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Special Group Discount Tickets Also Available for Finals **PUBLIC TICKET SALES INFORMATION ANNOUNCED** **FOR OHSAA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Public all-session and single-session ticket sales for the 2009 Ohio High School Athletic Association Girls and Boys State Basketball Tournaments will begin later this month, OHSAA Commissioner Daniel B. Ross has announced. Besides those regular sales, special group discount ticket orders are currently being accepted for the championship games on the Saturdays of those two tournaments. The girls state tournament is March 19, 20 and 21, while the boys state tournament is March 26, 27 and 28. Both will be held at Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus.

Both all-session and single-session ticket sales for the girls state basketball tournament begin Monday, Feb. 16, at 10:00 a.m. The cost for all-session ticket books is \$64 each, while single-session tickets are \$10 each.

Boys state tournament all-session ticket sales begin a week later on Monday, Feb. 23, at 10:00 a.m., and single-session ticket sales begin Monday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. The cost for all-session ticket books is \$144 for the Entry and Club Levels of the arena or \$120 for the Terrace Level, while single-session tickets are \$15 for the Entry and Club Levels and \$12 for the Terrace Level.

To order by phone, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000. Tickets can also be purchased on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Additionally, tickets can be purchased in person at Ticketmaster locations (including Kroger stores) and at the OSU Athletic Ticket Office, located in the southeast corner of the Jerome Schottenstein Center with office hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In addition to all-session and single-session ticket sales, new this year is the opportunity for groups of 10 or more to purchase discount “Championship Saturday” tickets for all four finals of each state tournament. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets to the four championship games of the girls tournament on Saturday, March 21, for \$20 per person (a savings of 50 percent per ticket!), and groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets to the four championship games of the boys tournament on Saturday, March 28, for \$30 per person (a savings of \$18 per ticket!). Included with the orders are give-away items for each attendee and special group recognition within the arena. Additional information on the group specials and order forms are currently available on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org). The deadline for groups to purchase discounted tickets for the “Championship Saturday” promotions is Friday, Feb. 20.

The 34th Annual OHSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament schedule is as follows: **Thursday, March 19:** 1:00-Division IV semifinal; 3:00-Division IV semifinal; 6:00-Division III semifinal; 8:00-Division III semifinal; **Friday, March 20:** 1:00-Division II semifinal; 3:00-Division II semifinal; 6:00-Division I semifinal; 8:00-Division I semifinal; and **Saturday, March 21:** 10:45-Division IV final; 2:00-Division III final; 5:15-Division II final; 8:30-Division I final. Tickets for the semifinals of the girls state tournaments are good for admission to both games in the same division.

The 87th Annual OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament schedule is as follows: **Thursday, March 26:** 10:45-Division IV semifinal; 2:00-Division IV semifinal; 5:15-Division III semifinal; 8:30-Division III semifinal; **Friday, March 27:** 10:45-Division II semifinal; 2:00-Division II semifinal; 5:15-Division I semifinal; 8:30-Division I semifinal; and **Saturday, March 28:** 10:45-Division IV final; 2:00-Division III final; 5:15-Division II final; 8:30-Division I final.