

Ohio State Announces Format For Spring Game



Ohio State has released details regarding their April 17 spring game at Ohio Stadium.

Team Brutus, led by quarterbacks C.J. Stroud and Kyle McCord and coached by defensive coordinator Kerry Coombs, will take on Team Buckeye, with offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson coaching and signal caller Jack Miller behind center.

In a press release, the team promised a competitive first half with two equally matched teams playing two, 10-minute quarters.

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The second half will be more of a scrimmage format in which the offense (wearing scarlet) will square off against the defense (in grey). There will be no running clock for this part of the contest. There will, however, be a TV timeout.

For the entire game, the quarterbacks will be wearing black jerseys, and tackling them will be off limits. All other tackles will be at thud tempo, with players trying to avoid going to the ground.

Field goals and extra points will be live. Punts will be fair caught. There will be no kickoffs, instead drives will start at the 35-yard line.

Halftime will be 12 minutes, and it will feature an on-field performance by the Ohio State Spring Athletic Band.

The game is already sold out, and fans in attendance will be asked to observe COVID-19 protocols, including wearing a mask at all times, maintaining a safe, physical distance of up to six feet and consistent hand washing. Masks must be fabric or disposable surgical-style masks that cover the nose and mouth. Bandanas, scarves, gaiters, buffs are not permitted; and clear face shields may only be worn in combination with a face mask.

Concession stands will be open, but cash purchases are prohibited. Credit cards and mobile phone payments will be accepted, and mobile ordering will also be available at a few stands through the Ohio State Buckeyes app.

Starting at 9 a.m., parking is free in the lots around the stadium, except for the West lot, which is reserved for those with the appropriate parking pass. There is no event parking at the Schottenstein Center or the Jack Nicklaus Museum. The St. John Arena Disability Shuttle begins running at 9 a.m.

For those unable to attend the game in person, it will be broadcast on the Big Ten Network and aired on the Ohio State Radio Network. Kick off is set for 12:05 p.m.

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