

# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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**TO:** Media Members Covering The OHSAA State Wrestling Tournaments  
**FR:** Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services

## **POLICY FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR HOLDER OF A MEDIA CREDENTIAL AT THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

Those holding a media credential and are found by the tournament and/or security personnel to verbally abuse an official, coach or participant or to inappropriately “cheer” during a match are subject to the following:

1. First time offense - **WARNING**. Will be reminded of the expectations for those holding a media credential and will be warned of the consequences should further unwarranted behavior occur.
2. Second time offense - **REMOVAL AND PROBATION**. Will be escorted from the arena for the remainder of the tournament.

Should the media outlet in which the person on probation request to cover the rest of this tournament, any other OHSAA tournaments this year or next year’s state wrestling tournament, the superior of that person must make an appointment with the OHSAA Director of Information Services and/or the Commissioner of the OHSAA.

### **CREDENTIAL CONDITIONS AND PHOTO GUIDELINES**

Photographers shall review the guidelines on the media welcome letter and adhere to the location boundaries established for each mat.

Those holding a media credential are also asked to take a few minutes to turn over the back of their media credential and review the “State Tournament Credential Conditions and Photography Guidelines.” Among the items to note are:

1. Credentials are granted to media members engaged in a legitimate working function for an accredited media organization, and credentials shall be used solely for news-gathering purposed of the tournament.
2. Personal web sites, those web sites established by individual/free lance photographers/photography companies and/or individual/free lance photographers/photography companies may not sell photos from OHSAA state tournaments.
3. Credentials are non-transferable and may be revoked at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these conditions.

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