



# OHIO STATE FOOTBALL

## 2020 FACULTY AND STAFF TICKET INFORMATION

### ORDERING PERIOD February 13 – March 5, 2020

#### 1. ORDER PROCESS & PAYMENT

- Eligible faculty/staff members may apply for 2 full season (all home games) or 2 non-conference (Bowling Green, Buffalo) ticket packages beginning on **February 13, 2020**. The deadline for faculty/staff members to apply for tickets is **March 5, 2020 at 5:00pm ET**. No exceptions to the deadline will be granted. The OSU Athletics Ticket Office requires all season ticket holders to apply for their season tickets online.
- Eligible faculty/staff members who ordered a full season or non-conference ticket package for the 2019 OSU Football season will automatically be e-mailed 2020 ordering information to the e-mail address currently on record in their ticket office account. All eligible renewing faculty/staff members will be able to apply for 2 full season tickets. Those who would like to reduce to a non-conference ticket package should contact the Ticket Office via email to [athletic.tix@osu.edu](mailto:athletic.tix@osu.edu).
- All eligible employees that did not purchase a full season or non-conference ticket package for the 2019 season will be sent online ordering information in February for the 2020 non-conference ticket package only. First time purchasers are limited to the non-conference ticket package.
- If demand exceeds the supply available in the faculty/staff allotment, the Department of Athletics reserves the right to reduce full season package orders to the non-conference package, or refund orders entirely based on faculty/staff points system.
- Faculty/Staff members will have the alternative option of purchasing tickets (at full price) to home games via a single game online presale in July. Detailed instructions for this ticket option will be communicated to all eligible faculty/staff members via email in mid to late June.
- **Payment Plan Options for 2020:** Faculty/Staff members will have 3 different payment plan options, all which will require a minimum down payment at the time their order is placed. All faculty/staff members who choose extended payment plans should have funds available when the ticket office attempts to charge credit cards.
  - 3-Payment Plan: Divides the total due into 3 equal installments. One-third of the total will be due at the time the order is submitted, and the remaining balance will be charged automatically in 2 subsequent monthly installments (on 4/1/20 and 5/1/20).
  - 2-Payment Plan: Divides the total due into 2 equal installments. One-half of the total will be due at the time the order is submitted, and the remaining balance will be charged automatically on 4/1/20.
  - Pay in Full: Pay the entire balance due at the time the order is submitted.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- Each regular or auxiliary faculty member, or regular or term staff member, if appointed by January 31 of the current year, is eligible to apply.
- Individuals employed after January 31 are not eligible to purchase 2020 football season faculty/staff ticket options.
- Retired faculty and staff are eligible to apply for two tickets provided they have 25 years of service or emeritus status with The Ohio State University prior to retirement. (Early buyout does not qualify towards years of service)
- If you retired from the university prior to January 31, 2020, with 25 years of service or more with the university, and did not purchase tickets for the 2019 season, please email the following information to [athletic.tix@osu.edu](mailto:athletic.tix@osu.edu) to have your faculty/staff ticket account activated for ticket purchasing: Full Name, OSU Employee ID#, Home Address, Mobile Phone, Email Address, Department
- First time purchasers, or those who did not purchase a full season or non-conference ticket package the previous season are limited to the non-conference ticket package.

#### 3. PRICING INFORMATION AND DISCOUNTED TICKET POLICY

Detailed season ticket and single game ticket pricing for the 2020 season can be found [here](#).

The Athletic Council and Department of Athletics believe it is important that discounted tickets be used by the original purchaser or by someone within the same category, and, in principle, access to athletic event tickets at a discounted price is a privilege extended to members of the university community.

#### **NEW FOR 2020: PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE FACULTY/STAFF SEASON TICKET DISCOUNT RATE ONLY**

Faculty/Staff may purchase their season ticket package at the faculty/staff discounted rate of 20% off the single game ticket price (\$659 per full season ticket or \$107 per non-conference ticket).

- **OSU IDs will not need to be shown for entry to the games.**
- **Faculty/Staff tickets will eligible for online ticket management (transfer, resale, mobile).**

#### 4. FACULTY/STAFF PRIORITY POINT SYSTEM

- Ohio State's Athletic Council has established a point system for faculty/staff ticket distribution and seating assignments.
  - Regular and auxiliary faculty members are awarded points based on rank, plus years of service (one point per year).
  - Regular and Term staff members are awarded points based on their salary schedule, plus years of service (one point per year).
  - Part-time faculty and staff will receive points based on the criteria above multiplied by their percentage of FTE.
  - No-salary appointees (i.e. 0% FTE) will not be awarded priority points.
  - Eligible retirees (as defined in #2 above): Once a faculty or staff member retires, the total amount of points accrued based on rank or salary, respectively, will be frozen, and service points will be recalculated and awarded a half point per year of service, regardless if they are rehired at a later date.
  - Refer to **page 3 of this document** for a more detailed explanation of the faculty/staff point system.
  - Questions regarding faculty/staff point calculations should be directed to [athletic.tix@osu.edu](mailto:athletic.tix@osu.edu).

## 5. FACULTY/STAFF SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

- Faculty/Staff full season ticket holders will select their own seats online using the [Ohio State Football Virtual Venue](#) interactive seat map. Customers must submit ticket orders during the outlined ordering period; seat selection windows will be assigned based on faculty/staff priority points and will be communicated via email in mid-March. Refer to <https://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets/seat-selection-process/> for more information. Faculty/Staff full season ticket holders are required to select their seats each season.
- Faculty/Staff non-conference packages will be assigned in priority point order by the Athletics Ticket Office from available inventory.
- Faculty/Staff members with permanent or temporary disabilities should indicate whether they need special seating in the “Seating Requests” section while completing the online ordering process. Anyone requesting ADA accessible seating will be required to submit a [Disability Needs Form](#) to be assigned accessible seats. The Disability Needs Form can be filled out online or returned to our office, but accessible seating will not be assigned until the form is received. **Disability Needs forms must be submitted by the renewal deadline.**
  - Customers requiring ADA accessible seats will receive instructions from the Athletics Ticket Office regarding their seat selection options once their ADA needs form has been received.
- GROUP SEATING or SEAT-WITH REQUESTS:
  - Full season ticket holders should refer to the Seat Selection Process information at <https://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets/seat-selection-process/> for more info on group seating.
  - Those purchasing non-conference ticket packages, when applying for tickets online, should list the name and ticket office account number of the individual(s) they would like to sit with in the “Seating Requests” section. Seat-with requests are not guaranteed and will only be considered if ALL parties wishing to sit together submit the same request. Seating priority will be assigned based on the person with the lowest point total. Limit 8 total faculty/staff seats per seating group. PLEASE NOTE: Faculty/Staff members purchasing the non-conference package cannot be seated with those purchasing the full season ticket package.
- **No refunds will be issued to faculty/staff members who are unhappy with their seat location.**

## 6. IMPORTANT NOTES / POLICIES

- Submitting a faculty/staff ticket order is not a guarantee you will receive tickets. If ticket orders exceed the supply available in the faculty/staff allotment, orders will be filled for those with the highest priority points first.
- Faculty/Staff that apply for season tickets during the presale period, but discontinue their employment with The Ohio State University prior to the beginning of the football season, are ineligible to receive faculty/staff discounted tickets and will be issued a refund.
- A \$35 non-refundable processing fee will be added to all ticket orders. (Ticket orders refunded due to insufficient points will be refunded the processing fee.)
- Change of account information: It is the responsibility of the account holder to keep the Athletic Ticket Office informed of any changes to their account. After logging in to your Ohio State Buckeyes Account, click ACCOUNT SETTINGS and confirm that the information listed on your account is correct. Please keep the email address on your account profile current to ensure that you receive season renewal notices and other ticket updates.
- **Please note that all address changes for the 2020 football season ticket mailing must be made prior to May 31, 2020.** No in-care-of addresses will be accepted.
- Every person, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter Ohio Stadium. Lap tickets are available for children under 2 and can be purchased for \$10, on game days only, at Gate 5 at Ohio Stadium.
- **You may lose your ticket privileges if (a) you have engaged in conduct that is determined, by either OSU or the NCAA, to be in violation of any NCAA rules or if, in OSU’s reasonable discretion, you have otherwise taken any action that jeopardizes the eligibility of OSU’s programs or its student athletes; or (b) you have transferred your ticket(s) in such a way that has proven to be detrimental to the ticket recipient(s) and/or Ohio State.**

## 7. AWAY GAME TICKETS

To be eligible for away game tickets, faculty/staff members must purchase either the full season or non-conference ticket package, and meet all other eligibility requirements. **The faculty/staff away game ticket sale will be conducted in early May, online only at [www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets).** Prices and ticket availability will be communicated to eligible faculty/staff members via email closer to the away game sale date. Tickets will be limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

## FACULTY & STAFF POINT SYSTEM FOR BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL TICKETS

Ohio State's Athletic Council (AC) uses a priority point system to rank its faculty and staff (including retirees) with the total number of points determining football and men's basketball ticket eligibility and seating assignments. The priority point system, which has been in effect for decades, provides a systematic, orderly, and fair process for order fulfillment and seat assignment from the faculty/staff pool of tickets.

### Eligibility

Each regular or auxiliary faculty member, or regular or term staff member, if appointed by January 31 of the current year, is eligible to apply. Retired faculty and staff are eligible to apply provided they have 25 years of service or emeritus status prior to retirement.

Eligible faculty and staff will be limited to two full or non-conference ticket packages from the faculty/staff pool. First-time purchasers, or those who did not purchase tickets the previous season, are limited to the non-conference ticket package. Faculty, staff, and retirees may continue to receive additional tickets as a result of joining a qualifying donor group. Once a faculty, staff member, or retiree deceases, all ticket privileges from the faculty/staff pool cease.

### Regular Faculty Points

Regular faculty appointed on full-time tenure, clinical, or research tracks will be awarded points based on rank, plus years of service (one point per year). Points based on rank are as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Points</b>
Professor	35
Associate professor	30
Assistant professor	25
Instructor	20

### Auxiliary Faculty Points

Auxiliary faculty (including adjunct, some clinical, visiting professors, lecturers) will be awarded points based on rank, plus years of service (one point per year). Points based on rank are as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Points</b>
Professor	20
Associate professor	15
Assistant professor	10
Instructor and Lecturer	5

### Staff Points

Regular and term staff will be awarded points based on salary, plus years of service (one point per year). Points based on salary are as follows, where sextile 1 is the one-sixth of staff with the highest salaries, and sextile 6 the lowest:

<b>Sextile</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>2020 Ranges</b>
1	35	\$90,000 and above
2	30	\$67,500-\$89,999
3	25	\$56,000-\$67,499
4	20	\$46,500-\$55,999
5	15	\$35,000-\$46,499
6	10	Below \$35,000

Staff in the lower two ranges with 10 or more full-time-equivalent (FTE) years of service will receive an additional 5 points added to their total. If any staff member's salary increases, but the person would lose points in successive years due to movement in the salary sextile breakpoints, then that staff member's points for the given year will be equal to an average of the points earned that and the two previous years.

### Part-time Faculty and Staff Points

Part-time faculty and staff will receive points based on the percentage of FTE; e.g., someone appointed at a 70% FTE will receive points (rounded down to the nearest integer) for rank (or salary) and years of service  $\times 0.7$  and correspondingly a 30% FTE appointment will have rank (or salary) and years of service  $\times 0.30$ . Some employees, such as visiting and adjunct professors and some clinical staff at the dental clinic and OSU Medical Center are not paid directly by Ohio State, and are considered no-salary appointees, or 0% FTE, and thus the point reduction calculation results in 0 points for this group.

### Retiree Points

Retired faculty and staff are eligible to apply for two tickets provided they have 25 FTE years of service or emeritus status with The Ohio State University prior to retirement (early buyout, medical disability, and student employment does not qualify towards years of service).

Once a faculty or staff person retires, the total amount of points accrued based on rank or salary, respectively, will be frozen, no matter if the faculty/staff member is rehired at a later date. At cessation of employment, service points for emeritus and retired faculty and staff will be recalculated and awarded a half point for every full year of service.

### Loyalty Bonus

A bonus of 0.1 point is credited for each year of the preceding 10 that the person has purchased tickets, up to a maximum of 0.9 points. Since the point threshold for receiving tickets is an integer, this bonus will not affect eligibility to receive a ticket package, but will have an impact on seat assignments within a group with equal points.