



2022 – 2023 Brutus Tryout Information

Introduction

The following is an excerpt from a commencement speech delivered by Woody Hayes on March 14th, 1986 to OSU graduates:

"I would like to start with something I have used in almost every speech, and this is, 'paying forward.' That is the thing that you folks can do with your great education for the rest of your life. Try to take that attitude toward life - that you're going to pay forward. So seldom can we pay back because those who helped most--your parents and other people--will be gone, but you'll find that you do want to pay. Emerson had something to say about that: "You can pay back only seldom." But he said, "You can always pay forward, and you must pay line for line, deed for deed, and cent for cent." He said, "Beware of too much good accumulating in your palm or it will fast corrupt."

Each student that has had the honor of representing Brutus Buckeye has adopted coach Hayes attitude to "pay it forward" to the Buckeye community that has given each of us so much. It takes tremendous effort, dedication, sacrifice, discipline, and devotion for you to continue the great tradition that is Brutus Buckeye. Being a part of this program is truly a once in a lifetime experience. This opportunity will transform your relationship with your alma mater for the rest of your life.

Are you ready to be a part of the Brutus Buckeye family?



Brutus Prerequisite Tryout Information - CRITICAL

All candidates in the Spirit Program must embody the definition of a “student-athlete”. Becoming the character is secondary only to your family, and your academic pursuits at The Ohio State University. To be considered for Brutus, candidates must meet the tryout pre-requisite requirements listed below:

- Currently enrolled student at The Ohio State University, Main Campus by the tryout completion date
- At least freshman status during the semester of your tryout
- In good academic standing dictated by the NCAA / Big Ten Standard
- Can commit to **at least 15 hours** a week for team related commitments
- Have a flexible schedule year round
- Have a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher. (Once on the team, a student-athlete must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or higher in order to remain on the team. In addition, all student athletes must abide by the standards & requirements dictated by the Brutus Buckeye Code of Conduct)

This commitment will require you to assist in various athletic and non-athletic appearances. These include but are not limited to:

- Football games (Home & Away)
- Men’s & Women’s Basketball games (Home)
- Men’s & Women’s Hockey games (Home)
- Men’s & Women’s Volleyball games (Home)
- Men’s & Women’s Soccer games (Home)
- Swimming & Diving events (Home)
- Community enhancement events (on & off campus)
- Weddings & Celebrations
- Commercial Shoots



There will be opportunities to travel for post season bowls and tournament games. Individuals will be committed to training for local and national competitions. This is a very dynamic program that requires a year – round time commitment along with a certain level of availability and flexibility in your schedule. The mandatory commitments in which you MUST be available for is as follows:

Mandatory Commitments Schedule

Summer –Bruti are **required** to be available for events at least 1 month each (May – August) to do events throughout the summer which include but are not limited to:

- OSU Day at Cedar Point* Late May 2022
- State Tours* June & July (Various)
- 4th of July Celebration* 7/1 -7/4
- Big Ten Football Media Days* 7/21 -7/22
- Big Ten 10K * 7/23 - 7/25
- Brutus Summer Retreat 7/28 - 7/31
- Buckeye Kickoff* 8/25

*Dates are tentative & subject to change

Once these events have been scheduled (typically a month ahead of the date) you will then be able to make arrangements for vacations etc.

School Year Practice Schedule

**** YOU WILL NEED TO SCHEDULE CLASSES AROUND PRACTICES, WEIGHT TRAINING, AND GAMES**

Fall Semester – Subject to Change

Practice	TBD (Two Days a Week)	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Weights	Mondays & Wednesdays	Early Mornings

Spring Semester

Practice	TBD (Two Days a Week)	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Weights	Mondays & Wednesdays	Early Mornings



Special Events/Apearances

- Each Spirit Squad member is required to attend assigned Athletic Department appearances.
- When we are preparing for competitions, there will be additional practices that may overlap University breaks.

Pre-tryout Documentation requirements – CRITICAL

Interested candidates must provide the following information before you can participate in any costume related opportunities:

- (Non - Freshman) Autumn 22 class schedule / Proof of enrollment in OSU main Campus
- (Incoming Freshmen / Transfer students) Letter of acceptance to OSU main Campus
- A 5x7 head shot
- Proof of a physical within the last 12 months
 - Must include the date & physician signature
- Signed and Completed Release of Claims form
- Signed and Completed Sickle Cell Trait Testing Form

Pre-tryout Information Sessions & In Costume opportunities – CRITICAL

Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend **at least** one information session, & one in costume session prior to tryouts.

Information Session (Attendance strongly encouraged) – CRITICAL

Interested candidates will receive a high-level overview of being apart of the Brutus Buckeye program. The information shared will include:

- Commitment requirements
- Program Benefits and Opportunities
- Tryout process
- Q & A session

Candidates will also interface with the mascot coaching staff along with individuals who have recently been a member of the Brutus Buckeye program.



Information Session Schedule – CRITICAL

Information Session	Date	Time	Location
1	1/29	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom – Email Sharp.255@osu.edu for the link
2	1/30	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom – Email Sharp.255@osu.edu for the link
3	2/5	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom – Email Sharp.255@osu.edu for the link
4	2/6	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom – Email Sharp.255@osu.edu for the link
5	2/26	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom – Email Sharp.255@osu.edu for the link
6	2/27	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom – Email Sharp.255@osu.edu for the link

Brutus Buckeye Costume Times (Attendance Strongly Encouraged) – CRITICAL

This is an opportunity to get some time & experience in the costume while getting instruction on how to correctly portray the character of Brutus Buckeye. These are your best opportunities to get comfortable in the costume prior to the tryout process.

Remember you must have all the pre tryout documentation turned in before participating in the costume times. You are also going to need to pre-register for the costume session by sending an email requesting attendance to coach Ray Sharp at sharp.255@osu.edu



Costume Time Schedule – CRITICAL

Costume Time Session	Date	Time	Location
1 – Character Development	3/10/22	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Covelli Center
2- Character Development	3/12/22	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Covelli Center
3-Props & Improv. 1	3/24/22	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Covelli Center
4 – Situations & Improv. 2	3/26/22	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Covelli Center
5- Situations & Improv. 3	3/29/22	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Covelli Center
6. Situations & Improv. 4	3/30/22	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Covelli Center

Brutus Tryout Dates & Times– CRITICAL

Tryout Registration – Mandatory – 3/28/22

In order to register for tryouts you need to ensure you have

1. Completed the Pre-Tryout documentation
2. Completed the registration form via the following link here

Final Costume time – 3/30/22 - 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM –

Covelli Center

This will be your final opportunity to get some time in the outfit & ask any last-minute questions that you may have. It also will give you an opportunity to get any last-minute advice and recommendations

Interviews – 4/2/22 via Zoom

Your interview time will be provided to you via Coach Ray prior to Tryouts. Each candidate will meet with a committee comprised of a variety of Brutus Buckeye alumni, athletic department officials, and/or coaches. Please arrive 10 minutes early dressed in business professional attire.



In Costume – 4/3/22 In Person

This is the evaluation of how well you portray Brutus' character in the various situations he may experience on a daily basis.

Team Selection

Upon conclusion of tryouts, and after a deliberation period, the team will be announced.

If you have any further questions, concerns or points of clarification, please don't hesitate to reach me by email. Good luck to you all & GO BUCKS!

Sincerely,

Ray Sharp

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Release of Claims – TRY-OUT

I am currently a student at The Ohio State University. The Ohio State University's Department of Athletics has agreed to allow me to use the University's athletic facilities during my tryout with the team. I recognize that by practicing skills with the selected team, I risk sustaining personal injury.

I recognize that The Ohio State University is not and cannot be aware of my existing or potential physical problems at this time. I further recognize that the University has advised me to have a physical examination before team workouts. I hereby represent that I am in physical condition, which allows me to participate in the tryouts for the above named team without any unreasonable risk of harm to others or myself.

In consideration for being granted the right to use the University's athletic facilities, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, and assigns, do hereby release and forever discharge The Ohio State University and its Board of Trustees, its administrators, faculty members, employees, agents and students from all liability for losses, damages, injuries or costs, including but not limited to those described above, that may arise out of or that may in any way be related to such participation, whether caused by the negligence of The Ohio State University or otherwise. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue The Ohio State University for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.



I hereby attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, that I assume any expenses I may incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

I further agree to acquire or maintain in force a policy or policies of health and accident insurance during the period of my participation in the team practices and workouts. Such insurance shall be through an insurance company authorized and licensed to do business in the State of Ohio. As a participant of this activity, I also hereby agree that I must comply with University rules and regulations.

I represent and certify that my true age is 18 years or older or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, that my parent or legal guardian has signed the Agreement to Release and Indemnify the University form.

I have read this entire Release. I fully understand it, and agree to be legally bound by it.

Participants Signature _____

Date

Participant Print Name

Dates of Try-Out (not to exceed three (3) days) _____ Sport

In case of emergency please contact:

Emergency Contact (in USA) _____

Relationship

Phone Number



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
Pre-Participation Physical Examination

Student-Athlete Name: _____ Sport (s): _____
 Height: _____ Weight: _____ Pulse: _____ BP: _____ / _____ If elevated: _____ / _____ / _____

SYSTEM	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Head		
Eyes		
Ears		
Nose		
Mouth		
Throat		
Neck		
Heart		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
GU		
Extremities		
Pulses		
Neuro		
Neck		
Shoulder		
Elbow		
Wrist		
Hand		
Back		
Hip		
Knee		
Ankle		
Foot		
Other:		

COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS and PARTICIPATION STATUS

NOT Cleared for Athletic Participation: _____
 Examining Physician Print Name: _____
 Examining Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____

CLEARED for Athletic Participation:

CLEARED with Recommendations: