEN COUGHLIN, CAA | DIRECTOR OF SPORT MANAGEMENT

Important Items to Review at Seed/Draw Meetings

The following Items must be reviewed at ALL Seed/Draw Meetings

1. Checking the 'box' in a school's myOHSAA account is the school's agreement to the following:
 - a. To follow ALL OHSAA Tournament Regulations and all OHSAA Administrative Regulations.
 - b. To play at the site and time designated by the respective District Athletic Board and/or the OHSAA.
2. Coaches should be provided a copy of all OHSAA Board of Directors' adopted Tournament Regulations. These regulations are in the back of this manual and can also be found online.
3. Review of the "Running Clock" regulation Tournament Regulation XI (h).
4. District Athletic Boards in the 6 Athletic Districts in Ohio are responsible for establishing seeding/drawing procedures in their respective Athletic Districts. This may lead to one Athletic District seeding/drawing being different from another Athletic District.
5. District Athletic Boards in the 6 Athletic Districts in Ohio are given the authority to assign Sectional and District game sites. They are also given the authority to determine whether teams may play on their home courts.
6. Even when Athletic Districts do permit teams to participate on their home courts, all OHSAA adopted Tournament Regulations must be enforced. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of any revenue sharing/bonus the respective District Athletic Board or OHSAA may provide.
7. District Athletic Boards and the OHSAA may change the game time or the site location at their discretion.
8. District Athletic Boards in the 6 Athletic Districts in Ohio are given the authority to determine practice policies on tournament sites.
9. **There should be no expectation that the distance a team must travel to an OHSAA tournament contest is considered a 'competitive advantage' for either team. There will be situations in which one team must travel further than another team to a tournament site – this is not considered a competitive advantage for a team. Should this NOT be understood and accepted by a competing team, the team/school should not enter the OHSAA Tournament.**

The 6 Athletic Districts

Representation to the Regional tournament (the number of Regional 'qualifiers') from District winners is determined by a formula based upon the number of teams participating in the previous year's tournament.

Tournament regulations were adopted by the Board of Directors at its' October meeting and can also be read in their entirety by logging on to www.ohsaa.org and navigating to the boys' or girls' basketball site under the "Sports and Tournaments" pull down menu. With a few exceptions, most schools in the counties listed below are assigned sites from the respective District Athletic Boards. You are encouraged to visit their websites for additional information.



Tournament Overview

The OHSAA sponsors Boys' and Girls' Tournaments in 4 divisions. Each of the state's District Athletic Boards are empowered by the OHSAA Constitution to organize and conduct the boys' and girls' basketball tournaments at the Sectional and District levels. They are conducted according to the tournament regulations adopted by the Board of Directors at their October meeting. The 4 divisions for 2019-20 are determined by the EMIS reports from the October 2018 count. Tournament divisions are determined annually. A school's competitive balance enrollment is added to their base enrollment which is used to determine their division:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Boys Enrolled</u>	<u>Total Schools</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Girls' Enrolled</u>	<u>Total Schools</u>
I	352 and more	197	I	335 and more	195
II	206 - 351	198	II	194 – 334	194
III	129 – 205	199	III	115 – 196	196
IV	128 and less	201	IV	114 and less	198

Tournament Draw Dates

The draw date for tournaments is established by the Board of Directors. The approved dates for 2021 are:

Girls' Sectional/District Draw: January 31, 2021 2:00 p.m.
Boy's Sectional/District Draw: February 7, 2021 2:00 p.m.

State Tournament Dates

Girls' State Tournament: March 11 - 13, 2021 TBA
Boys' State Tournament: March 18 - 20, 2021 TBA

Score Differential (Mercy Rule)

Any time a score differential reaches 35 points during the second half, a running clock shall be utilized. After the 35 point score differential has been met but the score drops below 30 points, the clock reverts to regular NFHS timing. (This eliminates timing issues in a faster paced contest). The clock shall be stopped only for an injured player on the court or when there is any unusual delay deemed necessary by the officials.

Security Issues

While there will be fewer people in the stands due to capacity limits, PLEASE pay special attention to all security issues. Hire adequate security as each District Athletic Board will advise. **There are to be NO traditional student sections, and congregating before and after the game is not permitted.** It simply invites problems. OHSAA Bylaws require an administrator to attend boys' and girls' basketball contests. Review their responsibilities. Tournament Regulations address the throwing of such materials such as "talcum powder" and may result in a technical foul as well as the school being charged for clean-up costs. Take the time to review and communicate this with coaches AND school administrators prior to the contest. Try hard to eliminate all problems **before they occur**. Consult with competing schools PRIOR to the contest, have adequate entry points, communicate with your staff to greet people properly. All go a long way to eliminating problems BEFORE they occur. There is a section providing a sample "Crisis Management Plan" later in this manual. Most schools do have one in place, but in the event you do not, this will serve as a valuable resource to eliminate many potential problems.



OHSAA Tournament General Information – ALL LEVELS of Tournament

The following is 'General Information' for **ALL MANAGERS** relative to Sectional and District tournament play.

1. At each Sectional/District seed/placement meeting OR in correspondence with schools when seed meetings are not held, you must review the following:
 - **Schools that have been seeded have checked their myOHSAA account as choosing to participate in the tournament. This choice to participate is also an AGREEMENT by the school to:**
 - **To follow ALL OHSAA Tournament Regulations and all OHSAA Administrative Regulations.**
 - **To play at the site and time designated by the respective District Athletic Board and/or the OHSAA.**
 - **All Home teams by designation MUST wear white jerseys – no exceptions**
 - **All teams hosting games on their home courts will not conduct Parents' Nights, Senior Nights or other 'special recognition' nights at tournament contests.**
 - **Only 15 eligible players may be in uniform for any one tournament game**
 - **18 seats will be available to players and coaches. With 5 individuals on the court, that means there are 23 individuals total permitted in the bench are for all contests. That number is to include all players, coaches, managers, trainers, ball boys, etc.**
2. Coaches should be provided a copy of all OHSAA Board of Directors' adopted Tournament Regulations so they clearly understand such things as the number permitted in uniform, the total number permitted in the bench area and that all coaches must be certified. These are also to be reviewed at the meeting or highlighted in any correspondence to coaches if a meeting is not held. These regulations are in the back of this manual and can also be found online
3. The OHSAA has adopted a "Tournament Postponement Policy" as it relates to Covid-19. Please review this policy located within this manual.
4. The OHSAA has also adopted a "Failure to Appear Policy" that appears on the next page in the rare event a team does not show to a tournament contest. Please review this policy as well.
5. Coaches, parents, fans, scouts are NOT permitted to videotape any portion of a game in which they are not participating in and use it for any scouting purposes.
6. Newly adopted tournament regulations will require a 'running clock' when the score differential reaches 35 points. Timing will not revert back to 'regular' timing until the score drops below a 30 point differential.
7. Financial reports can be found by either contacting their respective DAB Treasurer or through the respective DAB pages on our website.
8. **All tickets will be done electronically via HomeTown Ticketing. There will be no physical tickets for purchase at any event.**
9. **Officials** have been assigned by District Athletic Boards through procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Please notify your officials in advance of the contest to remind them of their assignment time and location. Please also provide them reserved parking and provide them directions to your site.
10. Officials are contracted through the Arbiter system. District Athletic Board Secretaries will work with managers of each Sectional/District tournament to provide them login/password information and instructions for entering sectional brackets and game scores at the conclusion of each contest.
11. Provide efficient and competent 'table' personnel. Scorers, Timers and Public Address Announcers should be experienced school scorers and timers. **Public address announcers are to remain neutral and professional in their duties as an announcer.**
12. The Official Lineup Form is included within this booklet. Please remove and make copies to distribute at the Seed Meeting and at the District Meeting. This will allow each coach to provide his/her official lineup to the scorer and announcer prior to the game.
13. The Rawlings "**COMPOHIO285CB**" (Girls') and the Rawlings "**COMPOHIOCB**" (Boys) are the approved balls to be used for tournament play.



Officials and Officials' Fees

Officials have been assigned by each District Athletic Board (DAB) for Sectional and District Tournaments. Assignments and contracting are done through the *Arbiter* system.

Remember to provide adequate security for officials; before, during AND after the contest.

Sectional: \$80.00 + Travel Allowance
District: \$110.00 + Travel Allowance
Regional: \$145.00 + Travel Allowance

OHSAA Travel Allowance (Officials)

EACH official is provided a "Travel Allowance" at a rate of \$1.00 per mile ONE WAY for every mile traveled **over 50 miles** from the Official's home zip code to the tournament site zip code.

Since ALL OFFICIALS are assigned and contracted by District Athletic Board members on behalf of the OHSAA, should any official call you to request switching a game assignment OR reporting a conflict of interest (which they are required to do), please make certain to notify the DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD.

Using "myOHSAA" & Arbiter Contracting Officials

myOHSAA is used for tournament management for bracketing at the initial seed meeting. Additionally, Arbiter is used to contract and communicate with officials by the host site.

Failure to Appear Policy

When national playing rules do not address failure to appear, the following regulations will apply. If a team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a tournament game, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A "no contest" will be declared, and the opposing team will advance into the next round of competition. See **No Contest** under Section 31 of the General Sports Regulations. All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a representative of the respective district athletic board or the OHSAA Executive Director's office.

Covid-19 Protocols

Please reference the following documents, at a minimum, to ensure all tournament sites are following the proper COVID-19 guidelines and check with your local health department guidelines as well.

- OHSAA COVID-19 Correspondence Webpage:
 - <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondence>
 - 2020-21 Basketball Requirements, Rule Modifications and General Recommendations:
 - <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Basketball-Girls/2021/BKBRequirementsRecommendations.pdf>

As stated in the Responsible RestartOhio Sports Venues guidelines, "the maximum number of individuals gathered in any indoor entertainment venue shall be the lesser of 300 spectators or 15% seating of fixed seating capacity".

Covid-19 Q & A

Winter Tournaments – Cannot Participate Due to COVID-19 and Quarantine Cases

- Q. If my school cannot participate in a first-round basketball tournament contest because we have too many student-athletes out due to COVID-19 or quarantine situations, can our contest be rescheduled?**
- A. If a team cannot participate due to not enough participants being available because of COVID-19 cases or quarantines, the Executive Director's Office and/or District Athletic Board, in collaboration with the participating schools, contest officials and tournament personnel, shall make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the competing school with rescheduling a **first-round contest only**, provided:

- a.) Both teams mutually agree to reschedule the contest;
- b.) Contest officials are available to officiate the contest;
- c.) The rescheduled date does not adversely affect the next round of the tournament competition/tournament schedule; and
- d.) The rescheduled contest shall be completed a minimum of 48 hours prior to the next round of the tournament.

If a first-round contest cannot be rescheduled for the school that has COVID-19 cases or quarantines due to both teams not mutually agreeing to reschedule or for any other reasons, or in contests following the first round of the tournament, a “no contest” shall be declared and the opposing team shall advance to the next round of competition. In addition, no ticket refunds shall be given for a rescheduled event.

Hosting Contests

Q. What are the spectator capacity limits for OHSAA tournament contests?

- A. The Ohio Health Director’s Sports Order limits spectators for indoor contests to the lesser of 15 percent permanent, fixed seats or 300.

Q. Is a host site required to reach those limitations (the lesser of 15 percent permanent, fixed seats or 300)?

- A. Yes (if you can) and no. If your facility admits spectators, an emphasis shall be on ensuring student-athletes’ parents and family members can purchase tickets with consideration also given to students. Note that traditional student sections are not permitted since spectators not from the same household must maintain six-feet social distancing.

If your district athletic board permits higher seeds to host sectional or district contests and you either will not or cannot admit spectators, the other team will be given the opportunity to host the contest provided that that school will admit spectators. No matter which school hosts the contest and provided at least one will admit spectators, all tournament tickets shall be divided evenly between the participating teams. In addition, any unsold tickets by either school shall mean: a.) a school may make those unsold tickets available for purchase by other family members of the participants or b.) by 12:00 noon the day prior to the contest, the school that has tickets remaining shall make those tickets available to their opponent.

Q. If I am the higher seeded team and am hosting a contest, even though neither our school nor our opponent will admit spectators, will we receive a flat fee from the OHSAA to host the contest?

- A. Due to tournament sites already having limited or no spectators and the financial impact of such, the OHSAA will NOT be providing a flat fee to host sites that do not admit spectators.

Rosters/Those in Uniform – Line-Up Form

Regulations clearly address that any 15 eligible players may be in uniform for any tournament game. Those in uniform may change from game to game but only 15 may be in uniform and are the only ones permitted to warm-up. Though each school is provided the opportunity for a courtesy scorekeeper, please insure they use the Official Line-up Form located within this Manual. This form is utilized at the Regional and State Tournament as well and should be utilized at the Sectional/District level for consistency.

PLEASE copy these and provide copies to coaches at the Sectional Seed/Draw meetings.

Regulation II – B of the OHSAA Basketball Tournament Regulations states:

*Fifteen (15) players may be in uniform for each tournament game. The players in uniform must be entered into the Official Scorebook per NFHS Rules and also submitted on the Official Line-Up Sheet. **The players submitted will be the only players permitted on the floor for warm-up and on the bench during the game.** The names and numbers of the fifteen players must be given to the official scorer thirty (30) minutes prior to each game and the five (5) starting players designated ten (10) minutes prior to the starting time of each contest. Please review this at your seed/draw meeting.*

Team Warm-Up

Addressed in the Official Tournament Regulations, a minimum of 20 minutes before each game shall be provided for warm-up practice. Teams will use baskets on the opposite ends of the floor from assigned player benches. **It is also RECOMMENDED that a school coach be present on the floor during the warm-up period.** Most likely, this will become a requirement in the future but encouraging this now will make it easier for implementation in the future. ***Please review this at your seed/draw meeting.***



Manager Information

1. Please pay close attention to the OHSAA approved SEEDING and DRAWING PROCEDURES. It goes without saying that the seeding and placement of teams on brackets **must** be done correctly. Seed and placement procedures are unique to Each Athletic District so make sure you are familiar with your District's procedures.
2. With more and more Districts choosing to play on the site of the higher seeded team, it is important to understand that all games are TOURNAMENT CONTESTS – **not simply home games** for the host school. All Tournament Regulations must be followed **even if the tournament contest is held on the site of the higher seeded team (home court).**
3. Tournament brackets are 'built' according to District Athletic Board regulations relative to placement of "byes", etc. Please make sure you are clear on placement of 'byes' prior to your seed/draw meeting.
4. For tournaments in which the District tournament is held at a different site than the Sectional, please notify the District Tournament Manager of the team or teams that qualify to the District Tournament. Make arrangements, preferably electronically, to provide any necessary information to the next level.
5. **Each District Athletic Board formulates their own policy relative to teams that do not participate in their seed/draw meetings. Though each school IS fined for non-attendance, Managers should be prepared for proper placement of teams if they do not participate at the meeting. This should be covered at Manager meetings, however, be certain to obtain this prior to your seed/draw meeting.**
6. Trophies and awards appropriate for the tournament will be shipped directly to the managers from **Croton Craft, P.O. Box 257, Croton, Ohio 41013**. Please open the shipment immediately and check to see if you have received the correct trophies and awards or if there is any damage. If an error has been made or there is damage, contact Mr. Travis Nethers at Croton Craft 1-800-947-5521. Often times, coaches, parents or athletic administrators wish to order additional medals. They may do so quickly and easily by calling Travis Nethers at the above Croton Craft number.



OHSAA Seed and Drawing Information & Procedures

Though many districts utilize online voting procedures for seeding, a meeting for placement of teams on brackets is required in ALL districts. At this required meeting, the following are to occur:

1. Distribute the Official OHSAA Tournament Regulations (from back of this manual or online at): <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Basketball-Girls/BKTourneyRegs.pdf> and remind each coach attending these regulations are utilized at all tournament levels.
2. Remind all coaches present that sites and game times are subject to change at the discretion of the Executive Director of the OHSAA. Though not expected, changes COULD occur as permitted by regulation.
3. Review all cancellation procedures due to weather. This will vary from district to district.
4. Post all records of teams by division and afford each school the opportunity to discuss their record. For teams that have conducted online voting for seeds – this is not necessary.
5. Familiarize yourself and utilize bracket templates provided by respective District Athletic Boards.

Official OHSAA Seed Procedures

**The Board of Directors established date for ALL seeding and drawing meetings in Ohio is
Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for GIRLS, and Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for BOYS.**

In all Sectional tournaments that precede District tournaments, seeding is mandatory in the Sectional. In District tournaments NOT preceded by Sectional tournaments, seeding is mandatory. This is interpreted that at least one seeding is to take place in either the Sectional or District tournament. **ALL teams assigned to the tournament shall be seeded.** The following seeding method **shall prevail for all OHSAA sponsored basketball tournaments.** For purposes of seeding, the last games to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

Basketball Tournament Seeding Procedures Where No Online Seeding Takes Place

Athletic Districts with online seeding will provide all managers with required procedures.

In Athletic Districts utilizing online seeding, it is important for managers to clearly and concisely communicate instructions and deadlines for submission of votes.

1. Tournament managers will post the records of all teams in their tournament. It is the responsibility of each school to have its records compiled as shown below and given to the tournament manager on the day of the seeding/drawing meeting. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played.
Example: in a schedule that has played 20 games to date:

Division I:	14 wins	2 losses
Division II:	2 wins	1 loss
Division III:	1 win	0 losses
Overall Record: 17-3		

All games played to date shall be recorded
2. Voting will be done to seed teams.
 - a. All head coaches shall **vote via ballot which shall be made public**, selecting their choice for the number 1 seeded team. The team with the greatest number of votes shall be seeded "Number 1", second highest #2, etc. until all teams are seeded. In the event of a tie, **only the tied teams will be re-voted upon.** Should a tie occur a second time, a flip of a coin shall determine the seeded team.
 Note: If electronic balloting is used in a District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the seeding meeting.
 Note: In the event no representative is in attendance from the school, placement of teams on brackets will be done by the manager in accordance with District Athletic Board policy (see #3)
3. After teams are seeded, placement of teams on brackets shall occur. The method for **placement** of teams on brackets is determined by each District Athletic Board. District Athletic Boards are to convey all seeding/drawing procedures to their respective Tournament Managers.

Central	Northwest
East	Southeast
Northeast	Southwest
4. Tournament managers will distribute brackets to representatives of the participating teams.
5. All brackets shall designate date and time of game.
6. Home teams will wear **Home (White) Jerseys** throughout the tournament.
7. Please follow instructions provided to you from Brenda Murray at the OHSAA for reporting your tournament draw and reporting scores for each contest.



Media Information & Broadcast Rates



OHSA Basketball Radio/Audio Webcast Rates

	<u>Sectional/District</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>State Tournament</u>
Station, sites in Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Warren, Youngstown	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Station, sites in Elyria, Lima, Lorain, Mansfield, Springfield Willoughby	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
All Other Stations, Sites	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Low-Power Non-Commercial Rate: \$25.00/game			

OHSA Basketball Television/Video Webcast Rates Tape Delayed

Cable (Public and Low Power)

<u>Subscribers</u>	<u>Sectional/District</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>State Semifinal</u>	<u>State Final</u>
Over 750,001	*Only available through parameters listed below			
100,001 – 750,000	\$250.00	\$350.00	NA	NA
35,001 – 100,000	\$175.00	\$250.00	NA	NA
0 – 35,000 & Media Video Webcasts	\$100.00	\$175.00	NA	NA
School Websites or School Controlled Webpage	\$0	\$0		

Commercial Stations (Network and Independent)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Sectional/District</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>State Semifinal</u>	<u>State Final</u>
Stations in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus	\$600.00	\$800.00	NA	NA
Stations in Akron, Canton, Dayton, Toledo Youngstown	\$400.00	\$600.00	NA	NA
ALL Stations	\$200.00	\$350.00	NA	NA

Live Streaming and Play by Play (only available for games not televised or streamed by Spectrum or the NFHS Network)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Sectional/District</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>State Semifinal</u>	<u>State Final</u>
Stations in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus	\$150.00	\$175.00	NA	NA
Stations in Akron, Canton, Dayton, Toledo Youngstown	\$125.00	\$150.00	NA	NA
Others Locations	\$100.00	\$125.00	NA	NA
Educational Access, Non-Commercial & Fan/Booster	\$50.00	\$50.00		
School Websites or School-Controlled	\$0.00	\$0.00		

Rights fees for tape-delayed coverage by educational access (non-commercial) stations: \$50 per contest or tournament.

Additional Information/Fees: Tape-delayed contests may not begin prior to 10:00 p.m. the day of the contest. Approval for delayed telecasts/video webcasts permit companies the right to show the contest an unlimited number of times for two weeks following the date of the contest. Additional airing of contests following the two-week period shall result in additional rights fees assessed at rates to be negotiated/determined by the OHSA Executive Director's office. (continued on next page)

Media Information, Continued

(#) The OHSAA may grant to a company/companies exclusive rights for live or tape-delayed coverage of the state tournament and/or finals and the first right of refusal for live or tape-delayed coverage of all other OHSAA tournament events. Should exclusivity be granted, approval for other companies to broadcast a tournament contest must be granted by procedures approved by the OHSAA Executive Director's office. In sports not granted exclusivity, approval to broadcast a tournament contest must be granted by the tournament managers or OHSAA (state level).

If approved by the OHSAA, rights fees for live telecasts of tournament contests when exclusivity has not been granted are to be negotiated/determined by the OHSAA Executive Director's office.

Rights fees for stations to resell video tapes/DVDs: \$50 donation to the OHSAA Respect the Game Sportsmanship Program per sports season.

Sample Media Information Form

This form is **NOT REQUIRED**, however, is included to assist you with your placement of media when space is an issue.

School: _____

Site: _____

Note: Please list the media that follow your school. This information is useful to the Tournament Manager in indicating how much space should be reserved for the media prior to the contest. Space for media is not unlimited and credentials are allowed only for working media. Media members are asked to visit the www.ohsaa.org website for complete media regulations approved by the OHSAA's Board of Directors.

Newspapers (name/city)

**Covered During
Regular Season?**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Radio Stations (name/city)

**Covered During
Regular Season?**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Television Stations (call letters/city)

**Covered During
Regular Season?**

Tape Delay Broadcast?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Websites (name/affiliation/city) Example: www.press.com/ThePress

**Covered During
Regular Season?**

Tape Delay Broadcast?

1. _____
2. _____



Financial Reporting Information

The Sectional and District contests will be run on a flat fee basis. All instructions for these procedures will be outlined by District Athletic Board Treasurers at the respective District Athletic Board Managers' Meetings.

All instructions for these procedures will be outlined by District Athletic Board Treasurers (listed below) at the respective District Athletic Board Managers' Meetings.

	DISTRICT TREASURER		
	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Central	Jim Hayes	jhayes@ohsaa.org	740-207-1059
East	Richard Hall	rhall@ohsaa.org	740-541-5583
Northeast	Mark McGuire	mmcguire@ohsaa.org	440-346-4827
Northwest	Bil Hanna	bhanna@ohsaa.org	419-230-4127
Southeast	Rick Edwards	redwards@ohsaa.org	740-591-9427
Southwest			

Any questions surrounding Tournament Financial procedures can be directed to the District Athletic Board Treasurer or the OHSAA Accounting Department at accounting@ohsaa.org or (614) 267-2502.

Ticketing Procedures

Managers conducting tournaments at all levels (Sectional, District and Regional) must follow appropriate ticket management procedures.

- All OHSAA Basketball Tournament tickets will be conducted online. There will be no tickets sold at the gate.
- Every person who pays admission shall receive an online ticket.
- Adherence to the above procedures will insure better control of gate proceeds and attendance.

All information regarding tickets will come directly from Hometown Ticketing, with assistance from OHSAA staff liaison, Jacki Windon.

Blake Lantz

E: blake.lantz@hometownticketing.com

B: 1-866-488-4849 x 7306

C: 614-964-2807

Jacki Windon

E: jwindon@ohsaa.org

B: 614-267-2502 x 109

ONLINE/DIGITAL TICKETING INFORMATION

HomeTown Ticketing will be sending customized codes to all school Athletic Administrators for each event the school is participating in and as they advance in the tournament(s).

- The Athletic Administrator will share these codes with their parents/guardians of those participants and for coaches' families.
 - Do not share the codes on social media.
- Those that are provided a code will go to www.ohsaa.org/tickets - find their event, input the code and purchase tickets for the event.
- The allotment of tickets will be determined on the back end by HTT and the OHSAA given capacity restrictions and the number of participants/teams for events

HTT will provide customer support to those purchasing tickets.

- There will be a chat feature available on www.ohsaa.org/tickets
- By phone: 1-866-488-4949
- By email: fansupport@hometownticketing.com

COMP TICKETS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

We do permit 4 tickets for each school's administration. These will be "comp tickets" and are considered essential personnel but will also be online. The school Athletic Administrator will receive a customized code to share with the school administrators/staff they would like to provide them to. These 4 tickets will not be counted towards the threshold of capacity restrictions because of the individual's role with the school (essential personnel).

SCOUTS

As a usual part of a postseason tournament, coaches would prefer to attend tournament events to scout their opponents. Scouting tickets will be available and done digitally as well. Scouts may request up to 2 complimentary tickets through the following procedure:

1. Email Jacki Windon (jwindon@ohsaa.org) no later than 48-hours prior to the event;
2. Use the subject line "Basketball Scout Request"
3. Indicate game they would like to attend
 - a. Include team names, division, district and host site

Ticketing Prices

TOURNAMENT LEVEL	TICKET PRICE
<i>Sectional Tournaments</i>	\$10.00
<i>District Tournaments</i>	\$10.00
<i>Regional Tournaments</i>	\$12.00
<i>State Tournaments</i>	\$15.00 *

**Depending on venue and capacity limits, there may be additional options for ticket packages.*

Pre-Game Public Address Announcement Welcome and Opening Remarks



Ladies & Gentlemen,

As a member school of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, _____ High School welcomes you to this interscholastic contest between _____ High School and _____ High School. To honor America, please stand and join in the singing/playing of our National Anthem.

*Playing of the **NATIONAL ANTHEM***

Today/Tonight's Tournament game is sponsored by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Your attendance and support of the student-athletes and coaches is appreciated by member schools competing for the right to move on. Though both teams are rivals, they are expected to exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship throughout the contest and the administration of both schools request the same from all fans.

The officials assigned to this tournament game have met extensive requirements set by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and have been assigned based upon the process approved by the OHSA's Board of Directors.

The officials for this game are:

_____, and

The athletes, coaches and officials are guests of _____ High School. ALL fans are asked to respect the effort each of them has put forth preparing for today's/tonight's contest. We ask all attending to show courtesy and respect for fellow fans, officials, coaches, those administering the contest and of course – your team and your opponent. And, as important today as ever, PLEASE ***“Respect the Game”***.

Now let's meet the players in today's/tonight's game.

Visiting Coaches and Team – Announcing all players with Starters last

Home Coaches and Team – Announcing all players Starters last



Pre-Game Public Address Announcement

Spectators Taking Photos and Videos



Remove and Provide to Announcer

Please Read prior to tipoff and various points where time allows

Attention Ladies & Gentlemen

Spectators taking photographs or videos may not interfere with the view of this contest by other spectators, nor may they take additional space in seats that have been purchased.

In addition, all photographs and videos taken by spectators at this event are for personal use **ONLY**. The use of photographs or videos for commercial, scouting or coaching purposes is strictly prohibited.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association reserves the right to remove offenders from this contest, invoke additional penalties and to see maximum legal recourse against violators of these regulations.

Thank you for your Cooperation with this Regulation

**Respect
THE
GAME**

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Tournament Site Inspection Form

TO: SECTIONAL/DISTRICT TOURNAMENT MANAGERS
RE: INSPECTION OF TOURNAMENT SITES

The Board of Directors of the Ohio High School Athletic Association has ruled that all tournament sites should be thoroughly inspected by the manager and/or other competent individuals and not found wanting in safety factors.

This precaution should take place within the week prior to the first tournament game.

After your facilities have been carefully inspected, sign the report and mail to the secretary of the District Athletic Board.

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We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully inspected the floor,
premises and facilities of the tournament site and found no apparent defects
before the first game of the tournament has been played.

TOURNAMENT SITE _____
Location



District Championship Trophy Announcement

Please Pull Out and provide to Public Address Announcer

There shall be no presentation of physical awards to the team to alleviate crowds gathering for trophy presentation. Please read the script below.



Trophy Distribution

Ladies and gentlemen, the Ohio High School Athletic Association thanks you for attending (today's / tonight's) district championship game.

At this time, let's recognize Head Coach _____ and the district runner-up team from _____ High School!

(short pause)

And now let's recognize Head Coach _____ and the district championship team from _____ High School. Best of luck as you move forward in the tournament.

Closing Thank You

Thank you again, ladies and gentlemen, for your attendance at (today's / tonight's) contest. The student-athletes, their schools and the Ohio High School Athletic Association appreciate your support.

Please exit the (stadium / facility) at this time. You are not permitted to congregate with your team inside or outside the (stadium / facility) and are encouraged to meet participants at home. Thank you for your cooperation, and please drive safely!



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RECOMMENDED BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENT FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION



Remove and Provide to Television and Radio

This basketball game between _____ High School
and _____ High School is being broadcast through the cooperation of the Ohio High
School Athletic Association.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is a voluntary, non-profit, educational organization through which member schools work cooperatively to adopt the standards and regulations that guide their interscholastic activities. The upholding of these standards and the adherence to the regulations helps to provide more wholesome and educationally worthwhile activities for student athletes grades 7-12.

The schools participating in this contest consider interscholastic athletics an integral part of the educational program and primarily for the purpose of making better men and women out of their students. Unless it accomplishes this, it cannot be justified in the high school program.

Tonight's tournament game is one of many being played throughout the State leading to the State Championship. The OHSA reserves all broadcasting rights to post season tournament games.

Emergency/Crisis Management Guidelines

Event & Site Security

The following is provided to help managers with a systematic approach to establish proper security for the specific nature of each event. With the appropriate security, the event will be conducted in a friendly environment that minimizes risk. The staff and management will be prepared to prevent, anticipate and handle problems. A basic checklist below should be adjusted accordingly for the nature of each event.

1. **Review Changes** – During pre-planning, review any changes to be made from the previous events.
2. **Head of Security** – Prepare to meet with the head of security for the event and host management. Written materials outlining needs, location hours to work and responsibilities should be prepared.
3. **Usher Assignments** – During meetings with site reps and security, review the number of security officers and their locations. Review usher assignments and any supervisory responsibilities. Provide, in writing, specific policies you have which would prohibit specific actions. Be certain to plan carefully for entrance and exit to the playing area. Prepare contact information for specific problems and emergencies. Access to immediate communication via cell phones and/or remote devices is invaluable. Discuss crowd management and foot traffic flow in and out of the gymnasium.
4. **Written Emergency Plan** – Review the facility plan for emergency situation and adjust as needed for your event. Steps should be outlined in advance as to the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency (i.e. weather, structure, catastrophic injury, etc.) Public address announcements, security personnel assistance, etc. need to be discussed in advance.
5. **Who Needs to Know** – Host administration should work with any sponsoring organization to determine a core group of individuals that would need to be involved if a major decision regarding the event needs to be made. Representatives of the officiating crew, host administration, security, etc. may need to be involved. A few key reminders:
 - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all coaches competing at your tournament
 - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all Athletic Administrators of teams competing in your tournament
 - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of the District Athletic Board Secretary at the Sectional/District level
 - Obtain the Cell Phone number of the District Board member(s) overseeing your tournament at the sectional/district level; OHSAA Director of a Regional or State Tournament
 - Obtain contact information for major media outlets for helping convey messages of cancellations
6. **Public Relations**- In case of emergency or potential evacuation, PA announcements should be prepared to address fans. Following any such occurrence, the media should be provided with a statement regarding the situation and its handling from the tournament manager, District Athletic Board member or OHSAA Director.
7. **Contingency Plan** – Have all plans in place in the event a contest cannot be played. Back-up sites, alternate dates, additional equipment are all factors to take into consideration.
8. **Entry/Exit Plan** – Crisis management plans for sites should include a clear understanding by any administrators and/or tournament management of all entries and exits. The public address announcer should be familiar with these as well.
9. **Parking & Traffic Flow** – Many issues arise from parking and traffic flow problems. Eliminate many of these problems by addressing parking and traffic flow issues prior to the contest. Take into consideration the potential size of crowd, whether charges for parking exist, etc. If parking charges are enforced, provide proper receipts, have experienced people making change and directing traffic. This may require involvement from your local law enforcement agency.
10. **Crowd Expectations** – Carefully study match-ups, communicate with competing administrators to anticipate size of crowds. Secure the proper security, ushers, ticket sellers/takers to eliminate security issues that may develop as a result. It is important to relay this information to the various individuals employed at your tournament site. **KEEP FANS OFF THE FLOOR BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the contest! Prevent “tunnels” made by fans for introductions.**
11. **Wrap-Up and Debriefing** – At the conclusion of your tournament, solicit feedback and compile from the various individuals that worked at your tournament. This will go a long way toward improving problem areas for future tournaments.

Emergency Action Plan

Location of Closest Working Telephone: _____ IF locked, keys to Telephone are located: _____

Is 911 Service Available? YES NO Alternate Emergency Response Number: _____

Exact Address of Tournament Site: _____

Entry location for Emergency Vehicle: _____

Normal Response Time for Emergency Vehicle is: _____

Location of AED: _____

Designated Health Care Provider for this tournament is: _____ Contact Number: _____

Closest Health Care Facility: _____ Travel Time: _____

Closest Trauma Facility: _____ Travel Time: _____

Name of Designated Person	Role
	Attends to injured athlete(s) or spectator(s) and controls immediate scene.
	Telephones 911 or other pre-determined emergency number, maintains procedures for calling 911.
	Supervises team and/or other athletes
	Meets medical personnel at gate and guides them to injured person(s), maintains all necessary keys to critical entry points
	Calls Parents/Guardians/School Personnel if necessary
	Accompanies injured person(s) to hospital
	Telephones security



2021 GENERAL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on January 14, 2021. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. Changes from the 2020 Regulations are shaded.

I. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

- A. Each District Athletic Board (DAB) organizes and conducts Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Sectional / District site managers will receive supplemental information from respective District Athletic Boards. Site selection and play dates of Sectional/District tournaments are at the discretion of each District Athletic Board.
- B. The Regional and State Tournaments are under the direct control of the Executive Director's office. There will be four boys divisions (I, II, III, and IV) and four girls divisions (I, II, III and IV). Site selection for Regional Tournaments is at the discretion of the Executive Director's office and may be changed at any time.
- C. There is no restriction/requirement at any level of play regarding playing at college or high school sites. Sites must meet minimum requirements of the NFHS.
- D. The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date, or time of any Regional tournament assignment.
- E. Completion of the OHSAA Tournament Entry Form is the school's agreement to play at the site, day and time assigned by the Executive Director's office and to abide by all OHSAA Tournament Regulations found within.

II. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS AND COACHES

- A. All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Only one school team sponsored by a member school is eligible to participate. An eligibility certificate must be submitted to the tournament manager.
- B. Fifteen (15) players may be in uniform for each tournament game. The players in uniform must be entered into the Official Scorebook per NFHS Rules and also submitted on the Official Line-Up Sheet. The players submitted will be the only players permitted on the floor for warm-up and on the bench during the game. The fifteen (15) may be changed from game to game throughout the tournament but MUST be listed on the official OHSAA Eligibility List. The names and numbers of the fifteen players must be given to the official scorer thirty (30) minutes prior to each game and the five (5) starting players designated ten (10) minutes prior to the starting time of each contest.
- C. Eighteen (18) total seats will be available on the bench area for ALL personnel and players. The eighteen (18) are to include all players, coaches, managers, trainers, and other support personnel. Since 5 players will be on the court, this provides twenty-three (23) total individuals to be in the bench area (5 on the court + 18 seats = 23 total individuals).
- D. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.
- E. Only Board of Education approved coaches with valid Pupil Activity Permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education are permitted to be in the bench area or locker room prior to, during, and after any tournament contest.
- F. It is recommended that eligibility of student-athletes and coaches are checked prior to each contest by the school administration to reduce the risk of forfeitures required under Bylaw 10-2-3.

III. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

- A. Tournament Entry/Withdraw
Member schools wanting to participate in the 2021 OHSAA Basketball Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate in *myOHSAA*. The deadline for Tournament entry/withdraw is January 25, 2021 (Girls)/February 1, 2021 (Boys). Schools that change their tournament participation after these deadline may be subject to penalty. No late entry will be accepted after 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the draw.

IV. TOURNAMENT DATES GIRLS TOURNAMENT

- A. Sectional Tournaments – shall be scheduled between Feb. 8 and Feb. 20, 2021
- B. District Tournaments – shall be scheduled between Feb. 22 and Feb. 27, 2021
- C. Regional Tournaments – shall be March 1 – March 6, 2021
- D. State Tournament – shall be March 11, 12, and 13, 2021

BOYS TOURNAMENT

- A. Sectional Tournaments – shall be scheduled between Feb. 15 and Feb. 27, 2021
- B. District Tournaments – shall be scheduled between March 1 and March 6, 2021
- C. Regional Tournaments – shall be March 8 – 13, 2021
- D. State Tournament – shall be March 18, 19 and 20, 2021

V. PARTICIPATING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

A school administrator or a person designated by the school shall assist the tournament site manager with crowd supervision when asked. The school administrator or designee should arrive prior to warm-up time and report to the tournament site manager upon arrival to the site.

- A. No team will be permitted to compete in a tournament contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. This school representative shall be present throughout the tournament contest. Teams unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified.
- B. If a girl's team coach is male, it is *recommended* that a female (non-high school student) accompany the team.

VI. FAILURE TO APPEAR

If a team "fails to appear" or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the tournament contest, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A "forfeit" shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance to the next round. If an event outside of the school's control creates a delay, this must be clearly communicated prior to the 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time.

VII. OFFICIALS

The number of officials from each district assigned to the Tournaments is in proportion to the number of Class 1 officials in the district.

- A. **Sectional and District** – Officials shall be assigned by the District Athletic Boards from pools provided by the OHSAA
- B. **Regional and State** – Officials will be assigned by the Executive Director's office according to the procedure adopted by the Board of Directors. Only OHSAA Basketball Class I officials shall be used.
- C. **Alternate Officials** – During regional and state tournament play, the Executive Director's office shall provide one alternate official. Per OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions and interpretations of the rules by officials are final.

VIII. AWARDS AND AWARD CEREMONIES

Only awards furnished by the OHSAA will be awarded at any OHSAA sponsored tournament. District Board members will assist with the presentation of awards at the District tournaments. Teams are expected to take part in the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the District Championships.

- A. **SECTIONAL:** Sectional trophies will not be awarded.
- B. **DISTRICT:** Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams along With 17 individual medals awarded to team members and coaches. The game ball is also to be awarded to the championship team.
- C. **REGIONAL:** Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. The game ball is also to be awarded to the championship team.

IX. TOURNAMENT DRAW AND SEEDING PROCEDURE

Note: The established date and time for all seeding and drawing meetings is Sunday, January 31, 2021 (Girls) at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 7, 2021 (Boys) at 2:00 p.m.

Seeding is mandatory in Sectional Tournaments that precede District Tournaments. Combined Sectional/District Tournaments and District Tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments.

Note: This is to be interpreted that at least one seeding is to take place in either the Sectional or District Tournament.

The following seeding method shall prevail for all OHSAA Sponsored Basketball Tournaments. All teams assigned to the first round of the tournament shall be seeded. For purposes of seeding, the last games to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

Basketball Tournament Seeding Procedure

A. Posting and Recording Team Records

Tournament managers will post the records of all teams in their tournament. It is the responsibility of each school to have its records compiled as shown below and given to the tournament manager prior to the start of seed voting. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played.

For Example: A Division I team with a 20 game schedule

Division I opponents: 12 wins 4 losses

Division II opponents: 3 wins 1 loss

**All games played shall be recorded*

B. Voting Procedures for seeding teams

All head coaches shall vote via ballot **which shall be made public**, selecting their choice for #1 seeded team. The team with the greatest number of votes shall be seeded #1, second highest #2, until all teams are seeded. In case of a tie, only the tied teams will be re-voted upon. If a tie should occur the second time, a flip of the coin shall determine the seeded team.

NOTE: If electronic balloting is utilized in a particular District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the drawing meeting.

C. Placement of Teams on Brackets

Each District Athletic Board (DAB) shall determine placement of teams on brackets. Regulations for placement for each district can be found by navigating to the following websites:

Central District Athletic Board: <https://www.ohsaa.org/CDAB>

East District Athletic Board: <https://www.ohsaa.org/EDAB>

Northeast District Athletic Board: <https://www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB>

Northwest District Athletic Board: <https://www.ohsaa.org/NWDAB-Home>

Southeast District Athletic Board: <https://www.ohsaa.org/SEDAB>

Southwest District Athletic Board: <https://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home>

If a school fails to have a representative present at the seeding and drawing meeting, the manager shall place the school(s) on the bracket in accordance with the DAB's seeding protocol.

Sample brackets are distributed to each manager. Samples of brackets are included in the manager's materials and can also be found at www.ohsaa.org.

The tournament manager will distribute brackets to representatives of participating teams.

All brackets shall designate date and time of game with the home team being listed on the top of the bracket.

Brackets which include a 'bye' will have that 'bye' drawn on a bracket to represent it as a "Home" team.

XI. GAME REGULATIONS

A. **Rules** – National Federation 2020-2021 Basketball Rules shall be used in all games.

B. **Interrupted Basketball Games** – When a basketball game is interrupted for any reason, the game shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

C. **Uniforms** – Basketball uniforms shall conform to the requirements of Rule 3, Section 4 of the National Federation Rules Book. Each team shall have two sets of uniforms, one white (home) and the other a contrasting dark (away). The first-named team (top line of a bracket) in each game throughout the entire tournament shall be designated as the **Home Team**. The home team shall wear white uniforms. The second team named (bottom line of a bracket) in each game shall be designated as the **Away Team**. The away team shall wear contrasting dark uniforms. Schools that are unable to comply with the above must notify the tournament manager who shall in turn coordinate and/or approve necessary adjustments before the day of the game.

D. **Coaches** – It is **recommended** that at least one of the coaches for each competing team approved by the board of education be on the playing court during their team's warm-up time.

E. **Scorer, Courtesy Scorekeeper, Timers and Announcers** – The official scorer in all basketball tournaments **MUST** wear a black and white striped officials' shirt. A courtesy scorekeeper representing each school is requested at the scorer's table. The official score book shall remain at the scorer's table throughout the game including all intermissions. The responsibilities of efficient, competent scorers and timers cannot be overemphasized. It is recommended that experienced school personnel be used, and that they serve throughout the tournament. A visible team possession indicator must be at the scorer's table. A public address system with an announcer should be available to all tournament sites.

- F. **Basketballs** – The Official OHSAA Tournament basketballs that will be utilized for all Sectional, District, Regional and State Tournament contests are:
 Girls: Rawlings COMPOHIO285B
 Boys: Rawlings COMPOHIOCB
 Host teams in Districts where higher seeded teams are hosting tournament contests shall provide the Official OHSAA Tournament basketball.
- G. **Playing Floor** – The dimensions of the playing floor for tournament contests shall be 50 ft. in width and 84 – 94 ft. in length and meet all NFHS requirements for basketball courts. All sites shall have the ‘coaches’ box’ marked according to specifications.
- H. **Score Differential** – Any time a score differential reaches 35 points during the second half, a running clock shall be utilized. After the 35 point score differential has been met but the score drops below 30 points, the clock reverts to regular NFHS timing. (This eliminates timing issues in a faster paced contest). The clock shall be stopped only for an injured player on the court or when there is any unusual delay deemed necessary by the officials.
- I. **Video Replay** - Video replay has been approved by NFHS Rules. Video Replay will only be permitted at the Boys’ & Girls’ State Semi-finals and Finals if the host site has ability and technology to activate the replay. No replay is authorized for use at any Sectional, District or Regional contest.
- J. **Communication Devices** – Any communication or communication device used for communication between any individual in the stands and the team bench and/or approved coach is prohibited.
- K. **Unsporting Conduct Penalty** - During participation in OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct (non-violent in nature) shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player or coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in basketball until two regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection. Coaches must also meet the provisions of Bylaw 10-2. Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director by the tournament manager. The Executive Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Rule 14 of the General Sports Regulations if the situation warrants.
Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner while participating.
- L. 2020-21 General Sport Regulation Change: Any student or coach ejected from a contest for fighting will now be ineligible for 4 games (rather than the previous penalty of 2 games). Fighting is defined by the NFHS as any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage an opponent in a combative manner unrelated to basketball. Such acts include, but are not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent(s) with the arm(s), hand(s), leg(s) or foot (feet).

XII. SCHOOL REGULATIONS

- A. **Cheerleaders & Mascots** - Eight (8) cheerleaders and a mascot, are permitted on the playing floor. They must be supervised with a Board of Education approved advisor/coach, have **been the school recognized cheer group during the regular season**, and are permitted on the playing floor only during a time-out, pre-game warm-up and intermissions. Pyramids and mounts of any kind are prohibited as are mini-trampolines. Violations of this rule will result in the cheerleaders being removed from the floor immediately. Cheerleaders must be wearing school issued uniforms and must be high school students. Cheerleaders may rotate cheerleaders by quarter or designated time by the school administrator but must maintain the number limitations detailed above.
- B. **Video Recording of Contests**
- I. **Videotaping or filming by participating schools**
 Videotaping or filming of basketball tournament games by one or both of the schools playing the game is permitted.
 Videotaping or filming of a potential opponent’s tournament game is prohibited.
- II. **Videotaping or filming by spectators.**
- A. Shall be for personal use.
- B. Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching.
- C. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
- D. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans.
- E. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator’s equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment.
- F. Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area.
- G. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment.
- H. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.

XIII. SITE REGULATIONS

- A. **Signs, Banners, Noisemakers, and Substances Thrown on Playing Floor** – Signs, school banners, pennants, shakers, noisemakers such as horns, bells sirens, drums, etc. are NOT PERMITTED! SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE REMINDED TO EMPHASIZE THIS AT SCHOOL PEP RALLIES, ASSEMBLIES, BULLETINS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. The use of confetti, tearing up of newspapers, and programs are not permitted. Throwing powders, such as but not limited to rosin or talcum powder, is prohibited. Use may result in a technical foul and charges administered for clean-up.
- B. **Spectator Attire** - Shirts/appropriate attire must be worn by all spectators at all OHSAA indoor tournaments.
- C. **Property Damage** - There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the Board of Directors will become involved. **Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.**
- D. **Sponsorship and Rights** - The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring organization for the Sectional, District, Regional and State Basketball Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio/visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District tournaments and the OHSAA Executive Director for the Regional or State Tournaments.
- E. **Prohibited Advertising** - There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes alcohol, tobacco, firearms, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.
- F. **Raffles and Games of Chance** – “50/50” drawings are approved based upon the ‘buy in amount’ approved annually by the OHSAA Board of Directors. There shall be no other raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of basketball tournament contests. This would include, but is not limited to, half-time shooting contests.
- G. **Prohibited Sales** - The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

SPECIFIC SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NOTE: All General Regulations for Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments listed previously shall apply to the Sectional/District Basketball Tournaments in addition to those regulations listed below.

I. SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS TO TOURNAMENTS AND SITE SELECTION

Each District Athletic Board determines tournament sites, dates, employs managers and assigns schools to tournaments within their athletic district utilizing board approved representation.

II. REPRESENTATION TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Schools must compete in the division to which assigned. The number of teams qualifying to the Regional Tournaments from each District is determined by the OHSAA and shall be as follows for 2020-21:

Girls'	<u>Div I</u>	<u>Div II</u>	<u>Div III</u>	<u>Div IV</u>
Central District	4	2	2	2
East District	0	2	2	1
Northeast District	6	5	4	3
Northwest District	2	2	3	5
Southeast District	0	2	2	2
Southwest District	4	3	3	3
Total	16	16	16	16

Boys'	Div I	Div II	Div III	Div IV
Central District	4	2	2	2
East District	0	1*	1	1
Northeast District	6	5	4	3
Northwest District	2	3	3	5
Southeast District	0	2*	2	2
Southwest District	4	3	4	3
Total	16	16	16	16

*Note: A coin flip was conducted at the June 10, 2020 BOD meeting to break the tie. The Southeast District won the coin flip. East District will have one qualifier and the Southeast District will have two qualifiers.

III. ADMISSIONS

- A. **Spectators:** Prices of admission are **\$10.00 per session.**
- B. **Team:** Each District Athletic Board shall provide a procedure for admittance of personnel from competing schools. The procedure should provide for 15 players, coach, assistant coach, student manager, athletic director, principal, superintendent and six others.
- C. **Cheerleaders:** Eight cheerleaders and one mascot, and one advisor/coach will be admitted free to the session in which their team plays. If there is no school mascot, an additional cheerleader is **NOT** permitted.

IV. PRACTICE SESSIONS

Practice regulations for Sectional and District tournament sites are at the discretion of each District Athletic Board.

V. WARM-UP PERIODS

A **minimum** of 20 minutes before each game shall be provided for warm-up practice. Teams will use baskets on the opposite ends of the floor from assigned player benches.

VI. OFFICIALS

Game officials for the Sectional and District Tournament games will be assigned by the District Athletic Boards from the Officiating pools generated through *myOHSAA*.

VII. MEDIA REGULATIONS

Reservations for all media credentials are to be made directly with the site manager.

A. **Radio & Audio Webcasts**

When broadcast space is limited, allocation of space should be determined by the tournament manager, in cooperation with competing schools. Those stations following participating schools should be given priority. If no broadcasting space is available and regular admission seats are available and must be displaced to provide space for broadcasting, the radio station shall pay the adult admission for each seat used in addition to the established rights charge per game. Space for broadcasting is limited to *working* media and a **maximum** of two may be provided, unless space permits three. Radio stations are responsible for installation of lines and all expenses incurred. No sponsorship that includes alcohol, tobacco, firearms, political parties or candidates, or any other advertising not considered in agreement with the philosophy of the high school athletic program is acceptable. This includes all direct broadcasting and tape delay broadcasts. The District Athletic Boards and the OHSAA reserve the right to discontinue the broadcasting by any station at any time in the event previous broadcasting is considered to have been in poor taste or incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the OHSAA. All rights fees are to be paid in advance of the broadcast. Tournament managers shall include rights fees under tournament receipts as indicated in the **Financial Report Form** for the tournament.

B. **Television & Video Webcasts**

Live video by media outlets is permitted if both Spectrum and the NFHS Network are not covering the contest. Broadcast fees for television tape delayed broadcasts are set by the OHSAA. Any seats displaced by television equipment or personnel must pay the adult ticket price for each seat displaced. A maximum of three cameras and seven people should be admitted. Any and all costs incurred in setting up for the televised broadcast will be borne by the stations. The originating station is liable for rights fees in the event the tape is loaned to another station for airing. All rights fees must be paid in advance of videotaping games.

School sponsored TV stations: School based stations will have broadcast fees waived **if:**

1. Students are involved in the majority of the production of the broadcast, and,
2. Students are accompanied by a school representative (teacher, advisor, principal)

VIII. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- A. Financial reports are available online for tournament managers as an Excel spreadsheet. For Sectional and District reporting, you may contact your District Athletic Board Treasurer or visit your respective district's website through www.ohsaa.org. For Regional reporting, visit www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports.

The District Athletic Board Treasurer and the Executive Director shall be furnished a detailed financial report. Sites shall use separate reports for Sectional and District Tournaments. Reports MUST include the number of admissions on only report forms provided by the OHSAA are approved for use.

2021 BOYS AND GIRLS
SPECIFIC REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NOTE: All General Regulations for Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments listed previously shall apply to the Regional Basketball Tournaments in addition to those regulations listed below.

I. SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS TO TOURNAMENTS AND SITE SELECTION

Regional qualifiers are assigned to Regional tournaments by the OHSAA. The Executive Director is authorized to pre-draw pairings for geographic reasons to benefit schools travel to regional sites and to change date and/or site locations at any time.

II. SITE REGULATIONS

D. Admission and Admission Policies:

Tickets for admission will be used and provided to each person paying an admission charge. Tickets for the 2020-21 winter tournament will be exclusively sold through an online platform of \$12.00/ ticket.

E. Team Admission

Twenty-two team members/school personnel will be admitted at the assigned pass gate on the approved OHSAA Pass List. This Pass List will grant admission for all sessions of the Regional Tournament. In addition, 4 additional complimentary tickets will be issued to the competing schools. At venues where reserved seating is provided to schools, reserved seats should be given as complimentary tickets.

F. Cheerleader Admission

Eight cheerleaders and one mascot and one approved coach/advisor will be admitted at the assigned pass gate on the approved OHSAA Pass List. If there is no school mascot, an additional cheerleader is **NOT** permitted.

G. School Personnel Admission and Complementary Admissions

Regional managers will provide 4 complementary tickets/passes to each participating school. These are intended to be used for school administrators.

The only other passes approved for use at Regional tournaments will be distributed on a case by case basis through the OHSAA staff and the online ticketing platform.

E. Officials

Officials for Regional tournaments are assigned by the Executive Director's office utilizing the rating and voting system authorized by the Board of Directors. The number of officials from each district assigned to the tournaments is in proportion to the number of Class 1 officials in the district.

The names of the officials will not be announced until game time. THE DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RULES BY THE OFFICIALS ARE FINAL.

F. Medical Coverage

A Physician and Certified Athletic Trainer, secured by the Site Manager, will be present during the tournament.

G. Media Credentials

All requests for credentials shall be directed to the Site Manager.

H. Live Television

Requests to televise a regional game live shall be directed to Ohio High School Athletic Association, Director of Communications, Tim Stried at: Email: tstried@ohsaa.org Telephone: (614) 267-2502 Fax: (614) 267-1677.

IV. TEAM REGULATIONS

A. Practice Regulations

IF neither team has played a game on the Regional site floor OR if BOTH teams have played a game on the regional floor during Sectional or District play, there shall be **no practices permitted for either team.**

If one team has played a game on the regional floor during the Sectional or District tournament, the other team **may arrange 1 practice**. The following applies, without exception:

- Any and all arrangements will be made between the participating school and the host site,
- No expenses will be provided from the OHSAA for any such practice.

B. Video Exchange

Teams are required to exchange full game video/film of the team's District Semi-Final and Final game. The video shall be clear and may be from an electronic storage website or from television replay or from the school's videographer. The video must be exchanged in a mutually agreed upon site/location no later than Sunday evening following the District Tournament unless a later date is mutually agreed upon. The OHSAA will not arbitrate disputes for teams failing to comply with this regulation.

C. Warm-Up Time/Basket Assignment

Teams will be provided a minimum of 20 minutes before each game for warm-up. Both teams will be notified of exact time provided. Teams will warm-up at the basket on the opposite end of the floor from assigned players' bench.

2021 BOYS AND GIRLS
SPECIFIC STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
FORTY-FIFTH GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
NINETY EIGHTH BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

NOTE: All General Regulations for Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments listed previously shall apply to the State Basketball Tournaments in addition to those regulations listed below.

The pairings for the girls state basketball tournament were authorized to be conducted and approved by the OHSAA's Board of Directors.

I. SITE INFORMATION

2021 Girls State Basketball Tournament: TBA

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2. DATES

Girls State Basketball Tournament: March 11, 12 and 13, 2021

Boys State Basketball Tournament: March 18, 19 and 20, 2021

3. ORDER OF GAMES

The order of games for the 2021 Boys and Girls State Semi-Finals and Finals will be:

Division IV, Division III, Division II, Division I

4. MEETING OF FINALISTS

A virtual meeting of school representatives (coaches, athletic administrator and principal) – a maximum of three from each school that qualifies for the State Tournaments will be held at 11:30 a.m. as follows:

GIRLS: Sunday, March 7, 2021

BOYS: Sunday, March 14, 2021

5. VIDEO EXCHANGE

Teams are required to exchange full game video/film of the team's Regional Semi-Final and Final game. The video shall be clear and may be from an electronic storage website or from television replay or from the school's videographer. The video must be exchanged at the Finalists meeting (above) or no later than Sunday evening following the Regional Tournament unless a later date is mutually agreed upon. The OHSAA will not arbitrate disputes for teams failing to comply with this regulation.

6. ADMISSION

Boys: All-Session books may be available for the 2020-21 tournament
Single-Session Tickets \$15.00

Girls: All-Session books may be available for the 2020-21 tournament
Single-Session Tickets \$15.00

Team and School Personnel:

- 22 team/school personnel will be provided admission to the tournament through the approved pass entrance covered at the finalists' meeting
- Four complimentary tickets will be issued for school administration

Cheerleaders

Eight cheerleaders and one mascot and their approved coach/advisor (1) will be admitted free from a pass list submitted and signed by the Principal. Cheerleaders must be supervised and Mascots admitted per this regulation must be recognized by schools as part of their cheerleading squads and under the direct supervision of the approved coach/advisor. If there is no school mascot, an additional cheerleader is NOT permitted.

7. PROGRAM MATERIAL

The program material shall be submitted to the OHSAA prior to the State Finalist's Meeting. Materials shall be emailed to Brenda Murray following the District Championship Contest.

8. PRACTICE SESSIONS

There will be no basketball practice on Arena floor during the State Tournament other than usual pre-game practice. Any practice sessions during the State Tournament at off-site locations will be arranged by the participating schools.

9. VIDEO REPLAY

Video replay has been approved by NFHS Rules. Video Replay will only be permitted at the Boys' & Girls' State Semi-finals and Finals if the host site has ability and technology to activate the replay process.

10. PHYSICIAN & TRAINERS

A physician and Licensed Athletic Trainer will be present during the tournament and seated at the scorer's table.

11. MEDIA REGULATIONS

Credential requests shall be submitted, in writing, to the OHSAA, to the attention of Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications. The deadline for submitting requests is 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 9 for the Girls State Tournament and 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 16 for the Boys State Tournament. Walk-up requests will not be accepted. Photo ID must be presented for admission at the pass entrance.

A. Radio & Audio Broadcast

Stations that wish to broadcast tournament games shall request credentials from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications. The deadline for submitting reservations is 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 9 for the Girls State Tournament and 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 16 for the Boys State Tournament.

B. Television

Spectrum has exclusive rights for the State Tournament.

2021 FORTY-FIFTH GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 11, 12 and 13, 2021

The pairings for the girls state basketball tournament were approved by the OHSAA Board of Directors.

1. MEETING OF STATE FINALISTS

A meeting of representatives (coaches, athletic administrator and principal – a maximum of three from each school) from schools that qualified for the State Tournaments will be held at 11:30 a.m. virtually on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

2. PROGRAM MATERIAL

The program material shall be submitted to the OHSAA prior to the State Finalist's Meeting. Materials shall be emailed to Brenda Murray following the District Championship Contest.

2021 NINETY EIGHTH BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 18, 19 and 20, 2021

The pairings for the boys state basketball tournament were approved by the OHSAA Board of Directors.

1. MEETING OF STATE FINALISTS

A meeting of representatives (coaches, athletic administrator and principal – a maximum of three from each school) from schools that qualified for the State Tournaments will be held at 11:30 a.m. virtually on Sunday, March 14, 2021.

2. PROGRAM MATERIAL

The program material shall be submitted to the OHSAA prior to the State Finalist's Meeting. Materials shall be emailed to Brenda Murray following the District Championship Contest.