



# 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 2023 State Tournament at the Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio, Thursday, November 9 – Saturday, November 11.

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 Site Manager, Joe Dick. *I am best reached by email or cell phone! Please feel free to call or text.*

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## FINALIST MANUAL & ONLINE FINALIST MEETING

By Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM, you all 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. 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](mailto:aholderman@ohsaa.org) and [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org).

**Please send Emily Mason, [emason@ohsaa.org](mailto:emason@ohsaa.org), your State Final Information Sheet, found on page 5  
Please send Emily Mason any updates to your Team Roster**

## PROGRAM INFORMATION/TEAM STATS/LOGO

Program information is due to Alexis Holderman and Tim Stried. Additional statistics and team information forms are due to Alexis and Tim **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 Tim Stried at [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org).

## TOURNAMENT & UNIFORM REGULATIONS

We ask that you review the *2023 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 the Nutter Center at Gate 10. 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 Semi-Final 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>. The link will then take fans to the ticketing website of the Nutter Center—*please note that we will not be utilizing HomeTown Ticketing at the State Volleyball Tournament.*

Ticket prices for the State Volleyball Tournament will be **\$13.00 for students and \$16.00 for adults**. Since Wright State uses Ticketmaster, there will be additional ticket fees. 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 Nutter Center.

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ADMISSION

As mentioned above, the Nutter Center will not utilize Hometown Ticketing, as they have a contract with Ticketmaster. School Athletic Directors will receive a link for 8 complimentary tickets by Monday, November 6 and it is the responsibility of the school Athletic Director to provide that link 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 advance to the State Championship game on Saturday, you will receive an additional link for 8 tickets for Saturday. This link may not arrive until the evening of the day you compete in the Semi-Finals.

Should you have any questions regarding State Tournament tickets, please contact the Nutter Center Box Office or Box Office Manager, Chris Convery.

Chris Convery, *Box Office Manager*

E: [cconvery@asmglobal.com](mailto:cconvery@asmglobal.com)

## TEAM EXPENSES

This is a reminder that the OHSAA does not plan to provide team reimbursements for 2023-24 OHSAA Tournament events. Please plan your visit to the State Tournament accordingly.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

You received a list of hotels provided by the Greene County, Ohio Convention & Visitor's Bureau, in the Regional Finalist email. They have worked hard to find local hotels and special room rates for any teams that may need hotel accommodations. Please know that we do not make reservations, and teams are not assigned specific hotels. 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!

**Note:** should you choose to call hotels over the weekend, there is the possibility of the weekend hotel manager(s) not being aware of the State Tournament hotel promotions and rates. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Walls with the Visitor's Bureau.

Kevin Walls, *Marketing & Public Relations Specialist*

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## SPECTATOR PARKING

Wright State University's Nutter Center has ample parking, entering off Colonel Glenn Ave. There is a \$5.00 charge for parking to all fans. GPS users may use the address *3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Fairborn, OH 45324*. You will find directions to the Nutter Center here: [http://www.nuttercenter.com/directions\\_parking.aspx](http://www.nuttercenter.com/directions_parking.aspx)

## TEAM TRANSPORTATION PARKING

Per instructions from the Nutter Center, the team transportation will be instructed to drive into the "Lot 9" turnaround where the team will enter in Gate 10. The appropriate Nutter Center parking attendants will then direct the Bus Drivers where to park the team bus(es) after team drop-off. Further details will be listed in the State Finalist Manual.

## **ATTENDING OTHER MATCHES**

Teams and coaches are permitted to attend tournament matches that are not their own. For admission, we ask that you enter Gate 10 and show your bag tag. 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 Gate 10—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**

The auxiliary gym will be available for teams prior to their official warm-up period beginning prior to their match. We would ask that schools bring their own warm-up volleyballs, if they are able—these are typically provided by Wright State, however their team may be practicing during your warm-up time, so request you bring warm-up volleyballs just in case!

## **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 Semi-Final 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.

## GAME SCHEDULE

DIII Semifinals	Thursday, November 9	12:00 pm
DIII Semifinals	Thursday, November 9	2:00 pm
DII Semifinals	Thursday, November 9	4:00 pm
DII Semifinals	Thursday, November 9	6:00 pm
DI Semifinals	Friday, November 10	12:00 pm
DI Semifinals	Friday, November 10	2:00 pm
DIV Semifinals	Friday, November 10	4:00 pm
DIV Semifinals	Friday, November 10	6:00 pm
DIII Semifinals	Saturday, November 11	11:00 am
DII Semifinals	Saturday, November 11	1:00 pm
DI Semifinals	Saturday, November 11	3:00 pm
DIV Semifinals	Saturday, November 11	5:00 pm

Ohio High School Athletic Association  
State Final Information Sheet



School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Head Coach's Name</b>	
<b>Head Coach's Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Athletic Director's Name</b>	
<b>Athletic Director's Cell Phone</b>	

Name of Administrator(s) Helping with Awards Ceremony:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>

Please send completed form to Emily Mason at [emason@ohsaa.org](mailto:emason@ohsaa.org)

# PLEASE PROVIDE THIS SHEET TO YOUR ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR

## Additional Instructions to School Administrators

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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 the Nutter Center, there should be monitors 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. These credentials may be used to be on the court during the award ceremony on Saturday. Emily will be in touch with the school Athletic Director to provide them with these passes. She 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