

2016 GENERAL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on October 22, 2015. The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. Changes from the 2015 Regulations are shaded.

I. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

- A. Each District Athletic Board (DAB) organizes and conducts Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Sectional / District site managers will receive supplemental information from respective District Athletic Boards. Site selection and play dates of Sectional/District tournaments are at the discretion of each District Athletic Board.
- B. The Regional and State Tournaments are under the direct control of the Commissioner's office. There will be four boys divisions (I, II, III, and IV) and four girls divisions (I, II, III and IV). Site selection for Regional Tournaments is at the discretion of the Commissioner's office and may be changed at any time.
- C. There is no restriction/requirement at any level of play regarding playing at college or high school sites. Sites must meet minimum requirements of the NFHS.
- D. The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date, or time of any Regional tournament assignment.
- E. Completion of the OHSAA Tournament Entry Form is the school's agreement to play at the site, day and time assigned by the Commissioner's office and to abide by all OHSAA Tournament Regulations found within.

II. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS AND COACHES

- A. All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Only one school team sponsored by a member school is eligible to participate. An eligibility certificate must be submitted to the tournament manager.
- B. Fifteen (15) players may be in uniform for each tournament game. The players in uniform must be entered into the Official Scorebook per NFHS Rules and also submitted on the Official Line-Up Sheet. The players submitted will be the only players permitted on the floor for warm-up and on the bench during the game. The fifteen (15) may be changed from game to game throughout the tournament but MUST be listed on the official OHSAA Eligibility List. The names and numbers of the fifteen players must be given to the official scorer thirty (30) minutes prior to each game and the five (5) starting players designated ten (10) minutes prior to the starting time of each contest.
- C. Eighteen (18) total seats will be available on the bench area for ALL personnel and players. The eighteen (18) are to include all players, coaches, managers, trainers, and other support personnel. Since 5 players will be on the court, this provides twenty-three (23) total individuals to be in the bench area (5 on the court + 18 seats = 23 total individuals).
- D. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.
- E. Only Board of Education approved coaches with valid Pupil Activity Permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education are permitted to be in the bench area or locker room prior to, during, and after any tournament contest.
- F. It is recommended that eligibility of student-athletes and coaches are checked prior to each contest by the school administration to reduce the risk of forfeitures required under Bylaw 10-2-3.

III. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

- A. Tournament Entry/Withdraw
Member schools wanting to participate in the 2016 OHSAA Basketball Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2015-16 OHSAA Sports Participation Card in *myOHSAA*. The deadline for Tournament entry is January 25, 2016 (Girls)/February 1, 2016 (Boys). Schools that change their tournament participation after January 25 (Girls) and February 1 (Boys) will be subject to a \$150 penalty per sport.
- B. Tournament Paperwork Requirements
Participating schools must provide the OHSAA eligibility certificate to their sectional site manager per their instruction.

IV. TOURNAMENT DATES

GIRLS TOURNAMENT

- A. Sectional Tournaments – shall be scheduled between Feb. 8 and Feb. 20, 2016
- B. District Tournaments – shall be scheduled between Feb. 22 and Feb. 27, 2016
- C. Regional Tournaments – shall be Feb. 29 – March 5, 2016
- D. State Tournament – shall be March 10, 11, and 12, 2016

BOYS TOURNAMENT

- A. Sectional Tournaments – shall be scheduled between Feb. 15 and Feb. 27, 2016
- B. District Tournaments – shall be scheduled between Feb. 29 and March 5, 2016
- C. Regional Tournaments – shall be March 7 – 12, 2016
- D. State Tournament – shall be March 17, 18, and 19, 2016

V. PARTICIPATING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

A school administrator or a person designated by the school shall assist the tournament site manager with crowd supervision when asked. The school administrator or designee should arrive prior to warm-up time and report to the tournament site manager upon arrival to the site.

- A. No team will be permitted to compete in a tournament contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. This school representative shall be present throughout the tournament contest. Teams unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified.
- B. If a girl's team coach is male, it is *recommended* that a female (non-high school student) accompany the team.

VI. FAILURE TO APPEAR

When national playing rules do not address failure to appear, the following regulations will apply. If a team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a tournament game, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A "no contest" will be declared, and the opposing team will advance into the next round of competition. See No Contest under Section 34 of the General Sports regulations. All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a representative of the respective district athletic board or the OHSAA Commissioner's office.

VII. OFFICIALS

The number of officials from each district assigned to the Tournaments is in proportion to the number of Class 1 officials in the district.

- A. **Sectional and District** – Officials shall be assigned by the District Athletic Boards from pools provided by the OHSAA
- B. **Regional and State** – Officials will be assigned by the Commissioner's office according to the procedure adopted by the Board of Directors. Only OHSAA Basketball Class I officials shall be used.
- C. **Alternate Officials** – During regional and state tournament play, site managers shall provide one alternate official. Per OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions and interpretations of the rules by officials are final.

VIII. AWARDS AND AWARD CEREMONIES

Only awards furnished by the OHSAA will be awarded at any OHSAA sponsored tournament. District Board members will assist with the presentation of awards at the District tournaments. Teams are expected to take part in the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the District Championships.

- A. **SECTIONAL:** Sectional trophies will not be awarded.
- B. **DISTRICT:** Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams along With 17 individual medals awarded to team members and coaches. The game ball is also to be awarded to the championship team.
- C. **REGIONAL:** Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. The game ball is also to be awarded to the championship team.

IX. TOURNAMENT DRAW AND SEEDING PROCEDURE

Note: The established date and time for all seeding and drawing meetings is Sunday, January 31, 2016 (Girls) at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 7, 2016 (Boys) at 2:00 p.m.

Seeding is mandatory in Sectional Tournaments that precede District Tournaments. Combined Sectional/District Tournaments and District Tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments.

Note: This is to be interpreted that at least one seeding is to take place in either the Sectional or District Tournament.

The following seeding method shall prevail for all OHSAA Sponsored Basketball Tournaments. All teams assigned to the first round of the tournament shall be seeded. For purposes of seeding, the last games to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

Basketball Tournament Seeding Procedure

A. Posting and Recording Team Records

Tournament managers will post the records of all teams in their tournament. It is the responsibility of each school to have its records compiled as shown below and given to the tournament manager prior to the start of seed voting. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played.

For Example: A Division I team with a 20 game schedule

Division I opponents: 12 wins 4 losses

Division II opponents: 3 wins 1 loss

*All games played shall be recorded

B. Voting Procedures for seeding teams

All head coaches shall vote via ballot **which shall be made public**, selecting their choice for #1 seeded team. The team with the greatest number of votes shall be seeded #1, second highest #2, until all teams are seeded. In case of a tie, only the tied teams will be re-voted upon. If a tie should occur the second time, a flip of the coin shall determine the seeded team.

NOTE: If electronic balloting is utilized in a particular District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the drawing meeting.

C. Placement of Teams on Brackets

Each District Athletic Board (DAB) shall determine placement of teams on brackets. Regulations for placement for each district can be found by navigating to the following websites:

Central District Athletic Board: www.cdab.org

East District Athletic Board: www.eastohsaa.com

Northeast District Athletic Board: www.nedab.org

Northwest District Athletic Board: www.nwdab.org

Southeast District Athletic Board: www.seodab.org

Southwest District Athletic Board: www.swdab.org

If a school fails to have a representative present at the seeding and drawing meeting, the manager shall place the school(s) on the bracket in accordance with the DAB's seeding protocol.

Sample brackets are distributed to each manager. Samples of brackets are included in the manager's materials and can also be found at www.ohsaa.org.

The tournament manager will distribute brackets to representatives of participating teams.

All brackets shall designate date and time of game with the home team being listed on the top of the bracket.

Brackets which include a 'bye' will have that 'bye' drawn on a bracket to represent it as a "Home" team.

XI. GAME REGULATIONS

A. **Rules** – National Federation 2015-2016 Basketball Rules shall be used in all games.

B. **Interrupted Basketball Games** – When a basketball game is interrupted for any reason, the game shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

C. **Uniforms** – Basketball uniforms shall conform to the requirements of Rule 3, Section 4 of the National Federation Rules Book. Each team shall have two sets of uniforms, one white (home) and the other a contrasting dark (away). The first-named team (top line of a bracket) in each game throughout the entire tournament shall be designated as the **Home Team**. The home team shall wear white uniforms. The second team named (bottom line of a bracket) in each game shall be designated as the **Away Team**. The away team shall wear contrasting dark uniforms. Schools that are unable to comply with the above must notify the tournament manager who shall in turn coordinate and/or approve necessary adjustments before the day of the game.

D. **Coaches** – It is **recommended** that at least one of the coaches for each competing team approved by the board of education be on the playing court during their team's warm-up time.

E. **Scorer, Courtesy Scorekeeper, Timers and Announcers** – The official scorer in all basketball tournaments **MUST** wear a black and white striped officials' shirt. A courtesy scorekeeper representing each school is requested at the scorer's table. The official score book shall remain at the scorer's table throughout the game including all intermissions. The

responsibilities of efficient, competent scorers and timers cannot be overemphasized. It is recommended that experienced school personnel be used, and that they serve throughout the tournament. A visible team possession indicator must be at the scorer's table. A public address system with an announcer should be available to all tournament sites.

- F. **Basketballs** – The Official OHSAA Tournament basketballs that will be utilized for all Sectional, District, Regional and State Tournament contests are:
 - Girls:** Rawlings COMPOHIO285CB
 - Boys:** Rawlings COMPOHIOCBHost teams in Districts where higher seeded teams are hosting tournament contests shall provide the Official OHSAA Tournament basketball.
- G. **Playing Floor** – The dimensions of the playing floor for tournament contests shall be 50 ft. in width and 84 – 94 ft. in length and meet all NFHS requirements for basketball courts. All sites shall have the 'coaches' box' marked according to specifications.
- H. **Video Replay** - Video replay as approved by NFHS Rules will only be permitted at the Boys' & Girls' State Semi-finals and Finals held at the Schottenstein Center at The Ohio State University. No replay is authorized for use at any Sectional, District or Regional contest. Red LED lights are used in conjunction with Video Replay and will also be used only at the Boys' & Girls' State Semi-finals and Finals, and shall be turned off at all Sectional, District and Regional contests
- I. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty** - During participation in OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition the player or coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in basketball until two regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection. Coaches must also meet the provisions of Bylaw 10-2. Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Rule 14 of the General Sports Regulations if the situation warrants.
Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

XII. SCHOOL REGULATIONS

- A. **Bands** – Bands are permitted at Sectional and District Tournaments at the discretion of respective District Athletic Boards. Pep Bands are permitted at the Regional Tournament at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- B. **Cheerleaders & Mascots** - Eight (8) cheerleading a mascot, are permitted on the playing floor. They must be supervised with a Board of Education approved advisor/coach, have **been the school recognized cheer group during the regular season**, and are permitted on the playing floor only during a time-out, pre-game warm-up and intermissions. Pyramids and mounts of any kind are prohibited as are mini-trampolines. Violations of this rule will result in the cheerleaders being removed from the floor immediately. Cheerleaders must be wearing school issued uniforms and must be high school students. Cheerleaders may rotate cheerleaders by quarter or designated time by the school administrator but must maintain the number limitations detailed above.
- C. **Video Recording of Contests**
 - I. **Videotaping or filming by participating schools**
Videotaping or filming of basketball tournament games by one or both of the schools playing the game is permitted provided the permission of the tournament manager is secured, it is done at the expense of the school involved, and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted.
Videotaping or filming of a potential opponent's tournament game is prohibited.
 - II. **Videotaping or filming by spectators.**
 - A. Shall be for personal use.
 - B. Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching.
 - C. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
 - D. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans.
 - E. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator's equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment.
 - F. Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area.
 - G. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment.

H. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.

XIII. SITE REGULATIONS

- A. **Signs, Banners, Noisemakers, and Substances Thrown on Playing Floor** – Signs, school banners, pennants, shakers, noisemakers such as horns, bells sirens, drums, etc. are NOT PERMITTED! SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE REMINDED TO EMPHASIZE THIS AT SCHOOL PEP RALLIES, ASSEMBLIES, BULLETINS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. The use of confetti, tearing up of newspapers, and programs is not permitted. Throwing powders, such as but not limited to rosin or talcum powder, is prohibited. Use may result in a technical foul and charges administered for clean-up
- B. **Spectator Attire** - Shirts/appropriate attire must be worn by all spectators at all OHSAA indoor tournaments.
- C. **Property Damage** - There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the Board of Directors will become involved. **Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.**
- D. **Sponsorship and Rights** - The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring organization for the Sectional, District, Regional and State Basketball Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audiovisual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District tournaments and the OHSAA Commissioner for the Regional or State Tournaments.
- E. **Prohibited Advertising** - There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.
- F. **Raffles and Games of Chance** – :”50/50” drawings are approved based upon the ‘buy in amount’ approved annually by the OHSAA Board of Directors. There shall be no other raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of basketball tournament contests. This would include, but is not limited to, half-time shooting contests.
- G. **Prohibited Sales** - The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

SPECIFIC SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NOTE: All General Regulations for Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments listed previously shall apply to the Sectional/District Basketball Tournaments in addition to those regulations listed below.

I. SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS TO TOURNAMENTS AND SITE SELECTION

Each District Athletic Board determines tournament sites, dates, employs managers and assigns schools to tournaments within their athletic district utilizing board approved representation.

II. REPRESENTATION TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Schools must compete in the division to which assigned. The number of teams qualifying to the Regional Tournaments from each District is determined by the OHSAA and shall be as follows for 2015-16:

Boys'	<u>Div I</u>	<u>Div II</u>	<u>Div III</u>	<u>Div IV</u>
Central District	4	2	2	2
East District	0	2	1	1
Northeast District	7	5	4	3
Northwest District	1	3	4	5
Southeast District	0	1	2	2
Southwest District	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	16	16	16	16

Girls'	<u>Div I</u>	<u>Div II</u>	<u>Div III</u>	<u>Div IV</u>
Central District	4	2	2	2
East District	0	2	1	1
Northeast District	7	5	4	3
Northwest District	1	3	3	5
Southeast District	0	1	3	2
Southwest District	4	3	3	3
Total	16	16	16	16

III. ADMISSIONS

- A. **Spectators:** Prices of admission are determined by the District Athletic Boards, **not to exceed \$7.00 per session.** Each person paying admission **MUST** be given the ticket. All tickets are to be torn in half when the purchaser is admitted. If the sale and admittance is handled at the same location, the purchaser is entitled to and shall be given one-half of the purchased ticket. Such ticket stubs shall not be used as 'pass-out' tickets.
- B. **Team:** Each District Athletic Board shall provide a procedure for admittance of personnel from competing schools. The procedure should provide for 15 players, coach, assistant coach, student manager, athletic director, principal, superintendent and six others.
- C. **Cheerleaders:** Eight cheerleaders and one mascot, and one advisor/coach will be admitted free to the session in which their team plays. If there is no school mascot, an additional cheerleader is **NOT** permitted.

IV. PRACTICE SESSIONS

Practice regulations for Sectional and District tournament sites are at the discretion of each District Athletic Board. Any decision to permit or NOT permit practices are determined by each District Athletic Board.

V. WARM-UP PERIODS

A **minimum** of 20 minutes before each game shall be provided for warm-up practice. Teams will use baskets on the opposite ends of the floor from assigned player benches.

VI. OFFICIALS

Game officials for the Sectional and District Tournament games will be assigned by the District Athletic Boards from the Officiating pools generated through *myOHSAA*.

VII. MEDIA REGULATIONS

Reservations for all media credentials are to be made directly with the site manager.

A. **Radio**

When broadcast space is limited, allocation of space should be on a first come, first served basis. Those stations following participating schools should be given first priority. If no broadcasting space is available and regular admission seats are available and must be displaced to provide space for broadcasting, the radio station shall pay the adult admission for each seat used in addition to the established rights charge per game. Space for broadcasting is limited to *working* media and a **maximum** of two may be provided. Radio stations are responsible for installation of lines and all expenses incurred. No sponsorship that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, patent medicines, political parties or candidates, or any other advertising not considered in agreement with the philosophy of the high school athletic program is acceptable. This includes all direct broadcasting and tape delay broadcasts. The District Athletic Boards and the OHSAA reserve the right to discontinue the broadcasting by any station at any time in the event previous broadcasting is considered to have been in poor taste or incompatible with the educational dignity and propriety of the OHSAA. All rights fees are to be paid in advance of the broadcast. Tournament managers shall include rights fees under tournament receipts as indicated in the **Financial Report Form** for the tournament.

B. **Television**

No live telecasts are permitted.

Broadcast fees for television tape delayed broadcasts are set by the OHSAA. Any seats displaced by television equipment or personnel must pay the adult ticket price for each seat displaced. A maximum of three cameras and seven people should be admitted. Any and all costs incurred in setting up for the televised broadcast will be borne by the stations. The originating

station is liable for rights fees in the event the tape is loaned to another station for airing. All rights fees must be paid in advance of videotaping games. Playback of videotaped games **shall not begin before 10:00 p.m. the day of the game.** No telecast replay shall be shown at a time that would conflict with any tournament game played in that community regardless of the division the tournament game is being played. **School sponsored TV stations:** School based stations will have broadcast fees waived **if:**

1. Students are involved in the majority of the production of the broadcast, and,
2. Students are accompanied by a school representative (teacher, advisor, principal)

VIII. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

A. Financial reports for uniform reporting are available online for tournament managers as an Excel spreadsheet at www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports.htm

B. Boys' OHSAA Percentage Disbursements:

- a. Pay tournament expenses (Operating Expenses; Services and Miscellaneous Expenses)
- b. To determine if sufficient funds are available to pay OHSAA their share of Total Gross Receipts:
 - i. When the Total Gross is \$1,500.00 or more, the percent shall be 15% of the Total Gross. If the Total Gross is less than \$1,500.00 the percentage shall be the same as the number of hundreds of dollars grossed. For example, if the gross is \$999.99, the percent to the OHSAA is 9.9% or if the gross is \$800.00, the percent is 8. There is no fixed minimum.
 - ii. Deduct tournament expenses from total gross receipts. If the amount remaining is sufficient to pay the amount calculated under 'b.i.' above, pay OHSAA their share according to the schedule.
 - iii. Any amount remaining after paying the Tournament Expenses and OHSAA share would go to the

District Board.

- c. If there is money remaining after paying the Tournament Expenses, but it is not sufficient to pay the OHSAA share, the money remaining will be divided equally between the OHSAA and the District Board.
- d. In tournaments that have not generated enough revenue to cover the Tournament Expenses, the OHSAA and District Board will not receive a share of the Total Gross Receipts.

C. Girls' OHSAA Percentage Disbursements

- a. Pay tournament expenses (Operating Expenses; Services and Miscellaneous Expenses)
- b. To determine if sufficient funds are available to pay OHSAA their share of Total Gross Receipts:
 - i. Calculate 5% of Total Gross.
 - ii. Deduct tournament expenses from total gross receipts. If the amount remaining is sufficient to pay the amount calculated under 1.b.i. above, pay OHSAA their share.
 - iii. Any amount remaining after paying the Tournament Expenses and OHSAA share would go to the

District Board.

- c. If there is money remaining after paying the Tournament Expenses, but it is not sufficient to pay the OHSAA share, the money remaining will be divided equally between the OHSAA and the District Board.
- d. In tournaments that have not generated enough revenue to cover the Tournament Expenses, the OHSAA and District Board will not receive a share of the Total Gross Receipts

The District Athletic Board Treasurer and the Commissioner shall be furnished a detailed financial report. Sites shall use separate reports for Sectional and District Tournaments. Reports MUST include the number of admissions on only report forms provided by the OHSAA are approved for use.

**2016 BOYS AND GIRLS
SPECIFIC REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

NOTE: All General Regulations for Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments listed previously shall apply to the Regional Basketball Tournaments in addition to those regulations listed below.

I. SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS TO TOURNAMENTS AND SITE SELECTION

Regional qualifiers are assigned to Regional tournaments by the OHSAA. The commissioner is authorized to pre-draw pairings for geographic reasons to benefit schools travel to regional sites and to change date and/or site locations at any time.

II. SITE REGULATIONS

D. Admission and Admission Policies:

Tickets for admission will be used and provided to each person paying an admission charge. Tickets will be issued and torn with half provided to the spectator and the other half kept for auditing purposes. Ticket 'stubs' issued to individuals purchasing tickets are not be used for "pass-out/Re-entry" tickets.

1. Pre-sale tickets sold at participating schools: \$7.00.
2. Tickets sold at tournament site entrances: \$8.00

E. Team Admission

Twenty-two team members/school personnel will be admitted at the assigned pass gate on the approved OHSAA Pass List. This Pass List will grant admission for all sessions of the Regional Tournament. In addition, 8 additional complimentary tickets will be issued to the competing schools. At venues where reserved seating is provided to schools, reserved seats should be given as complimentary tickets.

F. Cheerleader Admission

Eight cheerleaders and one mascot and one approved coach/advisor will be admitted at the assigned pass gate on the approved OHSAA Pass List. If there is no school mascot, an additional cheerleader is **NOT** permitted.

G. School Personnel Admission and Complementary Admissions

Regional managers will provide 8 complementary tickets/passes to each participating school. These are intended to be used for the school Superintendent (2), High School Principal (2), High School Athletic Director (2) and Bus driver (2). If these complimentary admissions are included on the approved OHSAA Pass List, additional Complimentary tickets will not be issued. The **only** other passes approved for use at Regional tournaments are passes issued by the OHSAA; the official OHSAA Board of Directors Pass and the Regional Basketball Pass printed and distributed by the OHSAA.

E. Officials

Officials for Regional tournaments are assigned by the Commissioner's office utilizing the rating and voting system authorized by the Board of Directors. The number of officials from each district assigned to the tournaments is in proportion to the number of Class 1 officials in the district.

The names of the officials will not be announced until game time. THE DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RULES BY THE OFFICIALS ARE FINAL.

F. Medical Coverage

A Physician and Certified Athletic Trainer, secured by the Site Manager, will be present during the tournament.

G. Media Credentials

All requests for credentials shall be directed to the Site Manager.

H. Live Television

Requests to televise a regional game live shall be directed to Ohio High School Athletic Association, Director of Information, Tim Stried.. Telephone (614) 267-2502. Fax (614) 267-1677.

III. EXPENSES

I. Team Expenses

Expenses will be paid for a for a maximum of 18 team members/school personnel.

- Travel: \$2.00 per mile one way (state road map) for each day of travel to participate.
- Meals: \$15.00 per day per individual for each day of participation.
- Lodging: Per quoted rate for 9 double rooms if travel is over 100 miles one way (per

- Mapquest) **and** provided the official party stays overnight.
- Bonus: 15% of school's advance ticket sales.
 - Incidentals: A one-time payment of \$200.00 regardless of the number of games played.

II. **Cheerleader Expenses**

Expenses will be paid for a maximum of 8 cheerleaders and one coach/advisor for a total of 9.

- Travel: \$.97 per mile one way maximum of one vehicle – for each day of travel to participate.
- Meals: \$15.00 per day individual for each day of participation.
- Lodging: Per quoted rate for 3 double rooms if travel is over 100 miles one way (per Mapquest) and the official party stays overnight.

IV. **TEAM REGULATIONS**

A. **Practice Regulations**

IF neither team has played a game on the Regional site floor OR if BOTH teams have played a game on the regional floor during Sectional or District play, there shall be **no practices permitted for either team.**

If one team has played a game on the regional floor during the Sectional or District tournament, the other team **may arrange 1 practice.** The following applies, without exception:

- Any and all arrangements will be made between the participating school and the host site,
- No expenses will be provided from the OHSAA for any such practice.

B. **Video Exchange**

Teams are required to exchange full game video/film of the team's District Semi-Final and Final game. The video shall be clear and may be from an electronic storage website or from television replay or from the school's videographer. The video must be exchanged in a mutually agreed upon site/location no later than Sunday evening following the District Tournament unless a later date is mutually agreed upon. The OHSAA will not arbitrate disputes for teams failing to comply with this regulation. Failure to comply with the entirety of this regulation will result in withholding \$200.00 from team expenses from the Regional Tournament.

C. **Warm-Up Time/Basket Assignment**

Teams will be provided a minimum of 20 minutes before each game for warm-up. Both teams will be notified of exact time provided. Teams will warm-up at the basket on the opposite end of the floor from assigned players' bench.

**2016 BOYS AND GIRLS
SPECIFIC STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
2016 FORTY-FIRST GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
2016 NINETY FOURTH BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

NOTE: All General Regulations for Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments listed previously shall apply to the State Basketball Tournaments in addition to those regulations listed below.

The pairings for the girls state basketball tournament were authorized to be conducted and approved by the OHSAA's Board of Directors.

I. SITE INFORMATION

2016 Girls State Basketball Tournament: The Jerome Schottenstein Center, The Ohio State University

2016 Boys State Basketball Tournament: The Jerome Schottenstein Center, The Ohio State University

2. DATES

Girls State Basketball Tournament: March 10, 11 and 12, 2016

Boys State Basketball Tournament: March 17, 18 and 19, 2016

3. ORDER OF GAMES

The order of games for the 2016 Boys' and Girls' State Semi-Finals and Finals will be:

Division III, Division II, Division IV, Division I

4. MEETING OF FINALISTS

A meeting of school representatives (coaches, athletic administrator and principal) – a maximum of three from each school) from schools that qualified for the State Tournaments will be held at 11:30 a.m. as follows:

Sunday, March 6, 2016: The Schottenstein Center, The Ohio State University

Sunday, March 13, 2016: The Schottenstein Center, The Ohio State University

5. Video Exchange

Teams are required to exchange full game video/film of the team's Regional Semi-Final and Final game. The video shall be clear and may be from an electronic storage website or from television replay or from the school's videographer. The video must be exchanged at the Finalists meeting (above) or no later than Sunday evening following the Regional Tournament unless a later date is mutually agreed upon. The OHSAA will not arbitrate disputes for teams failing to comply with this regulation. Failure to comply with the entirety of this regulation will result in withholding \$200.00 from team expenses from the State Tournament.

6. ADMISSION

Boys: All-Session books are on sale to the public at the OSU Ticket Office at 614-431-3600 and Ticketmaster outlets online at ticketmaster.com.

Single-Session Tickets (Available beginning Monday, March 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. through the OSU Ticket Office at 614-431-3600, Ticketmaster Outlets or online at www.ticketmaster.com

- \$12.00/person: Terrace Level

- \$15.00/person: Entry and Club Level

Presale Tickets Sold at participating schools:

- \$10.00/person

Girls: Single session ticket sales begin Monday, February 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. through the OSU Ticket Office, Ticketmaster outlets or online at ticketmaster.com.

Single-Session Tickets (Available beginning Monday, March, 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. through the OSU Ticket Office at 614-431-3600, Ticketmaster Outlets or online at www.ticketmaster.com

Presale Tickets Sold at participating schools:

- \$8.00/person

**All Tickets Sold at Door:
- \$10.00/person**

Schools winning their semifinal games will be provided tickets for the finals immediately after the game. Tickets should be identified by each school in some manner to facilitate the exchange for finals tickets. The OSU Ticket Office will conduct the pre-sale of tickets in the Aux. Gym and supervision by school personnel is required.

Team and School Personnel:

- 22 team/school personnel will be provided admission to the tournament through the approved pass entrance covered at the finalists' meeting
- School packets distributed at the finalists' meeting will include eight complimentary tickets for each session of the division the school participates in, intended for use as follows:
 - o Superintendent (2)
 - o Principal (2)
 - o Athletic Administrator (2)
 - o Bus Driver/Other (2)

Cheerleaders

Eight cheerleaders and one mascot and their approved coach/advisor (1) will be admitted free from a pass list submitted and signed by the Principal. Cheerleaders must be supervised and Mascots admitted per this regulation must be recognized by schools as part of their cheerleading squads and under the direct supervision of the approved coach/advisor. If there is no school mascot, an additional cheerleader is NOT permitted.

7. EXPENSES

TEAM EXPENSES

Expenses for a maximum of 18 team members/school personnel will be paid.

- Travel: \$2.00 per mile one way (state road map) for each day of travel to participate.
- Meals: \$15.00 per day per individual for each day of participation.
- Lodging: Per quoted rate for 9 double rooms/night as assigned by the Commissioner.
- Bonus: 15% of school's advance ticket sales.

Note: Due to a \$1.00 Traffic maintenance charge the OHSAA is assessed for every ticket sold at the state tournament, the 15% team bonuses are based on a **\$9.00** ticket for the BOYS' tournament and a **\$7.00** ticket for the GIRLS' tournament.

- Incidentals:\$200.00

Expenses for competing teams will be paid for a maximum of 3 days.

CHEERLEADER EXPENSES

Expenses for 8 cheerleaders and one coach/advisor for a total of 9.

- Travel: \$.97 per mile one way maximum of one vehicle
- Meals: \$15.00 per day individual
- Lodging: Per quoted rate for 3 double rooms as assigned by the Commissioner.

Expenses for cheerleaders and coach/advisor will be paid for a maximum of 3 days.

8. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The OHSAA reserves rooms for the competing teams in nearby hotels. Hotel assignments will be announced at the Finalists' meeting. Lodging reimbursements will be provided (teams and cheerleaders) only when utilizing OHSAA provided hotels. Cheerleaders (see Cheerleading Regulations) provided rooms must stay at the OHSAA assigned hotel to receive reimbursement for rooms.

9. VIDEO EXCHANGE

Teams are required to exchange full game video/film of the team's Regional Semi-Final and Final games to their State Semi-Final opponent. The video shall be clear and may be from an electronic storage website or from television replay. The video exchange will take place at the meeting of State Finalists (See 1 above). Should a team not provide this at the meeting, the team failing to provide the video/film will do so at the expense of the non-complying team no later than Sunday evening. The OHSAA will not arbitrate disputes for teams failing to comply with this regulation. Failure to comply with the entirety of this regulation will result in withholding \$200.00 from team expenses from the State Tournament.

10. PROGRAM MATERIAL

The program material shall be submitted to the OHSAA at the State Finalist's Meeting on Sunday if it has been not entered previously in the *myOHSAA* data management system.

11. PEP BANDS

Each competing school is permitted to have a pep band at the State Tournament. The maximum number of participants is 35 plus one adult director. These participants shall be admitted free of charge at the entrance determined at the Finalists' meeting. \$150.00 shall be provided for each day of participation.

12. PRACTICE SESSIONS

There will be no basketball practice on Arena floor during the State Tournament other than usual pre-game practice. Any practice sessions during the State Tournament at off-site locations will be arranged by the participating schools.

13. VIDEO REPLAY

Video replay as approved by NFHS Rules will be used at the Boys' & Girls' State Semi-finals and Finals held at the Schottenstein Center at The Ohio State University. Red LED lights are used in conjunction with Video Replay and will also be used at the Boys' & Girls' State Semi-finals and Finals. The Replay Official will be stationed at the Official Scorers' Table and will be selected and assigned by the OHSAA.

14. PHYSICIAN & TRAINERS

A physician and Licensed Athletic Trainer will be present during the tournament and seated at the scorer's table.

15. MEDIA REGULATIONS RADIO

Reservations shall be submitted, in writing via fax (614-267-1677), to the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214. All requests should be sent to the attention of Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information. The deadline for submitting reservations is 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 8 for the Girls State Tournaments and 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 15 for the Boys State Tournaments. Walk-up requests will not be accepted unless space is available. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.

A. Radio

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B. Television

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March 10, 11 and 12, 2016

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
THE JEROME SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER, VALUE CITY ARENA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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