

# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## Welcome to the 2011 OHSAA Football State Championships

**To:** Media Representatives

**From:** Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services

Welcome to the 2011 Ohio High School Athletic Association Football State Championships. We are pleased to have you as our guests and would like to thank you in advance for your coverage.

**Format:** In 2011, the three Friday games include Division V at 11 a.m. at Tiger Stadium, Division III at 3 p.m. at Fawcett Stadium and Division II at Tiger Stadium. The three Saturday games include Division VI at 11 a.m. at Fawcett Stadium, Division IV at 3 p.m. at Tiger Stadium and Division I at 7 p.m. at Fawcett Stadium.

**Press Box Memo:** An additional memo with notes and media updates will be distributed in the press box.

**Photographers Work Space and Hospitality:** Both stadiums have designated work rooms for photographers that also contain food and beverage. Both rooms also host the postgame press conferences. At Fawcett Stadium, the room is located on the second level of the brick building behind the east end zone (beside the video board, closest to Interstate 77). At Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, the room is located on the second level of the east press box (opposite the roofed side, use the northeast corner entrance, furthest away from the scoreboard).

**Postgame Media Work Space and Timing:** It is expected that writers and photographers will conclude their work within 90 minutes after each game. After each game, row 2 in the main press box in both stadiums is available for use by all media, including photographers.

**Postgame Media Availability:** Locker rooms are not open to the media at OHSAA tournament contests. There is an official press conference after every game, which will include the head coaches and a minimum of two players from both teams. At Fawcett Stadium, press conferences will be held on the second level of the brick building behind the east end zone (beside the video board, closest to Interstate 77). At Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, press conferences will be held on the second level of the east press box (opposite the roofed side, use the northeast corner entrance, furthest away from the scoreboard). Media are permitted to be on the field after each game, but must not interfere with the post-game awards ceremony. Media (specifically television outlets) may get quick sound bites on the field while OHSAA personnel escort the head coach and selected student-athletes to the interview room.

**Statistics and Recaps:** Game statistics will be distributed to media in the press box and will be posted on the OHSAA web site as soon as possible following each game, along with recaps. The same information will also be posted in the Associated Press Marketplace for AP members.

**Wireless Access and Telephone Lines Available:** Wireless internet access is available in both stadiums free of charge. The pass code will be posted around the work room for photographers or will be available from press box personnel. Telephone lines are also available for media use, with usage to be done through collect, credit card or toll-free calls. Check with Tim Stried for details.

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