



State Volleyball Tournament Instructions

Congratulations on your Regional Championship!

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and Wright State University look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 State Tournament throughout the Dayton, Ohio area, Thursday, November 6 – Sunday, November 9.

As we make preparations for the State Tournament, we ask that the Head Coach and Athletic Director reference this document. You will receive much more information through an email, State Finalist Manual and an online State Finalists Meeting on Sunday.

Volleyball Tournament Information page: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/volleyball/tournament-info>

Volleyball Sport Administrator, Emily Mason, will all be available for any questions you may have via phone or email, throughout the week, as will the following site managers. However, please know that John Kronour will be the onsite Volleyball Administrator. **I am best reached by email or cell phone!** Please feel free to call or text—if you email or text, please include both Emily and John.

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FINALIST MANUAL & ONLINE FINALIST MEETING

By Sunday at 5:00 PM, you will receive a copy of the State Finalist Manual and a link to the online State Finalist Meeting. We have summarized some information in these instructions; however, the manual and meeting will go into much more detail.

PAPERWORK REMINDERS

All paperwork requirements should have been completed online for the Regional Tournament (due by Wednesday, October 28 at noon). You may make changes to those lists if necessary but all players on your roster must be eligible, and you will need to send any updated forms to aholderman@ohsaa.org.

Please send John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org), your *State Final Information Sheet*, found on page 5
Please send Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org) any updates to your Team Roster

PROGRAM INFORMATION/TEAM STATS/LOGO

Program information is due to Alexis Holderman. Additional statistics and team information forms are due to Alexis **by Tuesday morning**, located on the *Volleyball Tournament Information* webpage. Each team will be provided complimentary programs upon their arrival to the State Tournament.

Though everyone has been instructed to submit their logo at the Regional level, please check that this has been done by sending your school logo (in the best resolution possible) to Alexis Holderman at aholderman@ohsaa.org.

TOURNAMENT & UNIFORM REGULATIONS

We ask that you review the *2025 State Volleyball Tournament Regulations* on the Volleyball webpage. Regulations that address number in uniform, number of individuals in the bench area, etc. should have been enforced in previous rounds and will be strictly enforced at the State Tournament level. Please make sure your libero is in a compliant uniform top according to the NFHS Volleyball Rules. Should the official determine your libero is wearing a non-compliant uniform top prior to the beginning of the match, they will be asked to change into a compliant top, or they will not compete in the match.

SIZE OF SQUAD (15)

Each squad is restricted to **15 players in uniform**, and this is strictly enforced. The 15 in uniform may change from game to game, as long as they are eligible. There is a maximum of 16 individuals (includes players, coaches, trainers, managers, etc.) permitted in the bench area, while the 6 are on the court. Their admission is described below.

TEAM ADMISSION

Though pass lists were submitted prior to your Regional game, admission for the 22 total individuals (*players, coaches, Athletic Trainers, managers, etc.*) at the State Tournament is done entirely through the use of **bag tags**. These bag tags will be available for pick-up upon arrival to your State Semifinal site. The 22 individuals provided bag tags will be required to show their bag tag prior to admittance through the pass gate. **There will be no pass list used at State Semifinal or State Final contests. There will also be no locker-room access to anyone beyond the 22 with a bag tag.**

SPECTATOR ADMISSION

All tickets can be purchased at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. Ticket prices for the State Volleyball Tournament will be **\$10.00 for students and \$16.00 for adults at Butler High School and Wittenberg University** and **\$10.00 for students and \$17.00* for adults at Wright State University**. Children under the age of 5 are admitted free of charge. All tickets are General Admission. Please know that these tickets admit the patron to all matches on that day. If the person leaves the arena after a session ends, the patron will have to buy another ticket for a different session, should they return to the site.

**the \$17.00 ticket price for adults at Wright State University covers the parking cost, so there will be no additional fee to park at WSU*

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ADMISSION

School Athletic Directors will continue to use the 8 complimentary tickets provided by Hometown Ticketing. It is the responsibility of the school Athletic Director to provide those tickets to the correct individuals. The 8 tickets are typically intended for the Superintendent (2), Principal (2), Athletic Director (2), Bus Driver (1), Other (1). These 8 individuals will need to utilize the main entrance gates for admission, so their ticket may be scanned.

Should you have any questions regarding State Tournament tickets, please contact Claudia Markoff with the OHSAA.

Claudia Markoff, *OHSAA Customer Experience Manager*

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E: cmarkoff@ohsaa.org

TEAM EXPENSES

This is a reminder that the OHSAA does not plan to provide team reimbursements for 2025-26 OHSAA Tournament events. Please plan your visit to the State Tournament accordingly.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please know that we do not make reservations, and teams are not assigned specific hotels. If you would like a list of hotels in the area, please visit the Greene County Visitor's Bureau Visitor's Guide [HERE](#). Please feel free to find hotel accommodations beyond the provided list, if desired. There are many hotels in the area, with ample restaurants as well!

If you have any questions, please contact Monika Lindsay with the Visitor's Bureau.

Monika Lindsay, *Sales Manager*

E: mlindsay@greencountyohio.org

P: (937) 429-9100

SPECTATOR PARKING

Butler High School will all charge a parking fee of \$5.00. For all Semifinal and Final matches at Wright State, the adult ticket price includes \$1.00 towards parking; therefore, there will not be an additional parking fee at WSU only.

TEAM TRANSPORTATION PARKING

Please reference the State Finalist Manual for team transportation directions and instructions for each State Semifinal site and the Nutter Center.

ATTENDING OTHER MATCHES

Teams and coaches are permitted to attend tournament matches that are not their own. For admission, we ask that you enter the pass gate listed for each site in the State Finalist Manual. Anyone that does not show their bag tag will be required to purchase a ticket for entry. If coaches and/or teams would like to come to a match that is earlier than the one they are participating in, they may go ahead and pick up their bag tags at the designated pass gate—however, it will be your responsibility to make sure you have your bag tags for the match you are participating in. No additional bag tags will be provided.

CHEERLEADERS & PEP BANDS

The OHSAA will permit up to 6 cheerleaders, however those cheerleaders must be individuals recognized by the school as cheerleaders throughout the school year. Pep bands are not permitted at the State Volleyball Tournament.

AWARDS CEREMONY

A very important part of the State Finals is the presentation of awards, both individual and team, to the State Champion and the Runner-Up. Though this will be mentioned in the Finalists Meeting, it is important and required for both teams to participate in this ceremony with the utmost respect it deserves.

After shaking hands, teams will be asked to line up in front of their respective fans/benches. Names will be called and school administrators from each school will assist our Board of Directors and OHSAA Staff with the presentation of individual awards. Individuals will be expected to wear their medal around their neck and observe the other team receiving their awards. Fans will not be permitted on to the court at the Nutter Center at any time.

PRIOR TO OFFICIAL WARM-UP PERIOD

An auxiliary gym or warm-up space will be available for teams prior to their official warm-up period beginning prior to their match.

OFFICIAL WARM-UP PERIOD

There will be a 30-minute warm-up on the playing court by both teams. The coin toss will take place, followed by 10 minutes of ball handling on their side of the net. After the 10 minutes of ball handling, the remaining 20-minute warm-up shall be divided into the following designated times in order. A 20-minute warm-up on the court by both teams is required. The 20-minute warm-up shall be divided into the following designated times in order:

1. 2 minutes – both teams ball handling on their side of the net
2. 6 minutes – the serving team has the whole court
3. 6 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court
4. 3 minutes – the serving team has the whole court
5. 3 minutes – the receiving team has the whole court

NOTE: There may be no use of volleyballs in the facility while team is not on the court for the designated time.

GAME BALLS

The OHSAA has partnered with Molten and will utilize the *Molten IV58L-BKSV-OH Super Touch* as the official game ball of the OHSAA State Tournament.

GAME OFFICIALS

Game Officials for the State Tournament are selected from procedures adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors and are assigned by the Executive Director's office. There are no protests of decisions and interpretations of the rules by officials during contests per *OHSAA Bylaw 8, Section 3*. Decisions and interpretations are final.

LIVE STREAM

All State Semifinal and Final matches will be live streamed through the NFHS Network. Links will be posted to our Volleyball Tournament Coverage page on our website—these might not be available until the day of the game.

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GAME SCHEDULE

DIVISION	DATE	TIME	VENUE
DIV Semifinals	Thursday, November 6	12:00 PM	Wright State University
DIV Semifinals	Thursday, November 6	2:00 PM	Wright State University
DVI Semifinals	Thursday, November 6	4:00 PM	Wright State University
DVI Semifinals	Thursday, November 6	6:00 PM	Wright State University
DVII Semifinals	Thursday, November 6	6:00 PM	Butler High School
DVII Semifinals	Thursday, November 6	8:00 PM	Butler High School
DIII Semifinals	Friday, November 7	11:00 AM	Wittenberg University
DIII Semifinals	Friday, November 7	1:30 PM	Wittenberg University
DI Semifinals	Saturday, November 8	12:00 PM	Butler High School
DI Semifinals	Saturday, November 8	2:00 PM	Butler High School
DV Semifinals	Saturday, November 8	4:00 PM	Butler High School
DV Semifinals	Saturday, November 8	6:00 PM	Butler High School
DII Semifinals	Saturday, November 8	4:00 PM	Wittenberg University
DII Semifinals	Saturday, November 8	6:30 PM	Wittenberg University
DIV Final	Saturday, November 8	12:00 PM	Wright State University
DVI Final	Saturday, November 8	2:00 PM	Wright State University
DVII Final	Saturday, November 8	4:00 PM	Wright State University
DIII Final	Saturday, November 8	6:00 PM	Wright State University
DI Final	Sunday, November 9	11:00 AM	Wright State University
DV Final	Sunday, November 9	1:00 PM	Wright State University
DII Final	Sunday, November 9	3:00 PM	Wright State University

Ohio High School Athletic Association

State Final Information Sheet



School Name: _____

Head Coach's Name	
Head Coach's Cell Phone	
Athletic Director's Name	
Athletic Director's Cell Phone	

Name of Administrator(s) Helping with Awards Ceremony:

NAME	TITLE

Please send completed form to John Kronour at jkronour@ohsaa.org

PLEASE PROVIDE THIS SHEET TO YOUR ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR

Additional Instructions to School Administrators

State Volleyball Tournament

Dayton, Ohio

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FAN BEHAVIOR

As a school administrator, you are aware of the importance of sportsmanship. There can be no better place to exhibit great sportsmanship than in front of the largest crowd our athletes may play in front of, in addition to the thousands that view our State Championships through the livestream. Though we express this continually, we appreciate any help you can provide throughout the game.

STUDENT SECTIONS

Upon arrival at your Semifinal or Final venue, there should be monitors or signs directing your communities which side of the arena your spectators should sit. ***Since teams are no longer switching benches, we ask that student sections not sit behind the bench of the opposing team.*** This should only apply to the schools that are on the same side of the arena as the team benches.

COURT ACCESS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2 court-access passes will be provided to school administrators at the Nutter Center (only). These credentials may be used to be on the court during the award ceremony on Saturday and Sunday. John will be in touch with the school Athletic Director to provide them with these passes. John will utilize the cell phone number of the administrator(s) in attendance that is listed on the *State Final Information Sheet* on page 5.

AWARDS CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

The name(s) provided on the *State Final Information Sheet* (pg. 5) will be announced as assisting with the Awards Presentation at the conclusion of the State Championship game. With approximately 5 minutes remaining in the game, please come down to the court level and someone from our staff will assist you onto the court to be present for your school's awards ceremony. We will ask your assistance in lining up your team for the awards. We do require both teams to participate in the ceremony and respect the presentation of awards to the opponent.

Our normal protocol for awards is:

1. Teams will line up in front of their fans/benches
2. School administrators will place the medal around the neck of the individual(s)
3. Announcer will read script congratulating teams and coach will accept the team trophy to the school

Additional medals may be ordered through **Travis Nethers** at **Croton Craft** at 1-800-947-5521