



# 2026 OHSAA Track & Field State Championships

Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium | The Ohio State University

## General & Spectator Information

**Spectator Questions:** Spectators should direct their questions to their coach or athletic administrator. OHSAA staff and meet management may not be available for questions from spectators prior to the event.

**Schedule & Map:** A map of the facility and time schedule can be found [HERE](#).

**Gates Open:** The gates will open 90 minutes prior to the start of the first event.

**Parking:** Parking is free in designated lots. A Parking map can be found [HERE](#).

**RV Parking:** RV parking will be allowed and is available in the designated lot per the map linked above. If RVs are arriving on Wednesday, they will need to pay for each spot occupied by the RV using the ParkMobile app. Directions will be available via signage at the entrance to the lot.

**Tickets:** Tickets go on sale Tuesday, May 26, and are available via Ticketmaster by clicking [HERE](#). Students \$10, Adults \$16, Four Day Pass \$50. Children aged five and up require a ticket. Program and ticket sales are credit card ONLY.

**Live Results:** Live results and heat sheets for the finals can be found on the [OHSAA Championship Page](#).

**Smoking/Vaping/Tobacco:** Smoking/Vaping and the use of tobacco products are prohibited in all areas.

**Umbrellas:** Umbrellas are prohibited in the stands and spectator areas.

**Food & Drink:** No outside food or drink are permitted inside the stadium. Food and drink will be available for purchase adjacent to the stadium (can be taken into the stadium) & in the throwing venue.

**Programs/ Merchandise:** Programs will be on sale during the event for \$5 (credit card only). 2026 state championship merchandise will be available for purchase from EA Graphics. The official baton of the state championship will be available for purchase at the MF Athletic Tent under the flagpole. Online merchandise purchases from EA Graphics can be made by clicking [HERE](#).

**Spectator Access:** Spectators are prohibited from accessing competition areas during the event. No spectators are permitted inside the fence, on the track, or in the field event venues. Spectators or parents who enter restricted areas will be removed from the facility without refund. No standing at the rail in front of the stands is allowed.

**Drones:** Under OHSAA & Ohio State University regulations, drones are prohibited. The use of drones will be subject to removal without a refund and additional penalties per The Ohio State University Police.

**Prohibited Items:** The use of air horns, megaphones, and whistles by spectators is strictly prohibited.

**OSU Admission Policies:** It is the responsibility of all spectators to review the OSU Athletic Facility Admission regulations that can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

**Medical & Security:** The American Red Cross, in conjunction with Columbus Fire & EMS, will be on hand to address all spectator-related medical issues. Uniformed Ohio State University & City of Columbus Police, as well as Ohio Highway Troopers and Sheriff's Deputies, supported by BEST Security and OSU event staff, will be on hand to provide safety and security to the venue and surrounding areas, as well as traffic control. If you need assistance, please contact any uniformed police, security, or OSU/OHSAA staff.

**Use of Electronic Starting Devices & Electronic Distance Measurement:** For the meet, the starters will use fully integrated Electronic Starting Devices rather than traditional starting pistols. This tested and approved technology amplifies sound towards the athletes rather than the fans. Air horns will be used for all recalls. Additionally, laser measurement will be used for the shot put, discus, and long jump.





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## Team, Coach, & Athlete Information

**Virtual Coaches Meeting:** A virtual coaches meeting will be required of all qualifying head coaches. The meeting will be previously recorded, and a link will be provided to all coaches at the same time as information on relay changes is emailed to coaches the week of the meet. Please view this meeting by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Failure to complete the meeting will result in a \$50 fine per team/gender.

**Venue Walk Through:** Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium & the adjacent throwing area **will NOT be open for walk-through on Wednesday, June 3, or Thursday, June 4.** A drone video has been produced to help coaches and athletes understand the layout of the facilities and locations of each event. Any team caught trying to sneak into the venue is subject to removal from the tournament and additional penalties via the OSU Police.

**Packet Pick Up & Team Admission Tickets:** Per the schedule below, packets will be available for pick up in the Schumaker Complex, #3 on the map. Due to space limitations and to ensure proper processing, only board approved coaches may pick up packets. **Absolutely no athletes or parents should enter the Schumaker Complex; parents may not pick up packets.** Coaches and athlete tickets will be provided electronically to the email address as listed in Final Forms for the head coach. If multiple head coaches or no head coaches are listed, they will be sent to the AD. Coaches must have an account on the OSU Ticket App with the same email as listed in Final Forms to receive their ticket allotment; no paper tickets will be provided. More information on the OSU Ticket App can be found [HERE](#). No restrooms will be available in the Schumacker Complex.

**Thursday:** 9 am – 5 pm | **Friday:** 7:30 am – 5 pm | **Saturday:** 7:30 am – 5 pm | **Sunday:** 7:30 am - TBD

**Team Camps:** No team camps are permitted in the stadium. Team camps may be set up in the numerous grass areas around the perimeter of the stadium.

**Warm Up Area | New For 2026:** A designated general warm up area will be provided in the Lacrosse Stadium. Athletes competing in a division other than what is currently being competed on the track should use this area to ensure the track space is available for the currently competing divisions. This area is closed to spectators and only available for athletes and coaches per the schedule below. No team camps, blocks, spikes, or food may be taken into the Lacrosse Stadium; **ONLY water and personal items needed for the warmup.** Hurdles will be available.

**Thursday:** 4pm -6:30pm | **Friday:** 10am - 6:30pm | **Saturday:** 10am - 6:30pm | **Sunday:** 10am - Noon

**Coach & Athlete Admission:** Coaches' complimentary admission will be issued based on the number of competitors, according to the following: **There are no exceptions.**

All teams receive admission for one (1) head coach plus one (1) additional coach for each specialty area listed below (jumps, pole vault, sprints/hurdles, distance, throws) when their team has entries in the specialty. Maximum six (6) per team					
Specialty	Jumps	Pole Vault	Sprints/Hurdles	Distance	Throws
Events in the specialty	High Jump	Pole Vault	100, 200, 400 Dash	800, 1600, 3200 Run	Shot Put
	Long Jump		100, 110, 300 Hurdles	4x800 Relay	Discus
			4x100, 4x200, 4x400 Relay		

- o Up to two alternates, per relay, will receive complimentary admission pending they are listed in the teams Athletic.net entry. **Alternates not listed in Athletic.net, will NOT receive complimentary admission.**
- o League and school-issued passes are not valid and will not be accepted for admission.
- o Only passes issued specifically for the state tournament will be accepted.
- o Coaches & athletes **MUST** enter the stadium through the gate directly adjacent to #1 on the map. Athlete and coach tickets will not be accepted at any other gate. **Athlete and coach tickets cannot be used by spectators.**

**Administrator Admission:** As this event will utilize Ticket Master, the administrator admission provided through HomeTown will not be accepted. Three administrators from each participating school will be provided with general admission to the meet by entering through the Media & VIP Entrance, as indicated as #4 on the map.

**Team Admission to The Championship Weekend | New In 2026:** Teams advancing to the championship have the ability to attend the entire tournament including the days their team is not participating. Coaches **MUST** make the request via the web form provided in their advancement email and ticket quantities will be based on the number of coaches and athletes admitted for competition. Tickets will be provided electronically to the same email as referenced above. No late requests for tickets will be accepted.

**Field Event Credentials & Coaching Areas:** Wristbands will be issued based on entries in each field event, providing one coach per team access to the designated coaches' area. **It must be worn on the wrist at all times.** The wristband is only valid for the field event, division, and gender for which it is issued. Those using the wristbands to access other areas will have the pass revoked, and their athlete is subject to disqualification per NFHS Rule 4-6-5e. Once the field event has ended, coaches must vacate all restricted areas. Transferring wristbands is not allowed and will result in the ejection of all individuals involved.

**Seated Athlete Credentials:** Each qualifying seated athlete will receive two credentials to provide support to their athletes and a parking pass. Parking will be mailed to the school in advance of the meet.

**Running Event Coaching Areas | New In 2026:** Areas outside of the fence, at each end of the track, have been designated for running event coaches who have athletes in the event currently being competed. One coach from each team will be allowed in each area.

**Coaches & Spectator Access To Track & Infield:** Except for properly credential coaches in field event areas, **coaches are not permitted inside the fence or in the competition areas at any time, including the time between divisions for warmups.** Coaches accessing areas without proper credentials are subject to penalties up to and including ejection, per OHSAA Tournament Regulations.

**Bib Numbers:** Bib numbers will be issued to all athletes entered in Athletic.net to compete at the championship, including alternates in relays. Athletes are required to wear their bib numbers on their backs during all running events; **athletes must keep their numbers for the second day of competition.** Athletes in field events do not wear their bib numbers, which have been provided as a commemorative item. Replacement of lost bibs will be available per the Tournament Regulations with a \$20 fee after completing a signing a bib replacement form. Please visit the clerking tent to complete the replacement form and have a new bib issued.

To ensure bib numbers can be issued for the correct athletes, please verify your relay athletes based on the advancer confirmation email and complete any needed changes on the Athletic.net meet page prior to the deadline.

**Pole Vault Certification Cards | New In 2026:** Pole vault certification cards will be NOT be distributed to coaches. Coaches, in advance of the meet, will complete an electronic verification card that can be accessed via the advancer email they received.

**Relay Cards | New In 2026:** Relay cards will NOT be distributed to coaches. Clerks will use the names entered on the Athletic.net meet page for check in. If you need to make changes to these names, please do so at registration or by following the change process.

**Spikes:** Only pyramid spikes no longer than 1/4" are permitted. Needle spikes and Christmas tree spikes are not permitted. **The clerks & field event officials will be checking spike length just before the races and at check-in.** If a competitor is in violation of this rule, he/she will not be allowed to participate.

**Batons & Starting Blocks:** Starting blocks and batons will be provided, only the items provided may be used. The only exception to this is the use of a Moye stand up block that may be provided by participating athlete if needed. Block holders will be provided.

**Runway & Track Markers:** Only provided tennis balls may be used for relays. Two commemorative runway markers will be provided in the Pole Vault and High Jump, no other markers may be used. Only chalk may be used in the high jump ONLY.

#### **Athlete Event Check In:**

- Running events should check in at the clerking tent as indicated by #10 on the map linked above. Athletes must check in no later than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event.
- Field events should check in at the event venues as indicated (#6, 7, 8, & 9) on the map linked above. Athletes must check in no less than 45 minutes prior to the start of their field events. Checking in one hour prior to the pole vault is recommended.
- All seated events will check in at the seated athlete tent as indicated by #11 on the map linked above, no less than 45 minutes prior to the start of their event. This earlier check-in allows for needed transportation to the seated throwing venue.

#### **Implement Inspection:**

- Vaulting poles will be inspected upon check-in at the event venue.
- Throwing implements will be checked at the tent located between the throwing areas.

**Athletic Training/Medical:** Athletic trainers and physicians from Ohio State University, as well as EMS from Columbus Fire, will be on hand to handle athlete-related medical needs. They will be available near the finish line, and at each field event venue. **NO parents or coaches will be permitted access to the competition area unless requested by the medical staff.**

**Electronic Starting Device (ESD):** Electronic Starting, also known as ESDs, will be used for all races. Air horns will be used for recalls.

**Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM):** Electronic Distance Measurement devices, also known as EDM or lasers, will be used to measure performances in the discus, shot put, and long jump.

**Officiating Decision & Questions:** Decisions of the referee are final and cannot be overturned by the OHSAA office.

- **Field Events:** Coaches with questions related to a call made should first speak with the event officials. If you are not satisfied with that, ask to speak with the head field judge; from there, you can escalate to the referee.
- **Running Events:** Coaches who have questions about a call in a running event should go directly to the meet referee or head umpire for discussion.
- **Order of Finish:** Coaches with questions related to the order of finish, results, or scoring, please go directly to the referee or Data & Technology Referee.
- Coaches wishing to speak to an official related to a running event must report to the clerk tent to make that request.

**Filing Appeals:** Coaches have the right to file a written appeal if they feel there has been a misapplication of a rule; **judgment calls are not appealable.**

- Appeals can only be filed by coaches; parents & administrators cannot file appeals.
- If you need to file an appeal, please visit the clerk tent to retrieve and turn in the request.
- The appeal form will require you to list the rule that was misapplied. If you cannot cite the rule, the appeal is automatically denied, so please be prepared with your rule book.
- Once the appeal is turned in, it will be reviewed by the chairperson of the Jury of Appeals. Please see the tournament regulations for more information on the Jury of Appeals

**Media Interviews:** The OHSAA appreciates the cooperation of student-athletes and coaches to participate in media interviews following their event(s). Participation in media interviews is an important part of the state tournament and working with the media can be a beneficial learning experience for your athletes. Following each event, athletes should report to the designated media/athlete interview area, where interviews will take place. The media/athlete interview area is located behind the awards tent. For the finals, when the awards ceremony begins, all interviews must stop and athletes are to report to the awards stand.

**Pre-Event Coaches or Administrator Questions:** Coaches and administrators with questions should first review this document & [the OHSAA Championship Page](#). If, after reviewing the information, there are still questions, please send them via email to the contacts listed on this document. No correspondence from parents, student athletes, or spectators will be responded to.

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