

2022

Sectional, District and Regional Softball Tournament Manager's Manual



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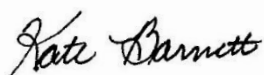
A MESSAGE FROM THE OHSAA

On behalf of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, thank you for your willingness to serve as a manager for the OHSAA Softball Tournament! Host managers play an integral role in the success of the event and have a direct impact on the student-athlete, coach, and fan experience. The leadership, attention to detail, hospitality and service our managers provide are greatly appreciated!

The purpose of this manual is to provide direction and guidance for host managers as they plan and conduct events. Each manager and staff are encouraged to become familiar with this manual and OHSAA Tournament Regulations which are included in this manual. These documents provide information about general policies governing all aspects of OHSAA Tournament competition. Although these materials attempt to cover all phases of post-season competition, some questions may arise before, during or after the event. I am happy to assist you, so please feel free contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you again for your service and willingness to host these events. I look forward to a great Softball Tournament this spring!

Sincerely,



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TOURNAMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

The OHSAA sponsors the softball tournament in four divisions. The 2022 softball tournament regulations are posted on the OHSAA website. Each of the OHSAA’s District Athletic Boards are empowered to organize and conduct softball tournaments at the sectional and district levels. They are conducted according to the tournament regulations adopted by the Board of Directors each winter. Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and the fact that there was no softball season held in 2020, schools will be assigned to the 2022 tournament based strictly on their 2018 EMIS numbers, and the Competitive Balance data that normally is used from the previous season was not factored in. As a result, here are the divisional alignments for the 2022 Tournament.

Division	Girls Enrolled	Total Schools
I	339 or more	188
II	192 - 338	188
III	112 - 191	187
IV	111 or less	189

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in softball for 2022 will be: **Division I:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 4; Combined Northeast and one East school (New Philadelphia) 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2*; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3. * Denotes tied with Southeast District but gained the second qualifier based on a coin flip.

For specific school assignments by division, visit: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Softball/Softball-2022>

Tournament Draw Date

The draw date for tournaments is Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m.

State Tournament Dates, Site & Order of Games

June 2-4, 2022 — Firestone Stadium, Akron

Division II, I, IV, III

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’ January meeting and can also be read in their entirety by logging on to www.ohsaa.org and navigating to the Softball 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.

- Central: www.ohsaa.org/cdab
- Northwest: www.ohsaa.org/nwdab
- East: www.ohsaa.org/edab
- Southeast: www.ohsaa.org/sedab
- Northeast: www.ohsaa.org/nedab
- Southwest: www.ohsaa.org/swdab



SEED & DRAW MEETING INFORMATION

IMPORTANT IN ALL DISTRICTS

1. All Districts have meetings for placement on brackets. This MUST be conducted on **May 1, 2022, at 2:00** in every district
2. Though ALL Tournament Regulations should be reviewed, each of the following MUST BE COVERED with coaches in attendance:
 - There is no guarantee that travel will be the same for both teams to a sectional, district OR regional game
 - Given the structure of OHSAA Sectional/District and Regional Tournaments, travel is not considered a competitive advantage or disadvantage for teams.
3. Game SITES may be reassigned (locations moved) at the discretion of the OHSAA Executive Director or his designee
4. Game TIMES may be reassigned (moved) at the discretion of the OHSAA Executive Director or his designee
5. Teams are permitted the following with NO exceptions:
 - **Twenty-two (22) players in uniform (these players may change from game to game) with six (6) additional coaches, staff, manager, athletic trainer, etc. ONLY those 28 individuals are permitted on the field for pre-game and in the dugout.**
 - Any and ALL coaches in the dugout MUST BE IN REQUIRED ATTIRE. For softball, this means coaches shall be attired in a school uniform or jersey/coaching shirt with slacks, shorts or other leg coverings in school colors or colors of khaki, black, white or gray. Cut-offs or any type of jeans are prohibited. Jackets are not considered part of the coach's uniform. A coach not dressed in appropriate attire shall not be permitted in the field of play following the pregame conference for the duration of the game or until the situation has been remedied.
6. Agreeing to participate in the OHSAA Tournament (by the school's athletic administrator) is an agreement to abide by all the conditions of the OHSAA Softball Tournament Regulations

It is important that the above information is reviewed at EACH Draw Meeting. Questions often arise at the Regional and/or State Tournament level and it will be mentioned that the above information was already covered at their Seed/Draw Meetings as a condition of entering the tournament.

FINANCIAL REPORTING INFORMATION

The Sectional and Districts flat fee amount is determined by each District Athletic Board in coordination with the OHSAA Finance Team. The flat fee will be communicated at the District Athletic Board Managers Meeting.

The flat fee established for the Regional Semifinal game is \$750/game and the Regional Final is \$850. The use of police personnel is an extenuating expense. Please reach out to Kate Barnett for fee approval. The determined fees are to be used at the discretion of the tournament manager to cover site use and game day workers. Please make sure to include a Tournament Manager's rate as well.

To fill out the Financial Report, please visit <https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports>. Regional managers will utilize the reports with a flat fee. If you have any revenue collected on site, such as streaming fees or radio broadcast fees, you will use the "Flat Fee – With Revenue" report. If you have no revenue collected onsite, you will use the "Flat Fee – No Revenue" report

If you have radio or streaming revenue, there are 3 situations that you may encounter. If the radio station gave you a check made payable to your site, you will deposit the check and fill the amount of the check in under the "FEE PAID TO SITE" column. If the radio station gave you a check made payable to OHSAA, you will send the check to OHSAA (Attn: Accounting Department) and put the amount of the check under the "FEE PAID TO OHSAA" column. If the radio station broadcasted your game but did not give you a check, you will put the amount they owe under the "FEE OWED TO OHSAA" column.

Please send completed reports to accounting@ohsaa.org.

OHSAA TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

myOHSAA is an internet based software that allows schools, officials, OHSAA District Athletic Boards and the OHSAA office to access and share important information with each other. Tournament managers will use the purple “Trophy” icon on their myOHSAA accounts to access the tournament management portion of the system.

District Athletic Boards will create sectional and district level tournaments in myOHSAA while the sports management staff at the OHSAA office will create regional and state level tournaments. Once a tournament has been created and a “Tournament Manager” assigned, that manager will see the purple “Trophy” icon and be able to access the tournament portion of myOHSAA.

Managers will use the “View Tournaments” link to access their specific tournament(s). This link will allow them to manage schools, teams and scores. Links within the tournament management area will provide the access to the emergency contact information for each participating school, the tournament participation lists, the tournament representation reports and access to the officials’ directory.

CONTRACTING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

The contracting of tournament officials for all tournament contests, at all levels of play, will be done through ArbiterSports. Officials are NOT contracted through myOHSAA.

Sectional and district tournament officials for all tournament contests will be contracted by the District Athletic Boards through their ArbiterSports Accounts. Regional and state tournament officials for all tournament contests will be contracted by the OHSAA through its ArbiterSports Account. Tournament managers will not use the host school’s arbiter accounts to contract officials.

OHSAA TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND RESULTS

Sectional Managers – Entering Games/Teams: COMPLETE ASAP FOLLOWING THE DRAW

Enter all teams on the appropriate line of the brackets for each game as it appears on your brackets. Teams receiving a bye in Round 1 and not playing until Round 2 must be entered in Round 1. Simply enter the bye team on the top line of the preceding game and check the “Is Bye” box for that game in Round 1. This will advance the “bye” team to the next round.

SECTIONAL MANAGERS – EMAILING BRACKETS

On Sunday following your draw, email a copy of the bracket including teams, dates, times and seed position of the teams to the OHSAA. Email: Kate Barnett at kbarnett@ohsaa.org and Tim Stried at tstried@ohsaa.org. We simply use that information to double check the bracket entered in myOHSAA for accuracy.

SECTIONAL/DISTRICT/REGIONAL MANAGERS – ENTERING SCORES

Immediately following a contest, please enter the score. Once the start time of the game has passed, you will see a link to “Report Score” on the bracket. Enter the score and press save. If your game site for the next round is TBA because the site is at one of the participating team’s site, you will need to go to the next game and change the location to the host school’s site. Once the scores of the preceding games are entered, the location box in the next game changes by adding the two participating teams. For regional score reporting, site managers will email or text Kate Barnett, OHSAA Sport Administrator the scores once the games are completed.

SECURITY ISSUES

PLEASE pay special attention to all security issues. Hire adequate security/oversight as each District Athletic Board will advise. NFHS Softball Rules now REQUIRE oversight for umpires returning to their vehicles after a game, so please be diligent in that regard. Take the time to review and communicate any and all potential issues with coaches AND school administrators prior to the contest. Try to eliminate all problems **before they occur**. Consult with competing schools PRIOR to the contest, have adequate entry points and 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.

TICKETS

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

- a. All OHSAA Tournament tickets will be conducted online. There will be no tickets sold at the gate; however, a QR code will be available at the gate, which will direct them to purchase an online ticket.
- b. Every person who pays admission shall receive an online ticket.
- c. Everyone who enters shall be admitted with an online ticket and no passes are permitted.
- d. Adherence to the procedures below will insure better control of gate proceeds and attendance.
- e. All information regarding tickets will come from OHSAA staff.

The OHSAA contact is TBD, but the temporary OHSAA contacts are:

Kim Kiehl	Laura Vermilya
E: kkiehl@ohsaa.org	E: lvermilya@ohsaa.org
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ONLINE/DIGITAL TICKETING INFORMATION FOR FANS

Fans may visit www.ohsaa.org/tickets to purchase tickets.

HTT will provide customer support to those purchasing tickets.

By phone: 1-866-488-4849

By email: fansupport@hometownticketing.com

TOURNAMENT LEVEL	PRE-SALE TICKET	STUDENT TICKET	GAMEDAY* TICKET
Sectional Tournaments	\$8.00	NA	\$10.00
District Tournaments	\$8.00	NA	\$10.00
Regional Tournaments	\$10.00	NA	\$12.00
State Semifinal Tournaments	NA	\$10.00	\$13.00
State Tournament	NA	\$10.00	\$13.00

**Time TBD by OHSAA office on when the gameday ticket price will go into effect*

**Children 5 and under are free*

OHSAA BOARD MEMBER PASSES

OHSAA Board members have received an annual pass (ID Card). This pass shall be accepted at all levels of the tournament.

COMP TICKETS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for eight (8) school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have eight (8) tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

OFFICIAL'S GUEST

Officials are permitted one guest and they must enter with the official.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOUTS

High School coaches may attend tournament events to scout their opponents. High School coaches wishing to scout may request up to two (2) complimentary tickets through the following procedure:

1. Email OHSAA no later than 24-hours prior to the event;
2. Use the subject line "Softball Scout Request"

3. Indicate game they would like to attend
 - a. Include team names, division, district and host site

Note: College coaches wishing to scout matches must purchase a ticket.

POSTPONEMENT(S)

Event postponed before it starts / Event starts and then gets called due to weather or other circumstance and is scheduled to finish later:

- Host site and/or DAB – please email the OHSAA as soon as there is a change to the event taking place on the originally slated date/time that is listed on the bracket, website, and tickets. Include the new date/time/location and I will work with HTT to have the game reset on the website and in the system.
- Ticket holders DO NOT NEED TO DO A THING! If they had already been scanned in and an event is called/rescheduled, we will reset their ticket on the backend and simply move their ticket to the new/date/time/location. Again, they do not have to do a thing to get a ticket to the new/makeup event.
- No tickets will be refunded if the purchaser is not able to attend the new date/time.

REGIONAL TICKETING

For Regional Semifinal games, the spectator seating does not need to be cleared between games.

SUSPENDED GAME PROCEDURES

All tournament games are to be played to completion. Suspended games will be resumed from the point of suspension.

EXCEPTION 1: *Coaches can mutually agree to end the game at any point. BOTH coaches must agree. (i.e. this could take place after the 3rd inning)*

EXCEPTION 2: *All softball games shall end any time after 5 innings or 4 1/2 innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its term at bat.*

Example: At the end of the second inning, a game is suspended due to inclement weather. When play is resumed, either on that day or a following day, the same lineups shall be used, and the game will proceed from the point of suspension. Runs, count on batter, base runners, etc. shall be the same when the game is resumed as it was when it was suspended.

It is important for each tournament manager to obtain line-up cards and scorebook and make certain of the count on the batter, number of base runners, etc., to ensure the game is resumed from the point of suspension. For any reason the tournament manager is not present (and he/she SHOULD be), this is the responsibility of the head coach of the HOME team.

NOISEMAKERS

Noisemakers are permitted provided they do not interfere with the game as determined by the site manager or officials. Air Horns and noisemakers that require electric or alternate sources of power are not permitted in the facility.

UMPIRE INFORMATION

Umpires are assigned and contracted through the respective District Athletic Boards following state-wide guidelines. Fees are listed in the OHSAA Officials Handbook, which is available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Officiating/OHSAAOfficialsHandbook.pdf>

An important aspect of umpire fees involves suspended games and rained out games. The following is **statewide policy** regarding payment of umpires relative to suspended or cancelled games:

- *If an umpire is notified of a cancellation or rescheduling prior to departure, the official will not receive any compensation.*
- *If an umpire is notified en route, or after the official arrives and the tournament has not started, the official will receive the travel stipend, but not game fee.*
- *An official completing an interrupted contest on another day will receive full payment.*
- *In extraordinary cases, due to weather or other unanticipated occurrences, the District Athletic Boards (Sectional and District) or State Office (Regional and State) may approve payments to officials to compensate them for expenses incurred.*

ALL UMPIRES must have completed one of the approved "Concussion Courses" in order to have received their officiating permit, so there is no need to do any checking of this requirement.

TEAM BENCH LIMITATIONS

A maximum of twenty-eight (28) personnel shall be permitted in the dugout at all levels of the OHSAA Tournament. Teams must fill out the Team Bench List/Travel Party List with the individuals that will be in the dugout.

All managers must use the Travel Party List as the pass list for the team travel party—Twenty-two (22) uniformed players, plus the additional six (6) team personnel. The OHSAA approved Travel Party List is located on the Tournament Information page. This form must be used at all levels of the tournament. Coaches and administrators may make changes as the team advances in the tournament. Some reasons for changes may include illness, injury, availability, etc. This form is helpful when presenting district medallions by allowing the public address announcer to read the names of the individuals present.

Bench List/Travel List as well as other team forms can be found [here](#).

BALL AND BAT INFORMATION

The Rawlings C12RYL-OH is the official OHSAA tournament ball and shall be used for all tournament play. Each manager will have received the appropriate number of game balls through their respective District Athletic Boards.

All bats must have the following certification marks to be compliant. Bat sensors are illegal.



For a list of illegal bats (with certification marks), please view the list [here](#).

OHSAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

The following is 'General Information' for **ALL MANAGERS**

1. All sites and assignments to tournaments are available online at www.ohsaa.org by selecting "Softball" from the "Sports and Tournaments" drop-down menu.
2. The "Double First Base" is **mandatory at all levels of tournament play.**
3. The following are permitted in the dugout and on the field of play during warm-up. **Please be sure to use the Travel Party Bench List Form for ALL levels of the OHSAA Tournament.**
 - 22 players in uniform
 - 6 additional personnel including but not limited to Board-approved coaches, athletic trainer, scorekeeper, bat person or team manager
 - No other individuals are permitted in the dugout
4. Umpires have been assigned by District Athletic Boards through procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Please notify your umpires in advance of the contest to remind them of their assignment time and location. Please give them the names of the other officials they will be working with that day/night allowing for travel together when possible. Please also provide them reserved parking and provide them directions to your site. Officials are permitted ONE guest.
5. Provide adequate security personnel to ensure protection of umpires, players and spectators. If uniformed police are necessary and/or required at your site, please conform to that need. Remember to ensure the safety of umpires to their vehicles after the contest.
6. Arrange for a Certified Athletic Trainer to be present at your site. Please also have ambulance service available on call for emergencies and maintain an adequate Crisis Management Plan.
7. Provide efficient and competent press box personnel. Scorers and public address announcers should be experienced individuals. A public address should be available. Public address announcers are to remain neutral and professional in their duties. Any type of game experience enhancing additions such as "sound effects" should be avoided. Many schools play at home sites in softball and neutrality should be a key focus regarding tournament play.
8. The **Rawlings C12RYL-OH** is the official OHSAA tournament ball and shall be used for all tournament play. Each manager will have received the appropriate number of game balls through their respective District Athletic Boards.
9. **Pre-Game Practice:** Regulations regarding pre-game practice are established by each District Athletic Board. It is recommended that each team be permitted a 10-minute warm-up prior to the beginning of the game. See timing sheet in this manual.
10. **Batting Practice:** Batting practice **is** permitted prior to OHSAA tournament games but is not mandatory on the game field. Teams are permitted to have batting practice IF they have the time available.
11. 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 Travis Nethers at Croton Craft 740-504-3228 or crotoncraft@gmail.com.
12. Please review the Softball Tournament Regulations that are included later in this manual. Additionally, please copy these regulations, distribute at your seed/draw meeting and remind coaches to review these regulations.

SECTIONAL SOFTBALL MANAGER INFORMATION

1. Please pay close attention to the OHSAA approved SEEDING and DRAWING PROCEDURES. The seeding and placement of teams on brackets **must** be done correctly. These seed procedures are listed on the following pages.
2. For Districts that are playing on **Home Sites** throughout the tournament – it is imperative that **all tournament regulations be carefully adhered to even though it may appear to many as a “home game.”** This has been an increasing challenge for teams that are playing on home fields in the first couple of rounds of the tournament. All tournament regulations must be followed and administered regardless of whether it is played on the higher seed’s site or on a neutral site.
3. All Tournament Management, including ‘bracketing’ is done through myOHSAA. The OHSAA issues tournament manager login’s and passwords. If you forget a password or login information, contact Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org) at the OHSAA Office.
4. Bracket Templates are provided by the District Athletic Boards. Please use those templates to insure that ‘bye’ teams are listed on the proper lines, etc. **Please note:** The top line of a bracket is always the HOME team. ‘Bye’ lines are located on the TOP of a bracket to provide the ‘advantage’ of being a “Home” team in the event a higher seeded team takes a ‘bye.’
5. Please remember to change dates on brackets when RAINOUTS occur. This also is done through myOHSAA and will also assist our ticketing staff with making the necessary updates.
6. Immediately following the completion of the Sectional Tournament, please notify the District Tournament Manager of the team or teams that qualify to the District Tournament. District managers will be in contact with you for the transfer of information (roster information, etc.). Please assist this process by providing the name and contact information to your Sectional winner. Additionally, please remind teams that if they need to make changes to their Bench List, to do so and share it with the District Manager.

OHSAA SOFTBALL SEED AND DRAWING PROCEDURES/ INFORMATION

**The established date for ALL seeding and drawing meetings in 2022 is
Sunday, May 1, at 2:00 p.m.**

In all Sectional tournaments that precede District tournaments, seeding is mandatory in the Sectional. **ALL teams assigned to the first round of the tournament shall be seeded.** The following seeding method **shall prevail for all OHSAA sponsored Softball tournaments.** For purposes of seeding, the last games to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

Softball Tournament Seeding Procedure

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 18 games to date:

Division I:	12 wins	2 losses
Division II:	2 wins	1 loss
Division III:	1 win	0 losses
Overall Record:	15-3	

All games played to date shall be recorded.

2. b. Voting Procedures for seeding teams
 - a. All head coaches shall vote via online ballot which shall be made public online, 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.

Policy for Breaking Ties in the Tournament Seeding Process

1.) The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.

2.) If the results are still tied, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss. The school that calls the toss shall be the first one to appear in the alphabet (official school name without the respective city name ahead of it unless the city name is part of the official school name), going from A to Z in even-numbered years and Z to A in odd-numbered years.

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.

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. Please log on to each District Athletic Board website to obtain each District's procedure. District Athletic Board websites are:

Central: www.ohsaa.org/cdab

Northwest: www.ohsaa.org/nwdab

East: www.ohsaa.org/edab

Southeast: www.ohsaa.org/sedab

Northeast: www.ohsaa.org/nedab

Southwest: www.ohsaa.org/swdab

4. Tournament managers will distribute brackets to representatives of the participating teams.
5. All brackets shall designate date and time of game with the **HOME TEAM** being listed on the top of the bracket.

DISTRICT SOFTBALL MANAGER INFORMATION

Please contact Sectional Managers to arrange for the transfer of information, etc. for winning teams advancing from the Sectional Tournament to the District Tournament. In the event a District site is different from a Sectional site (this varies by Athletic District), please make sure you provide any and all information to those advancing from the Sectional tournament.

1. There will be a District Championship Ceremony at the conclusion of all District Final games. These are coordinated by the respective District Athletic Boards, however, please cover with coaches prior to the game of the expectations at this ceremony, most notably:
 - a. Meet with each coach to confirm the Bench List/Travel Party is correct because the announcer will be using the list to read off the names of those receiving individual medallions.
 - b. Teams are to remain on the field at the conclusion of the game and respectfully honor the other team.
 - c. Teams are expected to accept their medal, shake hands with the OHSAA member, DAB member or representative.
2. 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 Travis Nethers at Croton Craft 1-800-947-5521 or crotoncraft@gmail.com. Oftentimes, coaches, parents or athletic administrators would like to order additional medals. They may do so by placing an order through Croton Craft.

REGIONAL SOFTBALL MANAGER INFORMATION

Regional softball games will take place on (Regional Semifinals) Wednesday May 25th and Friday May 27th or Saturday May 28th (Regional Finals) depending on the host's request and availability. Please note that Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday may be used as make up dates.

Host managers needing to adjust game dates and/or times, must review and confirm the changes with Kate Barnett at the OHSAA office. Changes, postponements, or delays to the schedule are not considered final unless they have been discussed with Kate Barnett (via call or email).

Regional managers will be provided softballs, script, awards and a scorebook.

Croton Craft will be providing the Runner-Up and Championship trophies. Please inspect these upon receipt to make sure they are accurate and not damaged.

The OHSAA will follow up with Regional Champions post event.

MEDIA AND BROADCASTING INFORMATION

Please take time to read the OHSAA Media Regulations to review your responsibility in hosting the media during your tournament contest. For questions including those related to rights fees rates for broadcasting or streaming, contact OHSAA Director of Media Relations Tim Stried at tstried@ohsaa.org.

OHSAA Media Regulations are available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/OHSAA-Media-Regulations.pdf>

OHSAA Tournament Photography Regulations are available here:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/News/Media/PhotographyRegulations.pdf>

Please make every effort to accommodate radio and/or streaming coverage.

OHSAA Tournament Broadcasting and Streaming Rights Fees Rates are available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/TournamentBroadcastRates.pdf>

Some stations pay rights' fees through a delayed process directly to the OHSAA.

The OHSAA Delayed Payment Process memo this is available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/MemoDelayedPayBroadcast.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=xeG67LezQWUnBYbrd70%2BbSTdZjsDqNGagi0MAQqwfcA%3D>

A media outlet's **Application for Delayed Rights Fees Payment** is available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/DelayedPaymentApplication.pdf>

VIDEOTAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHING INFORMATION

Videotaping and Photographing by Participating Schools

- Videotaping OHSAA tournament contests of the team or individuals from one's own school participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager, and it is done at the expense of the school involved. A maximum of two individuals per school are permitted to videotape.
- All photographs and videos taken by school representatives of the team or individuals from one's own school at OHSAA tournament contests are for school use ONLY. The use of photographs or videos taken by school representatives for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited. Such videotapes or photographs may be used for "in-game" coaching purposes only if it is specified in the national playing rules of the sport or in the specific sport regulations.
- It is permissible for a school or a school representative to videotape or photograph tournament contests (including practices) of teams or individuals **not** from one's own school **only with the written consent of all schools participating in the contest(s)**.
- It is permissible for a school or school representative to *utilize* video and photographs of tournament contests (including practices) of teams or individuals **not** from one's own school **only with the written consent of all schools participating in the contest(s)**.

Videotaping and Photographing by Spectators

- Spectators taking videos or photos at OHSAA tournament contests shall not interfere with the view of a contest by other spectators, nor will spectators or their equipment take additional space in seats that have been purchased. No spectators shall be provided "media" access to videotape or photograph an event, nor will spectators and/or their equipment be permitted in any playing area. In addition, no sources of power will be provided for spectators' video or photo equipment.
- All photographs and videos taken by spectators at OHSAA tournament contests are for personal use ONLY. The use of spectator photographs or videos for **commercial purposes** is strictly prohibited.
- The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment.
- The OHSAA reserves the right to remove violators of these policies from a tournament contest, invoke additional penalties and seek maximum legal recourse.

Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)

- For purposes of this policy, an unmanned aerial vehicle ("UAV"), commonly known as a drone, is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.
- The use of drones can only be authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If a license is granted to an individual by the FCC for use of a drone and that authorization is verified, it is the responsibility of each local school district to establish additional policies for the use of drones during home regular season contests (including previews and scrimmages) and practices.
- The use of drones is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA tournament contests or practices beginning an hour before the scheduled start time to an hour after the contest ends. At tournament contests, if management discovers that a drone is being used, management shall attempt to locate the operator to have the drone removed from the facility area, but the contest shall not be delayed. Management shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event has been completed.

Note: An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for the OHSAA's official television partner or official photographer, provided the operator of the drone is licensed by the FCC, that authorization can be verified and the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of drones for broadcast purposes under the control of the OHSAA.

TOURNAMENT MEDICAL & SAFETY INFORMATION

Implementation of State Law and NFHS Playing Rules Related to Concussed Athletes and Return to Play Protocol

It is important for all individuals involved in interscholastic athletics to recognize the potential for catastrophic injury and even death from concussions. Thus, it is extremely important that each coach, administrator, contest official and medical support personnel review their responsibilities in protecting students. Further both students and parents have responsibilities in this area as well.

Note: It has always been the ultimate responsibility of the coaching staff, in all sports, to ensure that students are only put into practice or contests if they are physically capable of performing. However, all individuals involved in the conduct of interscholastic competition have responsibilities in this endeavor.

In January 2011, the OHSAA Board of Directors adopted a sports regulation which incorporated the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) playing rules related to concussion recognition and management. On April 26, 2013, legislation adopted by Ohio's General Assembly on concussion and head injuries in youth sports became effective. On February 14, 2013, the OHSAA Board of Directors mandated that these regulations become effective on April 26, 2013, for the remainder of the spring sports season and thereafter. This OHSAA regulation, as amended to incorporate this recent legislation, now reads:

Any student, while practicing for or competing in an interscholastic contest, who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest by either of the following:

- 1.) The individual who is serving as the student's coach during that practice or competition.
- 2.) An individual who is serving as a contest official or referee during that practice or competition.

Return to Play Protocol

If a student is removed from practice or competition due to a suspected concussion or head injury, the coach or referee who removes the student shall not permit the student, **ON THE SAME DAY THE STUDENT IS REMOVED**, to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or contest official is responsible. Thereafter, which means no earlier than the next day, the coach or contest officials shall not permit the student to return to practice or competition until both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1.) The student's condition is assessed by either of the following:
 - a. A physician, who is a person authorized under Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Revised Code (OCR) to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery (M.D. or D.O.)
 - b. Any other licensed health care provider that the school district board of education or other governing authority of a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school, authorizes to assess the student who has been removed from practice or competition.
- 2.) The student receives **written authorization** that it is safe for the student to return to practice or competition from a physician or other licensed health care provider authorized to grant the clearance. Click here <http://ohsaa.org/medicine/AuthorizationToReenter.pdf> to retrieve the OHSAA's Medical Authorization to Return To Play (RTP) form.

A school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school may authorize a licensed health care provider who is NOT a PHYSICIAN to make an assessment and grant authorization for a student to return to participation ONLY if the provider is acting in accordance with one of the following as applicable to the provider's authority to practice in Ohio:

- 1.) In consultation with a physician;
- 2.) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;
- 3.) In collaboration with a physician, or
- 4.) Under the supervision of a physician.

Note: A physician or other licensed health care provider who makes an assessment or grants clearance for a student to return to participation may be a volunteer.

Coaches Requirements

All coaches, paid and volunteer, must possess a current Department of Education-issued Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit. When renewing this permit, the coach will be required to complete an online concussion education course as stipulated in the section entitled **Approved Online Concussion Education Course**. This course is valid for three years.

Contest Officials Requirements

New legislation signed into law by the Governor provides that no school "shall permit" an individual to referee interscholastic athletic contests unless the individual holds a Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or has successfully completed within the last three years a training program in concussion recognition. Therefore, all OHSAA licensed officials shall possess either a current Department of Education-issued Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or show evidence of completing an approved online concussion education course as stipulated in the section entitled Approved Online Concussion Education Courses. This course is valid for three years from the date of completion.

Student and Parent Requirements

All students and their parents or legal guardians shall review and sign the "Concussion Information Sheet" which has been developed by the Ohio Department of Health and which shall be distributed by OHSAA member schools to all students and their parents prior to each sports season. Students and parents shall review and sign this form each year and should keep a copy of the form. In addition, parents and students are encouraged to complete an approved concussion education course.

NFHS Suggested Medical Clearance Return to Play Protocol

- 1.) No exertional activity until asymptomatic.
- 2.) When the athlete appears clear, begin low-impact activity such as walking, stationary bike, etc.
- 3.) Initiate aerobic activity fundamental to specific sport such as running or skating and may also begin progressive strength training activities.
- 4.) Begin non-contact skill drills specific to sport such as dribbling, fielding, batting, etc.
- 5.) Full contact in practice setting.
- 6.) Game play/competition.
 - Athlete must remain asymptomatic to progress to the next level. (It is often suggested that an athlete not be allowed to progress more than one level per day.)
 - If symptoms recur, athlete must return to previous level and should be reevaluated by an appropriate health care professional.
 - Medical check should occur before contact. (Final written clearance from the medical professional shall be obtained before the athlete engages in any unrestricted or full contact activity.)

OHSAA Concussion Authorization to Reenter Form

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports-Medicine/AuthorizationToReenter.pdf>

OHSAA Concussion Report Form

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports-Medicine/OHSAAConcussionReport.pdf>

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 field.
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 if 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 FIELD 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

LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas, and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to the designated safer area:
 - a.) A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a.) When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b.) 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
 - c.) Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d.) When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

***At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.**

4. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at the start of the season.

OHSAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RESOURCES

The next few pages are resources for host schools to use during tournament games.

1. Pre-Game Protocol / Timing Sheet (SAMPLE)
2. In-Game Scripts (optional)
3. Awards Scripts
 - a. District
 - b. Regional
4. Broadcast/Radio Script
5. Tournament Regulations (as of Feb. 2022)



Pre-Game Protocol for OHSAA Softball Tournaments

<u>Time Allotment</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Action</u>
10:00 min	1:30PM	Home team infield practice
10:00 min	1:40PM	Visiting team infield practice
5:00 min	1:50PM	Umpire/coach pregame conference at home plate
5:00 min	1:55PM	Teams clear field and line up for introductions. Public address welcome. Introduction of teams <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officials 2. Visiting Team (non-starters, starters and head coach) 3. Home Team (non-starters, starters and head coach) National Anthem
	2:00PM	Game begins
Home Team:		Visiting Team:

Note: Time may need to be adjusted for introductions and National Anthem.



OHSAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SCRIPTS

PRE-GAME

Good afternoon/evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 2022 OHSAA Softball Tournament and this Division _____ Sectional/District/Regional game hosted by _____ (*host site*).

Today's/tonight's matchup is between the

_____ (*Visiting team school and mascot*)

and the _____ (*Home team school and mascot*).

PRE-INTRODUCTIONS

The Executive Director, Board of Directors and the _____ District

Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association welcomes you to this

Division _____ Softball Tournament game between

_____ High School and _____ High School.

The umpires for for this game are: _____,

_____, and _____. (OPTIONAL)

TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

Now let's meet today's/tonight's teams.

First, for the visiting _____ (*Visiting team school/mascot*).

(Introduce reserves - optional format below)

The reserves:

_____, *Number* _____, _____
(Position) *(Jersey #)* *(Name)*

And now the starters:

(Introduce starters - optional format below)

Batting first, _____, *Number* _____, _____
(Position) *(Jersey #)* *(Name)*

Batting second, _____, *Number* _____, _____
(Position) *(Jersey #)* *(Name)*

The _____ (*Home team mascot*) are coached
by _____ and he/she is assisted
by: _____.

And now for the _____ (*Home team school/mascot*).

(Introduce reserves- optional format below)

The reserves:

_____, *Number* _____, _____
(Position) *(Jersey #)* *(Name)*

And now the starters:

(Introduce starters - optional format below)

Batting first, _____, Number _____, _____
(Position) (Jersey #) (Name)

Batting second, _____, Number _____, _____
(Position) (Jersey #) (Name)

The _____ (Home team mascot) are coached
by _____ and he/she is assisted
by: _____.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we ask that you please rise, remove your caps and join us as we honor America and those who serve to protect it with the playing of the National Anthem.

(if applicable)

Performing this afternoon/evening is/are _____.

Presenting the colors this afternoon/evening is/are _____.

(Play National Anthem)

Again, welcome to today's/tonight's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship, we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated. Let's Play Ball!

HALF INNING

In that inning for _____:

_____ Runs

_____ Hits:

_____ Errors:

and _____ left on base.

FINAL

Ladies and gentlemen, that concludes today's/tonight's game. The _____ High School _____ (mascot) win with a score of ____ runs to _____.

Congratulations to both teams on a great game this afternoon/evening.

(If there is an awards presentation following the match read the following and then reference the Awards Scripts)

Fans, we ask that you refrain from coming onto the field. We will begin the awards presentation shortly.



OHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AWARDS SCRIPT

Though each individual Athletic District will set their own protocol for the presentation of awards, we encourage the inclusion of school administrators for the presentation of awards.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now begin the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ District Softball Tournament awards ceremony. Please direct your attention to the infield and join me in congratulating both teams on a competitive and exciting game. (pause)

It is now my pleasure to present to you the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ District Softball Tournament awards. First, we will recognize the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ District Runner- Up team, the _____ High School _____(mascot).

Presenting the awards this afternoon/evening will be (title, name)_____.
When your name is called, please come forward to receive your individual medallion.

(Read names from bench list/travel party in the following order: Players, Assistant Coaches, Head Coach)

And now, presenting the District Runner-up trophy is (title/name) _____

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____(mascot) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy. Congratulations on an outstanding season!

And now, we will recognize the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ District Tournament team, the _____ High School _____(mascot).

Presenting the awards this afternoon/evening will be (title/name)_____.

When your name is called, please come forward to receive your individual medallion.

(Read names from bench list/travel party in the following order: Players, Assistant Coaches, Head Coach)

And now, presenting the District trophy is (title/name) _____ .

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____(mascot) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy. Once again, congratulations to the _____ High School _____(mascot) who will now advance to the Regional Semifinal.

On behalf of the staff at _____(host school/venue) and the Ohio High School Athletic Association, thank you for attending today's/tonight's event and please drive safely as you make your way home.



OHSAA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AWARDS SCRIPT

Though each individual Athletic District will set their own protocol for the presentation of awards, we encourage the inclusion of school administrators for the presentation of awards.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now begin the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ Regional Softball Tournament awards ceremony. Please direct your attention to the infield and join me in congratulating both teams on a competitive and exciting game.

(Pause)

It is now my pleasure to present to you the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ Regional Softball Tournament awards.

First, we will recognize the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ Regional Runner- Up team, the _____ High School _____ (mascot).

Presenting the Regional Runner-up trophy is (title/name) _____ .

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____ (mascot) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy. Congratulations on an outstanding season!

(pause)

And now, we will recognize the 2022 OHSAA Division ____ Regional Tournament team, the _____ High School _____ (mascot).

Presenting the Regional trophy is (title/name) _____ .

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____ (mascot) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy.

Once again, congratulations to the _____ High School _____ (mascot) who will now advance to the State Semifinal.

On behalf of the staff at _____ (host school/venue) and the Ohio High School Athletic Association, thank you for attending today's/tonight's event and please drive safely as you make your way home.



OHSAA TELEVISION/RADIO BROADCAST SCRIPT

This 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 high school youth. The schools participating in this contest consider interscholastic athletics an integral part of the educational program to enhance personal growth of these young men and women.

Today's/Tonight's tournament game is one of many being played throughout the State leading to the State Championship. Thank you for your support of high school soccer in Ohio!