A Message from OHSAA Director of Sport Management, Emily Gates

Thank you once again for your willingness to serve as a manager for the OHSAA Baseball Tournaments! This is the traditional Manager’s Manual, provided to all managers of Sectional and District Tournaments. The manual reflects the consistent procedures for all tournament across the state. District Athletic Boards make certain permissible adjustments in their respective districts but this manual reflects items adopted by the OHSAA Board of Directors to provide a consistent and fairly administrated tournament across the state.

The manual is designed to help you in the operation of the tournament and is divided into basic parts of:

1. Introduction Information
2. Overall Tournament Organization Information
3. General Information
4. Sectional and District Specific Information
5. Seeding and Drawing Procedures/Information
6. Media Information
7. Financial Reporting Information
8. Medical Information
9. Required and other Useful Forms

I cannot stress enough the importance of adhering to regulations at the Sectional/District level. As you might expect, should a regulation not be followed, it only becomes magnified when the team advances to another level and is required to follow a regulation that should have been followed all along. Regional managers will receive a separate Regional Manager’s Manual.

Though nearly all your communication will be with the District Athletic Board member in your district that oversees baseball, if I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (the best way) at egates@ohsaa.org. Thanks for your efforts and making this year’s tournament a reality!

Sincerely,

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The OHSAA Mission Statement

The Ohio High School Athletic Association’s mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student’s educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of its participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.
The OHSAA sponsors Baseball Tournaments in 4 divisions. Each of the state’s District Athletic Boards are empowered by the OHSAA Constitution to organize and conduct the baseball tournaments at the Sectional and District levels. They are conducted according to the tournament regulations adopted by the Board of Directors at their January meeting. Divisional alignments are determined every year with Competitive Balance now in effect. Divisional Breakdowns are based upon the following enrollments:

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768 Teams will enter Sectional play at sites determined by their respective District Athletic Boards. As a tournament manager, you are contracted as an Independent Contractor as the manager of one of these sites. You can follow the “Road to Akron” through the OHSAA’s website (www.ohsaa.org) as each team continues their dream to make it to the Final Four at Canal Park.

**Tournament Draw Date**

The draw date for tournaments is established by the Board of Directors. The approved date for 2019 is:

**Sectional/District Draw:** Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m.

**STATE TOURNAMENT DATES**

June 7 – 9, 2019 Canal Park, Akron

**Order of State Tournament Games***

Division I, Division IV, Division II, Division III

*Subject to change by the Executive Director

**Athletic Districts**

Representation to the Regional Tournament from District winners is determined by a formula based upon the number of teams participating in the previous year’s tournament. Tournament regulations were adopted by the Board of Directors at the April meeting and can also be read in their entirety by logging on to www.ohsaa.org and navigating to the baseball page under the “Sports and Tournaments” tab. With a few exceptions, most schools in the counties listed below are assigned sites from the respective District Athletic Boards. You are encouraged to visit their websites for additional information.

Northwest District: www.nwdab.org

Northeast District: www.nedab.org

Central District: www.cdab.org

East District: www.eastohsaa.org

Southwest District: www.swdab.org

Southeast District: www.sedab.org
**SEED & DRAW MEETING INFORMATION**

**IMPORTANT IN ALL DISTRICTS**

1. All Districts have meetings for placement on brackets. This must be conducted on May 5, 2019 at 2:00 in every district.
2. Though all Tournament Regulations should be reviewed, each of the following must be covered with coaches in attendance:
   
   *There is no guarantee that travel will be the same for both teams to a Sectional, District or Regional game*
   
   Given the structure of OHSAA Sectional/District & Regional Tournaments, travel is *not considered a competitive advantage or disadvantage for teams.*

3. Game sites may be reassigned (locations moved) at the discretion of the OHSAA Director or Executive Director.
4. Game times may be reassigned (moved) at the discretion of the OHSAA Director Executive Director.
5. Teams are permitted the following with NO exceptions:
   - 22 players in uniform—the 22 players in uniform may change from game to game, but only players that are on the Eligibility List. Only those 22 are permitted on the field for pre-game and in the dugout.
   - Any and all coaches in the dugout must be in uniform. There is no limit on the number of coaches, but they all must be in uniform.
   - In addition to 22 players and coaches in uniform, the only others permitted in the dugout are:
     - 1 Scorekeeper
     - 1 Athletic Trainer
     - 1 Student Manager or Bat Boy
6. All of those listed in #5 above must be identified on the Official Pass List.
7. Completion and submission of the Official OHSAA Tournament Entry Form—submitted online by the school’s Athletic Director—is an agreement to abide by all the conditions of the OHSAA Baseball Tournament Regulations

*It is important that the above information is reviewed at EVERY Sectional/District Draw Meeting. Questions often arise at the Regional and/or State Tournament level and it will be mentioned that the above information was already covered at their Seed/Draw Meetings as a condition of entering the tournament.*

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORMS**

All schools submit their Tournament Entry ONLINE – eliminating the need for any paper entry forms. Teams will NOT be required to submit a Tournament Entry Form at the Seed/Draw meeting. The Entry Forms submitted online by the school’s Athletic Director contains emergency contact information and the myOHSAA System (see below) is set up to permit YOU the ability to pull off necessary information. There is no need to collect separate ‘contact information’, etc. at your draw meeting.

Now that the OHSAA Tournament Entry Form requires the Coaches’ Name and Pupil Activity Permit number, *it is not the responsibility of the Tournament Manager to insure compliance.* This would be nearly impossible for you to do. This is achieved through the OHSAA’s auditing process and any consequence or fine (required by the OHSAA’s Bylaws) will be administered by the OHSAA.
myOHSAA is an internet-based software that allows schools, officials, OHSAA District Athletic Boards and the OHSAA office to access and share important information with each other. Tournament managers will use the purple trophy icon on their myOHSAA accounts to access the tournament management portion of the system.

District Athletic Boards will create Sectional and District level tournaments in myOHSAA while the sports management staff at the OHSAA office will create Regional and State level tournaments. Once a tournament has been created and a tournament/site manager has been assigned, that manager will see the purple trophy icon and be able to access the tournament portion of myOHSAA.

Managers will use the ‘View Tournaments’ link to access their specific tournament(s). This link will allow them to manage schools, teams, and scores. Links within the tournament management area will provide the access to the emergency contact information for each participating school, the tournament participation lists, the tournament representation reports and access to the officials’ directory.

**CONTRACTING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:**
The contracting of tournament officials for all tournament contests, at all levels of play, will be done through ArbiterSports. Officials will no longer be contracted through myOHSAA. Sectional and District Tournament officials for all tournament contests will be contracted by the District Athletic Board through their ArbiterSports Accounts. Regional and State Tournament officials for all tournament contests will be contracted by the OHSAA through their ArbiterSports Account. Tournament managers will **not** use the host school’s Arbiter accounts to contract officials.

**OHSAA TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND RESULTS**
**Sectional Managers – Entering Games/Teams: COMPLETE ASAP FOLLOWING THE DRAW**
Enter all teams on the appropriate line of the brackets for each game as it appears on your brackets. Teams receiving a bye in Round 1 and not playing until Round 2 must be entered in Round 1. Simply enter the bye team on the top line of the preceding game and check the “Is Bye” box for that game in round 1. This will advance the bye team to the next round.

**SECTIONAL/DISTRICT/REGIONAL MANAGERS – ENTERING SCORES:**
Immediately following a contest, please enter the score. Once the start time of the game has passed, you will see a link to ‘Report Score’ on the bracket. Enter the score and press save. If your game site for the next round is TBA because the site is at one of the participating team’s site, you will need to go to the next game and change the location to the host school’s site. Once the scores of the preceding games are entered the location box in the next game changes by adding the two participating teams.

Please pay special attention to all security issues. Hire adequate security/oversight as each District Athletic Board will advise. No doubt baseball is different from basketball, but always be prepared! NFHS Baseball Rules require oversight for umpires returning to their vehicles after a game, so please be diligent in that regard. Take the time to review and communicate any and all potential issues with coaches and school administrators prior to the contest. Try hard to eliminate all problems before they occur. Consult with competing schools prior to the contest, have adequate entry points, communicate with your staff to greet people properly—everything goes a long way to eliminating problems before they occur. There is a section providing a sample Crisis Management Plan later in this manual. Most schools do have one in place, but in the event you do not, this will serve as a valuable resource to eliminate many potential problems.
Each District Athletic Board issues its own approved pass for admission to Sectional and District tournaments. No school passes, Golden Buckeye Cards, Faculty Passes, League Passes, or senior citizen discounts are permitted at any tournament contest. The only state-wide approved pass in addition to each District Athletic Board’s approved pass(es) is the white Board of Directors Pass (shown below). You MAY see this at contests and is permitted for entry along with one guest. DAB’s will provide the approved District Athletic Board Pass for respective Districts. Each DAB also provides Sectional and District Tournament Managers with the approved Pass List for that particular Athletic District.

Pass is **white plastic with photo** and reflects current 2018-19 school year

Lifetime Pass issued to Former Board of Director Members of the OHSAA Pass is **gold with black lettering**

Pass is **Red/Blue Outline** and reflects current 2018-19 school year

**Suspended Game Procedures**

All tournament games are to be played to completion. Suspended games will be resumed from the point of suspension.

**EXCEPTION:** All baseball games shall end any time after 5 innings or 4 1/2 innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its term at bat.

**Example:** At the end of the second inning, a game is suspended due to inclement weather. When play is resumed, either on that day or a following day, the game will proceed from the point of suspension. Runs, count on batter, base runners, etc. shall be the same when the game is resumed as it was when it was suspended.

It is important for each tournament manager to obtain line-up cards and a scorebook and make certain of the count on the batter, number of base runners, etc., to insure the game is resumed from the point of suspension. For any reason the tournament manager is not present (and he/she should be), this is the responsibility of the head coach of the home team.
Umpires are assigned and contracted through the respective District Athletic Boards following state-wide guidelines. Fees are currently set at $65.00 for Sectional games and $80.00 for District games. An important aspect of umpire fees involves suspended games and rained out games. The following is state-wide policy regarding payment of umpires relative to suspended or cancelled games:

- If an umpire is notified of a cancellation or rescheduling prior to departure, the official will not receive any compensation.
- If an umpire is notified en route, or after the official arrives and the tournament has not started, the official will receive the travel payment, but not game fee. The travel payment for Sectional/District games are $30.00, $40.00 for Regional and $50.00 for State.
- If after the game begins, the tournament contest is interrupted due to weather or other reason and not completed on the day scheduled, the umpire will receive full payment.

All umpires must have completed one of the approved Concussion Courses to have received their officiating permit, so there is no need to do any checking of this requirement.
The following is General Information for **ALL MANAGERS** relative to Sectional **and** District Tournament play.

1. All sites and assignments to respective Sectional Tournaments will be available on our Baseball Tournament Information page on [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org).

2. The following are permitted in the dugout and on the field of play during warm-up:
   - 22 players in uniform
   - Board approved Coaches in uniform
   - 3 additional personnel identified as Trainer, Scorekeeper, Bat Boy, or Manager  
     *No other individuals are permitted in the dugout!*

3. Financial Reports are available online at [http://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports](http://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports). Additional information is within this manual titled Financial Reporting Information with specifics about completing your financial reports.

4. **Complimentary passes** are issued by District Athletic Boards in accordance with their policies. Additionally, each staff member of the OHSAA and District Board members have been issued a Board of Director’s Pass (white) which is good for admission. All passes admit cardholder and one guest. No other passes, except those authorized by the District Athletic Board, are to be honored. Please notify your pass gate attendant of this policy.

5. Umpires have been assigned by District Athletic Boards through procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Please notify your umpires in advance of the contest to remind them of their assignment time and location — this information will be listed in Arbiter. Please give them the names of the other officials they will be working with that day/night allowing for travel together when possible. Please also provide them reserved parking and directions to your site. Umpires are permitted one guest.  
   **NOTE:** The assignment of umpires is confidential information and shall not be disclosed until game time.

6. Provide adequate security personnel to ensure protection of umpires, players and spectators. If uniformed police are necessary and/or required at your site, please conform to that need. Remember to insure the safety of umpires to their vehicles after the contest.

7. Arrange for a Certified Athletic Trainer to be present at your site. Please also have ambulance service available on call for emergencies and maintain an adequate Crisis Management Plan.

8. Provide efficient and competent press box personnel. Scorers and public address announcers should be experienced individuals. A public address should be available. Public address announcers are to remain neutral and professional in their duties as an announcer. The growing trend to include sound effects are, generally, not done in good taste and should be avoided. Of special concern is the fact that many schools play on home sites in baseball and affects the philosophy of tournament play.

9. The **Rawlings R100** is the official OHSAA tournament ball and shall be used for all tournament play. Each manager will receive the appropriate number of game balls through their respective District Athletic Boards.

10. **Pre-Game Practice:** Regulations regarding pre-game practice are established by each District Athletic Board.

11. **Batting Practice:** Batting practice is permitted prior to OHSAA tournament games but is not mandatory on the game field. In Sectional and District Tournaments, teams are permitted to have batting practice if they have the time available.

12. Please review the Baseball Tournament Regulations at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) and pay special attention to the **Student Participation Conduct Penalty**. Additionally, please print these regulations to distribute at your seed/draw meeting and remind coaches to review these regulations.
1. Please pay close attention to the OHSAA approved seeding and drawing procedures. It goes without saying that the seeding and placement of teams on brackets must be done correctly. These seed procedures are listed on the following pages.

2. For Districts that are playing on home sites throughout the tournament – it is imperative that all Tournament Regulations be carefully adhered to, even though it may appear to many as a “home game”. This has been an increasing challenge for teams that are playing on home fields in the first couple of rounds of the tournament. All Tournament Regulations must be followed and administered regardless of whether it is played on the higher seed’s site or on a neutral site.

3. Umpire fees for Sectional games are $65.00 plus travel allowance. In the event of suspended/cancelled games, please see the section related to umpires.

4. All Tournament Management, including bracketing, is done through the myOHSAA Management System.

5. Bracket templates are provided by the District Athletic Boards. Please use those templates to ensure that bye teams are listed on the proper lines, etc. Please note: The top line of a bracket is always the home team. Bye lines are located on the top of a bracket to provide the advantage of being a home team in the event a higher seeded team takes a bye.

6. Please remember to change dates on brackets when rainouts occur. Hopefully, we will have great weather, but it is important for others viewing your tournament to view correct dates of games. This also is done through the myOHSAA Management System.

7. Immediately following the completion of the Sectional Tournament, please notify the District Tournament manager of the team or teams that qualify for the District Tournament. District Managers will be in contact with you for the transfer of information (roster information, etc.). Please assist this process by providing the name and contact information to your Sectional winner.
The 2018-19 Board of Directors established date for all seeding and drawing meetings in Ohio is **Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 pm** for all Baseball Sectional Tournaments.

In all Sectional Tournaments that precede District Tournaments, seeding is mandatory in the Sectional. In District tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments, seeding is mandatory. This is interpreted that at least one seeding is to take place in either the Sectional or District Tournament. All teams assigned to the **first round of the tournament shall be seeded**. The following seeding method shall prevail for all OHSAA sponsored baseball tournaments. For purposes of seeding, the last games to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

**Baseball Tournament Seeding Procedure**

1. 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 on the day of the seeding/drawing meeting. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played.

   **Example:** in a schedule that has played 18 games to date:
   - **Division I:** 12 wins 2 losses
   - **Division II:** 2 wins 1 loss
   - **Division III:** 1 win 0 losses
   
   **Overall Record:** 15-3

   All games played to date shall be recorded.

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

   **Note:** If electronic balloting is used in a District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the seeding meeting.

   **Note:** In the event no representative is in attendance from the school, placement of teams on brackets will be done by the manager in accordance with District Athletic Board policy (see #3).

3. After teams are seeded, placement of teams on brackets shall occur. The method for placement of teams on brackets is determined by each District Athletic Board. Please log on to each District Athletic Board website to obtain each District’s procedure. District Athletic Board websites are:

   - **Central:** [www.cdab.org](http://www.cdab.org)
   - **Northwest:** [www.nwdab.org](http://www.nwdab.org)
   - **East:** [www.eastohiodab.org](http://www.eastohiodab.org)
   - **Southeast:** [www.seodab.org](http://www.seodab.org)
   - **Northeast:** [www.nedab.org](http://www.nedab.org)
   - **Southwest:** [www.swdab.org](http://www.swdab.org)

4. Tournament managers will distribute brackets to representatives of the participating teams.

5. All brackets shall designate date and time of game with the **HOME TEAM** being listed on the top of the bracket.
1. Please contact Sectional Managers to arrange for the transfer of program materials, etc. for winning teams advancing from the Sectional Tournament to the District Tournament. In the event a District site is different from a Sectional site (this varies by Athletic District) please make sure you provide any and all information to those advancing from the Sectional Tournament.

2. District Managers should also receive information from Regional Managers. Please provide the District Champion with the packet of information provided to you from the Regional Site Manager. Regional Site Manager information, specifically the District Champion packet, can be found on the OHSAA’s website at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) (Sports & Tournaments > Baseball > Sectional/District/Regional Tournaments).

3. The District Champion packet contains very time sensitive information for District Winners, it is important you provide this information to the District Champion. Please remind your District Champion to look at this material as soon as possible as there are many things time sensitive for the Regional and State Tournament.

4. Umpire fees for District Baseball games are: $80.00 plus travel allowance. Payment should be made to umpires the night of the contest. In the event of suspended/cancelled games, please see section related to Umpires.

5. There will be a District Championship Ceremony at the conclusion of all District Final games. These are coordinated by the respective District Athletic Boards, however, please cover with coaches prior to the game of the expectations at this ceremony, most notably:
   a. Teams are to remain on the field at the conclusion of the game and respectfully honor the other team
   b. Teams are expected to accept their medal, shake hands with the OHSAA member, DAB member or representative.

6. Trophies and awards appropriate for the tournament will be shipped directly to the managers from **Croton Craft, P.O. Box 257, Croton, Ohio 41013**. Please open the shipment immediately and check to see if you have received the correct trophies and awards or if there is any damage. If an error has been made or there is damage, contact Mr. Travis Nethers at Croton Craft 1-800-947-5521. Often times, coaches, parents or athletic administrators wish to order additional medals. They may do so quickly and easily by calling Travis Nethers at the above Croton Craft number.
Please locate the presenter, and the respective principal or athletic director assisting with the presentation. Ask the presenter in advance if he/she would like to briefly speak upon the presentation of awards. District Athletic Board procedures may possibly NOT include the principal and/or athletic director in the presentation of awards. District Athletic Board members should inform you of this prior to the presentation.

**District Runner-Up**

Ladies & Gentlemen, please direct your attention to home plate where _______________________, representing the ______ District Athletic Board will present today’s/tonight’s District Runner-Up and District Champion trophies along with ________________ and ________________ the Principal/Athletic Directors of the respective schools.

When your name is called, please step forward to be recognized.

First, for the 2019 District Runner-Up ___________________________.

*(Board member/Representative hands individual medallion to principal and principal puts them around the neck of each individual. Please give the presenter time for each one.)*

Would the captains for the ____________ please come forward for the presentation of the Team Trophy.

**District Champion**

And now, the 2019 District Champion in Division _____, the _______________________.

*(Board member/Representative hands individual medallion to principal and principal puts them around the neck of each individual. Please give the presenter time for each one.)*

Would the captains for the ____________ please come forward for the presentation of the Team Trophy.

*(After presenting)*

Congratulations to the ______________________ who will now advance to the Regional Semi-Final at _________________ on _____________________.

Thanks to ______________________ (site name) and ______________________ (manager) for serving as a host for the District Championship. Thank you for your attendance and support of Ohio High School Student-Athletes and please travel home safely.

You are encouraged to follow the tournament trail at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) for Regional sites and game times.
Welcome to ______________________ (site name). Ladies and Gentlemen to honor America, would you please rise, gentlemen remove your caps and join in singing our National Anthem; The Star Spangled Banner.

Play National Anthem

After National Anthem: Good afternoon/evening, on behalf of The Ohio High School Athletic Association Department and ________________ (host school) welcome to ______________________________ (site name) for today’s OHSAA __________ Tournament Game between _______________ High School and ______________ High School.

The OHSAA takes great pride in the conduct of all student-athletes, promoting good sportsmanship among them, our coaches and spectators. We encourage you to cheer for your favorite team during this competition and to show both teams the same respect you’d like them to display. Spectators are reminded that unruly behavior may result in immediate ejection from the premises. The OHSAA and ________________ (site) appreciate your cooperation.

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Now let’s meet the starting line-ups for today’s game:

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The Head Coach for ____________ (visiting team) is ___________________ and they are assisted by _____________________________

The Head Coach for ____________ (home team) is ___________________ and they are assisted by _____________________________

The umpires for today’s game are selected by a system approved by the OHSAA’s Board of Directors’ that includes input from the baseball coaches in Ohio. Today’s umpires are:
_____________________ with _____ years of Umpiring experience, _________________ with _____ years of Umpiring experience, and, _________________ with _____ years of Umpiring experience.
As you know, more and more stations are including baseball in their radio coverage. Though it is sometimes difficult to provide media pressbox accommodations, please do your best to accommodate them the best you can. Each step in the tournament creates increased media coverage.

Some stations pay rights’ fees through a delayed process directly to the OHSAA Comptroller. You may want to read information regarding this when stations request this at http://www.ohsaa.org/news-media

Also included is the Recommended Broadcast Announcement to be provided each broadcast media outlet.

Complete Media Regulations, Broadcast Rights’ Fees, etc., are also available on the web at http://www.ohsaa.org/news-media

Please direct media requesting credentials to the above link for important information. This site will often answer any media related questions you or the media may have.

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**OHSAA Baseball Radio/Audio Webcast Rates**

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**OHSAA Baseball Television/Video Webcast Rates**

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<td>Stations in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus</td>
<td>no charge</td>
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<td>All other stations and Internet-only webcasts</td>
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Rights fees for tape-delayed coverage by educational access (non-commercial) stations: $50 per contest.

Rights fees for stations to resell video tapes/DVDs: $50 donation to the OHSAA Respect the Game Sportsmanship Program per sports season.

State/Regional Cable – Over 750,000

*Only available through Parameters listed below*

Additional Information/Fees:

(*) Indicates telecasts by state/regional cable companies with over 750,000 subscribers are only available through a negotiated secondary rights package or through consent of the OHSAA.

Tape-delayed contests may not begin prior to 10:00 p.m. the day of the contest. Approval for delayed telecasts/video webcasts permit companies the right to show the contest an unlimited number of times for two weeks following the date of the contest. Additional airing of contests following the two-week period shall result in additional rights fees assessed at rates to be negotiated/determined by the OHSAA Executive Director’s office.

(#) The OHSAA may grant to a company/companies exclusive rights for live or tape-delayed coverage of the state tournament and/or finals and the first right of refusal for live or tape-delayed coverage of all other OHSAA tournament events. Should exclusivity be granted, approval for other companies to broadcast a tournament contest must be granted by procedures approved by the OHSAA Executive Director’s office. In sports not granted exclusivity, approval to broadcast a tournament contest must be granted by the tournament managers or OHSAA (state level).

If approved by the OHSAA, rights fees for live telecasts of tournament contests when exclusivity has not been granted are to be negotiated/determined by the OHSAA Executive Director’s office.
This form is **NOT REQUIRED**, however, is included to assist you with your placement of media when space is an issue.

**School:** ___________________________________________  
**Site:** ___________________________

**Note:** Please list the media that follow your school. This information is useful to the Tournament Manager in indicating how much space should be reserved for the media prior to the contest. Space for media is not unlimited and credentials are allowed only for working media. Media members are asked to visit the [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) website for complete media regulations approved by the OHSAA’s Board of Directors.

**Newspapers** (name/city)  

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This baseball game between_________________________________________________High School and____________________________________High School is being broadcast through the cooperation of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is a voluntary, non-profit, educational organization through which member schools work cooperatively to adopt the standards and regulations that guide their interscholastic activities. The upholding of these standards and the adherence to the regulations helps to provide more wholesome and educationally worthwhile activities for high school youth.

The schools participating in this contest consider interscholastic athletics an integral part of the educational program and primarily for the purpose of making better men and women out of their students. Unless it accomplishes this, it cannot be justified in the high school program.

Tonight's tournament is one of many being played throughout the State leading to the State Championship. The OHSAA and the participating schools reserve all broadcasting rights to tonight's game and no delayed or rebroadcast is authorized without the written permission of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
All Tournament finances are required to meet OHSAA Financial Accounting requirements. All instructions for these procedures will be outlined by District Athletic Board Treasurers (listed below) at the respective District Athletic Board Managers’ Meetings. NO Tournament Manager is permitted to hold or distribute funds in private or personal checking accounts.

Any questions surrounding these new procedures can be directed to the Senior Director of Finance of the OHSAA, Jeff Jordan at jjordan@ohsaa.org or by calling to (614) 267-2502.

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Attention Ladies & Gentlemen,

Spectators taking photographs or videos may not interfere with the view of this contest by other spectators, nor may they take additional space in seats that have been purchased.

In addition, all photographs and videos taken by spectators at this event are for personal use ONLY. The use of photographs or videos for commercial, scouting or coaching purposes is strictly prohibited.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association reserves the right to remove offenders from this contest, invoke additional penalties and to see maximum legal recourse against violators of these regulations.

Thank you for following this important regulation.
Tournament Site Inspection Form
SEND TO DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD SECRETARY

TO: SECTIONAL/DISTRICT TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

RE: INSPECTION OF TOURNAMENT SITES

The Board of Directors of the Ohio High School Athletic Association has ruled that all tournament sites should be thoroughly inspected by the manager and/or other competent individuals and not found wanting in safety factors.

This precaution should take place within the week prior to the first tournament game.

After your facilities have been carefully inspected, sign the report and mail to the secretary of the District Athletic Board.

We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully inspected the field, premises and facilities of the tournament site and found no apparent defects before the first game of the tournament has been played.

TOURNAMENT SITE _____________________________________________

Location
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES

While risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is a remote risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.
4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
5. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available.
6. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
7. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.
8. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling bloody dressings, mouth guards and other articles containing body fluids.
9. The OHSAA’s Board of Directors approved the following policy with advice from the Ohio Department of Health and shall observe this policy in the event of an H1N1 Influenza outbreak.
   • The Ohio Department of Health has advised that it will be the decision of each local health authority in Ohio as to whether or not to close a school or university due to an influenza outbreak; however, at this time the Centers for Disease Control are not recommending closures except in extreme circumstances.
   • In the event schools remain open, competitors and teams shall be expected to play tournament contests on the dates scheduled.
   • In the event schools are closed, the OHSAA, in conjunction with our District Athletic Boards and tournament personnel, shall reschedule the tournament contest for the schools thus affected.
   • Please watch the OHSAA web site home page at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) and the specific sport page on the web site for more information.
Event & Site Security

The following is provided to help managers with a systematic approach to establish proper security for the specific nature of each event. With the appropriate security, the event will be conducted in a friendly environment that minimizes risk. The staff and management will be prepared to prevent, anticipate and handle problems. A basic checklist below should be adjusted accordingly for the nature of each event.

1. **Review Changes** – during pre-planning, review any changes to be made from the previous events.

2. **Head of Security** – prepare to meet with the head of security for the event and host management. Written materials outlining needs, location hours to work and responsibilities should be prepared.

3. **Usher Assignments** – during meetings with site reps and security, review the number of security officers and their locations. Review usher assignments and any supervisory responsibilities. Provide, in writing, specific policies you have which would prohibit specific actions. Be certain to plan carefully for entrance and exit to the playing area. Prepare contact information for specific problems and emergencies. Access to immediate communication via cell phones and/or remote devices is invaluable. Discuss crowd management and foot traffic flow in and out of the gymnasium.

4. **Written Emergency Plan** – review the facility plan for emergency situation and adjust as needed for your event. Steps should be outlined in advance as to the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency (i.e. weather, structure, catastrophic injury, etc.) Public address announcements, security personnel assistance, etc. need to be discussed in advance.

5. **Who Needs to Know** – host administration should work with any sponsoring organization to determine a core group of individuals that would need to be involved if a major decision regarding the event needs to be made. Representatives of the officiating crew, host administration, security, etc. may need to be involved. A few key reminders:
   - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all coaches competing at your tournament
   - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all Athletic Administrators of teams competing in your tournament
   - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of the District Athletic Board Secretary at the Sectional/District level
   - Obtain the Cell Phone number of the District Board member(s) overseeing your tournament at the sectional/district level; OHSAA Director of a Regional or State Tournament
   - Obtain contact information for major media outlets for helping convey messages of cancellations

6. **Public Relations** – In case of emergency or potential evacuation, PA announcements should be prepared to address fans. Following any such occurrence, the media should be provided with a statement regarding the situation and its handling from the tournament manager, District Athletic Board member or OHSAA Director.

7. **Contingency Plan** – Have all plans in place in the event a contest cannot be played. Back-up sites, alternate dates, additional equipment are all factors to take into consideration.

8. **Entry/Exit Plan** – Crisis management plans for sites should include a clear understanding by any administrators and/or tournament management of all entries and exits. The public address announcer should be familiar with these as well.

9. **Parking & Traffic Flow** – many issues arise from parking and traffic flow problems. Eliminate many of these problems by addressing parking and traffic flow issues prior to the contest. Take into consideration the potential size of crowd, whether charges for parking exist, etc. If parking charges are enforced, provide proper receipts, have experienced people making change and directing traffic. This may require involvement from your local law enforcement agency.

10. **Crowd Expectations** – carefully study match-ups, communicate with competing administrators to anticipate size of crowds. Secure the proper security, ushers, ticket sellers/takers to eliminate security issues that may develop as a result. It is important to relay this information to the various individuals employed at your tournament site. **KEEP FANS OFF THE FLOOR BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the contest! Prevent “tunnels” made by fans for introductions.**

11. **Wrap-Up and Debriefing** – At the conclusion of your tournament, solicit feedback and compile from the various individuals that worked at your tournament. This will go a long way toward improving problem areas for future tournaments.
Emergency Action Plan

Location of Closest Working Telephone: ____________________  IF locked, keys to Telephone are located: ____________________

Is 911 Service Available?  YES  NO  Alternate Emergency Response Number: ________________________________

Exact Address of Tournament Site: ________________________

Entry location for Emergency Vehicle: ______________________________

Normal Response Time for Emergency Vehicle is: ____________________

Location of AED: ________________________________

Designated Health Care Provider for this tournament is: ________________________________  Contact Number: ____________________

Closest Health Care Facility: ________________________________  Travel Time: ____________________

Closest Trauma Facility: ________________________________  Travel Time: ____________________

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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 in January 2019. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

GENERAL – SECTIONAL/DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

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 Executive Director’s office. There will be four divisions (I, II, III, and IV). Site selection for Regional Tournaments is at the discretion of the Executive Director’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 Executive Director’s office.

II. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS, COACHES AND BENCH PERSONNEL
   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.
   B. Twenty-two (22) players may be in uniform for each tournament game. The twenty-two (22) players will be the only players permitted in the dugout or on the field for warm-up or any part of the contest; The twenty-two (22) may be changed from game to game throughout the tournament; however any player in uniform must meet all eligibility requirements established by OHSAA Bylaws. Only the 22 permitted in uniform are permitted to warm-up on the field during pre-game.
   C. 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.
   D. 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.
   E. All board approved coaches in the dugout must be in uniform as required by NFHS Rules.
   F. The only other personnel permitted in the dugout during the contest are a scorekeeper, athletic trainer, and student manager. These individuals must be identified on the official OHSAA Pass List.

III. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS
   A. Tournament Entry/Withdraw
      Member schools wanting to participate in the 2019 OHSAA Baseball Tournament must indicate their intent to participate on their 2018-19 OHSAA Sports Participation Card. The deadline for tournament entry confirmation is April 29, 2019. Schools that change their tournament participation after April 29, 2019 will be subject to a $50 penalty per sport.
IV. GAMES PER DAY
No team or individual shall play more than two tournament games per day.

V. FAILURE TO APPEAR
If 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 the tournament game, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A “forfeit” shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance to the next round of competition. See Failure to Appear under Section 16.4 of the General Sports Regulations.

VI. SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DATES
The Sectional Tournaments may begin on Saturday, May 11 and scheduled to be completed by May 18. The District Tournaments will be conducted during the following week, ending May 25. Sectional and District tournament managers should build in make-up dates knowing the Regional will NOT be pushed back due to postponements at the Sectional/District level.

VII. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE
No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the Sectional, District, Regional or State Tournaments unless accompanied by a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams unaccompanied by a coach or authorized person will be disqualified. (Bylaw 3-2-1)

VIII. UMPIRES
Only OHSAA Class 1 officials shall be used in Sectional, District, Regional and State Tournament games. Officials for Sectional and District Tournaments shall be selected as directed by the respective District Athletic Boards. The officials for the Regional and State Tournaments shall be assigned by the Executive Director according to the procedure adopted by the Board of Directors in proportion to the number of Class 1 officials in the district. The names of the officials assigned to the Regional and State Tournament will not be announced in advance.

IX. REPRESENTATION TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS
The number of representatives from each of the 6 Athletic Districts is determined by a formula. The representation from each District to the Regional in Divisions I, II, III, and IV for 2019 shall be:

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*East and Southeast in Division I assigned to Central District

X. TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES
NOTE: The established date for all seeding and drawing meetings is May 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
In the Sectional Tournaments that precede District Tournaments, seeding is mandatory in the Sectional. In District Tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments, seeding is mandatory. (NOTE: This means 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 BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS. All teams assigned to the first round of the tournament shall be seeded. For purposes of seeding, the last matches to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

**BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE**
1. 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 the day of the drawing. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played. For example:

A Division I team with an 18 game schedule currently played:

VS Division I: 10 wins 2 losses
VS Division II: 3 wins 1 loss
VS Division III: 2 wins 0 losses

All games played shall be recorded.

2. Voting on seeded teams: All head coaches shall vote via ballot which shall be made public, selecting their choice for the #1 seeded team. The team with greatest number of votes shall be seeded #1, second highest #2, etc, 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 District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the drawing meeting.

3. Placement of Teams on Brackets: Each District Athletic Board shall determine placement of teams on brackets. Regulations for specific District Athletic Board tournaments are available on their websites at:

   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 district board’s seeding protocol.

Sample brackets will be distributed to each manager. Samples of brackets are included in the manager’s materials and can be found on the OHSAA web site. The tournament manager will distribute brackets to representatives of participating teams. All brackets shall designate date and time of contest with the home team being listed on the top of the bracket.

XI. GAME RULES
The Baseball Rules, 2019 National Federation Edition, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations will be the Official Rules in all tournament games. THESE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED EXPLICITLY AND COACHES, SCHOOLS, OFFICIALS AND UMPIRES CANNOT MUTUALLY AGREE TO MODIFY OR CHANGE THESE RULES IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER.

(a) All tournament games shall be played to completion. Suspended games shall be resumed from the point of suspension. The list of 22 players certified for the game must remain the same.

(b) If a team fails to appear and is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a tournament game, the space on the bracket shall be declared vacant. The opposing team will then be awarded a bye into the next round of competition.

(c) All baseball games shall end anytime after five innings, or after 4 1/2 innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its term at bat.

(d) Baseball Rule 4-5-1. The OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws does NOT permit Protested Games. INTERPRETATIONS: In the event a rule is misinterpreted or misapplied, the correction must be made by the umpires and coaches on the field at the time it occurs.

(e) Umpires and coaches are urged to carry Rule Books, to confer using Rule Books and to make a correction where warranted. If the coaches and umpires cannot agree, the final decision will be made by the plate umpire.

XII. BATTLING PRACTICE
Batting practice is permitted prior to all OHSAA tournament games but is not mandatory on the game field. In sectional and district tournaments, teams are permitted to have batting practice if they have the time available.

XIII. The RAWLINGS R100, the adopted baseball of the OHSAA, will be used for all tournament games.

XIV. AWARDS
Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the OHSAA tournament site.

(a) SECTIONAL Tournaments: Trophies will not be awarded.

(b) DISTRICT Tournaments – Team trophies will be presented to the Winner and Runner-up teams; awards will be presented to the individual members of the teams and coaches.

(c) REGIONAL Tournaments – A trophy will be presented to the Regional winner and Regional runner-up.

(d) STATE Tournament – Team trophies will be presented to the State Championship and Runner-up teams. Individual members of both teams will be presented with gold or silver award

XV. PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION
Credentials may be obtained by contacting the tournament manager. All press arrangements are to be made prior to the tournament. Arrangements for telecasting sectional or district games are to be made with the District Athletic Board Secretary.

XVI. FILMING OF CONTESTS
(a) Filming or videotaping of participating schools
Filming or videotaping of baseball tournament games by one or both 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. Filming or videotaping of a potential opponent's tournament game is prohibited. Use of video for coaching purposes during the game is prohibited.
(b) Videotaping or filming by spectators
1. Shall be for personal use
2. Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching.
3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
4. 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.
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment.
6. Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area.
7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.

XVII. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY
During participation in OHSAA tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection.

Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Director by the tournament manager. The Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

XVIII. 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 OHSAA will 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 District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

XIX. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS
The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring organization for the Baseball Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items at the tournaments sites or any audio-visual reproductions of the events. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District Tournaments and the OHSAA Director for the Regional and State Tournaments.

XX. 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.

XXI. RAFFLES PROHIBITED
There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of baseball tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

XXII. 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.

XXIII. DRONES – UMNANNED AREAL VEHICLES
The use of drones is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA tournament contests. Tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event has been completed.

Note: An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for OHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of drones for broadcast purposes under the control of the OHSAA.

XXIV. CONCUSSION RECOGNITION AND MANAGEMENT
Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to
play. Coaches, Umpires, and Administrators possess the ‘right’ to remove a player for suspected concussions. All coaches and tournament umpires are required to have completed one of the two approved Concussion Courses or possess a current and valid Pupil Activity Permit. Umpires carry the NFHS Rules Book and the Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussions is located in the Appendix in the back of the book.

XXV. LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER
This is an extremely important safety policy adopted by the National Federation. Though all officials received these procedures in pre-season communication, it is strongly recommended that tournament site managers review this policy with Administrators of competing schools, coaches AND Officials prior to games. The Lightning and Inclement Weather Policy is relative to ALL OHSAA Sports and is contained within OHSAA Sports Regulation.

Recognition:
Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials should be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles ANYTIME that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

Monitor Weather Patterns – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.

National Weather Service – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent chance), event organizers should be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.

Management:
Evacuation- If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.
Thirty-minute rule- Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is required to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes.
Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.
I. REGULATIONS
   The applicable regulations for District Baseball Tournaments shall apply to the Regional tournaments in addition to any listed below.

II. TEAM EXPENSES
   The team expense allowance will be at the rate of $4.00 per mile one way, for each day of participation, plus $200.00 for incidentals (semifinal game only). Team expenses will be paid by the OHSAA office.

III. ADMISSION – REGIONAL
   All tickets $7.00.

IV. POSTPONED OR SUSPENDED GAME
   If games are postponed or suspended, they will be rescheduled in the original order. If the first-round games are not completed on Thursday, they will be played on Friday or the next playable day, with the finals on Saturday. If the semifinals are played on Saturday, the final may be played on Sunday. Sunday games may not start before 1:00 P.M.

V. PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION
   Requests for credentials must be sent, in writing, to the Tournament Manager. Arrangements for live telecasting must be made with the Executive Director’s office.

VI. PASSES – TEAM AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL
   Twenty-two players, manager, coach, assistant coach, scorekeeper plus two others will be admitted at the pass gate by the Official OHSAA Pass List certified by the principal of the high school. This pass list will be used at the pass gate for all sessions of the tournament. The Official Pass List, will include space for admission for the principal, superintendent, athletic administrators, bus driver and one guest.

VII. TOURNAMENT DRAWS
   Tournament draws were conducted by the OHSAA Staff. All semifinal games will be played Thursday, May 30 at 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. and the final game will be played Friday, May 31 at 5:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted. The top team in the bracket will be the home team.
I. REGULATIONS
The applicable regulations for the Sectional/District and Regional Baseball Tournaments shall apply to the State Baseball Tournaments in addition to any listed below.

I. DATES, PAIRINGS AND ORDER OF PLAY
The State Baseball Tournaments will be played on June 7, 8 & 9, 2019. The order of games for 2019 will be:

Division I
Division IV
Division II
Division III

Note: The Director reserves the right to adjust games and order of play to accommodate graduations, etc.

II. TOURNAMENT DRAW
Tournament draws were conducted and approved by the Board of Directors. The HOME team in the final games will be the top team in the bracket. Only OHSAA approved bracket structures will be used.

III. PRACTICE
There shall be no baseball practice on the site that will be used during the 2019 State Baseball Tournaments other than usual pre-game practice and hitting in cages at the discretion of the host site.

IV. MEETING OF STATE FINALISTS
A meeting will be held and conducted by The Ohio High School Athletic Association for the Principal, Head Coach and Athletic Administrator (3) of qualifying teams at 11:00 A.M., Monday, June 3, 2019. The meeting will be held at the OHSAA Office at 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, OH 43214.

V. GAME PROGRAMS
The price of the official printed program for the State Baseball Tournaments will be $4.00.

VI. ADMISSION
All tickets $8.00. No pre-sale will be conducted. Youth group ticket sales will be offered to various youth baseball programs at a reduced rate.

VII. TEAM EXPENSES
Team expense allowance will be at the rate of $5.00 per mile one way, plus $400 for each day of participation.

VIII. MANAGER/SPONSORSHIP
The State Baseball Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA. The supervision at the host site is under the direction of TBD. The OHSAA tournament manager is Emily Gates, OHSAA Director.

IX. POSTPONED GAMES
Postponed games will be played in their scheduled original order. Games MAY be scheduled on Sunday if and when weather delays cause postponements.

X. MEDIA CREDENTIALS
Requests for media credentials must be submitted in advance. For games in Columbus, contact Tim Stried at the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus 43214. Telephone: (614) 267-2502. All requests for tape-delay telecasting must be made through Tim Stried. Credentials will be held for pickup at the site.

XI. PASSES – TEAM AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL
Teams will be provided twenty-two passes (in the form of commemorative bag tags for admission for players, Managers, head coach, assistant coaches and a scorekeeper. These passes will provide admission to all games of the state tournament. Admission will also be provided for the principal, superintendent, athletic administrator, bus driver and 1 guess for each via complimentary passes.