

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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To: Media Members
From: Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services
Re: OHSAA Winter Sports Championships

The following memo has been prepared to assist the media with their coverage of the OHSAA's winter sports championships.

Important links at www.ohsaa.org:

- News and media home: www.ohsaa.org/news/default.asp
- **Media credential home:** www.ohsaa.org/news/media/credentials/info.htm
- Radio and TV broadcast rates: www.ohsaa.org/news/media/rates/rates.pdf
- Media Regulations: www.ohsaa.org/news/media/OHSAA-Media-Regulations_2009-10.pdf
- In addition, the media home contains all press releases, radio log sheets for stations in the Clear Channel family and the OHSAA's flash photography policy.

OHSAA Winter Championships (Credential Application Forms Available Online at Link Above)

Sport	Date(s)	Credential Application Deadline
Swimming & Diving	Feb. 24-27	Tuesday, Feb. 23 at noon
Wrestling	March 4-6	Tuesday, March 2 at 5 p.m.
Bowling	March 5-6	None (no advance application required)
Gymnastics	March 5-6	Wednesday, March 3 at noon
Ice Hockey	March 13-14	Thursday, March 11 at noon
Girls Basketball	March 18-20	Tuesday, March 16 at 3 p.m.
Boys Basketball	March 25-27	Tuesday, March 23 at 3 p.m.

SportsTime Ohio Winter Coverage:

Bowling – State Tournament, Tape Delayed
Ice Hockey – Championship Game, Live
Girls Basketball – All Championship Games Live
Boys Basketball – All Championship Games Live



Contests not covered by SportsTime Ohio are available for tape-delayed television. Also note that the OHSAA now permits audio streaming at its state tournament events.

Media Notes for Winter 2010:

1. Media outlets unable to send a photographer to state tournaments have the opportunity to acquire photos from the OHSAA's official photographer – Impact Action Sports Photography. Please contact Tim Stried as your photography needs arise and we will coordinate with Impact Action.

2. The OHSAA is in the process of updating its policies for flash photography, photo sales and photographer positioning. The document will be emailed to all media and posted at ohsaa.org.
3. The OHSAA will publish a weekly winter sports press release on Mondays (beginning Feb. 22). Releases will be posted online and will not be mailed or emailed except by request.
4. It is highly recommended that media submit credential application forms as soon as they are confident they will be attending a state tournament. This will allow the OHSAA to confirm via email that the request was received and, in some cases, mail credentials and/or parking passes in advance of the event.
5. The OHSAA will send an email to media acknowledging receipt of credential applications. In addition, please log on to the credential home at ohsaa.org to confirm that your media outlet has been added to the 'received' list.
6. Credentialed media may blog during games as long as the postings do not reflect complete play-by-play coverage.
7. In cooperation with the Associated Press, the OHSAA will be utilizing the AP Marketplace (www.apexchange.com) to upload recaps and results from many of our state tournaments as a way for AP members to obtain information when the AP is otherwise unable to directly distribute that content on the wire. The OHSAA's weekly release will explain what content will be available there on a week-by-week basis. If an AP member editor does not have their own AP Exchange user account or access to the Marketplace, please contact Ohio Assistant Bureau Chief Nancy Nussbaum in Columbus at nnussbaum@ap.org or 614-885-2727.
8. For credentials to sectional, district and regional tournament contests, please contact the tournament manager or the appointed media coordinator for that venue. Please visit the respective sport pages at ohsaa.org for tournament brackets, which contain the manager and/or media coordinator contact information for each game.

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