



Ohio High School Athletic Association

Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D., Commissioner

To: All Regional Champion/State Qualifier Baseball Teams

Congratulations on your Regional Championship! Ohio's State Championships at Huntington Park in downtown Columbus continue to be among the best in the nation. We all look forward to this year's state championships and the excitement that comes with playing at one of the nation's premier ballparks.

You were provided instructions after your District Championship to download and submit the required paperwork for **both** the Regional and State tournaments. Doing this allows us to be more efficient, eliminating the need to duplicate any of this material. Since some schools may have updated/changed items from the Regional level, we are asking all state tournament participating schools **to bring hard copies of your submitted forms to the state meeting.**

This is also an important reminder that the **STATE FINALISTS MEETING** will be held **TUESDAY, MAY 31 at 11:00 a.m.** at the OHSAA Offices. For 'MapQuest' and other locators, the address is:

**Ohio High School Athletic Association
4080 Roselea Place
Columbus, OH 43214**

Two (2) representatives are welcome from your school and there will be a lunch provided after the meeting. We will review several important items and provide you with a few complimentary items for your team compliments of Rawlings – the OHSAA's Official game ball provider. Please review your attached tournament instructions prior to your arrival at the finalists meeting.

Again, congratulations and we look forward to an exciting week of baseball at Huntington Park!

Sincerely,

Jerry Snodgrass
Assistant Commissioner

Emily Gates
Program Coordinator

State Baseball Tournament Instructions & Information

Regulations: Please review all Baseball Tournament Regulations from the baseball website at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bb/boys/default.asp>

State Finalists Meeting: The OHSAA invites the Athletic Director and a guest (head coach or Principal) of all participating schools to attend the State Finalists' Meeting at the OHSAA Offices at 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Coach Certification/Eligibility: ONLY coaches with valid Pupil Activity Permits through the Ohio Department of Education **and** in uniform will be eligible to be in the dugout/on the field before during and after the game. All approved and 'licensed' coaches were submitted at the Sectional level on your OHSAA Tournament Entry Form.

Eligibility Lists: Though you have handed this in at the various levels of tournament play, all schools must hand in the Official OHSAA Eligibility List at the State Finalists meeting. This will certify all players on the list as eligible for the state tournament.

Size of Squad Permitted in Dugout/On Field: In addition to the eligible coaches mentioned above, each team is limited to the following:

- Twenty-two (22) players in uniform.
- 1 Student Manager/Bat Boy
- 1 Athletic Trainer
- 1 Scorekeeper

23 Medals will be provided at the Championship Ceremony at the Conclusion of the Championship game.

Postponed Games: In the event of postponements, the postponed games are scheduled in their original order. This will be reviewed at the Finalists' Meeting. **Though not every situation can be accommodated, the Commissioner reserves the right to alter game schedules to accommodate graduation conflicts.** This is approved per the Board of Directors adopted Tournament Regulations.

Practice: No practices are permitted at Huntington Park, the site of the 2016 State Tournament.

Tournament Draw/Home Team Designation: Tournament draws were conducted by the Board of Directors at the March 2016 meeting. The **HOME team in all Semi-Final and Final games has been pre-drawn and will be the TOP team on the bracket.**

Officials/Umpires: Game umpires for the State Tournament are selected from guidelines established by the Board of Directors and assigned by the Commissioner's office. Per OHSAA rules, any protest arising from the decision and interpretation of the rules by the officials during the game will not be considered. The decisions and interpretations are final per OHSAA Bylaw 8, Section 3.

Admission: All tickets are \$8.00 for State Semi-final and Final games at Huntington Park.

State Tournament Statistical Form: The last page of this packet includes a Statistical and Team Information Form that needs to be completed and faxed to our office (preferred) or brought to the Finalists' Meeting on Monday. This is important for our media and news releases from our Information staff.

Team Admittance and Passes: Each team will be provided Commemorative Participant "Bag Tags" to be used for admission to Huntington Park for any game of the OHSAA State Tournament –including the game they will participate in. You will be provided the number of "Bag Tags" equal to the number permitted in the dugout. The "Bag Tags" provided will take the place of a Pass List. The Commemorative Passes will provide admission at the Home Plate Entrance only. Additionally, 8 passes are provided for the Principal (2), Superintendent (2) Athletic Administrator (2) and Bus Driver/Other (2). Should you or your school elect to use the 8 passes in a different method, those NOT with a pass will be required to pay for admission. **There is NO PASS LIST that will be utilized. All admission will be by actual pass.**

Team Expenses: The State baseball expense allowances are as follows:

- Travel allowance: \$5.00 per mile-one way per day for each day of participation
- Participation Allowance: \$400.00 per day for each day of participation
- Teams are asked to file the enclosed mileage report with the state tournament manager at the Finalists meeting.

2016 OHSAA State Baseball Tournament

Huntington Park, Columbus



Finalists Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 – 11:00 AM

- I. **WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS & COLLECTION OF FORMS**
 - a. Jerry Snodgrass and OHSAA Staff, Columbus Sports Commission, Clippers Baseball
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS & REMINDERS**
- III. **TEAM INFORMATION**
 - a. Media Requests/Interest
 - b. Hotel Information
 - c. State Baseball Tournament Instructions & Paperwork
 - d. State Tournament Participant Passes
 - e. Team Expenses
 - f. Administrators Passes & Participation Certificates
 - g. Review of Non-Interscholastic Participation
 - h. Complimentary Game Programs & Team Photos & Phoenix Bat Info
 - i. School Logos
 - j. Statistic Sheets
- IV. **COMPETITION INFORMATION**
 - a. Pre-Game Practice Schedule
 - b. **Athletic Directors Communication with Huntington Park Security Staff**
 - c. Ceremonial First Pitches
 - d. Officials
 - e. Game Balls
 - f. Weather Issues
 - g. Sportsmanship
 - h. Championship Game Preparation after winning Semi-Finals
- V. **REVIEW OF TICKETS, PARKING, ENTRY INFO**
- VI. **MEDIA INFO: Tim Stried**
- VII. **REVIEW OF ALL SITE INFORMATION**
 - a. Maps
 - b. Important Locations – Pass Gate & Media Area
 - c. Buses/Parking
 - d. Entrances
 - e. Hitting schedules, etc.
- VIII. **OTHER**
 - a. Awards Presentation Procedures – School Administrator – 23 Total Medals provided
 - b. Awards Contact – Croton Craft – 1-800-947-5521
 - c. Graduations/Conflicts
 - d. Physicians/Trainers
 - e. Rawlings Hats/Coaches Shirts
- IX. **Q and A's**



Ohio High School Athletic Association Important State Tournament Information

Submit via Fax (614-267-1677) or email to egates@ohsaa.org
Please bring a copy to the Finalists Meeting

School Name: _____

Head Coach's Name: _____

Head Coach's Cell Phone Number: _____

Athletic Director's Name: _____

Athletic Director's Cell Phone Number: _____

Number of Players in Uniform (Max 22): _____

Number of Coaches w/ Pupil Activity Coaching Permits (Including Head Coach): _____

Name of School Administrator(s) assisting with Awards Ceremony:

Name

Title

Date of High School Graduation: _____

Time: _____

**Respect
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GAME**

2016 OHSAA State Baseball Statistics and Team Information Request

Please Bring to State Qualifiers Meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Or Fax to OHSAA at 614-267-1677, Attention Tim Stried

Team Statistics Request: In addition to completing the form below, the OHSAA asks each school to submit (in any format) complete season statistics (through regionals, if possible) to Tim Stried via email (tstried@ohsaa.org) or fax. Statistics may also be submitted at Finalists' Meeting on Tuesday, May 31.

School _____ Division _____

Overall Record _____ Conference Name, Record, Finish _____

Head Coach and Pronunciation (if needed) _____

Team Notes (strengths, school records set, key wins, consecutive conference titles, etc.)

Top Players

Pitcher

Name _____

RH or LH No. _____ Position P/ _____ Year _____

W-L _____ ERA _____ K _____ BB _____

Other Key Stats and Notes (including offensive stats):

Pitcher

Name _____

RH or LH No. _____ Position P/ _____ Year _____

W-L _____ ERA _____ K _____ BB _____

Other Key Stats and Notes (including offensive stats):

Name _____

No. _____ Position _____ Year _____ Avg. _____

Key Stats and Notes:

Name _____

No. _____ Position _____ Year _____ Avg. _____

Key Stats and Notes:

Name _____

No. _____ Position _____ Year _____ Avg. _____

Key Stats and Notes:

Possible Starters

No. Pos. Yr. Name

P

P

C

1B

2B

3B

SS

LF

CF

RF

Key Reserves

No. Pos. Yr. Name

Notable Baseball Alumni (Explain)