



## MEMO: 2021 GYMNASTICS STATE TOURNAMENT CHANGES

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Greetings gymnastics coaches:

First off, thank you so much for your efforts in helping to facilitate competition this 2021 season during these unprecedented times! Your hard work, sacrifices and flexibility have not gone unnoticed and are to be commended. In preparation for the 2021 state tournament, we wanted to provide you with some quick updates on some changes you can expect. Please know we have every intention of continuing to run a first-class event despite some of these necessary changes. Though we realize not every team will qualify, we wanted to be transparent and let you know these changes ahead of time.

1. Unlike previous years, we will not be utilizing the Capitol Cup Format and instead will be using a Warmup-Compete format with four teams/squads competing during one session. This will allow for necessary safety protocols to be followed, will allow for more spectators per athlete, and will allow non-competing athletes to watch their team from the stands on Team Day. The actual schedule is posted here: <https://bit.ly/3bbSjI7>
2. As mentioned above, the decision to alter the competition schedule will allow for more spectators per athlete. The exact number will be communicated once all qualifying teams are finalized but we are hopeful it will be 3 spectators for team day and 2 spectators for Individual Day. This information is subject to change and will be communicated accordingly.
3. Head coaches are going to be permitted 1 spectator ticket/team. You may use that ticket however you deem appropriate (i.e. providing it to your own family members or providing it as an extra ticket for any athlete).
4. For those spectators unable to attend due to venue limitations, the entire tournament will be streamed online at <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/ohsaa/gymnastics> for \$10.99. Fans will simply have to purchase a monthly pass which can then be cancelled after the conclusion of the tournament, if desired.
  - a. Because the tournament will be streamed, we will need to collect the competition order from each team for the announcers. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with any atypical follow-up which we may need to conduct the week leading up to the event.
5. **Non-Competing Athletes:**
  - a. **TEAM DAY:** There will be no non-qualifying athletes permitted on the competition floor, though they are permitted to purchase a ticket in advance and be in the auxiliary gym for "General Stretch." Then, once the competition begins, non-competing athletes are permitted to watch from the stands on *Team Day*.
  - b. **INDIVIDUAL DAY:** No non-competing athletes will be permitted in the facility unless they are issued a ticket from the given allotment and watch from the stands.
6. **Alternates:** On Individual Day, any alternates will be permitted to sit in the stands for the duration of the meet, if they so desire. She will be allotted two spectator tickets to accompany them to the meet.

7. **# of Coaches Permitted:**
- a. **TEAM DAY:** If there are less than 5 competitors then only one coach is admitted free. 6-8 competitors are allowed two coaches. 9 or more competitors are allowed three coaches. Any additional coaches which exceed this allotment are required to purchase a ticket in advance, though they are permitted on the competition floor.
  - b. **INDIVIDUAL DAY:** There will be a limit on the number of coaches permitted on the competition floor on Individual Day. The allowance will be as follows: 1-3 athletes=1 coach, 4-5 athletes= 2 coaches, 6+ athletes=3 coaches. Coaches who exceed this allowance are permitted to purchase a ticket in advance and be in the auxiliary gym for general stretch but are required to watch from the stands due to space limitations.
8. There will be no Parade of Champions or Awards Ceremony. Each team/athlete will be introduced before proceeding to their first event. There will be no podium awards ceremony due to 1) social distancing protocols and 2) the fact that all athletes/teams will not be in the venue at the time of the presentations. Results will be announced via the NFHS livestream on the “floor view” and will also be posted immediately following the live announcement on OHSAA social media platforms.
9. All tickets will be purchased online through each school’s athletic administrator. Information regarding ticketing will be communicated on Monday, March 1.
10. There will be no hospitality room for coaches this year due to the reduced length of time you will physically be present at the facility (3 hours max.).
11. Apparel will be on site for purchase back in the auxiliary gymnasium. Athletes are encouraged to bring cash if they would like to make any purchases, or they can purchase items at this link:  
[https://ohsaa.eagraphics.com/ohsaa/shop/products/gymnastics/2021\\_gymnastics/2021\\_gymnastics\\_state\\_championship?page=1](https://ohsaa.eagraphics.com/ohsaa/shop/products/gymnastics/2021_gymnastics/2021_gymnastics_state_championship?page=1)
12. District tournament ties for individual competitions will not be broken by the traditional head-to-head competition or a coin flip based. This is due to all the district tournaments holding multiple sessions. If all other tie breaker protocols are followed and there is still a tie then both athletes will advance to the state tournament.
13. Should you have a team/athlete qualify, please be prepared to check the OHSAA website on Sunday, February 28 evening to double check your gymnasts’ name spelling for the program.

Best of luck in your upcoming district tournament!

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