



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Softball Coaches and Athletics Directors

FROM: Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

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SUBJECT: Pre-Tournament Information

OHSAA REGULAR SEASON UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- **Regular Season.** Teams may play a maximum of twenty-seven (27) contests and individuals may compete in a maximum of thirty-two (32) playing dates. Scrimmages are permitted at any time throughout the season. The season officially ends June 11, 2022.
- **No Contact Period.** Aug. 1-31

OHSAA TOURNAMENT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Important Dates

April 25 (Today)	Deadline to indicate Tournament Entry and complete the State Rules Meeting
May 1	Tournament Draw
May 7-14	Sectional
May 16-21	District
May 25	Regional Semi-Final
May 27-28	Regional Final
June 2-4	State Finals
June 11	Season Ends

Tournament Information

This formation can be found on the Softball page [here](#).

- [Tournament Regulations](#)
- [Tournament Draw](#)
- [Tournament Host Manual](#)
- [Required forms](#)
 - ***NEW** -Travel Party / Bench List (required at **ALL** levels of the Tournament)

- Introductions and Pre-Game Protocol (Timing Sheet)
 - A sample pre-game protocol sheet is posted on the OHSAA website for your reference. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of 10 minutes of warm up for all tournament games.
- Tournament PA Scripts can be found on the OHSAA Softball website on the sidebar under Tournament Information. The following scripts are available for use:
 - Tournament Season PA Script
 - Television/Radio Script
 - District Awards
 - Regional Awards

Regional Site Determination

Regional sites have been assigned and can be viewed in the Tournament Draw information. Please note that regional semifinals are scheduled for Wednesday May 25 and regional finals on either Friday May 27 or Saturday May 28 depending on the host.

State Finals Information

The State Finals will be held at Firestone Stadium June 2-4, 2022.

- **State Finals Coaches Meeting.** A mandatory state finals meeting for teams advancing to the state semifinal will be held virtually on Tuesday May 31, 2022, at 10:00AM ET.
- **Team Hotel Information.** The OHSAA will be securing a small number of room blocks for teams to use on a first come first serve basis. Kate Barnett will reach out to teams advancing to regional semifinals requesting information regarding hotel needs to keep the hotel properties informed of potential groups.
- **State Game Schedule:**
 - Thursday June 2
 - Division II Semifinals – 10:00AM and 12:30PM
 - Division I Semifinals – 3:00PM and 5:30PM
 - Friday June 3
 - Division IV Semifinals – 10:00AM and 12:30PM
 - Division III Semifinals – 3:00PM and 5:30PM
 - Saturday June 4
 - Division II Semifinals – 10:00AM
 - Division I Semifinals – 1:00PM
 - Division IV Semifinals – 4:00PM
 - Division III Semifinals – 7:00PM

Ticket Information

All tickets shall be electronic through HomeTown Ticketing. **No cash will be accepted.** Passes of any kind are not permitted at any level of the OHSAA Tournament. School administrators are provided eight (8) complimentary tickets to use as their team advances. These tickets may be used throughout the tournament, including the state semifinals and finals as long as the school team is participating.

Below are the designated ticket prices for each level of the tournament. **The pre-sale price is valid until 3 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.** Tickets may be purchased [here](#).

Programs will be available for purchase at the state semifinals and finals for \$5.00 via credit card only.

Sectional Presale	Sectional Gameday	District Presale	District Gameday	Regional Presale	Regional Gameday	State Semi Student Price	State Semi Adult	State Final Student	State Final Adult
\$8.00	\$10.00	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$13.00

High School Scouting Tickets

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 (Laura Vermilya at vermilya@ohsaa.org) **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: The regional semifinal sites will not be clearing the stands between games, so no need to request tickets to scout regional semifinal games at your assigned site.

Suspended Games

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 2nd 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.

If games are postponed or suspended, they will be rescheduled in the original order. If the regional semifinal games are not completed on Wednesday, they will be played on Thursday or the next playable day, with the finals on Saturday or Sunday. If the semifinals are played on Saturday, the final may be played on Sunday.

Per GSR 16.4, teams and competitors shall be expected to play tournament contests at the scheduled time, date and location. Therefore, if there are changes to the schedule due to inclement weather, teams are expected to compete at the new designated time, date and location.

Officiating

Per OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1 below, there are no appeals to officials' decisions.

8-3-1 Protests arising from the decisions and interpretations of the contest playing rules by officials will not be considered, and those decisions shall be final. The Executive Director's office does not have the authority or jurisdiction to order contests replayed, or to overturn decisions of contest officials regarding the decisions and interpretations of contest playing rules. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the contest officials are final.

Uniforms

Compliance with uniform rules is mandatory for all teams during the OHSAA Tournament. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture. Please review uniform regulations [here](#).

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.

Official Softball

The optic yellow Rawlings C12RYL-OH softball will be used for all tournament games. Due to supply shortages, if hosts are not able to use this ball, an NFHS approved ball is permitted. It is recommended that the host provide the game balls since most hosts receive a small stipend to host.

Other Tournament Information

- **Covid-19.** The OHSAA does not have any regulations regarding Covid-19. Teams and hosts are asked to adhere to the guidance from state and local health authorities.
- **Homerun celebrations.** Homerun celebrations are permitted.
- **Artificial Noisemakers.** Noisemakers are permitted for fans 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.

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