

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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2011 OHSAA Softball State Tournament June 2, 3 & 4 – Firestone Stadium 1575 Firestone Parkway, Akron, OH 44301

To: Media Covering the 2011 Softball State Tournament
From: Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services

Welcome to the 34th OHSAA Softball State Tournament. We appreciate your coverage and are pleased to once again return to Firestone Stadium, home of the professional softball team, the Akron Racers. Below is information that should assist the media during the tournament. Note that freelance photographers and parents are not permitted to receive a media credential.

YOUR HOSTS: State Tournament Manager **Dave Suncire** (Office: 330-375-2855, Cell: 330-812-7871, DSuncire@akronohio.gov), Media Coordinator **Brittany Schmoekel** (Office: 330-375-2854, Cell: 330-812-7874, BSchmoekel@akronohio.gov), OHSAA Director of Information Services **Tim Stried** (614-267-2502, ext. 124, tstried@ohsaa.org), plus OHSAA Assistant Commissioner **Roxanne Price**, the Association's administrator for softball.

PARKING: **Note – Firestone Stadium parking lot is under construction. Nearby parking is available and shuttles will be provided.** There is no reserved media parking area. Because of construction to the Bridgestone-Firestone plant, there is no parking available in the normal stadium lot other than by handicapped passes. All others shall park along Firestone Parkway in the median.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 2 - Championship Semifinals

10:00 a.m. - Division III Game #1
12:30 p.m. - Division III Game #2
3:00 p.m. - Division II Game #1
5:30 p.m. - Division II Game #2

Friday, June 3 - Championship Semifinals

10:00 a.m. - Division I Game #1
12:30 p.m. - Division I Game #2
3:00 p.m. - Division IV Game #1
5:30 p.m. - Division IV Game #2

Saturday, June 4 - Championship Finals

10:00 a.m. - Division III
1:00 p.m. - Division II
4:00 p.m. - Division I
7:00 p.m. - Division IV

MEDIA WORK SPACE: Please see media coordinator Brittany Schmoekel for a seat at the media tables at Firestone Stadium. In addition, there are tables set up in the postgame interview room, which is located down the third-base line. The media work room will close **60 minutes** following the conclusion of the last postgame press conference each day.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS: There will be an official postgame press conference following every game in the Hall of Fame room located down the third-base line. The head coaches and key players will be escorted to the press conference. Other team members will be available for comment outside of the playing area. Only credentialed photographers and TV cameras are permitted inside the gate after the game. **No** interviews are permitted on the field at any time.

WIRELESS AVAILABLE: Wireless internet access is available throughout the stadium. Please see Brittany Schmoekel for the password.

TELEPHONE LINES: Broadcast media needing a telephone line should check with Brittany Schmoekel for instructions and to find an available line. Stations must USE a credit card, call collect or have the station call the broadcast crew.

THREE ADDITIONAL NOTES TO BROADCAST MEDIA: Broadcast media must pay a rights fee prior to broadcasting. Fees will be collected by Brittany Schmoekel at your broadcast location. Broadcasters are asked to keep their postgame shows to a minimum if a crew is waiting for your seats to broadcast the next game. Video broadcast media may provide tape-delayed play-by-play coverage of the semifinal games. Please alert Tim Stried at the OHSAA as soon as possible of your intentions so coordination can take place with the state tournament staff in Akron.

AP MARKETPLACE AVAILABLE: Media outlets that are Associated Press members will have access to regional and state tournament pairings, as well as box scores from all 12 state tournament games and recaps of the four championship games. The recaps will also be posted on the baseball state tournament coverage page at OHSAA.org.

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