

OHSAA POLICY ON STUDENT PHOTO PASSES FOR THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

OHSAA member schools who have a school yearbook or school newspaper representative interested in photographing the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournaments at Ohio State's Value City Arena in the Jerome Schottenstein Center must follow these procedures:

- 1.) The person who photographs for the school, whether it be for the school newspaper, yearbook or other, **MUST BE A STUDENT**. **No adults** will be provided a temporary photo credential.
- 2.) The student photographer must purchase a ticket for the state tournament.
- 3.) A letter must be faxed to the OHSAA Office from the school's athletic administrator no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the state tournament, indicating the name of the student photographer that is interested in photographing the wrestler(s) from your school. Send the letter to the attention of Tim Stried, Director of Information Services. The OHSAA fax number is 614-267-1677. A list of those schools approved for a temporary photo credential will be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) no later than 4:00 on the Wednesday, prior to the state tournament.
- 4.) Before a wrestler that the student photographer is covering is about to wrestle, the student photographer must report to Value City Arena's Fred Taylor Room, which is located on the Entry Level just off of the Northeast Rotunda.
- 5.) If a letter from the athletic administrator is on file, the student will be issued a **TEMPORARY PHOTO CREDENTIAL** that can be used to admit the student photographer matside to photograph the wrestler he or she is covering only. The student will be required to sign in, will be given additional instructions and will be **told** to return the temporary photo credential to the Fred Taylor Room when they are finished shooting the wrestler(s) from your school.
NOTE: If a letter is not received by the OHSAA Office before that deadline, the student photographer may present a letter signed by the athletic administrator to OHSAA personnel in the Fred Taylor Room. The student must still purchase a ticket in order to receive a **TEMPORARY PHOTO CREDENTIAL**.
- 6.) Because of space limitations, each school will be permitted to request a maximum of **one (1) TEMPORARY PHOTO CREDENTIAL** for a student photographer. There shall be no exceptions. _____
- 7.) No tripods or spotlights for cameras are permitted.
- 8.) Violators of these policies are subject to a minimum penalty of removal from the arena for the remainder of the tournaments. The passing of these credentials to another person **is strictly prohibited**. _____

Athletic administrators and coaches are requested to confer on this matter so that a letter requesting a temporary photo credential is not submitted by both parties (and possibly requesting two different people). With the high number of people who already are matside along with the high number of media requests, it is imperative that we limit access as much as possible while still providing this service.

Please note that other fans will be permitted to take photos or videotape from their seats (no tripods, no monopods, no blocking of aisles, etc.), and they may shoot individual matches (no permanent standing) from the Entry Level of the arena at designated sections. Also, following the official awards ceremony, all place winners will be taken to the Auxiliary Gym in the Schottenstein Center where fans may photograph the place winners on an awards stand. In addition, Impact Action Photography, the official photographer of the OHSAA, will be taking awards stand and action photographs. Orders can be placed at www.impactactionphotos.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!