

Introductions and National Anthem Protocol

The OHSAA shall use the protocol, for team introductions and presentation of the national anthem.

1. At the end of timed warm-up, both referees and the two line judges walk across the court.
2. The first referee and one line judge shall be on the left side of the net (looking from the officials' table), with the first referee closer to the net.
3. The second referee and the other line judge shall be on the right side of the net (looking from the officials' table), with the second referee closer to the net.
4. The line judge flags shall be placed on the referee's stand.
5. All four officials shall face the flag and stand at attention during the National Anthem.
6. All four officials shall face the court during player introductions.
7. At the completion of player introductions, the R1 shall take a step toward the court, whistle and beckon both teams onto the court to shake hands.
8. The line judges shall go to their respective corners with their flags.
9. The R1 shall take a position on the referee's platform while the R2 shall cross the court to check the lineups.
10. See the diagram on page 67.



Opening Remarks & Introduction of Teams



Ladies and gentlemen, we live in a great country with freedoms like no other. To honor America and in respect for ALL who have served this great country to defend these freedoms, you are invited to stand and sing our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.

Playing of the National Anthem

The Commissioner, the Board of Directors and the _____ District Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association extends to each of you a cordial welcome to this Division _____ Volleyball Tournament game between _____ High School and _____ High School.

The officials assigned to this game have met all requirements set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and have been selected for their important role through a system approved by the Board of Directors and includes the involvement of coaches and Athletic Administrators at participating schools.

The officials for this game are:

- _____ - 1st Referee
- _____ - 2nd Referee
- _____ - Line Judge
- _____ - Line Judge

The student-athletes, coaches AND officials are guests of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and you are requested to treat them with respect in keeping with the ideals of good sportsmanship.

Now, let's meet the coaches who have led their teams to this match:

- Introduce Visiting Team Coaches
- Introduce Home Team Coaches
- Introduce Visiting Team Players – non-starters first followed by starting six. Include the libero player if one is designated.
- Introduce Home Team Players – non-starters first followed by starting six. Include the libero player if one is designated.



Pre-Game Public Address Announcement
Spectators Taking Photos and Videos



Please Pull Out and provide to Public Address Announcer

(Please Read prior to tipoff and various points where time allows)

Attention Ladies & Gentlemen

Spectators taking photographs or videos may not interfere with the view of this contest by other spectators, nor may they take additional space in seats that have been purchased.

In addition, all photographs and videos taken by spectators at this event are for personal use **ONLY**. The use of photographs or videos for commercial, scouting or coaching purposes is strictly prohibited.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association reserves the right to remove offenders from this contest, invoke additional penalties and to see maximum legal recourse against violators of these regulations.

Thank you for your attention.



District Championship Awards Announcement



Please Provide to Public Address Announcer

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. Many District Athletic Board members will be present to assist with awards presentations. Please locate the presenter, and the respective principal or athletic director assisting with the presentation. District Athletic Board procedures may possibly NOT include the principal and/or athletic director in the presentation of awards. District Athletic Board members should inform you of this prior to the presentation.

District Runner-Up

Ladies & Gentlemen, please direct your attention to mid-field where _____, representing the _____ District Athletic Board will present today's/tonight's District Runner-Up and District Champion trophies along with _____ and _____ the Principal/Athletic Directors of the respective schools.

When your name is called, please step forward to be recognized.
First, for the 2016 District Runner-Up _____.

(Board member/Representative hands individual medallion to principal and principal puts them around the neck of each individual. Please give the presenter time for each one.)

Would the captains for the _____ please come forward for the presentation of the Team Trophy.

District Champion

And now, the 2016 District Champion in Division _____, the _____.

(Board member/Representative hands individual medallion to principal and principal puts them around the neck of each individual. Please give the presenter time for each one.)

Would the captains for the _____ please come forward for the presentation of the Team Trophy.

(After presenting)
Congratulations to the _____ who will now advance to the Regional Semi-Final at _____ on _____.

Thanks to _____ (site name) and _____ (manager) for serving as a host for the District Championship. Thank you for your attendance and support of Ohio High School Student-Athletes and please travel home safely.