

News Release – Ohio High School Athletic Association

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MEDIA ADVISORY: OHSAA Winter Tournaments Information

OHSAA News and Media Center: www.ohsaa.org/news/

The source for press releases, state tournament media credentials, feature story links, photography regulations, OHSAA Radio Network information, media regulations, tournament broadcast rates, record books, historical information (including all-time football and basketball All-Ohio teams and final AP polls) and much more.

OHSAA Winter Sports State Tournaments

State tournament media information and credential center: www.ohsaa.org/news/media/credentials/info.htm

Note: Credential applications are required for all winter state tournaments except bowling.

Swimming & Diving – Feb. 22-25 at C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton

Wrestling – March 1-3 at OSU Schottenstein Center, Columbus

Bowling – March 2-3 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl (no advance media registration required)

Gymnastics – March 2-3 at Hilliard Bradley High School

Ice Hockey – March 10-11 at Nationwide Arena, Columbus

Girls Basketball – March 15-17 at OSU Schottenstein Center, Value City Arena, Columbus

Boys Basketball – March 22-24 at OSU Schottenstein Center, Value City Arena, Columbus

- Attention Radio Stations: Learn more about the OHSAA Radio Network's broadcasts of the girls and boys basketball state tournaments. Affiliates can have reduced or waived broadcast rates for regional and state tournament contests they broadcast themselves.

Media Notes for Winter 2012

1. **OHSAA Radio Network:** The network will broadcast all 12 games from the girls and boys basketball state tournaments. The network is a non-exclusive, commercial-split broadcast available via a 48K stereo broadband connection or an 800 telephone number (32K mono). Program logs are created for each game so local stations can insert their own inventory. Stations can opt into affiliate programs for **reduced or waived broadcast fees** for regional and state tournament contests they broadcast themselves. Contact Tim Stried or check out www.ohsaa.org/news/Radio/radiohome.asp for more information.
2. **Media Photo Service:** The OHSAA's official photographer, Impact Action Sports Photography, can provide media outlets on deadline with photographs from OHSAA state tournament contests at low costs. Impact Action accepts photo assignments from media outlets, who are encouraged to use Impact Action rather than send a stringer. Contact Tim Stried for more details.
3. **Weekly Press Releases:** The OHSAA will publish a weekly winter sports press release packet beginning Feb. 20. The releases will be posted at OHSAA.org and will only be emailed by request.
4. **State Tournament Credentials:** Please see the link above to the state tournament credential center, and remember that the OHSAA will send a confirmation email memo to each media outlet when processing credential requests. The memo contains important media information such as parking details, credential pick-up locations, etc.
5. **SportsTime Ohio:** The OHSAA's official television partner, SportsTime Ohio, will televise the bowling finals, the ice hockey championship game and the girls basketball and boys basketball state championship games. Their coverage of those events is exclusive.
6. **Feature Stories Request:** Media are asked to email Tim Stried links to any feature stories about sportsmanship or overcoming adversity for posting on OHSAA.org.
7. **AP Marketplace:** In cooperation with the Associated Press, the OHSAA utilizes the AP Marketplace (www.apexchange.com) to upload various items, such as the weekly football computer rankings, regional

and state tournament pairings, state tournament recaps and results. For more information, contact Ohio Assistant Bureau Chief Nancy Nussbaum at nussbaum@ap.org or 614-885-2727.

Other Links:

- New: Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association home: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/>
- Follow the OHSAA on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/OHSAASports>
- OHSAA's Working with the Media Brochure: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/media/WorkingwithMedia.pdf>
- OHSAA Magazine: <http://www.ohsaa.org/news/Magazine/maghome.asp>

Recent Headlines at OHSAA.org:

- Feb. 3: [OHSAA to Continue to Study Competitive Balance Issue](#)
- Feb. 1: [Public Sale of Tickets Begins Feb. 13 for State Basketball Tournaments](#)
- Jan. 27: [2011-12 Rebounder's Report with Jerry Snodgrass - Fifth Issue & Jr. High Edition](#)
- Jan. 24: [Public All-Session Ticket Sales Begin Jan. 30 for Wrestling State Tournament](#)
- Jan. 23 - [Coaches Trained for Signs of Concussion](#)
- Jan. 13 - [OHSAA January Board of Directors Meeting Highlights](#)

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