



## TOP-SEEDED OHIO STATE TO HOST NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN COLUMBUS MAY 4 & 6

*St. John Arena to Host Championship for 5<sup>th</sup> Time as Buckeyes Look to Defend Title  
OSU Men's Team Media Availability Scheduled for Monday at 11:30 a.m.*

**COLUMBUS (April 27, 2017)** – Ohio State Men's Volleyball team will begin its national title defense next Thursday, May 4 at 8 p.m., at home inside historic St. John Arena, facing either Hawaii or Penn State in the NCAA Semifinals.

The NCAA Men's National Collegiate Volleyball Championship match, which St. John Arena will host the for the fifth time in its existence, is set for Saturday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

Ohio State, the 2016 national champions, was named the tournament's number one overall seed and received an opening round bye after completing the regular season with a 30-2 record.

**NOTE: Pete Hanson, head coach of the Buckeyes, and requested student-athletes will be available at 11:30 a.m. Monday (May 1) at St. John Arena. Please contact Kyle Kuhlman ([kuhlman.137@osu.edu](mailto:kuhlman.137@osu.edu); 419-308-8292) if planning to attend and/or with any specific student-athlete interview requests.**

All tickets are now on sale for advanced purchase. For game day purchases, the St. John Arena box office will open 90 minutes prior to match time on days of competition with doors to the arena opening 60 minutes prior to match time. Ohio State students will receive free admission with a valid BuckID for all sessions in which Ohio State is competing. Parking in St. John Arena lots will be free for the matches.

The championships will also feature a **FREE FAN FEST** in the OSU Ice Rink next door to St. John Arena on Saturday, May 6 from 4 -6 p.m. The pre-match festivities will include a Sport Court volleyball court down for playing, food trucks, a bounce house, face-painting, sign-making stations and an autograph session with inaugural Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) Hall of Fame inductees from 5-5:30 p.m. for the general public and 4:30-5 p.m. for groups sales ticket purchasers.

### TICKET INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*Tuesday, May 2 | Opening Round*

6 p.m. ET – No. 3 BYU (24-4) vs. No. 6 Barton (23-5)

8 p.m. ET – No. 4 Hawaii (26-5) vs. No. 5 Penn State (21-10)

**THURSDAY, MAY 4 | NCAA SEMIFINALS**

6 p.m. ET – No. 2 Long Beach State (27-3) vs. BYU/Barton winner

8 p.m. ET – No. 1 Ohio State (30-2) vs. Hawaii/Penn State winner

**Saturday, May 6 | NCAA Finals**

7 p.m. ET – Semifinals winners

**Opening Round (May 2) Ticket Prices:**

\$8 Adults | \$5 Youth

**All-Session Tickets (May 4 & 6) Prices:**

*>All-Session tickets include the semifinals and championship matches only. The opening round on Tuesday is not included.*

\$25 Adults | \$15 Youth } | \$8 Group\* (10 or more)

**Single-Session Ticket (May 4 or 6) Prices:**

*>Both Semifinals matches are included in a single-session ticket*

\$15 Adults | \$10 Youth | \$5 Group\* (10 or more)

*\*Group ticket rates are available in advance only by calling the Ohio State Ticket Sales office at 1-800-GOBUCKS*

Ohio's capital city has laid claim to the title of 'Volleyball Capital of the Midwest,' becoming the first city in NCAA history to host both the women's and men's collegiate national volleyball championship in the same academic year, in addition to a long history of hosting premier amateur volleyball events. The NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship was held Dec. 15-17, 2016 downtown at Nationwide Arena and will return to Columbus in 2021.

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