

OHIO CUP 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION



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Fields, location, and parking

- When you get off of I-71 at the 17th Avenue exit, turn onto the Ohio History Connection property. This is where all Ohio Cup activities are located.
- On your left (the west side of the driveway) you will see The Green, which will be a community space that includes the Welcome Tent, the Hospitality Tent (housed within the Welcome Tent), and the Phoenix Bats tent. This is an area where Ohio Cup attendees can eat, socialize, and get some rest between games. There will also be food carts stationed near here throughout the weekend.



- On the east side of the driveway are the four fields where games will be played. They are named after famous vintage fields from the past (Capitoline, Union, Elysian, and Vassar).
- North of the Welcome Tent is a large parking lot. Please park here.
- Left of this first big parking lot you will see a large building which is the Ohio History Center museum. Access the museum is free for Ohio Cup attendees (for further details, see the section “Ohio History Center” in this packet).
- The Ohio Village will be closed during this year’s Ohio Cup, and no activities will take place there.

Welcome packet

1. When your team arrives at the Cup, the team captain should pick up a “welcome packet” at the Welcome Tent out by the 17th Avenue fields. Captains should also turn in a team liability waiver, signed by each member of the team attending the event, which is required prior to playing any games at the Ohio Cup.
2. In the welcome packet you will find:
 - a. **Program with a link to the schedules of games.**
 - b. **Wristbands.** Wristbands are needed by non-playing family members to get into the Ohio History Center for free. Players and officials don't need wristbands to get into the museum as long as you are wearing your uniform or period costume. If you need more wristbands, please ask for them at the Welcome Tent. Before you leave for home, please return unused wristbands to the Welcome Tent.

Raffle tickets

- The Phoenix Bats Company has donated two custom bats to the Ohio Cup to be raffled off.
- Raffle tickets will be sold at the Phoenix Bats tent on The Green all day Saturday and Sunday.
- The cost is \$3 per ticket or 2 for \$5 (cash only).
- Money from the raffle will be used to help defray costs of the Cup.
- The drawings for the winners will be held in the Phoenix Bats Tent at 4:30 on Sunday. Two winners will be selected.
- Winners will be contacted by email and will receive an electronic gift certificate to create a customized bat on the Phoenix Bat website, then the bat will be shipped for free.

What to bring/what not to bring

We encourage teams to bring:

- **Canopies for shade.** There is very little shade by the 17th Avenue fields, although we will have a large tent set up on The Green for general respite from the shade with some seating (though you are encouraged to bring your own seating).
- **Lawn chairs and/or blankets.** We have a few bales of straw for team benches and a few bales for fans, but not many.
- **A full set of at least 9 players, dressed in full uniforms.** In the past, we have dis-invited teams because of not living up to this expectation. If an emergency comes up at the last minute that causes you to be short of players, there are usually players around who are willing to play extra games. What we don't want is for a team with 7 players who pick up *more* than the 2 players that they need to fill up to 9.
- **A few practice balls.** We will provide game balls.
- You are welcome to bring your own soda and water to the Cup. There will be 5-gallon jugs of water and disposable cups at each bench.

Do not bring:

- **The Ohio History Connection prohibits guns, any kind of smoking, and metal cleats.**
- **No dogs are not allowed at the festival, unless they are service dogs.**
- **Items for sale** (you can NOT sell team t-shirts, bats, hats, etc.)
- **Alcohol**
 - Don't bring your own alcohol.
 - There will be no alcohol sales at the Ohio Cup this year.
 - Failure to abide by this alcohol policy could result in your team not being invited back to the Ohio Cup.

Food

- There will be free, bountiful snacks and beverages (water and lemonade) available from 9 AM to 4 PM, on both Saturday and Sunday, at the Hospitality Tent on The Green.
- There will be food trucks on site both days of the event.

Ohio History Center

- Attendees of the Ohio Cup in uniform or period clothing, and any family member wearing an Ohio Cup wrist band, get free entrance into the Ohio History Center museum.
- Please enter the museum through the ground level main entrance, letting admission staff know you are with the Ohio Cup. We encourage you to check out the Lustron home and the Ohio sports exhibit.
- On the upper level (plaza level) of the museum, there is a café where you can purchase food and drinks. The plaza level can be accessed via the museum elevators or the staircase in the middle of the building.
- Near the café is a seating area that will be available for Ohio Cup attendees to relax between games.

All-club match (Friday night)

On the Friday evening before the Cup, we will be hosting an All-club Match on one of the fields. This game is a pick-up match open to all-comers. This is a very colorful game since all who play will be in full uniform. Family members, friends of the teams, and non-uniformed players are welcome to come watch the game.

- The game will be played in front of the Ohio History Center, starting at 6 PM.
- Those in attendance will be split into 2 teams around 5:50. Anyone arriving after that who wants to play is to report to the site manager, and he will assign you to a team and have you added to the score sheet.
- We hope to get in 9 innings by 8 PM.
- Water and restrooms will be available.
- **There will be no alcohol sales for this game, nor are you allowed to bring any liquor on to the property that night.**
- Wristbands won't be needed for entrance to this game.

Saturday timeline

8:00 AM	Welcome Tent opens (captains pick up Welcome Packet); Phoenix Bats tent opens for pick-up of commemorative item pre-sales and new sales.
9:00	First game starts. Hospitality Tent opens on The Green (free snacks and shelter); sales open for Phoenix bat raffle.
4:00	Raffle ticket sales end for the day; deadline to pick up pre-sales; Hospitality Tent closes.
4:50	End of last game

Sunday timeline

8:00 AM	Welcome Tent opens (captains pick up Welcome Packet); Phoenix Bats tent opens for pick-up of commemorative item pre-sales and new sales.
9:00	First game starts. Hospitality Tent opens on The Green (free snacks and shelter); sales open for Phoenix bat raffle.
4:00	Raffle ticket sales end for the day; deadline to pick up pre-sales; Hospitality Tent closes.
4:30	Raffle drawing
4:50	End of last game