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Welcome to the 2012 OHSAA Wrestling State Tournament

Welcome to the 75th Annual OHSAA State Wrestling Tournaments. We hope your stay in Columbus will be enjoyable. Tim Stried has processed almost 450 requests for media credentials. If you have any concerns or needs, please ask Tim or the media assistants in the Fred Taylor Room (media check-in) or at press row. There are five assistants who have been assigned to help the media on press row. Please call on them as the need arises.

The policies cited below have been developed with members of the media and in accordance with OHSAA Regulations. The media entrance opens at the following times: Session 1 (1:30 p.m.), Session 2 (9:00 a.m.), Session 3 (5:00 p.m.), Session 4 (9:00 a.m.) and Session 5 (3:00 p.m.).

1. Recognition of Media

- A. Last year Kermit Rowe, reporter from the Springfield News-Sun, was recognized with the OHSWCA/OHSAA MEDIA AWARD. This year the recipient is Jim Thomas from the Canton Repository. Congratulations Jim!
- B. We are asking the media during Session 2 to nominate individuals. During Session 3, media members will then vote on the Top 3 nominees. During Session 5 the results will be announced for next year. Forms will be provided by the media ushers.

2. Reporting for Matches

- A. The Program has a description of how the match board is used.
- B. Check the OHSAA Program for match numbers. The match number is the key. All 1,260 matches have been assigned a match number.
- C. Match calls will not be made over the PA. Check the Matchboard above the center arena scoreboard. It will list match numbers.
- D. Beginning at each session, the first 10 match numbers will be called and assigned to a mat to wrestle. The next 10 numbers will then be called and assigned to a mat as "on-deck." The next 10 match numbers will be called to report to the bullpen. When a match is completed, the on-deck match begins wrestling and the next assigned match moves from the Bullpen to "on-deck" for that mat number.

3. General Policies

- A. Media credentials are for your use only. They are non-transferable.
- B. ILLEGAL USE OF A PASS WILL SUBJECT THE USER TO REMOVAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON THE MEDIA OUTLET THAT THE CREDENTIALS WERE ISSUED. DO NOT CHEER, COACH AND/OR COMMENT DURING A WRESTLING MATCH.
- C. Please wear your media credential when entering press row and the mat area. Those with floor passes must also wear the designated wrist band.
- D. Use of tobacco products are not allowed in the facility.
- E. Check in at the northeast rotunda (inside the Fred Taylor Room) and with the assistants at press row prior to each session.

4. Access to the Arena Floor

- A. Only "PHOTO/TV" and "Temporary" credentials admit media to the floor. Those media with a "PHOTO/TV" credential must either have a camera or have the "TV" portion of their credential marked by the staff in the Fred Taylor Room (media check-in area). In all cases, the designated wrist band must be worn.
- B. Media with a "Press Row" credential will not be allowed on the main arena floor. However, there is a media viewing area at floor level in the northeast corner where media members may watch the matches as they wait for the wrestler and/or coach they have request to interview.
- C. Interviews will take place in the media interview room or in the media viewing area in the northeast corner of the arena floor if the wrestler and/or coach agree to be interviewed in that location.

5. Access to Referees/Officials

Tim Warsinskey of the Cleveland Plain Dealer is the OHSAA state wrestling tournament's designated pool reporter. If you would like to ask questions of a referee or tournament official, please contact either Tim Stried or Henry Zaborniak from the OHSAA, or Carol Shaw/Doug Vice, at press row. The questions will be asked by the pool reporter at the conclusion of the session only.

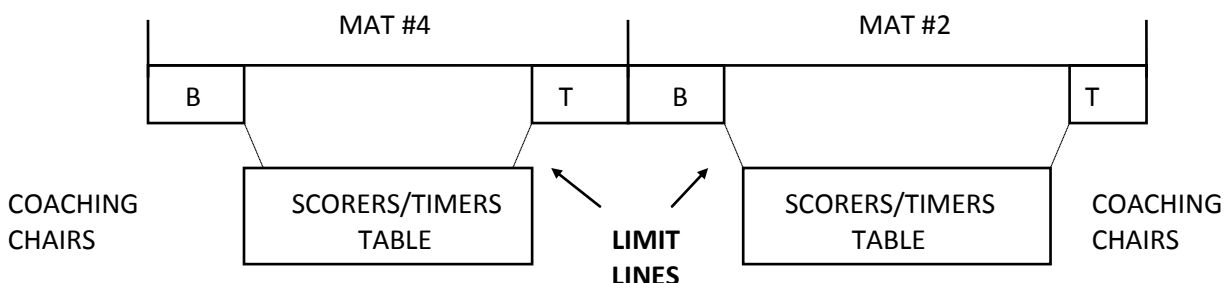
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6. Photographers

- A. Below is a diagram indicating a line drawn from the coaches' chairs to the Match Scorer/Timer table. Similar to basketball, this is a "limit line" which you can follow when sitting or kneeling to take photographs. The coaching chairs have been placed in a designated area. This should enable you sufficient room to take pictures.
- B. Help us – please do not stand in front of the Team Scoreboards.
- C. If videotaping or taking photos from Press Row, please do not obstruct views of others.

Under no conditions can we allow you to stand or kneel in front of this line:

- 1. The scorers and timers must have a clear visual sight to watch matches.
- 2. The official must have room to work around the mat.



7. Match Results and Team Scores

- A. Match results citing wrestlers, high school and results will be distributed as a half page is filled. In addition, after a division is finished for that session, team scores will be listed.
- B. Occasionally there are errors in the results. If you find an error, please bring it to the attention of the head table. Your effort is appreciated with this very important job.

8. Media Interview Request System

- A. A media interview request system is available for your use. Simply complete the form (see sample copy below) and hand it to one of the five ushers located in the press row area. A "runner" will take the request slip to the coach. The coach and/or wrestler is not required to grant the request, but they are encouraged to do so. The runner will notify you if the coach clearly declines your request. Once the match is finished the coach/wrestler will go to the media interview room located in the northeast corner. For the championship matches, a "runner" has been assigned to each finalist and will automatically ask both wrestlers and their coaches to go to the media interview room. Please keep in mind that this process may be slowed down by the awards ceremony and/or a cool-down period for the competitors.
- B. Please help us: 1) be sure to indicate match number, mat number and media seat number, and 2) plan ahead – give the slip to the usher prior to the match being wrestled. This will be easy to do by following the matchboard and program. Most matches have been pre assigned to a mat number.
- C. This system is a courtesy. Members of the media will not be allowed to interview a wrestler or coach on the arena floor. All interviews must be completed in the media interview room only, or in the media viewing area at floor level where media members may watch the matches as they wait for the wrestler/coach.

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(example)

Match Number *34* Mat Number *6*
 Wrestler's Name *Joe Takedown*
 School Name *Near Fall*
 Coach's Name *Bill Reversal*
 Do you wish to interview the Wrestler? Yes No
 Do you wish to interview the Coach? Yes No
 Name of Media Person *Daily Planet*
 Your name *Clark Kent*

9. Official's Decisions

Please help us conduct a first-class tournament by not criticizing the decision of an official. Please keep comments to yourself – especially if you are on the floor.

10. Media Refreshments:

The OHSAA provides media with soft drinks, water and snacks throughout the tournament in the Endowment Club Room. This room is located on your right as you leave the arena floor in the NE Corner. Only water is permitted to be taken to your seat at press row. Additional food items can be purchased at concession stands located on the Entry Level.

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