OHSAA Football Tournament 50/50 Raffle Procedures

By OHSAA Board of Directors action on June 2, 2016, 50/50 Raffles will now be permitted at OHSAA Regional and State Football tournament games only. No other sports have authorization, except boys and girls basketball, to conduct 50/50 raffles or any other similar activity. In order to ensure proper accountability for funds raised by this method, the OHSAA has established specific procedures for conducting the raffle.

All proceeds paid to the OHSAA, via the tournament financial report, from the 50/50 raffle will be subsequently paid to the OHSAA Foundation, a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. These dollars will be used to fund the OHSAA Foundation Leadership conference and other activities, such as student scholarships. The OHSAA Foundation has no staff for its activities and very limited administrative costs.

Procedures:
1. For all levels of the football tournament, there shall be a prescribed division of the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle. The division of the proceeds shall be as follows:
   - 50% for the person whose winning ticket is drawn by the designated person
   - 25% for the 501(c)(3) designated to conduct the raffle at the site
   - 25% for the OHSAA Foundation

2. Non-school owned venues (i.e., colleges, universities, city owned arenas, etc.) who host OHSAA tournament games and wish to participate in this opportunity must contact the Director of Sport Management for football or the Senior Director of Finance & Accounting to determine the appropriate 501(c)(3) to sponsor the 50/50 raffle.

3. All sites choosing to conduct a 50/50 drawing must use a 501(c)(3) designated organization that complies with all requirements of an organization conducting a ‘game of chance’ such as a 50/50 drawing.

4. Each site will be responsible for purchasing/acquiring their own sequentially numbered tickets as well as ensuring their own financial accountability. School treasurers or similarly situated personnel within the 501(c)(3) organization must be an integral part of the financial accountability for these drawings, including but not limited to ensuring all funds collected are completely and accurately accounted for in conducting this raffle. The OHSAA takes no responsibility for ensuring financial accountability for 50/50 funds.

5. A report of the 50/50 drawing shall be submitted with the tournament financial report to the OHSAA in the manner prescribed and requested.

6. Tickets must be drawn publicly in the press box or other public location at the host venue not later than the end of the 3rd quarter.

7. Tickets must be drawn by a person who has not participated by purchasing a ticket in the drawing and is disinterested in the outcome.

8. Tickets shall be sold for $1 each and shall be sold individually by the ticket. Tickets shall not be sold by the “arm length” or any other measurement.

9. 50/50 tickets shall be a different color than the admission tickets. All admission tickets are supplied by the OHSAA.

10. Site manager and his/her immediate family are ineligible to purchase tickets in the raffle.