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Ohio's Best Softball Teams Compete in Akron this Week OHSAA Brings Girls State Softball Championship to Firestone Stadium

For the 4th straight year, the City of Akron welcomes the best of the best in girls' softball teams this weekend. The top 16 Ohio high school teams from four divisions come together to compete for the state title at Firestone Stadium beginning Thursday.

"Akron has been honored that the Ohio High School Athletic Association has selected Firestone Stadium to be home to their championship series," said Mayor Don Plusquellic. "We are pleased that so many people from Akron and around Ohio are able to enjoy the tournament in a first-class location."

The tournament has been held at Firestone Stadium since 2008, with attendance averaging about 10,000 for the three-day event.

Semifinal games start Thursday, June 2, and continue Friday, with game times at 10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, and 5:30pm.

The State Tournament Girls Softball Finals will be Saturday, June 4th with games at 10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:30pm. Mayor Plusquellic will throw out the first pitch at the 10:00 a.m. finals game Saturday morning.

Admission of \$8 enables fans to attend a two game session.

The City of Akron acquired Firestone stadium from the rubber company that shares its founder's name, and upgraded the historic sports venue to create a home for Akron's professional women's softball team, the Akron Racers, in 1997. The Racers will hold its first exhibition game at Canal Park, home of the Akron Aeros, Thursday at 8pm, and participants in the OHSAA tournament are bring provided tickets to the Racer's game courtesy of Marathon Petroleum Company.