

OSSAA ADMINISTRATORS HANDBOOK

2017-2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND STAFF
CONSTITUTION
RULES & REGULATIONS
BOARD POLICIES
HARDSHIP WAIVER
ACTIVITY MANUALS



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Bryan McNutt, Antlers	SE Quadrant, Division II	June 30, 2019
Mark Hudson, Preston	NE Quadrant, Division III	June 30, 2019
Chris Brewster, Santa Fe South Charter School	Multi-High	June 30, 2019
Don Schneberger, Boone-Apache	SW Quadrant, Division II	June 30, 2019
Jerry Olanson, Glenpool	NE Quadrant, Division I	June 30, 2020
Dr. Sean McDaniel, Mustang	SW Quadrant, Division I	June 30, 2020
Jason Sternberger, Kingfisher	NW Quadrant, Division II	June 30, 2020
Rick Pool, Kiowa	SE Quadrant, Division III	June 30, 2020
Cecilia Robinson-Woods, Millwood	At Large Appointment	June 30, 2020
Darren Melton, Lincoln Christian	At Large Appointment	June 30, 2020
Jerry Needham, Oktaha	NE Quadrant, Division II	June 30, 2021
Duane Merideth, Durant	SE Quadrant, Division I	June 30, 2021
Rusty Puffinbarger, Leedey	NW Quadrant, Division III	June 30, 2021
Shane Boothe, Tipton	SW Quadrant, Division III	June 30, 2021
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2017-2018 OSSAA BOARD MEETING DATES

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Place: OSSAA Office

August 9, 2017	January 10, 2018
September 6, 2017	February 7, 2018
October 4, 2017	March 28, 2018
November 8, 2017	April 18, 2018
December 6, 2017	June 5, 2018

2017-2018 OSSAA INTERMEDIATE APPEALS PANEL MEETING DATES

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: OSSAA Office

August 2, 2017	November 29, 2017
August 16, 2017	January 3, 2018
August 30, 2017	January 31, 2018
September 13, 2017	March 14, 2018
September 27, 2017	April 11, 2018
November 1, 2017	May 29, 2018

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HISTORY

The beginning of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association dates back to the year of 1911 when some of the State's most prominent educators met and began to draw up rules that would produce a degree of fairness for competition between schools. The first statewide playoff that led to a state championship was boys' basketball in 1918. A state championship for girls was established in 1919.

The Association of high schools grew steadily during the early years of this century. By 1925 a secretary was employed. In 1927 Mr. Lee K. Anderson was selected to serve as the first full time Executive Secretary. Mr. Anderson served in this capacity for forty years. Mr. Leo Higbie succeeded Mr. Anderson in 1967 after working as his assistant since 1947. Mr. Claude White was employed by the OSSAA in 1967, became the Executive Secretary in 1972, and retired in 1986. Ivan Evans was named as an Interim Executive Secretary during the first six months of 1987. In June of 1987, Mr. H. J. Green assumed the duties of the Executive Secretary position and served until January 1991. Mr. Bill Self was employed as Executive Secretary in January 1991 and served until November 1999. Danny Rennels succeeded Mr. Self as Executive Secretary in November 1999. In 2009, Ed Sheakley was named Executive Secretary, and served in that role for seven years. In the fall of 2017 David Jackson was named the Executive Director.

The early years of the OSSAA's history were primarily devoted to establishing eligibility rules and conducting state championships in basketball. The late 1930's and throughout the 1940's and 50's, the Association's athletic responsibilities grew to include all the sports being offered to boys in Oklahoma's high schools. Girls' sports were primarily limited to girls' basketball in the state's smaller schools and tennis, golf, and swimming in the larger schools. By 1967 there were thirty-eight state championships being conducted in eleven sports.

The expansion of the OSSAA was ignited in the 1960's by two events. In 1962 the OSSAA was changed from an athletic association to an activities association. This change brought music, speech, debate, and drama competitions under the jurisdiction of the OSSAA. The 1960's also saw the expansion of girls' athletics to equal the opportunities that were available to boys. With the addition in 1989 of academic bowl competition and competitive cheerleading, the OSSAA will crown 132 state champions in 27 different areas. Six-player girls' basketball changed to five-member girls' basketball for the entire state in the 1995-96 school year. Over 100,000 students participate in the state's athletic and non-athletic programs.

Management of the OSSAA is vested in a fifteen-member board of directors. This board is made up of an athletic director, high school principals and school district superintendents. It operates under the rules set forth in the OSSAA constitution.

The Executive Director and his Staff are responsible for coordinating, supervising and regulating all activities sponsored by the OSSAA. Each assistant is responsible for meeting with advisory committees and proposing rule changes and adaptations to the board of directors. In addition, plans must be made and arrangements coordinated for the various tournaments and playoff games that are held across the state. Also falling under responsibilities, each assistant, as well as Mr. Jackson, works with local coaches, administrators, and game officials to keep them abreast of rule changes.

The OSSAA is a private, non-profit organization. Funding for the most part is provided by gate admissions charged to the public at the playoff tournaments.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

This organization shall be known as the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA).

ARTICLE II-PURPOSES

Section 1. The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association through the employment of the instrumentalities hereinafter established shall:

- a. Provide effective coordination, leadership, supervision, and regulation for secondary school activities including the program of interscholastic activities and contests in which its member schools may participate.
- b. Perform such other related functions as may from time to time be approved and adopted by the Board of Directors and the membership.

Section 2. More specifically, the objectives of the Association include:

- a. The promotion of important educational and cultural values, attitudes, appreciations, and skills appropriate to all interscholastic activities, including high standards of good sportsmanship and effective citizenship for both secondary school students and adults.
- b. The protection of individual students and member schools from exploitation by special interest or pressure groups.
- c. The evaluation and regulation of local, state, and national contests initiated by organizations, firms, institutions, and foundations outside recognized educational agencies affecting secondary schools.
- d. The effective regulation of interscholastic activities so that they are not permitted to interfere with the regular programs of education provided in Oklahoma secondary schools.
- e. Encouragement of economy in the time of both students and teaching personnel devoted to organized activities.
- f. The fostering among individual students and member schools of pride in academic achievement as a foundation for a contributive, well-balanced activity program.
- g. The provision of leadership resulting in careful evaluation of the entire activity program in individual secondary schools.
- h. The assurance that secondary school activities shall make their adequate contribution to the total education program of secondary education in Oklahoma.

Section 3. **MISSION STATEMENT**

The OSSAA will serve member schools by providing leadership in the development, supervision, and conduct of co-curricular activities, which enrich the educational experiences of high school students. It will provide for equitable participation opportunities and positive recognition to students as a whole, while working cooperatively with schools to enhance the achievement of desired educational goals.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. **REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Membership in the Association shall be open to public schools under the supervision and direction of district boards of education, government Indian service schools, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Oklahoma School for the Blind, and other schools as approved by the members of the Association.
- b. Any secondary school desiring to become a member of the Association is to file with the Executive Director a resolution, adopted by the board of education or by the governing authority for the school applying for membership, authorizing such membership and directing the administrative head of the school to comply with the requirements for member schools. Upon submitting the resolution, and all entry fees or other reports required by the Association, a public school, government Indian Service School, Oklahoma School for the Deaf and Oklahoma School for the Blind shall be admitted to membership. All other schools must, in addition to

submitting the resolution and all entry fees or other reports required by the Association, also must comply with other reasonable criteria as established by the members of the association or the Board of Directors.

- c. Associate membership in the Association may be granted secondary schools by the Executive Director. Associate member schools may participate in all activities except Association sponsored events leading to championships. The representative of an associate member school shall not have a vote nor be eligible to hold office in the Association.
- d. A school must be accredited by the State Board of Education, or by an accrediting organization approved by the State Board of Education, in order to qualify for, maintain, or renew membership.

Section 2. SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- a. The term "secondary school" when used herein shall mean any school organized as an administrative unit under a principal or superintendent, accredited by the State Board of Education and offering instruction for grades seven through twelve, or any combination thereof.
- b. The Board of Directors is authorized to establish different rules, policies and procedures for competition among seventh, eighth or ninth grade students, or teams comprised of students from those grades, appropriate for younger secondary school students. Member schools may allow ninth grade students to participate with students either in grades ten through twelve, or with students in the seventh and eighth grades consistent with rules established by the Association regarding eligibility.
- c. For those public school districts with multiple secondary schools, membership shall be granted in the names of those schools offering instruction for the most senior grades, but separate schools in the same district offering instruction only for less senior grades shall be included within membership. The named member school shall notify the Executive Director as to any school offering less senior grades, which should be included with the named school for membership and classification purposes.

Section 3. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. To renew its membership each year, a member school must pay the entry fees and file the reports required by the Board of Directors, and must be in good standing with the Association.
- b. To maintain membership, schools must return the annual entry fees form or the entry form for the first activity in which the school participates for the school year. All entry fees must be paid to the Association by October 15 or a penalty fee shall be added. Any school failing to remit its entry fees by June 1 is hereby automatically denied membership and may be reinstated only by action of the Board of Directors.
- c. A member school that fails to maintain accreditation is suspended from membership. If and when accreditation is re-established, the school must apply to the Board of Directors to lift the suspension and be reinstated to good standing with the Association.

Section 4. ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meetings of the OSSAA shall be held each year in various locations of the state as determined by the Board of Directors for the purpose of reviewing and discussing proposed changes or additions to the Constitution, Rules, Policies or Procedures of the Association, or other issues affecting the members. An agenda shall be distributed to all member school representatives. All meetings shall be published in the yearbook and/or calendars.

Section 5. THE REPRESENTATIVE

The principal or administrative head of the school shall serve as the official school representative for each member school to the Association unless the school designates the superintendent or another qualified person to serve in that capacity and informs the Executive Director of that designation in writing.

ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

- a. The management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of fifteen members.
- b. Twelve members shall be elected to represent divisions and geographic quadrants as described below. The thirteenth member shall be elected from a public school district with multiple schools offering grades nine to twelve. The fourteenth member shall be an at-large position appointed by the Board of Directors with consideration given to gender and/or minorities.

- c. District superintendents, assistant superintendents or their equivalents, and high school principals or assistant high school principals, for member schools in grades nine to twelve are eligible to serve as an elected director, and in the appointed at-large position.

The fifteenth member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as a representative of school athletic directors. The individual appointed to this Board position must be employed as a site athletic director at a member school offering grades nine through twelve, or as the athletic director at an independent public school district with multiple high schools.

- d. If an elected or appointed board member is employed by a public school district with multiple schools offering grades nine through twelve, then no other individual employed by that same school district is eligible to serve on the Board during the same time period, either in an elected or appointed position.
- e. For the purpose of electing Board members representing different divisions and geographic quadrants, member schools shall be apportioned among three divisions. Division I schools are defined as the sixty-four member schools with the highest ADM. Division II schools are defined as the next largest 192 member schools according to ADM and Division III schools are defined as all remaining member schools not in Divisions I or II. Four quadrants (NW, NE, SW and SE) are established as described below, with nineteen or twenty counties per quadrant. The member schools from each quadrant shall elect a qualified representative Board member for each division in the quadrant from one of the schools within that division. The Executive Director shall have authority to make adjustments in assignments in Oklahoma and Canadian counties.

NW QUADRANT: Alfalfa, Beaver, Blaine, Canadian, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant, Harper, Kay, Kingfisher, Logan, Major, Oklahoma, Roger Mills, Texas, Woods and Woodward.

NE QUADRANT: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Lincoln, Mayes, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington.

SW QUADRANT: Beckham, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Comanche, Cotton, Garvin, Grady, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Love, McClain, Murray, Stephens, Tillman and Washita.

SE QUADRANT: Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Cleveland, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, Le Flore, Marshall, McCurtain, McIntosh, Oklahoma, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Seminole, and Sequoyah.

Section 2. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- a. Nominations for the elected members of the Board of Directors shall be solicited by the Executive Director and submitted not later than March 1. The names of eligible candidates shall be placed on a ballot provided by the Executive Director for each member school qualified to vote for that elected position.
- b. The length of term for each director will be five years, and the terms of the elected members and the appointed members will be staggered, to minimize turnover of Board membership in any one year.
- c. In the event no nominee for an elected position receives a majority of the votes cast (50% plus one vote of total votes cast), a run-off election shall be conducted between the top two nominees to determine a winner.
- d. An Election Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors representing the quadrants of the state, to be present at the OSSAA office to count ballots and validate election results. The results of any election and an announcement of any appointment shall be provided to the member schools. The election must be completed by April 15. The final date for the submission of the ballots will be printed on the ballot.
- e. Each term will begin on July 1 following election or appointment. A director may not serve for more than two consecutive terms, or for more than eleven consecutive years if appointed or elected to complete a portion of another director's term, but may be appointed or elected to fill a vacancy after a one-year absence from office.
- f. In case of death, resignation, or any other disqualification of an elected director, the Board of Directors may appoint a member qualified to fill the vacancy until the next regular election when a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

A regularly elected member representing a division and quadrant shall not be disqualified by virtue of: (i) changes in ADM as reported annually by the State Department of Education, which result in the board member's school

moving from one division to another as defined under Section 1 or (ii) a change of employment from one member school to another within the same division and quadrant.

If an elected board member representing a division and quadrant changes employment from one member school to another, and this change moves that board member from one quadrant to another or from one division to another in the quadrant, the board member is disqualified from serving on the Board immediately upon the change.

The appointed thirteenth board member shall be disqualified immediately if that board member changes employment from a district with multiple schools offering grades nine to twelve to a district with a single school offering grades nine to twelve.

Section 3. In case of death, resignation, or any other disqualification of the appointed fourteenth or fifteenth board member, the Board of Directors may appoint an eligible individual to complete the appointed five-year term.

Section 4. MEETINGS

All meetings shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 5. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- b. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association and shall have the authority to adopt such Policies and Procedures as are necessary to administer the business of the Association when such Policies and Procedures are not in conflict with the Constitution and Rules of the Association. The Board of Directors may further adopt Policies and Procedures as are necessary to plan, organize, supervise, finance, and administer the interschool activities of the member schools which would not be in conflict with the Constitution and/or Rules.
- c. The Board of Directors shall secure the services of an Executive Director and staff who shall be paid by the Association.
- d. The Board shall determine the qualifications and salaries of the Executive Director and Assistants. The contract for the Executive Director shall run from July 1 to June 30 and may be for a period of three years. The contract for the Assistants shall run from July 1 to June 30. There will be an annual written evaluation of the Executive Director by the Board and an annual evaluation of the Assistants by the Executive Director by February 10. Employment of the Executive Director and the Assistants will be considered at the regular March Board Meeting.
- e. The Board shall determine the duties of the Executive Director and shall delegate such authority to him/her, as it deems advisable to properly administer the Association.
- f. The Board shall have the authority to establish the necessary regulations for the operation of the office of the Executive Director.
- g. The Board shall have the authority to interpret the provisions of the Constitution and the Rules of this Association, as well as the Policies and Procedures adopted by the Board, investigate alleged violations and shall be the final judge as to whether a violation has occurred.
- h. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to assess penalties or invoke sanctions against member schools or individuals employed by or associated with member schools for violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution, Rules, Policies or Procedures adopted by the Board and its decisions are final. Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship and according to the Constitution and Rules of the Association. Each school is responsible for the conduct of its students, players, teachers, coaches, and administrators at games or contests both at home and away and each school, in so far as can reasonably be expected of it, is responsible for the conduct of its fans at home and away.

If a fan, student, player, teacher, coach or administrator of a school is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or of violating any of the provisions of the Constitution or Rules, the Board may assess a penalty against such school and/or school personnel unless such school promptly elects to and does take disciplinary action against the guilty individual which is acceptable to the Board. The maximum penalty assessed against a school for any one violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution or Rules shall not exceed one year's suspension from the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the right to invoke sanctions against any member school that failed to abide by the Constitution, Rules, Policies or Procedures of the Association.

- i. The Board of Directors shall adopt an employees' retirement plan for the benefit of the paid employees of the Association and shall publish yearly to the membership of the Association employees' salaries and fringe benefits by position.

- j. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint a Constitution and Rules Revision Committee to review the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association Constitution and Rules and a review of the Constitution and Rules shall be accomplished at least each five years.

Section 6. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- a. All revenue from any source shall be identified and deposited in an authorized account in a depository bank designated by the Board of Directors.
- b. Revenue of the Association may be utilized for purposes, defined by the Board of Directors in regulations governed by generally accepted accounting practices.
- c. The Board of Directors shall have the supervision of the funds of the Association and is empowered to authorize payments, manage surplus funds of the Association, and supervise the investment of surplus funds of the Association. A detailed financial statement shall be presented to the Board on a monthly basis.
- d. The Board of Directors shall develop procedures similar to those contained by the Oklahoma State Law governing accounting of public school activity funds, as a guide for record keeping in all receipts and expenditures of Association funds.
- e. The Board of Directors shall contract an independent audit firm (auditor) to conduct an annual audit of all Association financial activity, with a report to be presented to the Association membership in an annual publication.
- f. No expenditures involving an amount greater than \$5,000 shall be made by the Board of Directors except in accordance with the provisions of a written contract. No contract involving an expenditure of more than \$25,000 shall be made except upon sealed proposals and to the lowest and best responsible bidder. In the event of an emergency or urgent situation in which the Association is at risk of substantial damage or loss before the Board of Directors can meet, the Executive Director may authorize an expenditure in excess of these limits, upon consultation with the President and/or Vice-President of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director may also proceed without soliciting sealed proposals, and negotiate directly with an experienced independent vendor or contractor for an expenditure of more than \$25,000, if emergency or urgent action is required before sealed proposals reasonably could be solicited and evaluated. In the event that the Executive Director authorized such expenditure, a written contract is still required, and the Executive Director must report to the Board of Directors at its next scheduled meeting about the expenditure.
- g. The Board of Directors or Executive Director shall not make any contract with any of its members or with any company, individual or business concern in which any of its members shall be directly or indirectly interested. All contracts made in violation of this section shall be wholly void. A member of the Board of Directors or Executive Director shall be considered to be interested if any contract made with any company, individual, or any business concern, if such member of the Board of Directors or Executive Director or any member of his/her immediate family owns any substantial interest in same.

Section 7. DUE PROCESS - Procedures Regarding Investigations, Hearings and Appeals

- a. Procedures for investigating and resolving alleged violations of OSSAA rules and policies will be established by rules adopted by vote of the membership. These rules will provide for: (1) notice of the alleged violation, (2) disclosure of the evidence concerning the alleged violation, and (3) an opportunity to be heard and to submit additional responsive evidence.
- b. Each member school is responsible for implementing adequate policies and procedures to insure that students from the school are eligible under OSSAA rules and policies to participate in interscholastic activities. A member school may adopt and enforce student eligibility rules and policies that are more stringent than OSSAA eligibility rules and policies. Any request for a waiver or exception to a member school's eligibility rules and policies, and any appeal from a member school's eligibility determination, must be decided by the member school, pursuant to the member school's appeal procedures.
- c. Requests for clarification, exception or waiver of OSSAA eligibility rules and policies must be submitted by a member school, and are determined by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee. Procedures for evaluating and determining requests for clarifications, exceptions or waivers of eligibility rules will be established by rules adopted by vote of the membership.
- d. Determinations made under these provisions may be appealed pursuant to rules adopted by a vote of the membership.
- e. The rules adopted pursuant to this section may be supplemented by policies adopted by OSSAA's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall elect from its membership a president who shall serve as presiding officer of the Board and of the Association. A vice-president shall be elected from the membership of the Board and shall preside in the absence of the president. These officers shall perform the duties, which regularly devolve upon such officers, and shall serve for a period of one year. The president of the Board of Directors will only be a voting member when resolving tie votes by the other Board of Directors.
- Section 2. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
The administration of the Association in all its aspects may be delegated to the Executive Director. The execution of all decisions made by the Board of Directors concerning the operation of the Association shall be delegated to the Executive Director. The Executive Director is to provide leadership for the Association and should make recommendations from time to time to the Board of Directors. He/she shall serve as fund custodian or treasurer of the Association and shall be bonded in an amount determined by the Board of Directors at the expense of the Association. He/she shall perform such other duties and exercise such other authority as may be required or conferred upon him/her by the Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE VI-INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

- Section 1. All members in good standing may compete with other member schools in good standing in this Association. All members in good standing may also compete in regular season contests or events with secondary-level schools that are members in good standing with similar associations in this state or in other states, provided that the schools concerned shall follow the rules, policies and procedures of their respective associations.
- Section 2. A member school of this Association also may compete in a regular season contest or event with secondary-level schools, and organized teams consisting of secondary-level students, that do not belong to any secondary school association, provided that school or team applies participation, amateur standing, and eligibility rules and limits equivalent to the rules and limits applied by OSSAA, and provided the contest is conducted consistent with the rules of the Association.
- Section 3. No member school may participate in any event or activity without the specific approval of the member school's principal or superintendent.

ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. **SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS**
Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of those voting by ballot to be effective. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution must be submitted by the Board of Directors or by petition signed by at least twenty member schools in writing to the Executive Director and must be reviewed and discussed at the annual meetings of the Association, prior to a vote of the members. The Board shall determine the time limit for return of ballots and provide such other policies or procedures as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this article.
- Section 2. **SUBMITTING OF CHANGES IN THE RULES**
Amendments to the Rules of the Association shall require a majority vote of the member schools voting by ballot. Any proposed amendment to the Rules must be submitted by the Board of Directors or by petition signed by at least twenty member schools in writing to the Executive Director. The Board of Directors shall determine whether any proposed amendment submitted by petition shall be presented to the membership for a referendum vote. The Board of Directors may determine that only certain member schools participating in particular activities are affected by a proposed rule change, and may limit voting on that rule change to those member schools. All member schools must be permitted to vote on any proposed rule change that would affect the overall finances of the Association as determined by the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors elects not to present the proposed rule change for a vote, or if the proposed rule change is not approved by a majority vote, then the same rule change may not be resubmitted to the Executive Director for a period of at least one year. The rules creating and defining classifications for football, basketball and baseball further may not be amended more often than every four years.

Section 3. REPORT ON VOTE

The outcome and each member's vote will be reported to the members after each referendum election has been completed.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATES OF AMENDMENTS AND RULE CHANGES

Each amendment to the Constitution or change in rules shall become effective on July 1 of the year following its adoption. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to exercise an emergency clause and establish an earlier or later effective date.

ARTICLE VIII-ADOPTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

This Constitution became effective November 1, 1962, and the steps to activate the organization were completed by January 1, 1963. The school year shall be from July 1 to June 30, and change of officers shall take place at that time.

ARTICLE IX-RULES OF ORDER

The meetings of the Association shall be conducted according to ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER. Actions by the Board of Directors are determined by a majority vote.

RULES GOVERNING INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**RULE 1 - AGE, PHYSICIAN AND PARENTS' CERTIFICATE**

- Section 1. Any student who reaches his/her nineteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible for athletic competition. Any student who reaches his/her sixteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible if enrolled in the ninth grade or below. Any student who reaches his/her fifteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible for the eighth grade or below. Any student who reaches his/her fourteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible for the seventh grade or below. **Non-athletics:** Any student who reaches his twenty-first birthday before September 1 will not be eligible.
- Section 2. No student shall be eligible to represent his/her school in athletics until there is on file with the principal a physical examination and parental consent certificate. The form used shall contain the information on the standard OSSAA form. Other forms may be utilized, by the physician, physician's assistant, or the advanced practice nurse, if the information contained is compliant with the information on the OSSAA form. Any other information, depicting the athlete's previous history, can be added to this form for the purpose of clearance for athletic participation. A qualified physician, physician's assistant, or an advanced practice nurse covered by professional liability insurance shall give the physical examinations. If you have questions concerning the qualifications or the insurance coverage of a health care practitioner offering to give examinations, it is suggested that you check with your school district attorney for an opinion. Physical examinations are required for students each year. All physicals given for OSSAA participation must be given no earlier than May 1 of the preceding year in which the students are to participate and before the first day of practice in that student's particular sport. The physical will be valid from the date of the physical given until the next required physical. Parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign the parental consent form each year before the student participates in any organized athletic practice session including contest participation.
- Section 3. Each non-athletic activity organization which assists in the sponsorship of interscholastic activities may operate under a constitution, or set of rules, which complies with the Constitution and Rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. This constitution or set of rules should be approved by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.

RULE 2 - ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance for each class period during the school day as well as the cumulative record of attendance for a semester shall be in accordance with local school district policy.

RULE 3 - SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

OSSAA scholastic eligibility standards are required of all students engaging in co-curricular activity programs. Local school boards may make exception for only those students participating in non-competitive activities. (Board Policy)

Section 1. Semester Grades

- a. A student must have received a passing grade in any five subjects to be counted for graduation that he/she was enrolled in during the last semester he/she attended fifteen or more days. (This requirement would also be five school subjects for the 7th and 8th grade students.) For block schedules that offer 8 or more credits during an 18-week grading period, a student must earn 6 credits counted toward graduation during that 18-week grading period. (1 credit = 1/2 Carnegie Unit) (Trimester Eligibility – Refer to Board Policy XXXVIII)
- b. If a student does not meet the minimum scholastic standard he/she will not be eligible to participate during the first six weeks of the next 18-week grading period they attend.
- c. A student who does not meet the above minimum scholastic standard may regain his/her eligibility by achieving passing grades in all subjects he/she is enrolled in at the end of a six-week period.
- d. Pupils enrolled for the first time must comply with the same requirements of scholastic eligibility. The passing grades required for the preceding 18-week grading period should be obtained from the records in the school last attended.

NOTE: The Board of Directors may make exceptions to non-traditional structures. (Ex. block, trimester, etc.) (Trimester Eligibility – Refer to Board Policy XXXVIII)

- e. A non-senior student who drops a class after the first three weeks of the semester shall be ineligible for at least a three-week period. To regain eligibility after three weeks, the student must be enrolled in the minimum number of classes required for eligibility, and be passing all classes in which the student is enrolled.
A senior student may drop a class at any time and maintain eligibility, provided that the dropped class is not required for graduation, and the student is still enrolled in the minimum number of classes required for eligibility and has passing grades in those classes.

An exception also is allowed for a student dropping an AP or honors-level course after the first three weeks of the semester. The student may maintain continued eligibility provided that (i) the student had a passing grade in the AP or honors-level course at the time of withdrawal; and (ii) the student enrolls in a non-AP or honors-level course in the same subject.

Section 2. Student Eligibility During a Semester

- a. Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked after three weeks (during the fourth week) of a semester and each succeeding week thereafter. Schools may choose to run eligibility checks on any day of the week. The period of probation and ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked. Methods should be devised to check weekly grades of Career-Tech students and all concurrently enrolled students. For block scheduling, scholastic eligibility will be checked after two weeks (during third week) of the first and third blocks and each succeeding week thereafter and at the end of the first week of the second and fourth blocks and each succeeding week thereafter. Schools may choose to run eligibility checks on any day of the week. The period of probation and ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked.
- b. A student must be passing in all subjects he/she is enrolled in during a semester. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in on the day of the grade check, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes during the next week on the grade check day, he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period. The ineligibility periods will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.
- c. A student who has lost eligibility under this provision must be passing all subjects in order to regain eligibility. A student regains eligibility under Rule 3 with the first class of the new one-week period (Monday through Sunday).
- d. "Passing grade" means work of such character that credit would be entered on the records were the semester to close at that time.
(Trimester Eligibility – Refer to Board Policy XXXVIII)

Section 3. Special Provisions

- a. A senior student maintains eligibility by passing the classes required for graduation. The number of classes which a student is enrolled can be no less than four. (For block and trimester exceptions contact the OSSAA office.) A junior or senior student who is concurrently enrolled in high school and college may use the college courses to meet the minimum number of subjects needed to maintain eligibility. These may be a combination of high school and college subjects equivalent to four high school units which are accepted by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
- b. An ineligible student who changes schools during a semester will not be eligible at the new school for a minimum period of three weeks. A student may regain his/her eligibility by achieving the scholastic standard in Rule 3, Section 2-b at the end of a three-week period. (Any part of a week is considered a full week.)
- c. Incomplete grades will be considered to be the same as failing grades in determining scholastic eligibility. School administrators are authorized to make an exception to this provision if the incomplete grade was caused by an unavoidable hardship. (Examples of such hardships would be illness, injury, death in family and natural disaster.) A maximum of two weeks is allowed for make-up work.
- d. One summer school credit (1/2 unit or one subject) earned in an Oklahoma State Department of Education accredited program may be used to meet the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1-a, for the end of spring semester.

Section 4. Students With Individualized Education Programs or Plans in Special Education Classes

A student, who is enrolled in special education classes, and has an individualized Education Program or Plan (IEP) who does not meet the above eligibility requirements may be permitted to participate under this rule, if the student has been certified by the member school principal as doing a quality of work consistent with the expectations and objective of the Plan.

The following list addresses frequently asked questions regarding the Academic Rule.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Does physical education and competitive athletics count toward the semester grades if a student has already been given two credits as a freshman and sophomore?
Answer: Yes. Local regulations could bring about inconsistencies if ruled on otherwise.
2. May physical education or competitive athletics be counted if the school only gives one-fourth credit per semester?
Answer: Yes.

3. When does a student become eligible after passing only four solid subjects in the spring semester?
Answer: The end of the six week's period during the next semester (student becomes eligible with first hour of class on the seventh week) if the student is passing all subjects enrolled in on a week to week to basis. Note: Any part of a week will count as a full week when school ends that week.
4. May a student participate while on probation?
Answer: Yes.
5. Is a student on probation for two consecutive weeks when he/she fails a course one-week and a different course the following week?
Answer: No. The student would be ineligible the second week as it is impossible to be on probation two consecutive weeks.
6. Is there a limit to the number of probationary weeks a student may have during a semester?
Answer: No, except for the fact that probation cannot occur on two consecutive weeks.
7. Does the scholastic eligibility rule apply to students in music, speech, FFA, VICA, DECA, and cheerleading, etc.?
Answer: Yes. If the student is involved in an activity that involves competition between two or more schools. No exceptions when competition is involved.
8. Does the weekly grade check apply to the grades a student made during a one-week period of time?
Answer: No. The key to understanding this portion of the rule is to ask the following question: Would this student be passing if you had to give him/her a semester grade today? (The weekly grade check is for the cumulative grade a student has earned for all of the time he/she has been in school during a semester.)
9. If a school checks grades on Friday and a student shows up as failing a class would he/she be eligible to participate on that Friday night?
Answer: Yes. The rule defines the period of ineligibility as beginning the Monday following the day grades are checked and continuing through the next Sunday.
10. If a student is serving a week of ineligibility and makes up a test on Thursday would they be eligible to participate on Friday?
Answer: No. Once a student becomes ineligible he/she will remain ineligible for a period defined by the rule to be from a Monday through the next Sunday.
11. If a student is ineligible to start the next semester and our school begins its semester on a Thursday, does the first two days that first week count as a complete week?
Answer: Yes. For the purpose of determining the end of an ineligibility period, if any part of a semester falls with a calendar week that will be considered a full week.
12. If a senior only needs two credits to graduate, can they maintain eligibility by only passing two classes?
Answer: Yes, if the student is passing the two required for graduation and is enrolled in four or more classes. P.E. may be counted toward the four.
13. How is a student's eligibility affected when dropping a class?
Answer: If a student drops a class after the first three weeks of the semester he/she will be ineligible for a three-week period. In order to regain eligibility a student must be passing all subjects and complying with Rule 3, Section 2-b. (Exception: A senior can be enrolled in no less than four subjects.)
An exception is allowed for a student who enrolled in an AP or honors-level course and wishes to drop that course. A student dropping an AP or honors-level course after the first three weeks of the semester may maintain continued eligibility provided that (i) the student had a passing grade in the AP or honors-level course at the time of withdrawal; and (ii) the student enrolls in a non-AP or honors-level course in the same subject.
14. Does the academic rule apply to junior high schools?
Answer: Yes, the only difference is the interpretation of the classes that can be counted for eligibility. Since 7th and 8th grade courses are not counted for graduation, individual schools can count any of the classes they have in their curriculum offerings.

15. If a school adopts a more restrictive rule, such as requiring a grade of "C" in every class, would the school still be required to do a weekly grade check?
Answer: Yes, the rules of the OSSAA allow a school to have rules that are more restrictive than the OSSAA's and while the above question reflects a more restrictive rule on grade requirements; it is less restrictive in terms of enforcement.
16. If a senior is taking three classes at our school and two classes at a nearby college must he/she be passing all five classes to maintain eligibility?
Answer: No. If the student only needs the three classes that he/she is taking at the high school to graduate, the only classes that would be used to determine eligibility would be the three taken at the high school. The concurrent enrollments in college courses meet the requirements of taking a minimum of four classes.
17. If, when the semester ends, a student passed five subjects counted for graduation and if that student was ineligible due to the week-to-week grade check, is that student eligible before the next semester begins?
Answer: Yes, when a student passes five subjects counted for graduation, he/she becomes eligible on the Monday following the close of the previous semester.
18. If a student's ineligibility period, due to the week-to-week grade check, is scheduled to begin during the Christmas or spring breaks, what is the student's eligibility status during the breaks and the week following the breaks?
Answer: The student would retain the same status for both weeks. Exception: If contests are scheduled during the breaks which would cause the student to miss contests two weeks in a row, the school may ask the OSSAA office for a waiver.
19. What is the eligibility status of a student when a meet, contest or tournament was originally scheduled, but the status changes during the next week when a meet, contest, or tournament is rescheduled because of inclement weather?
Answer: A student's current eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA event (Note: playoff contest only) were delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstances.
20. May a weekly grade check begin three weeks prior to the opening of the activity for the purpose of eligibility during a semester?
Answer: Yes. If an activity begins later than three weeks after the beginning of a semester the first grade check should be taken 3 weeks prior to participation.
21. If a senior passed five subjects at the end of the semester but failed one subject that was required for graduation, is that student eligible?
Answer: No. Seniors must pass all subjects required for graduation. A senior would be ineligible for six weeks.
22. Are member schools with students enrolled in CareerTech or concurrently enrolled in college courses required to receive documentation of the student's grades prior to being allowed to participate for the purpose of maintaining week to week or semester eligibility?
Answer: Yes. Students must be passing weekly as well as passing all required courses at the end of a semester, inclusive of CareerTech or concurrent enrollment courses.

Section 5. Stock Shows, etc.

- a. Individuals who have been declared ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities by their local school administration will be declared ineligible to participate in this show.
- b. Individuals who are eligible on the first day of the show will be considered eligible through the duration of the show. Similarly, individuals who are ineligible on the first day of the show will be considered ineligible through the duration of the show.
- c. If an exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the show for any reason, including rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, the animals owned by the exhibitor are also ineligible for the show.
- d. Ineligible individuals who participate in the show will forfeit all show and/or sale premiums and awards; and will be subject to disciplinary action as provided by the local school policies.
- e. It will be the responsibility of the local school administration to notify the student's family and the show management or OSSAA if a particular student is ineligible to participate.

RULE 4 - CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

Section 1.

- a. A student who is under discipline or who is suspended from school or an activity shall be ineligible until reinstated by the school principal.
- b. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible. A disqualified student shall remain ineligible for at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. **If the ejection occurs at the end of a season and there are not a sufficient number of contests left in the activity for the season to satisfy the sit out period, then the student shall sit out an appropriate number of contests in the next activity in which the student participates. If the student is a senior and there not a sufficient number of contests left in the activity for the season to satisfy the sit out period, then the student shall sit out an appropriate number of contests in the next activity in which the student participates.**

A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays. (Exception: See Soccer) Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s), attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s) regardless if there is contact with an opponent, biting, or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities.

It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post-game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc., at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or videotape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

- c. Students ineligible under (a) or (b) are not eligible until reinstated by the principal after the minimum penalty is enforced.
- d. A disqualified student shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal and a written report of details of the incident and action taken has been filed with the Executive Director for review with the Board of Directors.
- e. If a student who is ineligible under (a) or (b) transfers, the sending school principal **shall** notify the principal of the receiving school (School Law, Section 488.3). The receiving school must require an *OSSAA Eligibility Record Form* (OSSAA Rule 9) to ensure compliance with this section.
- f. Any student currently suspended from an activity or expelled from school who enrolls in another school will be ineligible for the duration of the original suspension or expulsion or until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

Section 2. No person shall enter a contest under an assumed name.

Section 3. Any pupil who is a member of an organization in violation of the State Law of Oklahoma or the regulations of any local Board of Education is not eligible. Any school violating this rule will be subject to suspension for a period of one year.

RULE 5 - AMATEURISM AND AWARDS (DOES NOT APPLY TO NON-ATHLETICS)

Section 1.

- a. This Association endorses the general principle of amateur athletics that prompts an individual to participate in physical activity solely for personal pleasure and satisfaction and for physical, mental, social and moral benefits derived from the activity.
- b. In order that students may retain their amateur standings and be eligible to participate in high school, college, national, and international amateur athletics, it shall be the duty of the principal to instruct the students as to how they may avoid jeopardizing their eligibility. A student should be advised not to use his or her knowledge or skill of athletics or reputation as an athlete for financial gain. A student should be advised not to participate in physical activities with professionals or where professionalism is practiced--that is, where individuals are being compensated directly or indirectly for their participation; or where teams or their sponsors are compensated or reimbursed on a win or lose basis; or where cash or merchandise prizes other than medals or trophies are offered, given, or paid to individuals or to teams. A prize is any article that is to be given as an inducement to participate or an article competed for.
- c. The exceptions and provisos given in the remaining sections of this rule are to apply only to eligibility for participation as a representative of a member school of this Association.

Section 2.

- a. A student is not eligible to participate in interscholastic contests in any sport in which he/she has used his/her knowledge or skill for financial gain. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:
 - (1) Competing for money or other monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be acceptable.)
 - (2) Receiving any award or prize of monetary value which has not been approved by his/her state association.
 - (3) Capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value (scholarships given by institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).
 - (4) Signing a professional playing contract in that sport.
- b. Accepting a nominal, standard fee or salary for instruction, supervising or officiating in an organized youth sports program or recreation, playground, or camp activities shall not jeopardize amateur status. "Organized youth sports program" includes both school and non-school programs. Compensation for giving private lessons is permissible if approved by the state association.
- c. A student athlete who loses amateur status may apply to his/her state high school association for reinstatement in the interscholastic program after a waiting period to be determined by that state association.
- d. Only awards of no intrinsic value and approved by his/her state high school association may be accepted by a school student-athlete as a result of participation in school or non-school competition in a sport recognized by that state association.

Section 3. Any student who shall appear on a bout or card for wrestling, if on the same card or bout a professional appeared, or who participated in any athletic contest where cash or merchandise is offered, given or paid to his/her team or individual members of his/her team, shall be ineligible for interscholastic contests in the sport in which he/she participated or appeared until such time as it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Board that he/she did not receive cash or merchandise prizes or gifts because of such participation. If a student has appeared in a wrestling match where a professional appeared or has received a merchandise prize or gift, and refrains from further violations of the rules of the Association and forfeits one year's eligibility, he/she may be reinstated by the Board of Directors.

A student will not be made ineligible should the manager of the team accept gate receipts provided division of receipts does not depend upon the results of the contest and provided such receipts are used to defray team expenses such as playing equipment, care of injuries, team transportation, hotel and meals while playing away from home, and that no member of the team is given or paid an allowance for individual expenses or is compensated at any time for his/her services as a player on this team during the season. This rule does prohibit a student entering a contest where cash or merchandise prizes that are offered, given or paid to his/her team or individual members of his/her team. War savings stamps and bonds are classed as cash or merchandise prizes that are offered, given or paid to his/her team or individual members of his/her team. This does not prohibit prizes such as a loving cup, medal or similar trophy.

Section 4.

- a. No monetary awards or prizes other than medals, plaques, rings or trophies of any nature shall be given to or accepted by students in recognition of participation, attainment or honor because of participation in interscholastic athletics except those given by the school, the Association, a conference, the sponsors of an approved meet or tournament, and to outstanding senior athletes upon approval by the principal. This does not prohibit donations to the sponsors of the meet or tournament or the school for the purpose of purchasing such awards.
- b. Medals and trophies may be offered as prizes in conferences or other athletic events involving competition among several schools or intramural competition within the school, and arrangements for such prizes must be made in advance by the organization sponsoring the event so that all may have the same opportunity of qualifying as the winner of the prize.
- c. Courtesies extended to teams in recognition of their participation, attainment or honor given because of their participating in interscholastic athletics, such as banquets, entertainments and trips, may be accepted by the team with the approval of the principal.
- d. Any member of the Association which violated this rule shall be liable for suspension from the Association for one year. Any individual player violating the provisions of this rule shall be ineligible for one year.
- e. "Award", as used in this rule, means any article symbolic of an honor or attainment which was not offered as an inducement for participation or as an article to be competed for which competition is held. "Prize," as used in this rule, means anything competed for or offered as an inducement for participation.
- f. Members of the team and other school groups are not to raise funds through benefits such as dances, shows, donations, sale of refreshments, etc., to be used in the purchase of awards or prizes other than those specified in this rule. Any individual, organization, or group utilizing students in activities to raise funds will be considered a school group.
- g. A general award open to the outstanding boy or girl athlete may be made each school year and it is suggested that scholarship, sportsmanship, leadership, character and team play be considered in making the award.
- h. Students may receive one award per year such as a ring or jacket through the school. Any additional awards from non-attached school individuals or groups must be approved by the principal.

RULE 6 - GRADUATED STUDENTS

Section 1.

- a. A student who has completed all requirements for high school graduation in an Oklahoma school district and who has graduated from high school or its equivalent shall be considered a graduate and not eligible for competition. Check with OSSAA for GED exception. (For foreign students refer to foreign exchange eligibility.)
- b. Members in good standing in local FFA chapters, 4-H clubs, or FCCLA who have graduated may continue to represent that school in chapters or club activities as the rules of the respective state organization permit.

Section 2. A student, who has a total of semesters' credits equal to the amount for which a school of less than eighteen units is accredited, or who participates in the graduation exercises, is not eligible at any school of equal rank.

RULE 7 – PARTICIPATION

Section 1. After a student begins attending the seventh grade, that student generally is limited to participating in athletics during that school year and the five school years that follow consecutively after that school year. The student is permitted to participate in athletics at the ninth grade level or below during the seventh grade school year and eighth grade school year, but is not permitted to participate in athletic activities open to students in grades nine through twelve unless approved to participate at that level by OSSAA's Board of Directors.

A student at the ninth grade level may be permitted to participate with seventh and eighth grade students in junior high athletic competition, and also may be permitted to participate in varsity or junior varsity athletic competition open to students in grades nine through twelve. A student must have completed the eighth grade to participate in varsity or junior varsity athletic competition open to students in grades nine through twelve, unless approved to participate at that level by OSSAA's Board of Directors. After a student begins attending the ninth grade, that student generally is limited to participating in athletics during that school year and the three school years that follow consecutively after that school year.

These limitations apply even if the student does not actually participate in athletics in the initial seventh grade school year or in any of the subsequent school years in which the student is permitted to participate. Certain exceptions are permitted under this Rule and Rule 20 which may allow a student to participate in an additional school year. Otherwise these limitations apply even if the student:

- i) fails to complete a grade after beginning at that grade level;
- ii) is held back from advancing a grade level;

- iii) is moved from a higher to a lower grade level; or
- iv) has moved or transferred from another school, regardless of the grade in which the student has been enrolled.

Section 2. A student shall be deemed to have begun attending a grade level after attending all or part of fifteen separate days at that grade level at any school, or after participating in an interscholastic contest, including an interschool scrimmage, while at that grade level.

A student shall be considered to have participated when the student has appeared in uniform at an interscholastic contest, including an interschool scrimmage, regardless of whether the student physically participates during the contest.

Section 3. A student who is repeating all or a portion of the seventh or eighth grade is not permitted to participate in athletics during that repeat period, even if the student has moved or transferred to another school for that repeat period, and even if the student did not participate at that grade level previously.

If the student completes a repeat period while at the seventh or eighth grade levels and sits out of athletics during that repeat period, then that repeat period is not counted against the six consecutive school years in which athletic participation is allowed under section 1 above.

Section 4. Students in the seventh and eighth grades may represent a member school in non-athletic activities if permitted by the rules governing that specific activity, including during a repeat period at those grade levels.

The ninth grade year will count as one year against the six consecutive school years in which participation generally is allowed under section 1 above, regardless of whether that student participates during that school year in junior high athletic competition or in competition open to students in grades nine through twelve, or both.

A student repeating all or a portion of the ninth grade level or above is permitted to participate during that repeat period in varsity or junior varsity competition open to students in grades nine through twelve. That repeat period in the ninth grade or above is counted against the six consecutive school years in which athletic participation is allowed under section 1 above, and sitting out of athletics during that repeat period does not extend the limits on participation stated in that section.

Section 5. After a student has begun the ninth grade the periods of participation permitted under section 1 above may not be extended, unless that student demonstrates that circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) arose which prevented the student from completing work necessary to advance to the next grade level and make normal progress toward graduation. Criteria shall be established by OSSAA's Board of Directors consistent with this Rule and Rule 20 for determining any request for an additional period of participation.

Section 6. If a student is determined to have participated in athletic contests for a member school while ineligible, then the student shall be required to sit out of the same number of contests in the same sport in which the student participated while ineligible.

If the student participated while ineligible in more contests than are remaining in that sport for that school year, then the student would sit out of games in that sport during the following season until the student has sat out the same number of contests.

If the ineligible participation is not discovered until after the season is completed, then the student shall be required to sit out for the same number of contests in the same sport during the following year.

If the student is a senior or does not participate in the same sport in the following season, then the student would be required to sit out for an equivalent portion of the season in the next athletic activity in which that student participates. For example, if a senior is determined to have been ineligible for three of a total of twelve varsity football games in which the student's school participated that year, and the senior then was participating in varsity basketball for the school, then the senior must sit out of the next 25% of the varsity basketball games scheduled that season.

Regular season tournaments, and individual playoff contests or tournaments leading up to a state championship, shall be included when determining how long a student must sit out due to participation while ineligible.

Section 7. After a student has participated as a representative of one member school in a playoff contest or tournament leading up to a state championship, that student shall not under any circumstances be eligible to compete for another member school in that same series of playoffs or tournaments leading up to a state championship for that same school year.

Section 8. A student who has participated at the college or professional level in any of the same athletic activities regulated by OSSAA on behalf of its member schools shall not be permitted to participate for or against member schools in that same activity. A student may be permitted to participate in athletic contests leading to and including the Olympics and similar national or international competitions without losing eligibility, with the approval of OSSAA's Board of Directors.

RULE 8 – ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. To be eligible to participate in athletics, the student must be residing with the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student). The student must also be lawfully enrolled at a secondary school grade level (grades seven through twelve) in a member public school district or at a member school, in courses, activities, or alternative programs in which credits are being earned and appropriate academic progress is being made toward graduation, consistent with the requirements of that school and the State Department of Education. The student must also comply with all requirements established by the member public school district or the member school and by OSSAA Rules and Policies concerning enrollment, age, attendance, grades, academic progress, and conduct.

Section 2. Eligibility for Athletics in Grades Seven and Eight

- a. A student in the seventh or eighth grade lawfully enrolled in a member public school district or at a member non-public school is eligible unless: (i) the student is repeating all or any part of the seventh or eighth grade, or (ii) the student has been influenced to remain at a school or change schools for athletic purposes in violation of OSSAA Rule 9.
- b. Before allowing participation beginning in the seventh grade and after any change of schools in the seventh or eighth grades, an Eligibility Record Form (or "New Student" Form) must be completed. A student in the seventh or eighth grade is not eligible to participate in varsity competition, and is limited to participating with students at the ninth grade level or below.
- c. A student repeating all or any part of the seventh or eighth grade in a member public school district or at a member school will not be eligible during the repeat period.
- d. Whenever a student is found to have participated in any contests in a particular activity during a repeat seventh or eighth grade period in a member public school district or at a member non-public school, the student will be immediately ineligible for that activity.

To regain eligibility for that activity, the student must sit out of one contest in that activity for each contest in that activity in which the student participated during the repeat period. The student will be eligible at the conclusion of this sit-out period, provided the student is in compliance with all other OSSAA Rules and Policies at that time.

If a student participated during a repeat period while attending a non-member school that allowed participation during the repeat period, and the student then moves to a member school, the student may be eligible immediately, but the repeat participation period will be counted toward the overall limit of six consecutive years allowed under OSSAA Rule 7 once a student first begins the seventh grade. A member school should contact the OSSAA staff with questions concerning any student who participated in athletics during a repeat seventh or eighth grade period at a non-member school.

Section 3. Establishing Athletic Eligibility by Initial Participation for Students in Grades Nine Through Twelve

- a. For grades nine through twelve, a student establishes eligibility at a school when the student first participates in interscholastic athletics at the ninth grade level or above.
- b. Before initial participation for a member school at the ninth grade level or above is permitted, an Eligibility Record Form (or "New Student" Form) must be completed. The member school also must verify the student presently is residing with the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student), and is eligible to participate under all OSSAA Rules and Policies. The member school further must review the student's prior school records to determine whether the student has participated previously at any secondary school grade level (grades seven to twelve) and the secondary school grade levels previously attended. If, after investigation, the member school still has a question about the student's eligibility, the member school must contact OSSAA staff to resolve the question before allowing participation.

- c. A student who was regularly residing with the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) but then attends a member school and resides during the school week or school term in residential facilities provided by the school, may establish athletic eligibility by first participation at that school under this section. The student in these circumstances is considered to be continuing to reside with the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) for purposes of this section.
- d. A student will not be eligible for initial participation at the ninth grade level or above if the student has been influenced to enroll, transfer to, or remain at the student's present school for athletic purposes in violation of OSSAA Rule 9. A student suspected of having been influenced to remain at or change schools for athletic purposes in violation of Rule 9 will not be permitted to participate in athletics until an investigation has been completed, a written report has been provided to or completed by OSSAA, and the student has been approved to participate by OSSAA.
- e. A student will not be eligible for initial participation at the ninth grade level or above if the student has changed schools, and the student was or would have been ineligible for athletics, or was threatened with ineligibility, at the student's prior school. Any issue concerning the student's eligibility at the student's prior school must be resolved before the student is allowed to participate at the student's current school.
- f. If the member school finds that a student repeated all or any portion of a prior secondary grade level, the member school must determine whether or not the student participated in any athletic activities during the repeat period. Repeating all or any part of a secondary school grade level and participating during a repeat period affects a student's athletic eligibility under OSSAA Rules.
- g. Once athletic eligibility has been established by initial participation at the ninth grade level or above, the student is eligible to participate with students at the ninth grade level or below, or with students in grades ten through twelve, provided that the student and the school each is in compliance with all other OSSAA Rules and Policies concerning eligibility.

Section 4. Determining Athletic Eligibility of Students Moving From Out of State After Participating in the Ninth Grade or Above

- a. A student moving from out of state to Oklahoma after participating previously in athletics at the ninth grade level or above generally is eligible at a member public school in the public school district, or at a member non-public school in that school's designated geographic area, in which the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are bona fide residents. The designated geographic areas for member non-public schools are set forth in Board Policy XLIII.
- b. If the student moving from out of state instead attends a member school outside the public school district or designated geographic area in which the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are bona fide residents, the student generally is not eligible immediately to participate in athletics. To become eligible, the student must wait a period of one year from the date of first attendance, unless the student applies and receives approval for an exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance pursuant to Section 10 below.

Section 5. Continued Eligibility after Separation, Divorce or Death of Student's Parents, or Appointment of Guardian
A student's athletic eligibility continues at the school at which eligibility already has been established in grades nine through twelve in the event of a separation, divorce, or death of the parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student), or the appointment of a guardian for the student. For athletic eligibility to be established at a different member school, an exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance must be requested and granted, pursuant to Section 10 below.

Section 6. Impact of Changing Schools or Changing Residence on Eligibility

- a. **Minimum Fifteen-Day Waiting Period When Changing Schools after the Student Has First Participated or Started Attending School**
If a student at any secondary school grade level changes schools after the student has first participated or started attending school in the current school year, the student will not be permitted to participate in any athletic competition until at least fifteen (15) calendar days have passed from the date the student first attended the new school. This non-participation period allows time for the receiving school:
 - (i) to obtain all necessary records from the school previously attended;
 - (ii) to complete an Eligibility Record Form and to submit all forms, reports, and supporting documents that may be required to the OSSAA;
 - (iii) to confirm that the student has not repeated all or any part of a secondary school grade level, and that the student was or would have been eligible if the student had remained at the prior school;

- (iv) if the student is changing schools because of a change of residence, to confirm that a bona fide change of residence has been made;
- (v) to investigate any concern that the student changed schools for athletic purposes in violation of OSSAA Rule 9.

If the required process has not been completed, or if a waiver request to OSSAA is required but has not yet been approved, then the student should not be permitted to participate until the required process is completed or, if a waiver request is required, until the waiver request has been approved.

- b. Participation Not Permitted in Championship Event If Student Changes Schools Within Fifteen Days of Event
If a student changes schools during the school year and was enrolled at the new school within fifteen (15) calendar days of or after the commencement of a tournament, meet or playoff contests leading to a state championship in a particular sport, the student shall not be permitted to participate in the tournament, meet, or playoffs in that sport.

- c. Effect of Ineligibility at Previous School

A student changing schools who was ineligible or otherwise barred from athletics for any reason at the time the student left the previous school, or who would have become ineligible if the student had remained at the previous school, is not permitted to participate in athletics at the student's current school, unless and until the student satisfies or complies with the requirements that were or would have been imposed for reinstating eligibility at the previous school.

- d. Eligibility after Transfer of Schools During Grades Nine through Twelve

A student who established athletic eligibility at a school during grades nine through twelve and then transfers to a member school is not eligible for a period of one year from the date of first attendance at the new school, unless the student applies for and is granted an exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance pursuant to Section 10 below.

This requirement applies even when the student is transferring from a non-member school to a member school. This requirement also applies when the student is transferring to a school that provides residential facilities for students, regardless of whether the student is residing in those facilities.

- e. Impacts of Change of Residence in Grades Nine through Twelve

- (1) Effect of Change of Residence After Eligibility Has Been Established According to Residence

When a student has established athletic eligibility at a member school in the public school district in which the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are residing, and the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) move to a residence in a different public school district, then the student may:

- (i) enroll and establish eligibility at a member school in the public school district in which the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are presently residing; or
- (ii) enroll and establish eligibility at a member non-public school if the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are residing in the designated geographic area for that school; or
- (iii) remain and continue to be eligible at the member school previously attended, provided that the student continues to live with the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) and has been lawfully accepted as a transfer student following the change of residence.

If the change of residence to a different school district occurs during the school year, the student may remain at the school at which eligibility is established until the end of the semester or equivalent period and continue to be eligible for that period. At the end of that period, the student then must elect one of the options above to re-establish eligibility.

- (2) Effect of Change of Residence After Eligibility Has Been Established Outside the Student's District of Residence or at a Non-Public School

When a student has established athletic eligibility at a school outside of the public school district in which the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are residing, or at any non-public school, the student's eligibility continues at that same school if the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student), move to a different residence in the same public school district in which they previously were residing. If the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) move to a residence outside of that public school district, then the student may:

- (i) enroll and establish eligibility at a member school in the public school district in which the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are presently residing; or

- (ii) enroll and establish eligibility at a member non-public school if the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) are residing in the designated geographic area for that school, or
- (iii) remain and continue to be eligible at the member school previously attended, provided that the student continues to live with the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) and has been lawfully accepted as a transfer student following the change of residence.

If the change of residence to a different school district occurs during the school year, the student may remain at the school at which eligibility is established until the end of the semester or equivalent period and continue to be eligible for that period. At the end of that period, the student then must elect one of the options above to re-establish eligibility.

- (3) For athletic eligibility to be established at a different member school than described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) above, an exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance must be requested and granted, pursuant to Section 10 below.
- (4) Eligibility will not be allowed if the student has been recruited or otherwise influenced in violation of OSSAA Rule 9 to change schools, or remain at the same school, after a change of residence to a different school district. A student suspected of having been influenced to remain at or change schools for athletic purposes in violation of Rule 9 will not be permitted to participate in athletics until an investigation has been completed, a written report has been provided to or completed by OSSAA, and the student has been approved to participate by OSSAA.
- (5) If the change of residence to a different school district occurs when the student is entering or currently attending twelfth grade, or is otherwise scheduled to graduate within two semesters or the equivalent periods, then the student may remain at the same school at which athletic eligibility is already established, and retain continued eligibility for as long as is permitted under all other Rules.
- (6) If the student continues at the same school after a change of residence to a different school district, as described under subsection (1) or (2) above, and subsequently transfers to another member school, then the student is not eligible for a period of one year from the date of first attendance at the new school, unless the student applies for and is granted an exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance pursuant to Section 10 below.
- (7) The member school receiving a student who is changing schools due to a change of residence must:
 - i) request and obtain all necessary records from the school previously attended;
 - ii) confirm that the student has lawfully enrolled at the appropriate grade level, and determine if the student has repeated all or any portion of any prior secondary school grade level;
 - iii) verify that the student's parents (or custodial parent or court appointed guardian with legal custody) have made a bona fide move;
 - iv) confirm that the student was or would have been eligible at the previous school if the student had not left that school, and that the student is otherwise eligible to participate under all other Rules and Policies;
 - v) complete the Eligibility Record Form, and submit all forms, reports and supporting documents concerning the student as may be required by the OSSAA;
 - vi) investigate any concern that the change of schools was made for athletic purposes in violation of OSSAA Rule 9, and report on that investigation to OSSAA.

The above steps must be completed before the student is allowed to participate, and before any request for waiver is submitted, if a request for waiver is required.

If the receiving school becomes aware of any information that indicates the student's parents (or custodial parent or court appointed guardian with legal custody) have not made a bona fide move, then the student should not be allowed to participate in athletic competition. The receiving school also must provide this information to the OSSAA.
- (8) For the purposes of this Rule, a bona fide move and change of residence shall mean that:
 - i) the prior residence has been sold or leased at market value, or has been closed and emptied of personal property;
 - ii) the prior residence is not being used by any family member;
 - iii) all resident family members have moved out of the prior residence, and personal property associated with permanent, long-term occupancy is located in the new residence.

If the prior residence has not been sold, OSSAA shall inspect the prior residence, and the receiving school shall inspect the new residence, to confirm that a bona fide move has been completed. The receiving school shall submit documentation to OSSAA verifying that the new residence was inspected and that the family appears to have completed a bona fide move from the prior residence. The receiving school also

shall obtain and submit a Residence Affirmation Form, in which the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) acknowledge and affirm that they understand and are in compliance with this Rule. The receiving school must receive notice that OSSAA has completed its inspection of the prior residence, and approved the receiving school's inspection of the new residence and the Residence Affirmation Form, before the receiving school permits the student to participate.

Section 7. Effect of Dual or Multiple Residences on Eligibility

A student whose parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) maintain two or more residences in circumvention of the requirements of this Rule shall only be eligible to participate at a sub-varsity level and the student shall not be permitted to participate in varsity level athletics.

Section 8. Completion and Availability of Required Forms and Records

An OSSAA Eligibility Record Form (or "New Student" Form) must be completed at the time the student first enrolled or reached a grade level at which the student is eligible to participate. The OSSAA Eligibility Record Form, and all other records and forms required under OSSAA Rules and Policies, must be maintained on file and available for review in the school's office to establish a student's eligibility at that school.

A member school that is asked for appropriate records and information concerning a former student must respond promptly and, if the school is aware that the student was or may be ineligible for athletics, must notify the receiving school.

Section 9. Responsibility of Principal or Administrative Head of School

The principal or administrative head of the member school is responsible for maintaining all required forms and records concerning athletic eligibility on file at the school and available for review, and for submitting copies as may be required by OSSAA. The principal or administrative head of school also is responsible for confirming, or ensuring that effective procedures are in place for confirming, that students participating in athletics are complying with all requirements established by the member school, the State Department of Education, and OSSAA relating to athletic eligibility. If required forms and records to confirm athletic eligibility for a student are not available for review upon request by OSSAA, or if copies are not submitted as may be required to OSSAA, then the student may be deemed ineligible to participate.

Section 10. Determining Exceptions to Rule

a. Authority to grant exceptions

OSSAA may grant an exception to a student facing ineligibility when it is found that the application of this Rule works an undue hardship on the student, or that the application of the Rule would otherwise fail to accomplish the purposes for which it is intended.

b. Criteria and procedures for evaluating exceptions

The Board of Directors shall establish written criteria and procedures for evaluating applications for exceptions, and those written criteria and procedures shall be made available to member schools. Before submitting any application for exception, the member school shall provide the written criteria and procedures to the student and parents (or custodial parent or court appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) who are considering a request for an exception.

c. Application for exception

- (1) OSSAA shall make forms for applying for an exception to this Rule available to all member schools.
- (2) The member school submitting the forms required for the application is responsible for making certain that the forms are complete and that the application is being submitted in a good faith belief that an exception may be appropriate.
- (3) Member schools shall cooperate in providing any additional information that may be requested, or any investigation that may be conducted, in connection with any application for an exception.
- (4) The submission of any false or inaccurate information, or the failure to submit information requested by the OSSAA, may be grounds for denying or deferring action on an application.

d. Consideration by the Executive Director

All applications submitted pursuant to this Rule shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Executive Director and staff. The Executive Director or staff designee is authorized to conduct any further investigation or to request any supplementation of the application or supporting materials deemed necessary to the evaluation of the application. The application shall be evaluated using the criteria established by the Board of Directors, and the determination of the Executive Director shall be transmitted, in writing, to the principal or administrative head

of the school, or other designated school administrator submitting the application. Any person aggrieved by the determination may pursue an appeal pursuant to the procedures set forth in Rule 20.

Section 11. Issues or Questions About Eligibility Under This Rule

If member school administrators have any questions or concerns about whether a particular student is eligible for athletics under this Rule, they should contact the OSSAA as soon as possible, and the student should not be permitted to participate until the questions or concerns are resolved.

RULE 8 – FAQ’s

The following is a list of questions that are frequently asked with regard to the Residence Rule for grades 7-12. The answers given assume that the student is eligible under all other OSSAA rules.

1. A student lives and has established eligibility in District A and then the student and the student’s parents make a bona fide move to District B. What is the student’s eligibility status in District B?

Answer: Eligible. Athletic eligibility is generally determined by the residence of the student’s parents. (Rule 8-6-e-1)

2. If a student in grades 9-12 has established eligibility in District A and then transfers to District B, is he/she eligible in District B?

Answer: No. A student who has established eligibility in grades 9-12 at one school and then transfers to another school generally must sit out one year or be approved on a hardship waiver. (Rule 8-6-d)

3. A student in grades 9-12 who lives in District A, gains eligibility in District B, and then returns to District A where the parents reside. What is the eligibility status of the student?

Answer: Not eligible. When a student has established eligibility away from his/her home district, the student must sit out one year or be approved on a hardship waiver to regain eligibility back at the home district. (Rule 8-6-d)

4. What is the eligibility status of a student who lives in District A, establishes eligibility in District B, and later moves to District C?

Answer: Eligible. When a student establishes eligibility away from his/her home district and the parent or legal guardian move to a new residence outside the previous district, the student may choose to establish eligibility in the new district. (Rule 8-6-e-2)

5. Where is a student eligible after having graduated from a Dependent district (K-8)?

Answer: For grades nine through twelve, a student establishes eligibility at a school when the student first participates in interscholastic athletics at the ninth grade level or above. (Rule 8-3-a)

6. A student, who is under discipline in District A, moves to District B. Would the student be eligible in District B?

Answer: No. A student changing schools who was or who would have been ineligible or otherwise barred from athletics for any reason at the time the student left the previous school shall not be permitted to participate in athletics until the student satisfies or complies with the requirements that were or would have been imposed at the previous district. (Rule 8-6-c)

7. What is the eligibility status of a student whose parents made a bona fide move from District A to District B in the middle of a semester?

Answer: The student is eligible in the district to which the bona fide move was made, or the student can maintain eligibility in the district he/she currently attends until the end of the semester. (Rule 8-6-e-2)

8. What is the eligibility status of a student who has participated in grades 9-12 at a non-member school and then transfers to a member school?

Answer: Not eligible. When a student has established eligibility at a non-member school and then transfers to a member school, the student must sit out a year or be approved on a hardship waiver to gain eligibility. (Rule 8-6-d)

9. What is the eligibility status of a student in grades 9-12 who has established eligibility with one parent in District A and later moves to live with the other parent in District B?

Answer: Not eligible. The student must sit out one year or be approved on a hardship waiver. (Rule 8-5)

10. Where is a student eligible after establishing eligibility in grades 9-12 when the parents separate and he/she moves with one of the parents from District A to District B?

Answer: The student is only eligible in the district he/she currently attends at the time of the separation. (Rule 8-5)

11. A family lives in District A and later moves to District B without giving up ownership of their home in District A. What is the eligibility status of the student?

Answer: Not eligible. Eligibility cannot be gained where dual residency is maintained unless and until the proper paperwork is on file and approved by the OSSAA. (Rule 8-6-e.8)

12. A student who has been ruled ineligible at a school outside the state of Oklahoma and then makes a bona fide move to a member school in Oklahoma. Is the student eligible to participate at the new school?

Answer: No. When an ineligible student moves from another state, they must satisfy the requirements of the eligibility from the state they are leaving before gaining eligibility. (Rule 8-6-c)

13. If a student is eligible for sub-varsity participation only, is that student allowed to participate as JV player in a varsity tournament?

Answer: No. Sub-varsity limits that individual to playing in sub-varsity level events and/or tournaments.

14. A student's family resides in District A and later moves to District B, but allows a family member to use the original residence in district A. What is the eligibility status of the student?

Answer: Not eligible. To establish a bona fide move for the purpose of gaining and maintaining athletic eligibility, the original residence must not be in use by a family member. (Rule 8-6-e.8)

15. A student's family resides in District A and later moves to District B, and is in compliance with Rule 8-6-e.8 except that the receiving school fails to obtain a Residence Affirmation Form. What is the eligibility status of the student?

Answer: Not eligible. Eligibility after a bona fide move cannot be gained unless and until the Residence Affirmation Form is on file and approved by the OSSAA. (Rule 8-6-e.8)

16. A family resides in district A and later moves to District B, but does not sell or lease the original residence, and leaves personal property at the original residence. What is the eligibility status of the student?

Answer: Not eligible. The family's personal property must be moved out of the original residence. (Rule 8-6-e.8)

17. If a student transfers to a new school during his or her 8th grade year, is that student eligible for varsity level participation at the beginning of their 9th grade year?

Answer: Yes. For grades nine through twelve, a student establishes eligibility at a school when the student first participates in interscholastic athletics at the ninth grade level or above. (Rule 8-3)

RULE 9 - PROHIBITION ON RECRUITING OR INFLUENCING FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES**Section 1. Statement of purpose.**

OSSAA recognizes that permitting member schools to recruit students as athletes would place undue emphasis on secondary school athletic activities, and might cause competitive imbalances among member schools, misdirection of scarce educational resources, and threats to the continued amateur standing of students. Accordingly, no member school is permitted to recruit a student to select or transfer to that school, or to encourage or allow others to do so on its behalf, based on that student's skill, reputation, or experience in athletics.

Section 2. Recruiting defined.

Recruiting includes initiating or maintaining contact with a student-athlete, or the student-athlete's family members, friends, or associates, in circumstances that could influence that student-athlete to select or transfer to a member

school for the purpose of representing that member school in athletic competition. Offering economic incentives or rewards of any type to a student-athlete, which are not available to all prospective students on an equal basis, regardless of participation in athletics, or offering such economic incentives or rewards to the student-athlete's family members, friends, or associates, for the purpose of encouraging that student-athlete to select, transfer to, or remain at a member school, also constitutes recruiting in violation of this Rule. Recruiting may also include offering or providing special or additional coaching or instruction that is not offered or made available to other student-athletes at the school on an equal basis, or providing special attention or consideration to a student-athlete who is considering transferring, for the purpose of influencing that student-athlete to remain at the school.

Section 3. Information that may be supplied by a school to prospective student-athletes.

A member school may supply any prospective student, or a family member, friend, or associate of a prospective student, who contacts the school about entering or transferring to the school with information summarizing the school's academic and extracurricular programs. The information distributed or made available to any prospective student-athlete must be prepared for and be made available to all prospective students, regardless of whether a student is a prospective participant in athletics. Information about specific athletic programs may be included, but if such information is included, then all athletic programs must be described and comparable information must be included about each program. A member school may further supply information to a prospective student-athlete concerning the events schedule, practice location, days, and times, and type of equipment, clothing or other materials, if any, required to be used or supplied by the participating student, provided that the information is of the same type which would be supplied to all participating students.

Section 4. Limited interaction permitted between employees and representatives of school and student-athletes at other schools.

Interaction between employees or representatives of a member school and student-athletes from other schools is permitted in connection with events such as summer instructional camps, non-school summer leagues, or awards ceremonies, except that school employees or representatives are prohibited at all times from making any statements or engaging in any acts, even if not intended to be taken seriously, that could be interpreted as encouraging a prospective student-athlete to enroll at or transfer to a member school.

Section 5. Employees or representatives of school defined.

Employees or representatives of a school include administrators, teachers, coaches, assistants, sponsors, aides, managers, and trainers employed by the school, as well as other student-athletes presently enrolled or planning to enroll at the school, family members of those student-athletes, alumni, volunteers, and members of organizations supporting the school's athletic activities.

Section 6. Handling contact by or with prospective student-athletes.

If contact is initiated with a member school's employee or representative by a prospective student-athlete, or by a family member, friend, or associate of a student-athlete, about that student-athlete enrolling in or transferring to that member school, the school employee or representative contacted shall direct that person to the school superintendent or to the principal or administrative head of the school for any additional information. The school employee or representative shall not discuss further the subject of enrolling at or transferring to the school, or otherwise use any language or engage in any act that could be construed as encouraging the student-athlete to enroll at or transfer to the

school. Any contact with a student-athlete from another school about that student-athlete enrolling or transferring to a member school for athletic purposes shall be reported as soon as possible to the OSSAA by that member school.

Section 7. Acknowledgment and notice of Rule.

- a. Each coach or volunteer providing instruction, assistance, or supervision in an athletic activity for a member school must sign a written certification that the coach or volunteer is familiar with this Rule.
- b. The head coach in each athletic activity for each member school additionally must sign a written certification that students participating in that activity have been informed about this Rule, that the school may be sanctioned for violations of this Rule, and that student-athletes may be subject to sanction, including the loss of eligibility, if they have enrolled at or transferred to a school that has engaged in recruiting, or allowed its employees or representatives to recruit in violation of this Rule, or if they participate in recruiting other student-athletes to enroll in or transfer to the school.
- c. All officers, administrators, supervisors, and sponsors of any club or organization supporting any athletic activity at a member school must sign a written certification that they are familiar with this Rule, and that the members of the club or organization have been informed about this Rule.
- d. These required certifications must be signed each school year before participation begins in that activity for that year, and the signed certifications must be maintained by the school and available for review by OSSAA.
- e. Each member school must make adequate additional efforts each school year to inform all employees and other representatives of the school about this Rule. The superintendent, principal or administrative head of school must maintain a written summary of these efforts, and this written summary must be maintained by the school and available for review by OSSAA.
- f. OSSAA will make forms available for signed certifications or summaries as required under this Section.

Section 8. Prohibition against preferential treatment for athletes in admissions, tuition payment, and financial aid.

- a. OSSAA recognizes that preferential treatment on admission or tuition may influence a student-athlete to enroll or remain at a school that is selective in admissions or which requires payment of tuition. Any such preferential treatment may also be deemed to constitute recruiting in violation of this Rule.
- b. No member school that is selective in admissions, or which requires payment of tuition, or which offers any form of financial aid toward payment of tuition and/or fees, may offer or allow for preferential treatment to a student or a student's family on the basis of athletic ability. Financial aid based on merit or achievement is not prohibited provided that the award of such aid is consistent with previously established criteria unrelated to athletic ability. Financial aid includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1) direct monetary aid, grants, or loans, from either the school or other source associated with the school;
 - (2) tuition or fee remission;
 - (3) deferred tuition or fee payment terms;
 - (4) income or credit for work performed, either by the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's family, for the school or for a person or entity associated with the school.
- c. Any member school that is selective in admissions, and/or which requires payment of tuition, and/or which offers any form of financial aid toward payment of tuition and/or fees, must maintain written documentation describing its policies concerning these subjects. If the school provides or allows for financial aid on any basis other than demonstrated financial need, then provisions must be included in the school's policies to insure that financial aid is not provided or allowed to a student on the basis of athletic ability.
- d. By August 1 of each year, the member school must file a copy of its current policies with the OSSAA, or certify that such policies are unchanged from what is currently on file with the OSSAA. The school also must identify, in writing, those individuals and/or organizations involved in determining or evaluating applications for admission or financial aid, and describe the role or responsibility of that individual or organization. The school must notify the OSSAA about any changes in the policies, or in the listing of individuals or organizations, or in the role or responsibility of any individual or organization, during the school year.
- e. Any of the following may constitute a violation of this Rule which would subject a school to potential sanction:
 - (1) Offering or providing admission, financial aid, or tuition payment terms for a student-athlete in circumstances inconsistent with the school's written policies on file with OSSAA;
 - (2) Offering or providing need-based financial aid to a student-athlete excess of demonstrated financial need;
 - (3) Offering or allowing more favorable tuition payment terms for a student-athlete than are allowed to similarly situated students;
 - (4) Accepting tuition payments for a student-athlete from a source outside the student's immediate family or a recognized financial aid source;
 - (5) Providing a disproportionate amount of financial aid to student-athletes as compared to other students.

- f. Upon request the school must make its records concerning the admission of, payment of tuition for, and/or financial aid provided to particular students available for inspection and review. OSSAA will maintain such records as confidential consistent with applicable law, and information obtained from those records will be used only for the purpose of determining whether any rule violations have occurred.
- g. The principal or head of school is responsible for submitting copies of policies and certifications as required under this section.

Section 9. Violation of Rule

- a. A school will be in violation of this Rule and subject to sanction if the school encourages or permits school employees or representatives to recruit student-athletes to enroll at or transfer to that school. Permitting a student-athlete who has been recruited to enroll at or transfer to the school to represent that school in an event shall also be considered a violation of this Rule which would subject the school to potential sanction. A failure to obtain, maintain, submit, or make available the written policies, certifications and summaries required under this Rule also violates this Rule and will subject the school to potential sanction.
- b. If a school receives information indicating that a student-athlete is being recruited, or was or may have been recruited, to enroll at or transfer to that school, then the school shall provide a written report to the Executive Director as soon as possible, identifying the student-athlete and those persons who are, were, or may have been involved in recruiting that student-athlete.
- c. The fact that a school reported a known or suspected violation of the recruiting rule involving a student-athlete at that school may be considered by the Association, if a violation is determined to have occurred, in evaluating what sanction may be imposed on the school.
- d. A student-athlete may be subject to sanction, including the loss of eligibility, if the student enrolls at or transfers to a school that has sought to recruit, or allowed its employees or representatives to recruit, that student in violation of this Rule, or if the student or the student's family participates in recruiting other student-athletes to enroll in or transfer to the school in which that student is presently enrolled or planning to enroll.

RULE 10 - PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. An Eligibility Record Form (or "New Student" form), as provided by OSSAA, shall be completed for each new student at a member school who is expecting to participate in athletic competition. The forms, together with other information and documentation provided or gathered in completing the form, shall be used by the member school to evaluate and determine whether the student is eligible for athletic competition. A student should not be permitted to participate unless and until the school is certain that the student is eligible to participate. If the school is not certain the student is eligible, the school may consult with the Executive Director or OSSAA staff and ask for assistance in determining the student's eligibility.

Section 2. Each member school shall keep as a part of its permanent records, subject to inspection, by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee, a copy of the eligibility records of individual athletic participants.

Section 3. Each member school principal shall, when requested, furnish to the Board of Directors or the Executive Director such information as may be desired bearing upon the eligibility of individual student participants from his/her school. A failure to comply within a reasonable time may forfeit a school's membership in the Association of result in other sanctions.

Section 4. Principals will be expected to determine the eligibility of all students who represent their schools in non-athletic activities according to these rules but will not be required to certify the identity and eligibility status of such students to the Association office unless requested.

RULE 11 – COOPERATIVE SELECTION FOR OFFICIALS BETWEEN SCHOOLS

Section 1. At least ten (10) days before each contest the home school must submit a sufficient and feasible list of officials to the visiting school. Lengthy lists should be submitted by schools near metropolitan areas or any areas where there are a sufficient number of officials. Some areas will not have as many officials from which to choose, but efforts should be made to supply an adequate list. After the visiting school accepts the list, the needed number must be approved by not striking more than one half of said list. When a question arises, the OSSAA Board of Directors or the Executive Director shall determine whether or not the list is feasible and when such findings are negative, the list will be supplemented after the Association office is notified. After any accepted list is depleted, the home school may employ officials without the consent of the visiting school.

An incentive should exist for the visiting school not to strike the names of too many officials. After the home school makes an honest effort in trying to replace an official due to a cancellation, the visiting school automatically approves

an official when the list has been depleted. However, the home school shall notify the visiting school of any change in the contracted officials; otherwise, the contract will not be binding. Beginning a game with an official constitutes agreement. The official's decision shall be final. One of the calculated risks that a coach must accept is that the coach, players, or the game officials may make mistakes during the course of the contest.

Note: When a commissioner is used to assign officials, the same method should be used by giving the schools an opportunity to add or strike the names of officials on such list.

Section 2. A representative of a school who has knowledge of rule violation or questions the eligibility of a student of another school, both schools being members of the Association, and who does not give such information or raise the question of eligibility with a representative of the offending school, the Executive Director, or the Board of Directors, before further participation of the student, shall cause his school to be subject to penalty if proved the information was knowingly withheld to gain an advantage.

RULE 12 – PARTICIPATION AGAINST NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS

Section 1. A member of this Association shall be allowed to compete with secondary-level schools outside the Association, and with organized teams consisting of secondary-level students, as provided for in Article VI of the Constitution. Before scheduling any contest or event with a school or team outside the Association, the member school must verify that competing with that school is consistent with Article VI of the Constitution. Members of the Association cannot compete at any time or under any conditions with schools or teams which have been suspended or expelled from their respective associations or which do not apply participation, amateur standing, and eligibility rules and limits equivalent to the rules and limits applied by OSSAA, or which require the contest to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the rules of the Association.

Any member of the Association which knowingly competes with any school or team which has been suspended or expelled from their respective association or which does not apply participation, amateur standing, and eligibility rules must apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement.

Section 2. No member school of this Association shall be permitted to participate in a game, contest, or meet against a school of college standing. Non-athletics: Members in good standing in local FFA chapters, or similar organizations., who have graduated or withdrawn from a school, may continue to represent that school in chapters or club activities as the rules of the respective state organization permit.

Section 3. No member school shall compete in any interstate tournament or meet, in which three or more schools participate, unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations through the National Federation.

RULE 13 – ENFORCEMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Section 1.

- a. The principal of the high school, as used in the constitution and rules, shall refer to the chief administrative office of the high school.
- b. The principal and/or superintendent of the school shall be responsible for the enforcement of the constitution and rules of this Association and shall be the official representative of the school.
- c. The administration of the school shall be responsible for the eligibility of its students.
- d. The minimum penalty for having an ineligible student during the regular season and in an OSSAA activity is as follows:
 - (1) Team Activities - baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and cheerleading (see Board Policies for non-athletic activities). The school must:
 - (a) Forfeit all contests involved.
 - (b) Adjust its place in conference standings and/or relinquish its place in tournament standings.
 - (c) Return team and individual awards.
 - (2) Individual Activities - cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wrestling (see Board Policies for non-athletics). The school must:
 - (a) Forfeit all events in which student(s) were involved.
 - (b) Reduce the team points (score) and adjusts its place in conference standing and/or its place in tournament standings.
 - (c) Return awards of individual(s) and, if appropriate after adjusting standings, team awards.
 - (3) Tournaments or Contests (including OSSAA tournaments):
 - (a) Team or student, most recently defeated upon discovery of violation, replaces offending team or student for remainder of tournament series.
 - (b) The above stated penalties may be modified by the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Director in their absence, dependent upon the circumstances involved.
 - (c) If a student, who has been declared ineligible, is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition because of a court order and/or injunction against the school or OSSAA and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or finally determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, one or more of the penalties outlined in Section 1 (d) above may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other member schools.

- Section 2. The principal shall be responsible for the instruction of the student body in the rules and ethics of activities as sponsored by the Association. The principal or his/her representative shall be manager of the team representing his/her school, shall be manager of home games or contests, and shall be responsible for the courteous treatment of visiting teams and their supporters. The principal shall have general supervision over the conduct of members of teams, students and supporters when away from home.

If an act of violence is committed against the person of a game official by a fan, student, player, or faculty member of a school, or if any serious unsportsmanlike conduct is related directly or indirectly to a contest, the Board of Directors will expect, before further competition, that the principal of the school will make a report to the Executive Director giving complete details of the incident, the names of parties involved, and what corrective action has been taken. The school or team is to be considered on probation until further action by the Board of Directors.

- Section 3. A person seeking coaching certification must meet Oklahoma State Board of Education Accreditation Standard Rules in OAC 210:35-7-44 (e), OAC 210:35-9-44 (h), OAC 210:20-37-2 and local school district policy. Upon completion of all requirements, a certificate will be issued by a certified licensed athletic trainer or through a Care and Prevention course from an accredited college or university. Each school district shall be responsible for proper certification and training. Individuals duly approved shall be in charge of the training and participation of contestants.

When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the contest and there is no other designated assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation of this paragraph shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school, and the school, team and/or coach in violation shall be placed on warning.

Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching at least for the next regularly scheduled game, meet or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. In addition any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules. The course is available online at www.nfhslearn.com. This includes all

OSSAA sponsored and playoff activities. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team anytime during the contest, including half time. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time, nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time for the same or related activity shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

- Section 4. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game shall be forfeited and the school or team automatically placed on probation.
- Section 5. When more than one high school is maintained by a school district, the principals of such schools may adopt special regulations determining the student's home high school of the district for athletic participation and his/her right to transfer athletic eligibility to other schools of the district. A multi-high school district is defined as a school district that operates two or more schools that house 12th, 11th, and 10th grades or any combination thereof. A copy of these regulations shall be filed with the Executive Director.
- Section 6. The rules of student eligibility shall not be interpreted to prevent any member school or any conference from establishing more stringent regulations, but no school or conference may set up standards for interscholastic competition for any of its official teams, varsity or otherwise, which are less stringent than the minimums of the OSSAA.

RULE 14 – CLASSIFICATION FOR TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTESTS

Section 1.

- a. Member schools generally are placed in a classification for co-curricular activities according to ADM for grades through 12 as reported on the Annual Statistical Report from the State Department of Education.
- b. In athletic activities, a member school that would be placed in Class 4A or below according to ADM shall be placed one classification above the classification in which the member school would be placed according to ADM if the member school meets any three of the following four criteria:
 - i) the school has the ability to decline admission or enrollment to a student, even if the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) reside within that school's public school district or designated geographic area;
 - ii) the school is located within a fifteen (15) mile radius of a school placed in the 5A or 6A classification according to ADM;
 - iii) fewer than twenty-five (25) percent of the children enrolled at the school in grades nine through twelve qualify for free or reduced lunches;
 - iv) the school's ADM in grades nine through 12 has increased by fifty (50) percent or more over the previous three school years.

No school shall be moved up to the highest classification (currently Class 6A) for any athletic activity under this subsection.
- c. A school that would be placed in Class 4A or below according to ADM, but which has been moved up one classification pursuant to the above criteria will be moved back down in classification in a particular activity if the school's team has not finished among the top eight teams in that activity in at least two of the previous three school years.

For basketball, soccer, cross-country and track, if the school has both a boys team and a girls team, then both the boys and girls teams in that particular activity will be left in the higher classification for that activity as long as one of those teams has finished among the top eight teams in that activity in at least two of the previous three school years. If neither the boys team nor the girls team has finished among the top eight teams in that activity in at least two of the previous three school years, then both the boys and girls teams will be moved back down in classification in that activity.
- d. A school that has been moved up in classification because it meets three out of the four criteria in subsection b above will be moved back down in classification in an activity if the school, at the beginning of the next school year in which reclassification for that activity is scheduled to occur, no longer meets three of the four criteria.
- e. Whenever reclassification in a particular activity occurs, no school team will be moved up more than one classification above the classification in which the school would be placed according to ADM.

If a school has been moved up in classification pursuant to subsection b above, but in a subsequent school year in which reclassification occurs for a particular activity, the school would be placed, according to reported ADM, in that same higher classification, then the school will remain in that same classification for that activity and will not be moved up another classification in that school year. In those circumstances, the school will not

be moved up in classification in any particular activity again under this rule unless and until the school's team has finished among the top eight teams in at least two out of three consecutive school years.

If a school has been moved up in classification pursuant to subsection b above, but in a subsequent year in which reclassification occurs for a particular activity, the school would be placed, according to reported ADM, in a lower classification in that activity than the classification in which the school would have been placed previously according to ADM, then the school will be moved down one classification in that activity.

Section 2.

- a. OSSAA's Board of Directors shall determine how often reclassification of schools shall occur in particular activities. Reclassifications will occur only before the start of a school year, and shall be effective as of the start of that same school year.
- b. For basketball and spring baseball, school teams will be divided into seven classifications designated Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, A, and B. For football, school teams will be divided into eight classifications designated Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, A, B, and C. No classifications may be added or deleted for 4 years in these activities. OSSAA's Board of Directors shall determine the number of classifications for other activities.
- c. Initial classifications shall be made based on reported ADM for the preceding school year for grades 9 through 12, as shown on the initial Annual Statistical Report completed by the Examiner's Division of the State Department of Education.

In basketball:

- i) Class 6A will consist of the 32 schools with the largest ADM.
- ii) The next 32 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 5A.
- iii) The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 4A.
- iv) The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 3A.
- v) The remaining schools shall be divided equally between Classes 2A, A and B. If an even division of teams is not possible, then the greater number of remaining schools shall be in Class B.

In spring baseball:

- i) Class 6A will consist of the 32 schools with the largest ADM.
- ii) The next 32 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 5A.
- iii) The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 4A.
- iv) The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 3A.
- v) The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 2A.
- vi) The next 96 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class A.
- vii) All remaining schools shall be in Class B.

In football:

- i) Class 6A will consist of the 32 schools with the largest ADM playing 11-man football.
 - ii) The next 32 largest schools according to ADM which play 11-man football will be in Class 5A.
 - iii) The next 32 largest schools according to ADM which play 11-man football will be in Class 4A.
 - iv) The remaining schools playing 11-man football shall be divided equally between Classes 3A, 2A, and A. If an even division of teams is not possible, then the greater number of remaining schools shall be in Class A.
 - v) Schools that would be placed according to ADM in Class A may petition to play 8-man football. Those schools shall be divided between Class B and Class C, with the schools with the largest ADM in Class B.
- d. If any school team is moved up in classification under section 1b above or any other rule or policy, then the school with the lowest ADM within that higher classification will be moved down to the lower classification in that activity. If in subsequent school years a school is moved back down in classification in an activity then the school with the highest ADM within that classification will be moved up to the higher classification in that activity.

Section 3.

- a. All athletic events for students in grades 7 through 12 must be sanctioned by OSSAA or students participating in those events may not be covered by OSSAA's catastrophic insurance coverage. All meets, festivals, and tournaments in which three or more schools participate must be approved in advance by OSSAA.
- b. To participate in a meet, festival or tournament in which a team or teams from other states are participating, a school must apply for and receive approval of OSSAA. An interstate meet, festival, or tournament also must be sanctioned by the National Federation of State High School Associations and participation by any team from another state high school association must be approved by that team's state high school association. High schools that are not members of any state high school association may participate but must certify that their students would be eligible under all OSSAA rules concerning attendance, academic performance, conduct, amateur standing, age, and number of years of participation.

Section 4.

- a. In basketball for grades nine through twelve, football-playing schools may participate in a total of 16 regular season games and two tournaments in which more than two teams participate, or a total of 14 regular season games and three tournaments in which more than two teams participate. Non-football-playing schools may participate in a total of 18 regular season games and two tournaments, or 16 regular season games and three tournaments.
The play-off elimination contests and state tournament leading to the OSSAA state championship in basketball are not counted in these limitations on the number of tournaments.
- b. Basketball teams for students in grades seven, eight, and/or nine may participate in a total of 14 regular season games and two tournaments in which more than two teams participate.
Basketball teams for students in grades seven, eight, and/or nine are not permitted to participate in tournaments against teams with students in grades nine through twelve. If school teams limited to seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grade students are allowed to participate in the same tournament as teams with students in grades nine through twelve, the teams with seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grade students must compete in separate divisions for teams with students at those same grade levels.
School teams that include students below the seventh grade level may not include ninth grade students or compete against teams that include ninth grade students.
- c. The limitations on number of tournaments stated in subsections a and b above also apply to students on an individual basis. A member school's students may not participate in more tournaments than are permitted for the school's team for students in grades nine through twelve. A ninth grade student thus may not exceed this limitation by participating in tournaments both on a school team for students in grades nine through twelve and on another school team for students in grades seven, eight, and/or nine. A student similarly may not exceed this limitation by participating in tournaments for both a school's junior varsity team and its varsity team.
- d. In addition to tournaments, member schools also may participate in a basketball festival. A basketball festival involves no more than four schools, and each team plays no more than two games in the same day or over two successive nights (or over three successive nights if both boys and girls teams are participating). The games played in a festival are counted as regular season games subject to the limitations on regular season games in subsections a and b above.
- e. No more than eight teams may participate in any basketball tournament, and a school may not play in more than three games in any basketball tournament, unless the tournament is limited to teams from the same county or same conference, in which event the school may be permitted a fourth game upon approval in advance by OSSAA.
- f. Basketball tournaments for students in grades nine through twelve may only take place during the first week in December, second week in December, the first week in January, the third week in January, or while all participating schools are out of school for the holidays between semesters.
No basketball tournament for teams limited to seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grade students will be approved which conflicts with OSSAA district, area, or regional play-off contests leading to a state championship in basketball.
- g. Teams are not permitted to play more than two games in one day in any basketball tournament, and must be permitted a minimum of four hours of rest in between games on one day. No tournament basketball games may be scheduled to begin on a weekday prior to 4 p.m., or on a weekend day prior to 10 a.m., nor may any game be scheduled to begin after 9 p.m.
- h. All basketball officials used in district, regional, area, and state tournament contests leading to the state championship shall be retained and paid entirely by OSSAA.

Section 5.

- a. OSSAA's Board of Directors is responsible for establishing classifications and setting up tournaments or meets leading to state championships for fall baseball, golf, tennis, track, volleyball, swimming, cross-country, wrestling, softball, soccer, and cheerleading.
- b. If a member school elects to participate as an independent in any athletic activity and not compete for a state championship in that activity, then that school must participate as an independent in all athletic activities for two school years. OSSAA's Board of Directors may grant an exception to allow a school just beginning a particular athletic activity to participate as an independent in that activity for a period not to exceed two consecutive school years.
- c. Any events in non-athletic activities which are competitive in nature, involving awards, ratings, rankings or other forms of recognition, and which involve three or more schools participating, must be approved in advance by OSSAA.

RULE 15 – FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Section 1. District Assignments – Class 6A is divided into two divisions: Division I consisting of the 16 largest football-playing schools according to ADM, and Division II consisting of the next 16 largest football-playing schools. Each division is divided into two 8-team districts. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of districts for each of the other classifications.
- Section 2. District Schedules – A chairman for each district shall be appointed by the OSSAA. If it is necessary, each chairman shall call a meeting of the representatives of the schools in his/her district to complete district schedules. Games between any two schools of a district will be alternated between their home fields unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. The entire district schedule must be completed before contracts for games with schools outside the district will become binding. Each team is to play all other teams of the district.
- Section 3. Separate eight-team championship playoffs shall be held in each of the two divisions in Class 6A. The first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each district in each of the two divisions of Class 6A shall be eligible to participate in the elimination games. In the other classifications, the first, second, third and fourth place finishers in all classes from each district shall be eligible to participate in the elimination games.
- Section 4. District Standings – The first, second, third, and fourth place finishers in each district shall be determined in percentage of games won and lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and next highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined in the following manner:
- a. When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. The team that lost to the other tied team will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings.
 - b. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
 - c. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in the percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:
 - (1) Total the marginal points each tied team had in all district games only. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than fifteen points in any district game. Example: Winning score, Team A, 21 points; Team B, 18 points; Team A will add three points to its marginal point total and Team B will subtract three points from its marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than one point in any district game that goes into overtime(s). The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Anytime two teams are tied in marginal points, the teams shall advance in the order as to which team won over the other in district play.
 - (2) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria in paragraph (1) above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The two remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won over the other in district play.
 - d. Should it become necessary for a top-four place finisher to be determined by lot, OSSAA will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the order of placement.
 - e. If any of the top-four place finishers from any district do not elect to play or are ineligible to play in the elimination games, the next place finishers in order will be moved up as needed to fill the top four places and represent the district in the play-off series.

Section 5. Class Championships: On the OSSAA calendar week 19, a series of elimination games shall be started and shall be continued by the winning teams playing one game each week until a champion is determined in each of the two divisions in Class 6A and in all other classifications.

In a multi-high school district, games may be adjusted between Friday and Saturday by mutual agreement if a field conflict exists. The OSSAA shall select site, set date, and appoint the manager for the final championship game in each class.

Section 6. Forfeited and Postponed Games: Any game in which an ineligible student is used will be forfeited (see Forfeiture Policy) and if an ineligible student is used in an elimination game, the team will be eliminated. A scheduled game that is canceled will be forfeited. Games which are postponed due to some urgent emergency must be played not later than Monday of the next week. A postponed final game may be played any day of the following week.

Section 7. Officials: The game officials in all elimination games shall be selected and assigned by the OSSAA. Beginning a game with an official constitutes agreement. The official's decision shall be final in play-off games as well as regular season. In elimination games of eleven-man football, five officials shall be used and their fees are to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Expenses: In elimination games, representatives of competing schools shall meet not later than Monday preceding the game and shall agree upon the arrangements for the game upon the following basis:

- a. When the game is played on the home field of either school, a representative of the home school will be the manager, and he/she will be responsible for completing arrangements for the game. In case the game is played on a neutral field, a school official shall be a mutually agreed upon representative who shall participate in the arrangements and in the financial accounting. A detailed, itemized financial statement shall be compiled by the manager on the form furnished by the Association, and a copy shall be furnished each school and the Association the week following the game.
- b. The ticket prices adopted for the various groups and classes of tickets shall be uniform to those applying. The Board of Directors shall adopt a plan for distribution of complimentary tickets and contestants' and workers' passes. (NOTE: COMPLIMENTARY PASSES ARE NOT TO BE ISSUED TO FACULTY OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.)
- c. The expenses of officials shall be taken from the gate receipts. All other expenses incurred in handling the game shall be borne by the school designated as the home school. The home school shall have all concession rights.

Section 9. Trophies: The Association shall award suitable trophies for district winners, and these trophies are to be designed so that the recognition of additional winnings in the championship series can be added. The Association is to provide suitable trophies and medals for the runner-up and championship teams.

RULE 16-BEGINNING AND ENDING OF SPORT SEASONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH

Section 1. Football

- a. Member schools have the option of beginning the varsity football season during week 8 or week 9 on the OSSAA calendar.

A school team that chooses to begin the varsity football season during week 8 on the OSSAA calendar is only permitted to play during Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of that week, and the school's varsity and junior varsity teams are limited to playing no more than one interschool scrimmage, which must be played prior to the first regular season varsity contest.

A school team that chooses to begin the varsity football season during week 9 on the OSSAA calendar is only permitted to play during Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of that week, and the school's varsity and junior varsity teams are limited to playing no more than two interschool scrimmages, which must be played prior to the first regular season varsity contest.

Junior varsity teams are not permitted to begin regular season contests before Monday of week 9 on the OSSAA calendar, regardless of whether the school's varsity team has opted to begin regular season play during week 8

as permitted above. The junior varsity team is limited to one pre-season interschool scrimmage if the school's varsity team has opted to start regular season play during week 8 on the OSSAA calendar, and two pre-season interschool scrimmages if the school's varsity team has opted to start regular season play during week 9 on the OSSAA calendar.

School teams at the seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grade levels, are permitted to begin regular season contests on Monday of week 9 on the OSSAA calendar. Those teams are limited to playing no more than two interschool scrimmages, which must be played prior to the team's first regular season contest.

- No school team is permitted to participate in an interschool scrimmage after beginning regular season play.
- b. The football season for member schools, school personnel, and players shall close on Saturday of week 18, excepting for those teams having elimination games following that date, the season shall close with their last elimination game. An individual who has represented his/her school during the current season shall not participate in football unattached, or as a member of a team for the remainder of the school year.
In case of death, impassable roads, or extreme weather conditions, a game is postponed and no date is open to play the postponed game; the Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction in deciding whether the season shall be extended.
 - c. From the close of the football season and until the close of school, member schools and school personnel shall not sponsor or conduct clinics or training camps for their football teams, and shall not hold football practice from the close of the football season until 20 days prior to the opening of the current football season. (Except as provided in e.)
Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning fundamentals of football. Coaches may coach his or her team in summer passing leagues and summer camps (see camp regulations).
Pre-season conditioning and training sessions, without pads, may begin on Monday of week 6 of the OSSAA calendar. Schools may begin practice with pads on Friday of week 6 of the OSSAA calendar.
Schools must have a minimum of three days of conditioning without pads immediately preceding the first day of practice with pads (Friday of week 6).
Prior to Friday of week 6, only footballs, football shoes, and helmets may be used. No other protective equipment such as pads, guards, etc., and no training devices such as tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices are to be used nor shall players participate in drills that are designated to cause contact.
Training aids such as air and stand-up dummies which are non-attached, tires, ropes, boards and any other equipment not requiring body contact, may be used during pre-season conditioning and training sessions prior to the first day of practice with pads.
 - d. During the three day limited practice, practice must be on the home field. Practice after that date may be on or off the home field.
 - e. After all spring activities end for each respective school member high schools (students currently in grades 9-11) will be allowed 21 calendar days to conduct 10 spring football practices. Full contact drills cannot occur on consecutive days during spring practice and each school is limited to a total of six practices where full contact drills are used. All spring practices must be completed by Saturday of Week 49 of the OSSAA calendar. Spring football practice is limited to a total of two hours per day.
 - f. Member schools may give football instruction in a physical education class during the regular school day. Except for footballs, helmets and football shoes, no protective equipment such as pads, guards, etc., and no training devices such as tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices are to be used during the physical education class.
Training aids will be permissible provided they comply with Section 1-c above. When there is no organized physical education class scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day, not to exceed in length that of a regular school hour (60 minutes), for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes, not to exceed in length that of a regular class period, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified school coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period.
 - g. Before the opening date of the regular season, member schools and individual students are limited to two interschool scrimmage dates only. For any scrimmage, there shall be no kick-off or return of other kicks. Coaches must be on the field, and they shall be responsible for the supervision and administration of the scrimmage.
 - h. The limit on the number of games for all teams other than senior high varsity is eight games per season with the exception of Classes 5A and 6A teams that include 9th graders only, sophomore teams and junior varsity teams can play nine games.

Section 2. Basketball Rules

- a. The basketball season for all non-football playing schools shall open on November 1. The season for all football playing schools shall open for senior high schools on the third weekend in November and for junior high schools on the Monday immediately preceding the second weekend in November. A weekend is Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- b. The basketball season for member schools, school personnel, and players shall close with the state championship tournament. Students may not participate on school teams from the time the state tournament is completed in a

student's particular classification, until all spring activities are completed, unless a postponement is involved. School personnel shall not coach directly or indirectly during this period with exception of the conditions of Rule 16 Section 2c. (Exception: Senior athletes may participate in Association approved all-star games after all state sponsored activities are completed.)

School personnel are interpreted to be those people who are designated as coaches or assistant coaches within the school system. Those people are defined as those who comply with the requirements as set forth in Rule 13, Section 3.

- c. From the close of the basketball season until October 1, member schools and school personnel shall not hold organized basketball practice. Organized practice is defined as school personnel or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning fundamentals of basketball. School personnel may coach his or her team in summer leagues and summer camps (see camp regulations). However, from the opening of school until October 1, and from the close of the basketball season until the close of school, member schools may give basketball instruction in a physical education class during the regular school day. When there is no organized physical education class scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day not to exceed in length that of a regular school hour (60 minutes), for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes, not to exceed in length that of a regular class period, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified school coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period.
- d. Boys' teams in non-football playing schools, and all girls' teams, may hold interschool scrimmages any time after they start organized practice.
- e. Boys' teams in football playing schools shall not hold interschool scrimmages before November 1.
- f. Member schools shall not hold interschool scrimmages from the close of the basketball season until the close of school.
- g. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored championship tournament series, high school teams from schools playing football are permitted sixteen basketball games, and two tournaments, or fourteen basketball games and three tournaments; teams from schools not playing football are permitted eighteen basketball games and two tournaments or sixteen basketball games and three tournaments. All junior high teams are permitted fourteen basketball games and two tournaments.
A team will be charged with one game for each invitational tournament it enters in a festival a team will be charged with a game for each game played in the festival.
- h. Member schools and individual students are limited to six interschool scrimmage dates prior to December 1.

Section 3. Wrestling

- a. The collegiate style wrestling (this style is sanctioned and governed by the OSSAA) season shall open on the third full weekend in November. A weekend is Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- b. The collegiate style wrestling season for member schools, school personnel, and wrestlers shall close with the state championship tournament. An individual who has represented his school in collegiate style wrestling during the current season shall not represent his school in that sport after the season closes. Students may participate unattached and school personnel may coach.
- c. Member schools shall not hold organized collegiate style wrestling practice from the beginning of the school year until October 1. No organized collegiate style wrestling practice may take place after the OSSAA sponsored state collegiate style wrestling championship tournament. Collegiate style wrestling techniques and procedures may be taught in regularly scheduled physical education classes. When there is no organized physical education classes scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day. This additional class period shall be for the purpose of conducting a physical education class and shall not exceed, in length, the time of a regularly scheduled period which is defined as 60 minutes. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes, not to exceed in length that of a regular class period for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified school coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period.
- d. Coaches may coach their participants in a maximum of three open collegiate style wrestling tournaments in November with no loss of school time. A student must be eligible under all rules and regulations of the OSSAA Administrator's Handbook in order to participate in open collegiate style tournaments that are sanctioned or hosted by an OSSAA member school during the month of November. The OSSAA will not sanction any open collegiate style tournaments after the month of November. Any collegiate style wrestling open tournament held after November 30 and until the completion of the state wrestling tournament in which a school personnel is coaching either directly or indirectly a school team or members of a school team would count against the school's and/or individual's regular season schedule. School personnel are interpreted to be those people who are designated as

coaches, assistant coaches, or lay coaches within the school system. Violation of this rule could cause a student to lose eligibility and a coach to be suspended.

- e. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored championship tournament series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to 26 points. The following point system will apply in determining the teams and/or individual's point total:
 - (1) All two-day tournaments will count three points and all one-day tournaments will count two points. An individual and/or team are limited to a maximum of five tournaments.
 - (2) Duals will count one point.
 - (3) In any multi-team competition, points will be equal to the number of duals wrestled. Example: A triangular would be worth two points and a quadrangular/festival would be worth three points.

The 26 point system applies to team schedules and to each individual that wrestles. For an individual, this would include a combination of wrestling on the junior varsity and varsity teams. Ninth grade students may wrestle under the 26 point system. A ninth grade student may reach the 26 allowable points by wrestling a combination of junior high and high school events or wrestling the entire season with the high school team. If a ninth grade student wrestles with the junior high team for the entire season, he/she will be limited to 11 duals and 3 tournaments.
- f. Quadrangular/Festival
 - (1) A quadrangular/festival is not a tournament. When using the 26 point system a quadrangular/festival is classified as multi-team competition.
 - (2) A quadrangular/festival shall be limited to one day or two successive nights.
 - (3) No more than four schools shall participate.
 - (4) All duals must be scheduled before the first match starts.
 - (5) Will be counted as three points towards the 26 point system.

Section 4. Soccer

- a. Organized practice shall begin no sooner than December 1.
- b. The first scrimmage date is February 15.
- c. The regular season shall open on March 1 and close with the state championships.
- d. From the first day of school until the state championship finals, school personnel or anticipated school personnel (coaches, lay coaches, trainers, etc.) will not be permitted to coach, train, or have any contact with the high school's team members or potential high school's team members (grades 9-12) on a non-school team.
- e. An individual who has represented his school in a sport during the current season shall not represent his school in that sport after the season closes.

Section 5. Other sports

- a. The season for fast-pitch softball, volleyball, cross-country, and fall baseball may begin in August when limited football practice begins or with the opening of school.
- b. Organized practice for cross-country, fall baseball, fast-pitch softball, and volleyball may begin no earlier than July 15. Organized practice for indoor track and field and swimming may begin no earlier than October 1. Organized practice for golf, track and field, spring baseball, slow-pitch softball and tennis may begin no earlier than December 1.

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season in each of the above sports to the start date indicated above for that sport in the following school year, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility, or from one school site to another, for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class, or during the one hour period immediately following the school day, shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes.

- c. The season for all sports shall close with its state championship tournament or meet. Except that if a game or meet is postponed and no date is open to play the postponed game or meet, the Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction in determining whether the season may be extended.
- d. Member schools and individuals who participate in fall baseball and/or softball shall be permitted to participate in spring baseball and/or softball.
- e. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored championship tournament series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. This regulation shall apply separately to fall and spring baseball and/or softball seasons. Outside of tournament games, each game played shall be counted as a match game. Junior high teams and individuals shall be limited to the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. Junior high teams may play a third tournament if the regular season schedule is reduced three games.
- f. An individual who has represented his or her school in a sport during the current season shall not represent his or her school in that sport after the season closes. Students may participate unattached pending approval of their local school administration.

Section 6. Rule Violation: Student violating the end of the season rule shall be ineligible for further competition in any sport until reinstated by the Board of Directors. The student's ineligibility may continue into the next academic year if the Board so determines it appropriate.

Section 7. Application for Post-Season Tournament or Meet: The Board of Directors will not approve an application from a member school for sanction of an interschool meet or tournament following the close of the season for that sport.

RULE 17 - ENROLLMENT OF OFFICIALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH

The regulations of the OSSAA provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and Association sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the Association and have passed part I of the current National Federation rules examination for that sport. (Lists of eligible officials are available on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com.)

These regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling where participants are 7th-12th grades.

A violation of this Rule could result in sanctions imposed by the OSSAA against the offending school.

RULE 18 - CONTROL OF BROADCASTS

The Activities Association shall retain control of television and radio broadcasting, video streaming, telegraphic play by play accounts of all elimination contests, games, tournaments or meets, leading to a state-wide championship sponsored by the Association.

RULE 19 - ALL-STAR CONTESTS

Section 1. In-State All-Star Contests

- a. A student from an OSSAA-member school may participate in an in-state All-Star athletic contest, provided the contest has been approved in advance by OSSAA.
- b. Except for a national-level All-Star contest as provided in Section 2 below, no in-state All-Star football contest shall be permitted except after all spring activities have been completed, and any such contest can only include graduating seniors.
- c. In activities other than football, an in-state All-Star contest may take place during the regular season, or prior to or during the playoff contests leading to the state championship in that activity. Otherwise such All-Star contests may only take place after all spring activities are concluded, and may only include graduating seniors.

Section 2. National and Interstate All-Star Contests

- a. Graduating seniors only are permitted to participate in national-level All-Star athletic contests, including football, which involve students selected from multiple states, during the school year, or after the conclusion of spring activities. Participation in practices, camps or clinics leading up to or associated with a national All-Star contest also is permitted. Before participating in any national all-star contest during the school year, a graduating senior must obtain approval from the principal or head administrator of the student's school. A member school, or a booster organization for a member school, may assist in paying a selected senior's necessary travel expenses to enable that student to participate in a national-level All-Star athletic contest.

- b. Students may only participate in interstate All-Star athletic contests, involving All-Star teams representing different states, after all spring activities are concluded.

Section 3. All-Star athletic contests within the meaning of this rule are single exhibition-style events to which students from different teams are invited to participate based on talent and prior performance. Participation is not permitted in any activity characterized as an All-Star contest which involves multiple games or contests in a tournament or conference format.

Section 4. A student who participates in an All-Star contest in violation of this rule may be subject to sanction by OSSAA. A member school that becomes aware that a student may have participated in an All-Star contest in violation of this rule shall notify OSSAA. A student or member school representative who is concerned about whether participation in a particular All-Star contest might violate this rule should contact the OSSAA.

RULE - 20

PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING VIOLATIONS, WAIVERS AND APPEALS

Section 1.

Procedures for Investigating and Resolving Alleged Violations of Rule or Policy.

- a. Each member school is responsible for notifying OSSAA promptly whenever a violation of OSSAA rules or policies is suspected, or an allegation of a violation has been received by the school. A failure to report a suspected or alleged violation to OSSAA may subject the school to sanction or penalty.
- b. When a report of an alleged violation at a member school is received by OSSAA from a source other than that school, the member school should be promptly notified of the alleged violation and any evidence supporting the allegations. If the investigation of the alleged violation may be compromised or impeded by immediate notice to the school, this notice may be delayed, and an initial investigation may be conducted without notice to the school, until the risk of interference with the investigation is minimized or eliminated.
- c. After receiving notice of an alleged violation, OSSAA has the option of initiating an investigation, or asking the member school to conduct an initial investigation and to provide a written report.
- d. If an initial investigation and report are requested by OSSAA, the member school must promptly conduct an impartial investigation, and provide a complete and accurate written report concerning the investigation, the school's findings and, if a violation has been found, recommendations for any remedial actions or sanctions.
- e. After receiving an initial written investigative report from the school, the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, will evaluate whether the school's investigation was appropriate, whether the school's findings are reasonably supported by the evidence, and whether any recommendations for self-imposed remedial measures or sanctions are consistent with the remedial measures or sanctions imposed for the same or similar violations.
- f. If the report from the member school is incomplete, the school may be asked to provide supplemental information or revised recommendations, or OSSAA may conduct an additional investigation.
- g. Any investigation conducted by OSSAA, whether before or after notice to the member school, or after an initial report has been received from the school, will be conducted impartially and expeditiously. The member school must cooperate in any OSSAA investigation and provide other responsive information as requested.
- h. If the investigation may impact the eligibility of a student to participate in interscholastic activities or contests, then the member school will notify the parent(s) or legal guardian of the student of the alleged violation. Any evidence relating to the student's eligibility will be disclosed to them, and they will be provided the opportunity to submit any information they consider to be pertinent or responsive to the school and to OSSAA.
- i. If the member school determines that the investigation may lead to the imposition of sanctions or penalties on any individual school representative, then before a final determination is made, the school will notify that individual, disclose any evidence relevant to that individual, and provide that individual with the opportunity to submit any information the individual considers to be pertinent or responsive to the school and to OSSAA.
- j. Because some action may be necessary before an investigation of an alleged violation can be completed, OSSAA's Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, is authorized to take temporary action if deemed necessary to prevent possible continuing or repeated violations that could result in the imposition of additional sanctions or penalties. This temporary action may include directing the member school to hold a student out of participation when the student's eligibility is in question, and participation by the student may result in game forfeitures, the adjustment of point totals or standings, or a more extended period of ineligibility for the student. If the school does not comply with the temporary directive,

and a violation subsequently is confirmed, then the school's failure to comply may be considered in determining sanctions or remedial measures.

- k. OSSAA will notify the member school involved in writing of the determination on the alleged violation as soon as possible after a determination has been made. If the violation has not been admitted or conceded by the school, then the notice provided by OSSAA will include a summary of the reasons supporting the determination. If a violation has been found to have occurred, the notice provided by OSSAA will also include a statement of any remedial measures and/or sanctions that will be imposed or which the school has agreed to accept. If the remedial measures or sanctions affect any student or any individual school representative, then the school will provide notice of the determination to those individuals.

Section 2.

Requests for Exception or Waiver Concerning Eligibility Rules and Policies

- a. If a member school has determined that the student is not eligible under OSSAA rules and policies concerning athletic eligibility, or the school is uncertain about the student's eligibility under OSSAA rules and policies, but the school believes that the student may qualify for a waiver or exception that would allow the student to participate, then the school may apply for a waiver or exception. The Board of Directors will approve a standard form to be used to request a waiver or exception.
- b. Before submitting a request, the member school is responsible for reviewing the applicable eligibility rules and policies with the affected student and the parent(s) or legal guardian of that student, determining whether a request for a waiver or exception is appropriate, and gathering all information that may be relevant to the determination of the request.
- c. A student who has been determined by the school to be ineligible, or whose eligibility is in question, is not permitted to participate unless or until a request with full and complete information has been submitted and eligibility has been approved. Consideration of a request may be denied or deferred if the information submitted is not complete.
- d. A waiver or exception to a loss of eligibility under Rule 8 may be granted, based on certain criteria established by the Board of Directors. Such a waiver or exception should be granted rarely, and only upon demonstration that the student's loss of eligibility is the result of an unavoidable hardship having arisen which was beyond the control of the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student).
- e. A waiver or exception to the limitations stated in Rule 7, concerning the years in which a student may participate in athletic activities, may be granted, based on certain criteria established by the Board of Directors. As indicated in Rule 7, the circumstances in which such a waiver or exception may be granted are more limited than the circumstances which may justify a waiver or exception concerning Rule 8.
- f. A waiver or exception to the age limitations on participation in athletic activities as stated in Rule 1 may be granted, based on certain criteria established by the Board of Directors. Such a waiver or exception generally should be granted only upon demonstration of circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or legally appointed guardian) which delayed the student from starting school or caused the student to be held back from advancing from one grade level to the next grade level. Examples of such circumstances include:
 - i) readiness testing at the kindergarten or first grade level demonstrated that the student was not yet prepared to begin school;
 - ii) designation as a transitional student at the first grade level;
 - iii) substantial physical or mental disability;
 - iv) serious injury, illness or other circumstance beyond the control of a student that has been shown to have significantly delayed the student from making normal academic progress;
 - v) difficulties transitioning from a foreign language to learning in English; or
 - vi) a failure to provide appropriate special education services that would have enabled the student to make normal academic progress.

Even if a student qualifies for a waiver or exception to the age limitation, the student may not be permitted to participate in a particular activity if, in view of the student's size and development, the student's participation presents an obvious danger to other participants.

- g. In some instances, a waiver or exception to the above-referenced rules may be granted if imposing a period of ineligibility or denying additional eligibility would not serve the purposes for which the general rule was created. Such a waiver or exception, however, may not be granted if there is any evidence that the student was influenced to change schools, or to remain at a school at which the student otherwise is ineligible, for athletic purposes.
- h. If a student is discovered to have participated while ineligible under the above-referenced rules, but the school believes that a waiver or exception likely would have been approved if requested prior to participation, the school may ask for a retroactive approval of a waiver or exception. In determining

whether a request for retroactive approval should be granted, OSSAA may consider whether the school permitted the student to participate inadvertently, whether the school had adequate procedures and policies in place to prevent ineligible participation, and whether information relevant to the student's eligibility was withheld intentionally.

- i. Under no circumstances shall a student be permitted to continue participation in athletics after reaching the age of twenty, nor shall a student be permitted to continue participation in athletics at the ninth-grade level or below after reaching the age of seventeen.

Section 3. Appeals from Rule Violation and Eligibility Determinations

- a. A determination concerning a rule violation under Section 1 above, or an eligibility determination under Section 2 above, may be appealed. The appeal must be submitted to OSSAA by or through the member school. An appeal of a rule violation determination under Section 1 is considered directly by OSSAA's Board of Directors. An appeal of an eligibility determination under Section 2 is considered first by an intermediate appeals panel.
- b. The member school may submit an appeal on behalf of a student or an individual school representative who is impacted directly by the determination. The member school is not required to join in or endorse such an appeal, but the member school remains responsible for informing the affected student, and the parent(s) or legal guardian of that student, or the affected individual school representative, about the appeal process, and for providing notice of the date and time for any appeal hearings.
- c. Notice of the date and time for all appeal hearings will be publicly posted in advance, consistent with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. All appeal hearings will be open to the public, however, if private, confidential information must be discussed in the hearing, then an executive session may be held for the purpose of hearing and considering such information.
- d. A representative of the member school who is able to answer questions and provide supplementary information that is relevant to the appeal is required to be present at any appeal hearing. The school is required to send an appropriate representative even if the appeal is being submitted on behalf of a student or individual school representative, and the school does not join in or endorse the appeal. If an appropriate representative of the school fails to attend, the appeal hearing may be postponed or the appeal may be denied.
- e. In any appeal, all documentation previously submitted or obtained will be made available to the individuals determining the appeal, for review prior to the appeal hearing. The school may submit additional evidence or summaries in advance of or at an appeal hearing, and copies will be provided to each person responsible for determining the appeal. If new information is submitted, however, that was not provided previously, then the appeal may be postponed, and the determination may be sent back with instructions to reconsider the determination in view of the new information, before the matter is rescheduled for appeal.
- f. At any appeal hearing, the school will be afforded the opportunity to be heard, and to present any new or additional information in support of the appeal, before any determination is made. If the school submitted the appeal on behalf of a student, the student and the student's parent(s) or legal guardian should be present at any appeal hearing, and will also be provided an opportunity to be heard prior to any determination. If the school is making the appeal on behalf of an individual school representative, that individual should be present at any appeal hearing, and shall also be provided an opportunity to be heard prior to any determination. The school and any such student or individual school representative may also be represented at the appeal hearing by an attorney if desired.
- g. In an appeal, all aspects of the prior determinations at issue may be subject to review, and any part of the prior determinations that is found to have been erroneous or inappropriate may be corrected or revised, even if that part of the prior determinations was not appealed.
- h. Any votes on appeals will be taken in open, public meetings, and a record of such votes will be kept and be available to the public. An electronic record of each appeal hearing, including any proceedings held in executive session, will be kept, although the record of proceedings held in executive session will not be available to the public.
- i. The member school is responsible for insuring that a copy of the written statement or written notice of the determination on appeal is provided to any individual school representative, or to a student and the parent(s) or legal guardian of the student, who is directly affected by the determination.
- j. Appeals of Hardship Waiver Request Determinations to Intermediate Appeals Panel
 - i) Any appeal of the determination on a request for waiver or exception to OSSAA athletic eligibility rules and policies will be presented to an intermediate appeal panel for hearing and review.

- ii) For the purpose of electing five intermediate appeal panel members, the State will be divided into four geographic quadrants, defined by Interstate Highways 35 and 40. One panel member will be elected from each quadrant, and one panel member will be elected from all public school districts with multiple schools offering grades nine to twelve. The panel members from each quadrant and from the multi-high school group will be elected by a majority vote within the respective quadrant or multi-high school group. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then a run-off election will be held between the two candidates with the highest percentages of votes to select the panel member for that quadrant or multi-high school group. No public school district will have more than one person serving as an intermediate appeal panel member.
 - iii) Panel members will be elected to four-year terms. No panel member can serve for more than two consecutive terms. OSSAA's Board of Directors will establish appropriate procedures for setting up and maintaining staggered terms for panel members.
 - iv) Individuals currently serving as certified administrators or athletic directors at member schools are eligible to serve as panel members.
 - v) If one of the panel members is employed at the school that submitted the appeal, then that panel member will be disqualified from considering the appeal. If a school submitting an appeal contends that one of the panel members should be disqualified for any reason, that panel member may agree to disqualify, or the panel member may be disqualified if the other members of the panel agree unanimously that the challenged panel member should be disqualified for valid cause.
 - vi) At the conclusion of the hearing before the intermediate appeal panel, the panel members will determine the appeal by a majority vote. If a panel member has been disqualified, or is not able to attend an appeal hearing for any reason, abstains from voting after participating in a hearing, and the vote on an appeal is tied, then the appeal is considered to be denied, and the determination by OSSAA Staff remains in effect.
 - vii) After the vote on an appeal is completed, a written statement will be prepared summarizing the reasons for the determination and stating how the panel members voted. A copy of the written statement will be provided to the member school.
 - viii) If the appeal is denied, or the appeal is granted in part and denied in part, then the panel's determination may be appealed to OSSAA's Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If the appeal is granted in full, then the panel's determination will be effective immediately, and no further appeal may be made to OSSAA's Board of Directors.
- k. Appeals to OSSAA's Board of Directors
 - i) An appeal concerning a determination of the Executive Director under Section 1 herein or concerning a determination of the intermediate appeals board under Section 3(j) herein, may be made to OSSAA's Board of Directors.
 - ii) If one of the Board members is employed at the school that submitted the appeal, then that Board member will be disqualified from considering the appeal. If a school submitting an appeal contends that one of the Board members should be disqualified for any reason, that Board member may agree to disqualify, or the Board member may be disqualified if a majority of the other Board members find valid cause and vote to disqualify the challenged Board member.
 - iii) Appeals to OSSAA's Board of Directors will be decided by a majority vote at the conclusion of the hearing. When a motion is made to grant or deny an appeal, in whole or in part, the reasons for the motion will be stated, and reflected in the minutes of the meeting. A written notice of the Board's determination and the vote of the Board members will be provided to the member school involved in the appeal.
 - iv) Determinations by OSSAA's Board of Directors will be deemed final. No further appeal, nor any request for reconsideration, nor any additional hearing before OSSAA's Board of Directors will be allowed.

RULE 21 - APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENTS, MEETS AND CONTESTS

(Non-school individuals or non-school groups must supply a certificate of insurance and be co-sponsored by a school or an approved organization in order to be considered for sanctioning.)

- Section 1. No member school shall compete in athletics in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate, unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations including the National Federation when required. All entries for out of state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the appropriate State Association office for endorsement and approval.
- Section 2. All events in grades 7 thru 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the Association sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned. All entries for out of state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the Association office for endorsement and approval.
- Section 3. Non-athletics: All related activities that the OSSAA sponsors where representatives of three or more schools participate shall be approved by the OSSAA. (See music and speech manuals for complete sanctioning policy.) Only events which are competitive in nature and where recognition, ratings or awards are given or winners determined should be approved by the Association. If the activity is not sponsored by the OSSAA, all legal matters will be the responsibility of the member school, non-public school hosts, or any non-school individual hosts.

RULE 22 - CO-OP TEAMS AND GROUPS

- Section 1. If a member school has individual students who want to participate in an activity that is not being offered by that school, the school may enter into a cooperative agreement with another member school to provide the students with an opportunity to participate in that activity, subject to approval by OSSAA. The following conditions and requirements apply to any such agreements.
- No more than two member schools are allowed to combine and compete in an activity, unless an exception is approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors.
 - The cooperating schools' must have contiguous boundaries unless an exception is approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors, or they must be located in the same independent school district.
 - Classification for a co-op team will be determined by the combined ADM of the cooperating schools.
 - The cooperative agreements must be for a one-year period for activities in which participating schools are classified annually, and for a two-year period for activities in which schools are classified every two years.
 - The cooperative agreements will be for each activity. A school may have an agreement with school A for one activity and school B for a different activity.
 - One of the cooperating schools must assume the responsibility of being the "host" school. The host school is responsible for scheduling, contests and events for the combined team, arranging for officials, enforcing eligibility rules, and being the contact for all communications from the OSSAA office concerning the combined team.
 - The application to approve a co-operative agreement must be on file in the OSSAA office by August 15 for all first semester activities and January 15 for all second semester activities. Applications for those activities that occur in both semesters must be on file in the OSSAA office by August 15. Applications received after the deadline date may not be considered for the current school year.
- Section 2. Applying for approval of cooperative agreement
- The application to approve a cooperative agreement must contain information that details how the cooperating schools will handle such issues as transportation, coaching, funding, credits for participation, cheerleaders, half-time activities, and insurance. OSSAA staff may ask for other information relevant to evaluating the application. The application also must identify which school will act as the host school.
 - The application will explain the need for having a cooperative agreement in that activity.
 - The application will include a detailed description of the method of confirming the eligibility of students before they are permitted to participate on the co-op team in the activity.
- Section 3. The application to approve a cooperative agreement may be denied if OSSAA determines after review that the terms of the proposed agreement do not conform with the purpose, conditions, and requirements of this rule, or if the interscholastic activities of other schools will be substantially disadvantaged. Substantial disadvantage shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, situations where a cooperative effort may result in an unfair domination of an activity, or substantial disruption of activity classifications and management

- Section 4. Impacts on basketball and fall baseball when entering into cooperative agreement in football
- If a non-football playing school co-ops in football with a football playing school the non-football playing school is permitted to participate in fall baseball, and is permitted to start the basketball season on the same date as other non-football playing schools, the football-playing school is not permitted to participate in fall baseball (except in the circumstances described in subsection c below), and is permitted to start the basketball season on the same date as other football-playing schools.
 - If non-football playing schools enter into a co-op agreement to play football, the school that is designated as the host school would then be considered a football-playing school for the purpose of determining the start of basketball season, and that school would not be permitted to participate in fall baseball.
 - If a football playing school co-ops in football with a non-football-playing school and the football-playing school does not participate in spring baseball, then the football-playing school may enter into a separate cooperative agreement to play fall baseball with the same non-football-playing school, provided that the non-football playing school is the host school for fall baseball.
- Section 5. Swimming
- Member schools may enter into cooperative agreements in swimming for participating students to train under one coach and use the same facilities, but those students are not permitted to compete as a co-op team, and instead must compete at meets for their respective schools.
- Section 6. Co-op teams in grades seven through nine
- When member schools have entered into an approved agreement for a co-op team in an activity at the high school level, the cooperating schools (or their associated junior high or middle schools) may also form co-op teams in that activity for students in grades seven through nine under that same agreement.
 - A member school that has entered into a cooperative agreement in one activity cannot enter into a separate cooperative agreement for students in grades seven through nine in that same activity with another member school (or its associated junior high or middle school) if that member school already is in a cooperative agreement for that same activity with a different school.
 - Kindergarten through eighth grade (K-8), middle or junior high schools may enter into a cooperative agreement in an activity for students at the seven through nine grade levels, even if their respective associated high schools have teams in the same activity. If one of the cooperating K-8, middle, or junior high schools is not associated with a member school, then that school must apply for and be approved as an associate member of OSSAA.

RULE 23 – ADMISSION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Provisional admission

As approved by vote of the member schools, any non-public school offering instruction through grade 12 is deemed to be admitted upon a determination that certain criteria established by the Board of Directors have been met. Continued membership is contingent on the school complying with these criteria and the Constitution, Rules, and Policies of the Association. If any information provided in connection with the school's provisional admission is later determined to have been false, or if material information was omitted, then the school may be expelled from membership or may be subjected to other penalties.

Section 2. Criteria for admission

Any non-public school seeking to participate as a member school must demonstrate compliance with all criteria established by this Rule and any additional criteria established by the Board of Directors of the Association. The criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Full accreditation by the State Board of Education, or other accrediting organization recognized by the State Board of Education;
- Written scholastic eligibility requirements for athletic participation must be in place which are at least as rigorous as current OSSAA Rules;
- Written admission policies and procedures must be in place which prohibit preferential treatment on the basis of athletic skill and experience;
- If tuition and fees are required to be paid, written payment policies and procedures must be in place which prohibit preferential treatment on the basis of athletic skill and experience;
- If financial aid and/or tuition and fee remission is available, written policies and procedures must be in place which prohibit preferential treatment on the basis of athletic skill and experience;
- Written policies must be in place or adopted, requiring all coaches, paid or volunteer, and booster organizations to be educated annually on OSSAA Rules on eligibility, including prohibitions against recruiting or influencing athletes to attend the school;

- g. The identity of any other athletic association(s) to which the school belongs or has belonged must be disclosed, and certification obtained from any such association that the school is a member in good standing and has not been found to have violated any of the rules and policies of that association;
- h. Certification that the school has enforced age and periods of participation rules at least comparable to OSSAA Rules concerning age and periods of participation must be provided;
- i. Written policies must in place to assure that students participating in the school's athletic programs have maintained their amateur standing;
- j. Certification that the school has not recruited or influenced students to attend the school for athletic purposes must be provided;
- k. A resolution from the school's governing board or authority pledging to abide by the Constitution, Rules, and Policies of OSSAA must be submitted.

Section 3. Required submission of information and OSSAA staff visits

A school seeking recognition as a member school must submit information and materials sufficient to enable OSSAA staff to determine whether or not the established criteria have been met. As a part of the evaluation process, the school also must allow OSSAA staff to visit the school to review records, interview personnel, and inspect facilities, to assess the accuracy of information and material provided, and to assist in determining the appropriate classification and appropriate geographic area for residence eligibility purposes. Failure to submit information and materials as required, or failure to cooperate in the evaluation process by OSSAA staff, may be cause to exclude a school from membership.

Section 4. Approval for provisional membership

- a. Based on the review and evaluation of the information and materials submitted, and the information gathered in the school site visit, the Executive Director shall make a report and recommendation to the Board of Directors on provisional admission to membership, including recommendations on the appropriate classification and appropriate geographic area for residence eligibility purposes.
- b. The school shall be advised of the Executive Director's report and recommendation, and be provided with notice and the opportunity to attend any Board of Directors' meeting at which approval of provisional membership is to be considered. Provisional membership shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Upon approval, provisional membership is subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Before beginning competition, the coaches, administrators, and officers of any booster organizations must attend an orientation program concerning OSSAA Rules and Policies presented by OSSAA staff;
 - (2) A member school shall be assigned as a mentor school for the provisional member, to provide advice and guidance on compliance with OSSAA Rules and Policies during the initial two-year period following approval of provisional membership;
 - (3) Violation of any Rule during the initial two-year period following approval of provisional membership will be grounds for expulsion from membership. Upon expulsion from membership, the school shall be barred from re-applying for membership for a two-year period following expulsion.

Section 5. Transition from provisional membership status

- a. At the conclusion of the initial two-year period following approval of provisional membership, OSSAA staff shall evaluate the school for compliance with the established criteria for membership and with the Constitution, Rules, and Policies of the Association.
- b. The school's failure to provide accurate and complete information and materials as requested, or its failure to cooperate with OSSAA staff in this evaluation, may be cause to continue provisional membership for a period of time or to expel the school from membership.
- c. Based on the evaluation, the Executive Director shall provide a report and recommendation to the Board of Directors on whether provisional membership status should end or be continued.
- d. The school shall be advised of the Executive Director's report and recommendation, and be provided with notice and the opportunity to attend any Board of Directors' meeting at which the termination or continuation of provisional membership status is to be considered. Termination or continuation of provisional membership status shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- e. If any information provided in connection with the school's transition from provisional membership status is later determined to have been false, or if material information was omitted, then the school may be expelled from membership, returned to provisional membership status, or subjected to other penalties.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' POLICIES

I. RULE ENFORCEMENT

A. OFFICIALS TO GIVE EXPLANATION

The athletic game or contest official, who disqualifies a contestant for a violation of the game rules or for unsportsmanlike conduct associated with an athletic contest, is to make a written report to the Association's office within twenty-four hours, giving the reason for the disqualification.

B. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director is authorized to investigate and make determinations on eligibility issues and alleged or suspected violation of OSSAA's Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Policies. The Executive Director's determinations may be appealed to OSSAA's Board of Directors, as provided in OSSAA's Constitution. The Executive Director's determination shall be considered valid and effective unless and until overturned or modified on appeal by OSSAA's Board of Directors.

C. SANCTIONS AND REMEDIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED

1. When a violation of OSSAA's Constitution, Rules, Regulations, or Policies has been determined to have occurred, the Executive Director is authorized to impose sanctions or remedies, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Requiring a member school to forfeit one or more games or contests, and readjusting conference or district standings as a result of any such forfeits, or reducing the number of games, contests, tournaments or meets allowed to a member school in a particular activity in an upcoming season;
 - b. Disqualifying a member school or individual participant from an event, meet, tournament, or championship playoffs, readjusting results, schedules, and/or pairings to reflect the disqualification, and requiring the return of championship trophies and medals received by the member school;
 - c. Suspending an individual student, or a parent or relative of an individual student, or supporters of the school from participation in athletic programs and/or attendance at games, contests, meets or events;
 - d. Suspending a coach or other school personnel from coaching and/or athletic program management responsibilities, or imposing limits or conditions on those coaching and/or athletic management responsibilities;
 - e. Placing a member school on probation, thereby excluding the member school from participating in OSSAA championship events in one or more activities, excluding the member school from district, conference, tournament, or meet standings in one or more activities, and excluding the member school from participating in invitational meets or tournaments;
 - f. Requiring a member school to reimburse OSSAA for all or a portion of OSSAA's costs associated with the investigation and determination of alleged violations of OSSAA's Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Policies;
 - g. Suspending a school from membership, and prohibiting the school from competing with other OSSAA member schools;
 - h. Declaring a student ineligible, and placing conditions on reinstating the eligibility of a student, such as returning awards or benefits improperly received;
 - i. Placing a school on warning, meaning that any further violations of OSSAA's Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Policies could result in imposition of other or more severe sanctions or remedies.
2. Violation of contest limits (teams and/or individuals)

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:

 - a. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 - b. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 - c. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 - d. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.

D. DISCRETION IN IMPOSING SANCTIONS

OSSAA's Executive Director is authorized to determine, in the Executive Director's discretion, what sanctions or remedies are appropriate. The Executive Director is not limited to the sanctions referenced in section C above. Among the factors to be considered in determining appropriate sanctions or remedies are the underlying purposes of the provisions that were violated, the nature, scope, and severity of the violations that occurred, the types of sanctions or remedies imposed in similar situations, the level of cooperation of school personnel and other persons associated

with the school in the disclosure and investigation of the violations, and whether appropriate sanctions or remedies were voluntarily imposed by the school.

OSSAA's Board of Directors recognizes that, depending on these and other factors, the Executive Director may impose a combination of sanctions and remedies, or an agreement may be reached with a member school to accept lesser sanctions in consideration of measures reasonably adopted by the school to prevent similar violations in the future. Sanctions or remedies imposed by the Executive Director may be appealed to OSSAA's Board of Directors. Those sanctions or remedies shall be considered valid and effective unless and until overturned or modified on appeal by OSSAA's Board of Directors.

E. AUTHORITY TO TAKE TEMPORARY OR PRELIMINARY ACTION

If violations have been admitted, or if substantial evidence of violations has been discovered or presented, the Executive Director is authorized to take temporary or preliminary action to minimize the negative impacts of the admitted or apparent violations, or to prevent additional violations. If, for example, a member school has admitted, or substantial supporting evidence has been received, that a student-athlete participated while ineligible, the Executive Director is authorized to direct the member school to suspend the student-athlete from athletic participation pending the completion of OSSAA's investigation, to minimize any unfair advantage that may be gained by allowing an ineligible student to continue to participate, or to avoid the imposition of additional sanctions on the member school for continuing to allow an ineligible student to participate.

II. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

A member school must report any discrepancies in ADM as posted to the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com, no less than 72 hours prior to the August OSSAA Board of Directors meeting.

For classification purposes in all activities, the ADM for any non-co-ed school shall be doubled. Average Daily Membership adjustments shall be made for reclassification purposes when a receiving school increases by as many as ten students due to any of the following:

- A. Annexations, consolidations, and disbandments.
- B. Students completing the last grade offered in schools with more than eight grades, but less than twelve grades.
- C. Schools within a multi-school district that change their school district boundaries.
- D. Both the receiving and sending schools approving blanket transfers when a program is deleted
- E. Schools having the same average daily membership (ADM) as reported by the State Department of Education to determine classification of schools for athletic competition.

When tied:

- 1. ADM will be figured using grades 9, 10 & 11 (dropping the senior class).
- 2. ADM will be figured using grades 10, 11 & 12 (dropping the 9th grade class).
- 3. If still tied, the classification of schools will be determined by lot.

Note: The order in which they are listed will take preference. Ex. (a) takes preference over (b); (b) will have preference over (c).

- F. Recognizing that new non-traditional public secondary schools established in certain multi-school districts, including schools created pursuant to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, 70 O.S. § 3-130 *et seq.*, may seek membership in the Association, and that such schools: (a) do not necessarily have any geographic boundaries within the district in which they are located, (b) may have a lower actual or projected ADM than other secondary schools in the same district, and/or (c) may have an emphasis on certain curriculum areas, or programs for instruction of "high challenge" students or students at risk of not completing a high school education, which limit the time or resources available for interschool competitive activities, and recognizing that placement within a classification for an activity according to the non-traditional school's actual or projected ADM may result in inequitable participation opportunities, either for the school seeking to participate or for other schools within that classification, the Board of Directors adopts the following policy for the placement of such school within classifications for particular activities:

- 1. A non-traditional public secondary school seeking to join the Association or to begin participating in a particular activity, will be asked to complete a classification placement form providing the following information:
 - a. the most recently calculated ADM, or for a school that has not yet operated for an entire school year, a projected ADM; or for a school that has not yet operated for an entire school year, a projected ADM; the activity or activities in which the school expects to participate; the coach(es) or sponsor(s) for the activity; the number of students expected to participate in the activity; and the geographic boundaries, if any, for the non-traditional school within the school district in which it is located;
 - b. Whether any students expected to participate have participated previously in that activity for another member school; any meets, tournaments or contests in which the school will seek to participate;

- c. Any policies, standards, criteria, or preferences applied, if any, for enrollment or admission to the school;
- d. Any emphasis on particular curricular areas, or on programs of instruction unique to the district in which the non-traditional school is located;
- e. The school's method for handling scholastic eligibility of student-participants;
- f. Whether and, if so, how credits will be given for participation in the activity;
- g. Description of any physical facilities to be used in connection with the activity; and,
- h. An estimate of the funds to be used to support the activity.

The school will further, after initial consultation with the OSSAA staff, state a requested classification for the activity or activities in which they wish to participate, and will provide any further or supplemental information as might be helpful in determining the school's placement in an appropriate classification.

2. If the school wishes to participate in any activity beginning in the first semester, the classification placement form must be on file with the OSSAA staff by August 15 of the year in which the school wishes to begin participation, and if the school wishes to participate in any activity beginning in the second semester, the form must be on file by January 15 of the year in which the school wishes to begin.
3. Upon submission of the form, the OSSAA staff shall evaluate the information provided by the school and submit a report and recommendation on placement in a classification to the Board of Directors, and a copy of said report and recommendation shall be provided to the non-traditional school's designated representative, after which the Board shall vote on the placement of the school in a classification for the activity or activities in which the school wishes to participate.
4. In evaluating a non-traditional public secondary school for placement in a classification, the OSSAA staff and Board of Directors will consider the following factors:
 - a. The actual or projected ADM of the non-traditional school as compared with other secondary schools in the same school district, and as compared with schools against which the non-traditional school may be competing;
 - b. The prior competitive experience of the coach(es) or sponsor(s) of the activity and the students expected to participate;
 - c. The geographic boundaries, if any, of the non-traditional school within the school district;
 - d. Any policies, standards, criteria, programs or preferences that otherwise limit student enrollment or admission to the non-traditional school;
 - e. Whether the non-traditional school employs higher standards for maintaining scholastic eligibility to participate than the minimum standards established by the Association's Rules;
 - f. Whether and, if so, how, the non-traditional school gives credit for participation in the activity;
 - g. How the physical facilities and activity budget of the non-traditional school compare with other member schools.

In making the placement determination, the OSSAA staff and Board will strive to ensure that the non-traditional school's students will have opportunities for safe and equitable competitive participation, and that the other schools in the classification in which the non-traditional school is placed are not substantially disadvantaged by the placement of the non-traditional school. Consistent with that purpose, the OSSAA staff and Board may therefore consider other and additional factors that may impact safe and equitable participation opportunities for a particular non-traditional school seeking to participate and for the other schools within any classification under consideration.
5. In submitting the classification placement form, the non-traditional school will acknowledge that its placement within a classification for a particular activity will be subject to review and reconsideration annually by the staff and the Board, and that additional or supplementary information may be requested from the school in connection with that review and reconsideration.

The OSSAA Board of Directors shall have the authority to make other ADM adjustments if any other unusual circumstance occurs.

III. COACHES

STATE RULES MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES - Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an on-line rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the on-line rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st, all head coaches of winter activities must complete their state rules meeting by December 1st, and all head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an on-line rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.

On an annual basis, every athletic coach and marching band directors are required to view *A Guide to Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention* at www.nfhslearn.com, annually. A certificate of completion shall be kept on file for each coach or activity sponsor at the member school.

The OSSAA Board of Directors authorized the implementation of a Coaches Education Program. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct/volunteer athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course prior to their participation as a coach in any OSSAA regular season contest. The course is available online at www.nfhslearn.com.

All coaches in grades 7-12 are required to complete the on-line concussion management video at www.nfhslearn.com. Schools are responsible for implementing a system to make sure their coaches are in compliance with the regulation. All coaches must be in compliance with State Statute.

All cheer coaches will be required to complete the AACCA course instead of the Fundamentals of Coaching course. They must complete this course before allowing their cheer squads to participate in any activity where stunting is involved. The course is available online at www.aacca.org or www.nfhslearn.com

Any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules. The course is available online at www.nfhslearn.com.

School Administrators may verify the completion of these courses at www.nfhslearn.com, using the search tool.

IV. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

V. CO-ED PARTICIPATION

If a school maintains separate teams in comparable sports for girls and boys, girls may not participate on boys' teams and boys may not participate on girls' teams. If a school does not sponsor separate teams in comparable sports then boys and girls may participate on the same team but must participate in the boys division.

Co-ed teams shall be defined as any team having one or more member of the opposite gender and all co-ed teams must participate in the boys' games, tournaments, meets etc. (Note: This policy permits girls to participate on the boys' baseball and football teams and to wrestle. Boys are not permitted to participate on girls' teams unless a co-ed division is sponsored by the OSSAA.)

VI. PLAY-OFF PASSES

- A. Each member of the OSSAA Staff and Board of Directors (current and former directors who have retired from school administration) will be issued two playoff passes.
- B. Member School administrators will be issued a number of playoff passes based on the member school's basketball classification - Six for Class B schools, seven for Class A schools, eight for Class 2A schools, nine for Class 3A schools, ten for Class 4A schools, eleven for Class 5A schools, and twelve for Class 6A schools. Member schools may purchase additional passes for qualified administrators at the rate of \$20.00 per pass. Administrators will be able to obtain a spouse/guest pass free of charge upon request.
- C. Member school board members and spouses - A member school superintendent or head of school may request passes for all member school board members and spouses. Passes may be requested for board members who are newly elected or appointed during the school year.
- D. Coaches - passes will be issued to athletic coaches and athletic directors in grades 7-12 from member schools. Coaches and athletic directors may also obtain a spouse/guest pass free of charge upon request.

- E. Retired member school administrators, retired coaches who coached twenty years or more, OCA Hall of Fame Coaches, OGBCA Hall of Fame Coaches, OOA Hall of Fame members, retired athletic directors in grades 7-12, active college coaches, and retired game officials (20 or more years) may purchase a pass for \$20. They may also purchase a pass for a spouse for \$20. Documentation of retirement or employment must accompany the payment check and the name of spouse must be submitted with the check.
- F. Administrators of CCOSA, OSSBA, and OCA may purchase a pass for \$20.00. They may also purchase a spouse/guest pass for \$20.00.
- G. Passes may be issued to media personnel upon completion of the following:
 1. The press pass application must be completed and signed. (Applications may be picked up at the OSSAA office or mailed upon request.)
 2. A valid office address and phone number must be provided for verification. (No pager numbers.)
 3. Dot com media may purchase passes for \$50 per pass.

Verified press pass applications will be processed within 7 working days. Incomplete information submitted will delay processing. Only original passes will be accepted at play-off events.

- H. Approved recruiting services upon registering with the OSSAA may purchase no more than two passes per service for \$50.00 per pass.
- I. All law enforcement officers in uniform shall be admitted free to any OSSAA contest.
- J. Pursuant to a settlement agreement with the State Ethics Commission, approved on May 9, 2014, play-off passes will not be issued to current state legislators, or to any current state officer or state employee, on the basis of that individual's status as a state legislator, state officer, or state employee. OSSAA will not directly or indirectly through any lobbyist provide play-off passes or any other thing of value to any current state legislator, or any state officer or state employee based upon an individual's status as a legislator, state officer or state employee for a period of three years from and after this policy change is effective, even if such gifts are permitted by law. Play-off passes may be issued to an individual state legislator, state officer, or state employee who otherwise qualifies under one of the above referenced categories.

A driver's license must be shown with all passes for admission. The passes will not be valid to anyone except the cardholder as they are not transferable. Gatekeepers should quickly check the name on the pass against the name and picture on the driver's license. Anyone who tries to gain admittance on another cardholders' pass or anyone whose name is not typewritten or written in ink should not be admitted. Passes are not valid for students in grades K - 12.

Note: \$10.00 will be charged to replace lost passes.

VII. MARKING ATHLETIC FIELDS

January 24, 1996 - It is the responsibility of the host school to meet all rulebook specifications for marking athletic fields. All lines shall be marked with non-caustic material. Neither lime, hydrated lime, other chemical derivatives of lime, nor caustic materials of any kind may be used.

Failure to be in complete compliance with the above, or any safety rule or regulation, could result in a game forfeiture by the host school or it could eliminate the possibility for the school in hosting playoff contests.

VIII. ELIGIBILITY IN MULTI-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

November 6, 1980 - The Board of Directors was requested to make an interpretation of Rule 8 Section 1 relative to its application to attendance areas in multiple school districts.

Ruling: The Board of Directors has determined that all attendance areas in all multiple school districts should be treated as separate districts for eligibility purposes and Rule 13 Section 5 should apply when the residence and migration of a student is made from one attendance area to another within the same independent school district.

IX. JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL

OSSAA does not conduct, endorse or approve district, regional, area, or statewide junior high grade level championships in athletics. Any awards given in an approved tournament or meet for school teams comprised of students at the seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grade levels shall not indicate that they are district, regional, area, or state championship awards. Organizers or sponsors of approved tournaments or meets may not publicize such events as district, regional, area, or state championships for junior highs or junior high grade levels, and shall invite school teams and not individuals from school teams.

Regardless of how a public school district has divided secondary school grade levels among different school sites, the school or schools with the most senior grades are deemed to be the voting member or members of the Association. Separate junior high or middle school sites that include the seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grades are not recognized as having separate or additional votes as member schools, but all interschool competition of teams from these grades are under the regulations of the Association. All separate attendance areas for junior high or middle school sites should be treated as separate districts for Rule 8 residence eligibility purposes.

Teams composed of students below the ninth grade may use students of any grade below the seventh grade, without such students being charged with a season of participation. Any such student must be eligible under OSSAA rules. The use of Association officials in matched or tournament games for such teams will be optional according to agreement of competing schools.

Schools that do not have a full four-year high school and have as much as the ninth grade are eligible for membership in the Association. Such schools are to be members of the Association to be eligible to compete with other member schools, at the appropriate levels in view of the grades offered by such schools.

In the absence of specific rules and policies applicable to competition at the seventh, eighth and ninth grade levels OSSAA's general rules and policies will apply.

X. PARTICIPATION IN CAMPS AND SUMMER PRACTICES, LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

- A. To help prevent participating individuals and school teams from gaining unfair competitive advantages, certain restrictions are placed on camps, summer practices, and summer leagues and tournaments in athletic activities. Summer time is defined as after the conclusion of the spring semester through the first full week of August, with the exception of football and basketball as outlined in Section B-3, below. Schools teams shall not participate in summer leagues, (cannot wear school uniforms, use school transportation, or use school equipment) until the conclusion of the spring semester.
No organized summer team practices are permitted during the summer time for baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling.
- B. School personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches:
 1. May not conduct practice for a school team, in a direct or indirect manner, during this summer period.
 2. May coach a team that includes individuals that are members of a school team during this summer period, in a camp, summer league, or summer tournament.
 3. In football and basketball, school personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches may not coach a school team in a league or tournament before the conclusion of the school year or after July 15.

An exception to the above limitations may be granted by OSSAA, but approval for such an exception must be requested and granted in writing, in advance.
- C. School personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches are permitted to conduct or provide instruction at individual camps in a particular sport, including camps in which members of the school team in that sport are participating, provided that:
 1. no session of the camp is held before the school year has concluded or after the first week in August (except in football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded by July 15).
- D. An individual student who is attending or who is enrolled and planning to attend a member school in grades 7-12:
 1. May participate on a non-school team in a league or tournament, including during this summer period as defined above, (such as in AAU competition), however:
 - (a) school personnel serving as or designated to serve as a coach or assistant coach may coach that team, with the exception that in basketball, a school coach is permitted to coach a team that includes no more than two students who participate or are expected to participate on the same school team;
 2. May participate in individual camps in a particular activity, however:
 - (a) after the school year has been completed, a student may only participate through the first week in August (except in football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded by July 15);
 - (b) during the school year, a student may only participate if approved or permitted by the school, and the camp is not held at an OSSAA member school.
 - (c) no fees or expenses for the camp may be paid by the school, or by school personnel, or by any booster club or organization associated with the school, or by any non-family member; any discount or waiver of fees or

expenses must be based on financial need, and must be available to all participants based on the same standards;

3. May participate in no more than one team camp in football and must be completed by July 15.
4. May participate in any combination of four basketball team camps or summer tournaments.

No session of any summer training camp will be approved for more than two consecutive weeks.

A student may not accept any award other than a trophy, plaque, or medal, etc., for participation or achievement on a non-school team or in any type of camp. A student may accept items commemorating participation in a league, tournament, camp which are given to all participants, such as a T-shirt or a certificate, provided that the costs of such items are included in the fees and expenses charged for those events.

- E. A student who participates in a camp in violation of any of these policies shall be ineligible unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors. A coach who violates any of these policies shall not be permitted to engage in any coaching unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors.

- F. Definitions applied under this policy:

1. **Individual camp**—An individual camp is an instructional event for a particular activity, at which instruction is focused on individual skills and techniques rather than organized team play.
2. **Team camp**—A team camp is an instructional event for a particular sport involving team members from at least three schools participating as a team during instruction, scrimmages, and/or games. All school team members must be enrolled at the school for which they participate during the team camp.
3. A league consists of three or more teams playing games against one another and maintaining standings according to wins and losses, and played over the course of a minimum of three consecutive weeks.
4. A tournament is an event involving six or more participating teams, competing for no more than three consecutive days.

- G. Restrictions on Schools and Booster Organizations

1. A member school may conduct a camp for a particular activity, or permit a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, after the end of the school year, provided that:
 - (a) the camp is open to students from all member schools in the grade level or grade levels designated for that camp;
 - (b) the camp is concluded prior to the end of the first week in August (except in football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded prior to July 15).
2. Fees for camps conducted by the school or allowed to take place on school property and/or in school facilities may be discounted for children of school employees, provided that the same discounts are available to children of all school employees on an equal basis. In addition, a volume discount may be given, based on the number of children from the same household seeking to attend, provided that the volume discount is available for all families on the same basis.
Fees also may be discounted for students who are financially unable to pay the fees and expenses of the camp. The student must be able to demonstrate by objective means that financial assistance is needed, and all students must be evaluated for and granted assistance based on the same standards.
Johnson-O'Malley funds available to the school may be used to pay or offset expenses associated with camps conducted on school property and/or in school facilities.
3. A member school is not required to obtain OSSAA approval in advance to hold a camp or to allow others to conduct a camp, on school grounds and/or in school facilities. If, however, approval is not given in advance, then the event is not sanctioned by OSSAA, and participants in the camp will not be covered by any catastrophic injury insurance obtained by OSSAA.
4. A member school may not conduct a camp, or allow a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, which is limited, or which provides preferential treatment to, certain student-athletes or to students from certain schools, or which restricts participation on an "invitation-only" basis.
5. The school, or a booster club or organization associated with the school, may pay fees and expenses of the school team to attend a team camp, provided that all members of the school team have been invited to attend, and fees and expenses are paid for team members on an equal basis. Any monies coming from a booster club or organization for this purpose must be contributed to the school, and distributed from a school account to pay these fees and expenses.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2014—Neither the school, nor any booster club or organization associated with the school, may pay fees and/or expenses for students to attend an individual camp. The school may allow school-owned vehicles to be used to transport students enrolled at the school to an individual camp located in

- Oklahoma or a bordering state, and pay the cost of fuel for those vehicles, but the school otherwise may not pay for transportation expenses for students to attend an individual camp.
6. A member school conducting a camp, or allowing a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, must provide OSSAA, upon request, a list identifying students and personnel participating in the camp.
 7. The school and/or school personnel may be penalized for any violations of these policies. If a booster club or organization associated with a school violates any of these policies, then the school may be required to end or restrict the involvement of that club or organization in school activities.

CAMP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Can a Booster Club pay for the school's team to attend a team camp?

Answer: Yes, but any monies from a Booster Club must be contributed to and distributed from a school account, and all members of the school team must be provided the opportunity to attend the camp.

2. Can a booster club pay for students to attend individual camp?

Answer: No.

3. Can a school fund-raiser be held to pay for players to attend an individual camp?

Answer: No

4. Can the school provide transportation for a student(s) to attend individual camp?

Answer: Yes, the school may allow school-owned vehicles to be used to transport students enrolled at the school to an individual camp located in Oklahoma or a bordering state, and pay the cost of fuel for those vehicles. (effective 4/16/14).

5. Can discounts be given to school employees, including coaches, for their children to attend individual or team camps?

Answer: Yes, as long as the discount is available to all school employees.

6. Can a member school that is sponsoring or providing facilities for an individual or team camp allow fees to be discounted for students who are financially unable to afford the fees?

Answer: Any such discount must be based on an objective measure of financial means applied equally for all participants. For example, a discount could be offered to all children who demonstrate they qualify for free or reduced lunches where they regularly attend school.

7. Can a member school sponsoring or providing facilities for an individual or team camp allow an additional discount to a family with multiple children participating in the camp?

Answer: Yes, as long as the discount is equally available to all families.

8. Does a member school sponsoring or providing facilities for an individual or team camp have to obtain OSSAA's sanction for the camp?

Answer: No. Regardless of whether a camp is sanctioned by OSSAA or not, all member schools and their students in grades 7-12 participating in the camp must still comply with OSSAA rules and policies concerning such camps.

In addition, students in grades 7-12 attending a camp sanctioned by OSSAA receive insurance coverage through OSSAA for catastrophic injury while participating at the camp. This coverage does not apply if the camp is not sanctioned by OSSAA.

9. If a member school is allowing its facilities to be used by others who have no connection or affiliation with the school, does the camp still have to comply with all OSSAA rules and policies concerning camps?

Answer: Yes, if a camp is being conducted at your school's facilities, entirely or in part, then the school is responsible for making sure that the camp is conducted in compliance with OSSAA rules and policies concerning camps.

10. Can a student attend an individual camp during the school year?

Answer: Yes, with permission from their respective school, a student may attend an individual camp during the school year as long as the camp is not being conducted at an OSSAA member school.

11. Can a student who has not yet enrolled at our school attend a team camp with our school team?

Answer: No. A student must have at least pre-enrolled to attend your school in the next semester before that student is permitted to attend a team camp with your school's team.

12. Can a non-family member pay for or help pay a student's fees for an individual or team camp?

Answer: No.

13. Can a family member outside a student's immediate family (*i.e.*, a grandparent or aunt) pay or help pay a student's fees for an individual or team camp?

Answer: Yes.

14. Can a coach provide services at a camp in exchange for a waiver on fees for the coach's children to participate in the camp?

Answer: No.

15. If a member school does not offer team athletics at the 7th grade level, do 7th graders from that school still need to comply with OSSAA rules and policies concerning camps?

Answer: Yes. For example, a 7th grade student from that school would not be permitted to participate in a summer football camp after July 15.

XI. USE OF FIREARMS

August 17, 1974 - The Board of Directors was asked to formulate a policy regarding the use of firearms at athletic contests. By an overwhelming expression of interest from the school membership, the Board of Directors has been requested and has formulated the following policy in this regard. "In the interest of safety, no firearms or explosive-type devices of any nature, such as those normally used in connection with football athletic contests, shall be permitted. The local game administration shall assume the responsibility in seeing that this policy is adhered to."

XII. MAKE-UP PLAYOFF GAMES ON SUNDAY

The Board of Directors approved a policy that allows the OSSAA staff to grant permission to use Sunday for playoff contests postponed by inclement weather. Approved Sunday games should not begin before 2:00 p.m. This policy would be enacted only under emergency conditions when further delays in playoff games could interrupt the next round of playoff games, when loss of school time could be avoided, and/or when cost of travel could be minimized.

XIII. ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS

Administrators of all athletic contests shall meet the game officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre-game and half time activities, etc. The game administrator should also record officials' I.D. numbers. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge shall advise the head official as to the location where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise.

Someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest. This applies to regular season as well as play-off contests.

XIV. FORMAL ANSWERS TO SCHOOL

Staff members should inform parents when appropriate in telephone conversations that formal answers will only be given to the school and in all cases written responses are only relayed to the school administrators.

XV. RESERVE FUND AND OUTSIDE AUDITS**A. Reserve Fund**

A sufficient amount of surplus should be maintained to provide cash flow for periods of operation throughout each year where no significant receipts are received. Additionally, a sufficient amount of surplus should be maintained to prevent a disruption in the Association's services in the event that a significant funding source was lost or a significant unexpected expenditure was incurred. The established goal for the reserve balance is calculated as 50% of the Association's average annual expenditure, less non-cash depreciation, for the previous two fiscal years.

B. Annual Financial and Compliance Audits

Consistent with Article IV, section 5(e) of OSSAA's Constitution, OSSAA shall retain an independent audit firm to conduct an annual financial audit. An annual financial audit and compliance audit of all funds of the Association must be conducted in accordance with the auditing standards set forth in the Oklahoma Public School Audit Law.

Upon completion the audit report shall be presented to the Association membership in an annual publication.

C. Performance Audit

OSSAA shall have a performance audit conducted of the operations of the Association no later than December 31, 2014, and by December 31 every five (5) years thereafter.

XVI. REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

RATIONALE: Due to the increased number of services being provided by the OSSAA (academic awards, sportsmanship awards, new publications, academic competition, cheerleader competition, etc.) the Board of Directors believes that reimbursement policy should adhere to the following guidelines:

- A. Basketball and football will follow the written reimbursement formula as approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. All other reimbursements will be determined by the Board of Directors at their June board meeting.
- C. The established formulas may be adjusted up or down by the Board of Directors based on the total income of the OSSAA activities and the income of the individual sport.
- D. Reimbursement will not be paid to schools who file an inaccurate claim, or who have not filed their reports on officials on or before June 10 of the current school year.

XVII. MUSIC AT ATHLETIC EVENTS POLICY

Music groups are an integral part of the total school community. Bands are called upon to perform at numerous athletic events throughout the fall and winter athletic seasons. They can be a vital part to the game and create a wholesome relationship between schools and their students.

It is critical that directors from both schools know what their responsibilities are in preparing for the event and what type of behavior is expected from their band. Any agreement or plan should be in the hands of everyone involved. The home school management should notify the game official of half time, pre-game and post-game activities before the game is started.

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1. National anthem and school alma maters:
Each school should place emphasis on showing respect for the national anthem and school songs. Each school should stress that students remain absolutely quiet and still while these numbers are being presented.
- 2. Instructional periods:
The student council may arrange or conduct periods for when to yell, the reflection "booing" brings on the body as a whole, the danger of being placed on probation and the reputation in general that may come to a school when poor sportsmanship is exhibited. Principals of elementary and junior high schools should encourage their students to participate in good sportsmanship and should stress the importance of these guidelines.
- 3. Arriving and leaving the place of the game. The home team must furnish adequate protection for the visiting band while in the stands as well as when arriving and leaving the place of the game.

- B. FOOTBALL - School bands or musical groups. According to National Federation Rule, a standard halftime length will be 20 minutes. By mutual consent of the 2 teams, the halftime may be shortened to as little as 10 minutes, but no less.

It is the responsibility of the host school to contact the principal or band director of the visiting school no later than Monday the week of the game to see if the visiting school is bringing its band and if the band plans to march at half time, pre-game or post-game. NOTE: It is common courtesy for the visiting director to contact the host school's director, if the visiting school is bringing their band, and the visiting school's director has not been contacted by the host school's director. Equal time must be allowed for both bands to perform. Both bands must be allowed the opportunity to march at half time if they can perform and clear the field in twenty (20) minutes. The only exception

is if the half time is being used for homecoming activities; or both bands cannot perform and clear the field in twenty (20) minutes. In this case, the visiting band must then be given the opportunity to perform at pre game or post game. The host school will need to find out the size of the visiting band and the length of the show if the band plans to march at half time, pre-game or post-game. The school band, large or small, should show respect for players on the field. The band members should also respect the performances of the other band.

PENALTY: Bands failing to follow time limits will be reported to the OSSAA and the OSSAA will notify the principal that their band might not be allowed to perform at half time, pre-game, or post-game at the next game. The band will not be allowed to perform at half time, pre-game, or post game of the first game of the next football season if the violation occurs when there is not another game during the current season. Game officials can call a “Delay of Game” penalty against the band if guidelines are not followed.

1. Football playoffs

Both bands will be allowed to perform at half time. Ten minutes for each band.

2. General

- (a) A policeman may need to be assigned by the host school to the visiting band and pep group for their protection.
- (b) All uniformed student groups (bands, drill teams and cheerleaders) shall be admitted free whether or not they perform on the field.
- (c) Pre-game and post-game band performances are permissible. Teams shall have three (3) minutes to reassemble before the start of the second half.
- (d) Noisemakers should be used only after scores and as teams come on the field before the game and at half time.
- (e) Playing during the Game: Play at time outs and quarters.

Injured Player: Bands are not to play when there is an injured player on the field and time has been called.

Playing when the Time Clock is On: Drums should not play all through the game but only with cheerleader yells and kick-offs. The bands may play when the clock is running but the playing must not interfere with the team being able to call plays in the huddle or the team being able to hear the quarterback at the line of scrimmage. The referee will determine if the band is interfering with the playing of the game. A penalty should not be called against a band unless it is a continued violation of the rule.

C. BASKETBALL - School bands or musical groups

- 1. Bands are instructed to play only before the game, half time, between games, time outs and quarters. Bands are not to play when the time clock is on or when there is an injured player on the court and time has been called. Exception: The band may accompany the cheerleaders with yells. Drums should not play all through the game but only with cheerleader yells.
- 2. Noisemakers are prohibited at OSSAA athletic events held in field houses and/or gymnasiums.

XVIII. MUSIC AND SPEECH PENALTIES

A. **PENALTIES:** Penalties are defined as follows:

Depending on the severity of the violation of rules or regulations either mandatory or prohibitory, the school and/or its representative (Music: band/orchestra/stage band/choruses/ all solo/ensembles/ honor groups/ etc./Speech: speech/debate/one-act plays/ etc. shall be subjective to one of the following penalties. NOTE: The board reserves the right to add to or take away from any of the following penalties.

- 1. **WARNING...**Private or Public Reprimand: A private reprimand may be oral or in writing.

Penalty(ies)

Rating Contest: (I, II, III, IV, V) the rating earned by its band, orchestra, stage band, choruses, all solo/ensembles, speech, debate, one-act play, etc. will be lowered one division. Any further violation during the warning period shall subject the school, or individual, to a more severe penalty. The school or individual may compete for a rating or award during this period.

Ranking Contest: A school or individual shall forfeit all rankings (band, orchestra, jazz band, Choruses, all solo/ensembles, honor groups, speech, debate, one-act play, etc. The school or individual may compete for a ranking or award during this period.

- 2. **PROBATION:** Public reprimand: A public reprimand shall be in writing.

Penalty(ies)

A school or individual shall forfeit all ratings, rankings or awards received during the period of violation. The school or individual may not compete for ratings, ranking and awards during the PROBATION period until the

school has taken action to show the OSSAA correction measures have been taken. Any further violation during the probation period shall subject the school or individual to a more severe penalty.

3. **SUSPENSION:** A school or individual shall forfeit all ratings, rankings, and awards during the period of violation. The school may not participate in OSSAA sponsored activities such as qualifying district, regional or state and/or invitational festivals and contests during the suspension period, not to exceed one year.

B. REPORTING VIOLATIONS

1. Any authorized representative of a member school may file a complaint against any school for violation of the rules and regulations of the Association. Such complaint shall be filed with the OSSAA officer responsible for non-athletics/or Executive Director of the OSSAA.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the OSSAA shall make an investigation of the charges contained in the complaint within a reasonable time. The penalty will be less severe if a school reports itself and/or the violation is found to be unintentional in nature. A more severe penalty will be issued if the violation was intentional.

- C. **POLICY ON NON-PAYMENT OF SPEECH AND MUSIC ENTRY FEE** - Non-payment of Speech and Music Entry Fee. Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (Entry Fee/Drop Fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in OSSAA Speech and Music Events the following year until bills are cleared.

XIX. USE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS AT OSSAA EVENTS

The public address system at an OSSAA event site is not to be used as an open public forum for the expression of views by individuals or organizations concerning political, philosophical, religious, or other matters unrelated to the conduct of the event, or the management and safe use of the event site.

The school or other organization providing the facility for an OSSAA playoff or championship event may permit a moment of silence prior to the start of all activities, to permit persons at the event to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other persons at the event in the exercise of their individual choices during this moment of silence.

If the school or other organization providing the facility chooses to permit a moment of silence, the following announcement shall be given: "We will now recognize a moment of silence so that you may, if you choose, reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity. Please be respectful of others during this moment of silence."

XX. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUT-OF-SEASON PROGRAM RELATIONSHIP

- A. The mission of OSSAA member schools is to provide well-rounded individuals. The purpose of interscholastic athletics is to help educate boys and girls and not to prepare students for college athletics, which is a by-product of interscholastic participation available to less than 1% of high school athletes.
- B. For almost all students, specialization in a single athletic activity is not in their best long-term interests.
- C. Students should be encouraged by coaches, administrators and parents to participate in a variety of school activities, including more than one sport during the school year.
- D. Schools should not allow priority use of school equipment and facilities by non-school organizations which promote a philosophy contrary to A, B, and C above.
- E. There should be no promotion or publicity within a school for non-school programs which promote a philosophy contrary to A, B, and C above.
- F. Coaches should not engage in non-school activities during the school year which resemble in any way a school team practicing out-of-season, and thus violate the spirit of rules adopted by the OSSAA.

XXI. FUND RAISING EVENTS

December 9, 1992 - Fund-raising events during the OSSAA championship play-off series are not allowed. Gimmicks such as basketball shooting contest, half-court shots, etc., are not permissible unless approved by the Association. This also includes raffles of any kind, including the game ball.

XXII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH THE ASSOCIATION

A. GAME OR EVENT TELECASTS

The Executive Director is authorized to identify and solicit proposals from organizations interested in televising playoff games, contests, and tournaments leading to an OSSAA state championship in the activities supervised by the Association. Any contract concerning rights to televise such playoff games, contests, and tournaments must be

reviewed and approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors before such a contract is valid and effective, except as stated below.

If a request is made to televise any individual games, contests, or tournaments that is not covered by any existing contract, and the event is scheduled to take place, prior to the next scheduled meeting of OSSAA's Board of Directors, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract to televise such an individual game, contest, or tournament. The Executive Director shall provide a copy of any such contract to the Board of Directors at or prior to the next scheduled meeting, and shall report to the Board at that meeting on any revenues received or to be received on that contract.

B. RADIO BROADCASTS

The Executive Director is authorized to negotiate annually a contract with the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters ("OAB"), which provides for local radio stations to broadcast OSSAA member school athletic events via radio in exchange for OAB producing and distributing recorded announcements promoting the OSSAA's purposes and objectives for use by OAB-member radio stations. The contract with OAB shall not affect any contracts that individual OSSAA member schools may have with local radio stations for broadcasting games, contests, or tournaments involving that member school. This contract shall not be valid and effective unless and until approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors.

C. SPONSORSHIPS OR ENDORSEMENTS

The Executive Director shall identify and make recommendations to OSSAA's Board of Directors on organizations interested in sponsoring OSSAA activities. Any contracts by which the Association is: (1) allowing a commercial advertiser to represent itself as an official sponsor of the OSSAA or any OSSAA activities; (2) committing its member schools to use certain branded products during playoff games, contests, and tournaments leading to a state championship; (3) providing any advertising space on OSSAA's website, or in programs distributed at playoff games, contests, and tournaments leading to a state championship, or in other print publications of OSSAA; or (4) agreeing to place advertising banners, make public address announcements, or otherwise make space available to commercial advertisers at the sites of playoff games, contests, and tournaments leading to a state championship, must be reviewed and approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors before such a contract is valid and effective.

Any contracts by which an agent or broker is paid compensation for identifying, developing, and maintaining relationships with commercial sponsors for any OSSAA activities also must be reviewed and approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors before such a contract is valid and effective.

The Executive Director shall provide a summary report annually to OSSAA's Board of Directors concerning all such sponsorship contracts and contracts with agents or brokers, including information as to monies received or expended in connection with these relationships.

D. OSSAA OFFICE BUILDING AND REAL PROPERTY

In addition to complying with Article IV, section 5(f) of OSSAA's Constitution when applicable, any contract by which OSSAA is acquiring, expanding, renovating, or permanently repairing any office space, or acquiring or transferring any rights to any real property, must be reviewed and approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors before such a contract is valid and effective.

In the event of an emergency or urgent situation requiring temporary repairs or work necessary to protect and maintain any office space or real property interests of OSSAA, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract for the completion of such work. The Executive Director shall report to the Board of Directors at its next scheduled meeting about any such contract and the expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to that contract.

E. AUTOMOBILE/OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Subject to compliance with Article IV, section 5(f) of OSSAA's Constitution when applicable, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate contracts on behalf of the Association for automobiles for the use of administrators, and for office equipment, supplies, and services, as needed in the day-to-day business operations of the Association. Such contracts shall not be valid and effective unless and until approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors.

If repairs must be made, or additional or temporary automobiles, or office equipment, supplies, or services, must be obtained on an urgent basis before the next scheduled meeting of OSSAA's Board of Directors, the Executive Director may arrange for such repairs, or for such additional or temporary automobiles, or office equipment, supplies, or services. The Executive Director shall notify the President of the Board or, if the President is not available, the Vice President of the Board, as soon as is possible, and shall report to the Board of Directors about such arrangements, and any expenses incurred as a result, at or prior to the next scheduled Board meeting.

F. TOURNAMENT AND EVENT SITES AND SERVICES

Subject to compliance with Article IV, section 5(f) of OSSAA's Constitution when applicable, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate contracts on behalf of the Association as necessary to arrange for appropriate sites, supervising officials, and equipment for use at playoff games, contests, and tournaments leading to an OSSAA state championship. Such contracts shall not be valid and effective unless and until approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors.

If an event must be moved or substitute equipment obtained because of an unexpected change in circumstances, the Executive Director is authorized to make alternative arrangements. If such alternative arrangements must be made, the Executive Director shall report to the President of the Board of Directors or, if the President is not available, to the Vice President of the Board of Directors, about those arrangements and any additional costs to the Association as soon as is possible in the circumstances, and shall report to the Board of Directors about those arrangements and any additional costs prior to or at the next scheduled Board meeting.

G. EVENT TROPHIES, MEDALS, PROGRAMS, AND MERCHANDISE (September 2014)

Subject to compliance with Article IV, section 6(f) of OSSAA's Constitution, the Executive Director shall identify and make recommendations as to vendors who are able and willing to supply quality trophies, medals, and other items in recognition of participation, to be distributed at or in connection with playoff games, contests, and tournaments leading to OSSAA state championships. Any contract to provide such items must be reviewed and approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors before such a contract is valid and effective.

In managing playoff and championship athletic and non-athletic events for its member schools, OSSAA also will seek to identify responsible vendors and negotiate contracts with those vendors to produce and sell quality programs, commemorative items and souvenirs for those events. The Executive Director shall identify and make recommendations as to vendors who are able and willing to produce, sell, and distribute quality programs and/or commemorative merchandise, including but not limited to shirts, caps, and other souvenir items, at games, contests, and tournaments leading to OSSAA state championships. Any contract to provide such items at such contests and tournaments must be reviewed and approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors before such a contract is valid and effective.

XXIII. ALLOWING MEMBER SCHOOLS TO SELL OR TO CONTRACT FOR SALE OF COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND SOUVENIRS AT PLAYOFF AND CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

A. Member Schools Producing and/or Selling Commemorative Merchandise at Events

If OSSAA has not granted any vendor the right to produce and sell commemorative merchandise for certain playoff games, tournaments, or meets leading up to the state championship, the Executive Director may allow the host school or a participating school, or a volunteer booster organization at the school, to produce and/or sell commemorative merchandise at that event. If permitted to produce and sell commemorative merchandise for any event, the school or volunteer booster organization must comply with the requirements and provisions in subsection E below.

B. Member Schools Contracting with Outside Vendors to Produce and/or Sell Commemorative Merchandise

If OSSAA has not granted any vendor the right to produce and sell commemorative merchandise for certain playoff games, tournaments, or meets leading up to the state championship, the Executive Director may permit a host school or a participating school, or a volunteer booster organization at the school, to contract with an outside vendor to produce and/or sell commemorative merchandise for that event, subject to the payment of royalty fee of 20% of the retail price charged for such merchandise. The school, or the school's booster organization, may retain one-half of the royalty fees and the other one-half shall be remitted to OSSAA. Any contract with an outside vendor must be in writing and must be approved in advance of the contract as described below. Any outside vendor must also comply with the requirements and provisions in subsection E below.

Any contract between a school or a school's booster organization and an outside vendor to produce and/or sell commemorative merchandise for such an event must be reviewed and approved by OSSAA's Board of Directors before that contract is valid and effective, unless the request has been made, and the subject event is scheduled to take place, in between scheduled Board of Directors' meetings. In that situation, the Executive Director is authorized to approve such an agreement, but the Executive Director shall notify the President of the Board of Directors or, if the President is not available, the Vice President of the Board of Directors, about any such agreement as soon as is possible, and shall report to the Board at its next scheduled meeting about that agreement and any revenue received or to be received by OSSAA as a result of that agreement.

C. When allowing a school or the school's booster organization to produce and/or sell commemorative merchandise, or to contract with a vendor for this purpose, OSSAA grants a limited license to the school or the school's booster organization, which is transferable to a selected vendor, to use OSSAA's name and logo on such commemorative items or souvenirs for that particular event.

D. Any school personnel who have questions about whether contracts currently are in place to produce and sell commemorative items and souvenirs at particular events should contact OSSAA's office for confirmation.

- E. OSSAA's permission for a school or school's booster organization to produce and/or sell commemorative items or souvenirs, or to contract with an outside vendor to produce and/or sell such merchandise, is conditioned on the following additional requirements and provisions:
- (a) inclusion of any text or graphic depiction on such merchandise which promotes gambling or wagering (not to include the state-governed lottery operated in part for the support of public education), adults-only entertainment, or the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or athletic performance-enhancing supplements is prohibited;
 - (b) because OSSAA has commercial sponsorship agreements with certain organizations, which permit those organizations to distribute free items promoting their products and/or services at the events, the school and any outside vendor cannot bar those sponsor organizations from the event or prevent the distribution of those items;
 - (c) inclusion of any text or graphic depiction on any commemorative or souvenir items which indicates that a particular person or organization is an "official sponsor" of OSSAA or a particular OSSAA event, or which states or implies that a particular person or organization has received any endorsement by or from OSSAA, without first contacting OSSAA and receiving approval from OSSAA, is prohibited;
 - (d) because certain organizations have contracted with OSSAA to sponsor OSSAA championship events, and OSSAA has agreed to permit certain organizations to promote and advertise their products and/or services at these events, the inclusion of any advertising or promotional messages on the commemorative or souvenir items to be sold or distributed at these events without contacting OSSAA in advance and obtaining OSSAA's approval, is prohibited;
 - (e) in advance of any sale, OSSAA must be provided with a photograph or drawing depicting the design of any merchandise to be sold, and such merchandise will not be sold without prior approval from OSSAA;
 - (f) OSSAA shall not be responsible for any costs associated with producing, selling, and distributing the commemorative merchandise, and such costs shall not be subtracted in calculating any royalty amounts due;
 - (g) all persons and independent contractors retained by the school, a school booster organization, or a vendor to assist in the production, sale, and distribution of commemorative items at these events shall not be deemed to be employees or contractors of OSSAA;
 - (h) individual volunteers, employees and independent contractors retained by the school, a school booster organization, or a vendor to sell and distribute commemorative items or souvenirs at any event will comply with any directions from OSSAA or from personnel from the facility hosting the event as to when and where these items may be sold at or during that event, but these volunteers, employees and independent contractors otherwise are not subject to the direction and supervision of OSSAA, and OSSAA is not responsible for their conduct while at these events;
 - (i) a limited, non-transferable license to use OSSAA's name and logo on such merchandise is granted, for the purpose of producing commemorative items for that particular event, but neither the vendor nor the school, nor any school booster organization, shall use OSSAA's name and logo for any other purpose without OSSAA's consent.

If a school or the school's booster organization is contracting with an outside vendor for the production and/or sale of commemorative merchandise for a particular event, then the contract must include the above-referenced requirements and provisions. The school shall provide OSSAA with a copy of the contract with the vendor for review in advance of the event. Within 30 days following the event, the school shall provide OSSAA with a written report showing the amount of sales and royalty fees paid or due to be paid on those sales.

XXIV. PRACTICE AT PLAY-OFF SITES

Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site. (June 3, 1993)

XXV. HIV, HEPATITIS B, AND HEPATITIS C RELATED TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

(Please copy for appropriate personnel)

Member schools should understand that the following policy contains guidelines with which the OSSAA recommends. OSSAA contest officials will be instructed to monitor situations in athletic contests in which an injury occurs that results in blood being present. Officials will follow the appropriate guidelines as set forth in this policy when those situations do occur. For purpose of emphasis, those guidelines which will be enforced are underlined.

A. BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

Blood-borne pathogens such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV are serious infectious diseases which are present in blood as well as other bodily fluids such as semen, vaginal secretions and breast milk. While there are a number of other such blood-borne diseases, Hepatitis B and HIV are the most commonly known.

Hepatitis B is a virus which results in a dangerous inflammation of the liver. Its victims can suffer long-term consequences and re-occurrences, and the disease can be deadly if not treated. Although no transmission of Hepatitis B has ever been documented at a sporting event, anyone who anticipates direct or indirect contact with Hepatitis B

infected individuals should be immunized. Note: For additional information refer to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Exposure Control Plan.

Hepatitis C is a contagious liver disease that results from infection with the Hepatitis C virus. It can range in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness. Hepatitis C is usually spread when blood from a person infected with the Hepatitis C virus enters the body of someone who is not infected. Today, most people become infected with the Hepatitis C virus by sharing needles or other equipment to inject drugs. Before 1992, when widespread screening of the blood supply began in the United States, Hepatitis C was also commonly spread through blood transfusions and organ transplants. Hepatitis C can be either “acute” or “chronic.” Acute Hepatitis C virus infection is a short-term illness that occurs within the first 6 months after someone is exposed to the Hepatitis C virus. For most people, acute infection leads to chronic infection. Chronic Hepatitis C is a serious disease that can result in long-term health problems, or even death. There is no vaccine for Hepatitis C. The best way to prevent Hepatitis C is by avoiding behaviors that can spread the disease, especially injection drug use.

HIV is the virus that causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), which weakens the immune system, thus making a person susceptible to infections their immune systems would normally fight off. At this time AIDS is incurable and deadly.

The precise risk of HIV transmission during exposure of open wounds or mucous membranes such as the eyes, ears, nose and mouth to contaminated blood is not known. Though the possibility of contracting HIV in this manner is generally considered to be less than the possibility of contracting Hepatitis B and other blood-borne viral infections, it is a serious threat.

Student-athletes, coaches and officials must understand that while it is possible for HIV to be transmitted by blood from one individual to another through an open wound, or a mucous membrane, the probability is very low. However, since the chance of this occurring does exist, the appropriate precautions should be taken to ensure no transmission can occur and to be aware of the possible consequences.

B. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST TRANSMISSION OF BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

The proper handling of body fluid spills should be a concern of teachers, coaches, officials and student-athletes. All concerned individuals must be aware that any time there is blood and/or other body fluids present, there is the possibility of an infectious disease being transmitted. However, this possibility can be reduced if a few common sense precautions are observed.

C. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PRECAUTIONS

While the risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is a risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Precautions for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.
2. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.
3. The bloodied portion of the uniform must be properly disinfected or the uniform changed before the athlete may participate.
4. Clean all blood contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.
6. Although saliva has not been directly implicated in HIV transmission, minimize the need for emergency direct mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use if possible.
7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin condition should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
8. Contaminated towels should not be re-used and should be properly disposed.
9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding when handling bloody dressings, mouthparts and other articles containing body fluids.
10. Refer to the specific sport rules for additional information.

D. GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR ACTIVITIES

1. Whenever a participant suffers a laceration or wound where oozing or bleeding occurs, the practice or game should be stopped at the earliest possible time and the player should be escorted from the playing area for the appropriate treatment. The student-athlete should not return to the practice/game until the bleeding has been stopped and the open wound properly covered.
2. During a game or practice, if uniforms and other clothing become saturated with blood or other body fluids containing visible blood to the extent that the blood could be transferred from one person to another by touch, that part of the uniform should be changed and the skin cleaned with soap and water. Protective gloves should be worn any time another person's blood is involved. Cloth disposable towels/towelettes and gloves should be discarded properly. Proper disposal would be the use of a plastic-lined, closable trash container.
3. If enough blood is present that it could be transmitted to another person, upon removal of the clothing, the item(s) should be placed in a plastic bag and sealed until laundering. Clearly mark the plastic bag so those handling it know that it contains items soiled with blood.
4. If a player, coach, official, etc. has someone else's blood on his/her skin, the area should be washed with soap and water and wiped with disinfectant, such as isopropyl alcohol.
5. All athletes must cover any open wound.
6. Student athletes should treat and cover their own wounds whenever possible.
7. When administering first aid, disposable latex or vinyl gloves should be worn. A different pair of gloves should be worn for each treatment administered.
8. Any individual who has treated a wound or cleaned a contaminated surface should wash his/her hands with soap and warm water.
9. A student athlete should take a shower using a liberal amount of soap and warm water following the contest.
10. Towels which are used by athletes, coaches or officials should not be used to clean off any potentially contaminated surfaces.
11. All soiled linens such as towels and uniforms should be washed in hot water and in a detergent containing bleach, if possible.
12. All coaches, athletes and officials should practice good hygiene. Towels, cups and water bottles should not be shared.
13. Keeping locker rooms and other areas well ventilated and clean can also help in preventing other air-borne contagions from being transmitted.

E. PROCEDURES FOR CLEANING WASHABLE SURFACES CONTAMINATED WITH BLOOD OR BLOODY FLUIDS

1. For small areas of contamination (i.e., droplets on wrestling mat, gym floor, pool deck, etc.)
 - (a) Have immediately available a squirt or spray bottle containing fresh bleach solution or an EPA-approved disinfectant.
 - (b) While wearing protective gloves, spray the contaminated area with the cleaning solution. Gloves used for cleaning contaminated surfaces may be single-use vinyl or latex gloves, or multiple-use general-purpose utility ("rubber") gloves. Use disposable towels to clean the contaminated surface. Repeat until all visible blood and other body fluids have been removed. Use clean disposable towels each time the procedure is repeated.
 - (c) Properly discard all contaminated disposable materials.
 - (d) Wash hands immediately after exposure. When it is not feasible to wash your hands immediately after exposure, an antiseptic in conjunction with clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes should be used. Hands should then be washed in soap and water as soon as feasible.
2. For large areas of contamination (i.e. large pools of blood, vomitus, or urine):
 - (a) While wearing protective gloves, use fresh bleach solution or an EPA-approved disinfectant.
 - (b) A two-bucket system is recommended - one bucket to wash the soiled surface, and one bucket to rinse. Detailed instructions are as follows:
 - (1) In bucket #1, dip, wring, and mop up blood or body fluids containing visible blood.
 - (2) Dip and wring in bucket #1, and mop a second time.
 - (3) Dip and wring out mop in bucket #1.
 - (4) Dip and wring mop in bucket #2, which contains fresh bleach solution or an EPA-approved disinfectant.
 - (5) Mop contaminated area again.
 - (6) Rinse and wring mop again in bucket #2.
 - (c) Properly dispose of the used cleaning solution from both buckets down a drainpipe.
 - (d) Soak the mop in a clean solution of EPA-approved germicide or fresh household bleach solution after use.

- (e) Rinse both buckets in fresh bleach solution or an EPA-approved disinfectant after use. After rinsing the buckets, rinse the sink.
- (f) Remove gloves and discard if they are not of the general-purpose utility variety. General purpose utility (rubber) gloves may be disinfected and re-used, but should be discarded if they are peeling, cracked, discolored, or if they have punctures, tears, or evidence of deterioration.
- (g) Wash hands immediately even though protective gloves are worn. When it is not feasible to wash your hands immediately after exposure, an antiseptic cleaner in conjunction with clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes should be used. Hands should then be washed in soap and water as soon as feasible.

XXVI. DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM TROPHIES AND AWARDS IN THE EVENT OF A TIE

In regional and state championship events in certain activities, a team trophy is awarded to the first place and second place teams based on number of cumulative points. In the event two or more teams tie for first place based on cumulative points and no tie-breaking system has been established, each team will be awarded a first-place trophy, and no second-place trophy will be awarded. In the event that two or more teams tie for second place based on cumulative points and no tie-breaking system has been established, each of those teams will be awarded a second-place trophy.

In individual competition in regional and state championship events in certain activities, medals or other awards are given to the top individual finishers. If a tie occurs between two or more individuals and no tie-breaking system has been established, those individuals will each receive the medal or award for that place finish, and medals or awards will not be given for the next highest placement(s). For example, if two individuals tie for a second-place medal, each individual will receive a second place medal, and no third place medal will be awarded. If medals are given for the first six place winners, and three individuals tie for third place, then each individual will receive a third-place medal, and no fourth-place and fifth-place medals will be given.

XXVII. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

(Attention: Please see that all coaches have copies)

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during half time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to instill good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

XXVIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CROWD ACCOMMODATION AND MAINTAINING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

A. POLICY STATEMENT

Any high school having an interscholastic athletic program, before the start of the school year, should have a well-planned crowd control program. Personnel who should be included in developing the plan are: administrators, athletic director, coaches, supervisor of cheerleaders, band director, security personnel and the game announcer.

Printed copies of the final statement of the crowd control procedures should be distributed to all personnel involved in any way with the conduct of the game. The program should be developed to regulate three states: 1) before the contest, 2) during the contest, and 3) after the contest. Specific responsibilities should be outlined for all involved.

1. BEFORE THE CONTEST

If the athletic program is to be successfully administered, the athletic director must be concerned with the welfare of the fans and the student body. Since most high schools are in need of the additional revenue from gate receipts for financing the athletic program, all efforts must be put forth to make attendance an enjoyable experience, thus ensuring a return to other contests. Important pre-planning steps are:

- (a) Make sure that all facilities are clean and comfortable.
 - (b) Staff adequate concession stands; if necessary, provide one for home and one for visitors.
 - (c) Provide ticket booths with admission prices plainly posted.
 - (d) Make available to visiting schools necessary game information: include directions for game parking, location of ticket booths, seating arrangement chart, ticket prices, game time, directions for reaching the site.
 - (e) Provide supervised parking, when feasible.
 - (f) Designate specific seating areas for students, bands, adults and visitors. If possible, opposing student bodies should be separated. If a reserved seating section is used, make sure that seats are clearly designated and that an usher is present.
 - (g) Discuss with the student body the need for showing good sportsmanship to visitors. An informative presentation of game rules and their interpretations might be helpful.
 - (h) Inform cheerleaders of the importance of proper timing of yells, display of good sportsmanship to visitors and cooperation with team, band and other activities.
 - (i) Arrange for adequate police supervision.
 - (j) Post in plain sight at the entrance to the stadium or gym a copy of the reasons for expulsion from the contest, e.g., use of alcohol, drugs, throwing objects, unruly behavior.
 - (k) Assign officials to dressing facilities separated from both teams. Provide escorts for the officials when it appears that disturbances may develop.
 - (l) In extreme circumstances metal detectors may be advisable.
2. DURING THE CONTEST
- (a) Provide for adequate supervision of students and facilities by the home school.
 - (b) Be sure that visiting schools assume responsibility for supervising their students.
 - (c) Plan an interesting half-time program.
 - (d) To prevent long lines, assure extra help at concession stands during half time and at breaks.
 - (e) Arrange for security facilities to prevent fans from getting on the field, around the players' bench area or directly into areas of competition.
 - (f) Have P. A. announcer give the location of rest rooms, concession stands and lost and found station.
 - (g) Provide a first-aid room for emergencies. Have an ambulance and doctor in attendance at home football games, if possible.

3. AFTER THE CONTEST

Planning for after the contest is probably the most important of the three stages in crowd control. Most incidents and encounters occur after the game when the fans are on their way home. Some of the most important considerations are:

- (a) Develop a procedural plan for the exit of teams, officials and spectators.
- (b) Direct the route for movement of all visiting school buses and all home team buses. (Include band, pep club buses, etc.)
- (c) Use the P.A. system to: 1) caution spectators about not walking on the floor or field, 2) give directions for leaving the area, 3) drive safely.
- (d) To facilitate orderly movement of traffic lines, provide directive (local police may help) supervision for cars leaving the parking area.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES - ADMINISTRATORS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

- 1. Assign and delegate to the proper school official the authority for crowd control responsibility.
- 2. Convey to the delegated authority the seriousness of crowd control.
- 3. Review with the athletic director the responsibilities of the police before, during and after a contest.
- 4. Stress good sportsmanship. Work with the student body to better their attitude through assemblies and the school public address system.
- 5. Insist that the coaches conduct themselves in a manner conducive to good sportsmanship and clean athletics.
- 6. Inform visiting school as to where you want them to park their buses and see that the guests are greeted and escorted to the game site. Inform the guest cheerleaders and reserve athletes to stay at the game site (with security) until the varsity athletes are ready to leave. Escort cheerleaders, athletes and coaches to their bus. As the fans leave the game site after the contest, have security move with the flow. After the fans are to their automobiles, see that traffic flow is organized and moving quickly.
- 7. Provide separate, clearly marked seating areas for the adults, students and visiting bands. It is strongly recommended that the fans from the two schools remain in the area designated as "their" stands. Problems occur whenever there is a crossover of fans and dialogue takes place, e.g., taunting, name-calling, teasing, and derogatory cheering. On a positive note, a student cheering section can add a new dimension to your school spirit.

8. Provide for parking and have a host (manager or athletic director) greet the officials and escort them to their dressing facilities. These facilities should be private and include a shower. The officials' dressing room is off limits to all players, coaches, fans and news media personnel.
9. Acknowledge payment of officials prior to the game. As a courtesy to the official, provide soap, towel and refreshment.
10. After the game is over, see that security personnel go on to the playing area and escort the officials directly to their dressing room.
11. Remember, it takes very little to incite an already "up tight" crowd.
12. Provide visible police protection. This security force should have radio equipment which permits communications at all times. Security personnel need to know what you expect of them before, during and after the contest. They should have the philosophy of being there to provide a service - not just to look for a problem. A gentle but firm attitude is very helpful.
13. Encourage as many faculty members as possible to attend the athletic contests.
14. Insist that unruly spectators be removed from the premises. Take legal action against those who are guilty of assault or of disturbing the peace.
15. Outline to the students what is acceptable behavior at athletic events. Outline what will happen in cases of misconduct.

XXIX. REGULATIONS FOR LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME FOR ACTIVITIES

The following regulation is from the State Department of Education Administrators' Handbook:

The State Board of Education encourages students to be in attendance in their regularly scheduled classes so that maximum learning can occur. Educational programs are built on the foundation of continuity of instruction and participation in the classroom setting. Consistent classroom attendance can assist students toward development of strong work habits, responsibility and self-discipline. Since the educational merit of the co-curricular program is recognized, the goal of the State Board of Education is to facilitate a balanced education for each student. It is with the above goals and philosophy that the State Board of Education establishes the following attendance/activities regulations:

210:35-17-2. CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS (SDE)

- A. Co-curricular and extracurricular programs shall provide opportunities for developing leadership ability and stimulate active participation of all students in appropriate school organization and community activities according to their aptitudes and interests.
- B. Co-curricular and extracurricular programs shall be planned through the cooperative efforts of the teachers and students and shall be organized and administered so as to contribute to the educational objectives of the school.
 1. Students shall not participate in a particular activity more than one period during the regular school day.
 2. A member of the teaching staff shall be in charge of each activity. The sponsors shall be directly responsible to the principal or some person appointed by the administration to direct the activities of the school.
 3. The State Board of Education encourages all elementary, middle, junior high, and secondary students to be in attendance in their regularly scheduled classes so that maximum learning can occur. Educational programs are built on the foundation of continuity of instruction and participation in the classroom setting. Consistent classroom attendance can assist students toward development of strong work habits, responsibility and self-discipline. Since the educational merit of the co-curricular and extracurricular programs is recognized, the goal of the State Board of Education is to facilitate a balanced education for each student. It is with these goals and philosophy that the State Board of Education establishes the following attendance/activities regulations:
 - (a). It is the intent of the State Board of Education that the superintendent or elementary superintendent and local board of education annually review the scheduling of co-curricular and extracurricular activities so that minimal interruptions occur in the instructional program of a student. The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) guidelines related to student eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities, activity absences, number of games allowed, and length of season shall be applicable to all Oklahoma public schools and students.
 - (b). The maximum number of absences for activities, whether sponsored by the school or outside agency/organization, which removes any student from the classroom shall be ten for any one class period of each school year. Excluded from this number are state and national levels of school-sponsored contests. State and national contests are those for which a student must earn the right to compete. The criteria for earning the right to represent the school in any activity or contest must be submitted in writing by local school sponsors and approved by the local board of education.
 - (c). Each local board of education shall appoint, at the beginning of the school year, an Internal Activities Review Committee. This committee shall be responsible for reviewing and recommending any deviation of the

activities policy to the local board of education. Any deviation from the ten days absence rule shall not exceed five days.

- (d). Each school district shall be responsible for maintaining an addendum to the attendance records to verify the conditions within the school system that apply to regulation (3) (B) of this subsection.
- (e). Procedures for filing complaints are:
 - (1) A signed written complaint must first be filed with the local board of education. If the complaint is not resolved at the local level then the complaint should be filed with the Accreditation Section of the State Department of Education. Upon receipt of the complaint the Accreditation Section shall appoint a monitoring team to make an on-site visit and file a written report to the State Board of Education and Accreditation Section. This complaint must include a list of the name(s) of the student(s), date(s) and class(es) missed which exceed the regulation in (3) (B) of this subsection.
 - (2) The school district shall provide to the monitoring team during the on-site visit the necessary records to verify or deny the violation as specified in the written complaint.
 - (3) The monitoring team shall submit a written report to the superintendent or elementary superintendent and local board of education within 10 school days of the on-site visit.
- (f). Upon the recommendation of the monitoring team the superintendent or elementary superintendent may be called to appear before the State Board of Education for determination of the appropriate action to be taken. In cases of flagrant violation state funds may be deducted/withheld from the school district.

XXX. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (SEE BOARD POLICY XXXIV FOR SEMESTER DEFINITION)

A. Academic Achievement Awards

- 1. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
- 2. Entries that are mailed must be postmarked by the entry deadline in order to be considered. Entries that are faxed must be received in the OSSAA office the day following the entry deadline in order to be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
- 3. The academic GPA will be based on a 4 point system and computed to the nearest one-thousandth percentile: A=4.; B=3.000; C=2.000; D=1.000. If you have a weighted grading system it must be converted to a 4 point system in computing the team GPA.
- 4. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual students GPA.
- 5. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
- 6. Music and Speech activities will be eligible for academic achievement certificates, and the distinguished academic plaques.

B. Three levels of competition for academic awards

- 1. Academic achievement certificate. Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
- 2. Distinguished academic plaque. Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
- 3. State Academic Champion: The highest girls team GPA and the highest boys team GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.

C. Awards Presentation

- 1. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship event.
- 2. The state championship trophy will be presented to the winning team at the state championship event.

D. Team Qualifications

- 1. **Football** - The roster of academic achievement participants will consist of all team members who were participating in football at the conclusion of the final regular season game. This will include any team member who did not suit up for the final regular season game, but is participating in football. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. See Football Regulations for application dates.
- 2. **Basketball** - 15 players (include all players if number is less than 15) suiting up for the first play-off game. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. See Basketball Regulations for application dates.
- 3. **Wrestling** - 14 wrestlers that wrestle in the regional tournament. If a team enters less than fourteen wrestlers in the regional tournament, they must have a minimum of eleven wrestlers to qualify for an award. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. See Wrestling Regulations for application dates.
- 4. **Baseball** - Spring baseball teams will be eligible for an academic achievement award. The 22 players in classes 6A-5A-4A-3A-2A-A-B (include all players suiting up if the number is less than 22) who suit up for the first district/regional tournament game will be eligible. The GPA shall be based on the preceding semester. See Baseball Regulations for application dates.

5. **Fast-Pitch Softball** - The roster of academic achievement participants will consist of the 22 team members or lesser number suited up for classes B-A-2A-3A-4A district tournament play and classes 5A-6A regional tournament play. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. See Fast-Pitch Regulations for application dates.
6. **Slow-Pitch Softball** - 22 players or the lesser number suited up for classes A-2A-3A-4A-5A district tournament and class 6A regional tournament. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. See Slow-Pitch Regulations for application dates.
7. **Track** - A-2A - 10 athletes; 3A-4A - 12 athletes; 5A-6A - 14 athletes (All participants competing in the regional track meet should be included) based on the grades from the preceding semester. State Champion based on highest team GPA. See Track Regulations for application dates.
8. **Soccer** - 22 players or the lesser number suiting up for the last district soccer game. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. See Soccer Regulations for application dates.
9. **Golf** - A full team of 5 players that compete in the qualifying tournament. The state champion will be determined by the best team GPA. See Golf Regulations for application dates.
10. **Swimming** - Must have a minimum of 10 participants competing in the Regional Meet excluding managers and trainers. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. See Swimming & Diving Regulations for application dates.
11. **Tennis** - The roster of academic achievement participants will consist of the six team members competing in regional tournament competition. Six participants will be the minimum number in order to enter the academic competition. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. See Tennis Regulations for application dates.
12. **Cross Country** - A full team of seven participants that compete in the regional meet. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. The state champion shall be determined on the best team GPA. See Cross-Country Regulations for application dates.
13. **Volleyball** - 15 players or a minimum of nine suiting up for the regional tournament. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. See Volleyball Regulations for application dates.
14. **Cheerleading** - The academic award will be based upon the entire competitive squad up to the maximum of 20. GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. To be eligible for academic awards cheer squads must enter and compete in the OSSAA regional competitive cheerleading competition. See Cheerleading
15. **Music** - 85% of all members of High School instrumental, vocal or orchestral music departments entered in High School OSSAA competition. See Music Regulations for application dates.
16. **Speech** - 85% of the total participants of the speech squad that entered the OSSAA regional tournament must be counted in the GPA. The GPA is based on the grades from the preceding semester and a minimum of (8) eight students in 3A-4A and a minimum of (10) ten students must be counted in 5A-6A. See Speech and Debate Regulations for application dates.

XXXI. TAUNTING

The OSSAA disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to anger, bait, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin.

XXXII. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the OSSAA and its member schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, disability, or national origin in its co-curricular activities. It is also the policy of the Association not to discriminate with any other practices or interactions that are necessary in the daily operation of the organization.

XXXIII. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc., will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

XXXIV. NON-TRADITIONAL SEMESTER DEFINITION

For OSSAA purposes the following definition will apply for those schools on non-traditional schedules. A semester is an approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half. (Note: Any question concerning a student's eligibility will be answered according to written OSSAA coverage established for the traditional semester schedule.)

XXXV. ALTERNATIVE STUDENTS AND CLASSIFICATION (Correctional, Out of Home Placement and Virtual Students)

The OSSAA Board of Directors on October 14, 1998 voted the following: Schools receiving state aid on alternative students must count these students for OSSAA classification purposes. This board policy does not affect correctional schools. The Association will simply ask the State Aid Division of the State Department of Education to compute the number of students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 for classification purposes. Correctional or Out-of-Home-Placement students who are listed separately on the SDE Audit Report will not be counted for classification purposes. Adjustment requests for OHP or correctional student's membership records must be submitted in writing to the OSSAA office no later than two weeks after the completion of the RAO's final audit. The definition of correctional students will be determined by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

Effective July 1, 2014, the OSSAA Board of Directors has concluded that "full-time virtual students" shall not be permitted to participate in interscholastic activities and contests on behalf of member schools. A "full-time virtual student" is a student who is enrolled at a member school but receiving all instruction electronically at a location away from the member school's facilities. "Full-time virtual students" will not be counted in the school's ADM for classification purposes.

XXXVI. ELIGIBILITY IN THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (OSSM)

Any student currently attending the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) may retain his/her eligibility in their home district if the local board of education approves such participation.

XXXVII. HAZING

Any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or other substance, or any brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student or any other person, or which subjects the student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

The OSSAA Board of Directors and Staff wish to emphasize that hazing incidents have no place in the activity programs of our member schools. Further, the OSSAA encourages each member school to develop procedures to inform their students that this type of behavior is not acceptable and should not be tolerated.

XXXVIII. SCHOLASTIC RULE FOR TRIMESTER SCHEDULES**A. TRIMESTER SCHEDULE**

1. A student must have received a passing grade in all but one subject to be counted for graduation that he/she was enrolled in during the last block he/she attended fifteen or more days.
2. If a student does not meet the minimum scholastic standard he/she will not be eligible to participate during the first four weeks of the next grading period.
3. A student who does not meet the above minimum scholastic standard may regain his/her eligibility by achieving passing grades in all subjects he/she is enrolled in at the end of a four-week period.
4. Pupils enrolled for the first time must comply with the same requirements of scholastic eligibility. The passing grades required for the preceding 18-week grading period should be obtained from the records in the school last attended.

B. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY DURING A TRIMESTER

1. Scholastic eligibility for a student will be checked after two weeks of a trimester and each succeeding week thereafter. The period of probation and ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked. Methods should be devised to check weekly grades of Vo-tech students and all concurrently enrolled students.
2. A student must be passing in all subjects he/she is enrolled in during a trimester. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in on the day of the grade check, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes during the next week on the grade check day, he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period. The ineligibility periods will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.
3. A student who has lost eligibility under this provision must be passing all subjects in order to regain eligibility. A student regains eligibility under Rule 3 with the first class of the new one-week period (Monday through Sunday).

4. "Passing grade" means work of such character that credit would be entered on the records were the semester to close at the time.

XXXIX. FORFEITURE FOR USE OF AN INELIGIBLE ATHLETE

- A. Participation by an ineligible athlete in a team sport contest shall result in forfeiture of the contest unless:
 1. That particular athlete would have been approved on a hardship waiver had the school filed for the hardship at the appropriate time; a retroactive hardship waiver request must be made to establish that a waiver would have been granted.
 2. the student was ineligible at the time due to a transfer from another school, but the student only participated in subvarsity contests, and the school from which the student transferred: (a) confirms that the Changing Schools form indicating that the school did not object to subvarsity participation would have been signed if the school had been asked at the time of transfer; and (b) has now signed and returned that form to OSSAA.
 3. the school demonstrates that the student only suited up for the contest and did not play, and that the student was permitted to suit up for that contest inadvertently or as the result of a court order temporarily enjoining the enforcement of the eligibility rules of OSSAA and the school as to that student.

If the violation is determined to be the result of the athlete, parent, or guardian falsifying records or information provided to the school, or of relevant information on eligibility being omitted, the athlete is ineligible immediately and will remain ineligible unless and until reinstated by OSSAA's board of directors.

- B. Loss of Contests for Participation While Ineligible

As provided in Rule 7-6, a student who participated in games or matches in a particular sport while ineligible shall sit out the same number of contests in the same sport during that school year.

For example, if a student is determined to have been ineligible when participating in three football games during the season, and three games are remaining that same school year, then the student must sit out the three remaining games.

If an insufficient number of contests in that sport remain, or if the ineligible participation is not discovered until after the season is complete, this sit-out period will extend to contests in the following school year until the student has sat out of the same number of contests. If the student is a senior or does not participate in the same sport in the following season, then that student shall sit out an equivalent percentage of the season in the next sport in which the student would be participating, as provided in Rule 7-6.

XL. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS NOT RESIDING WITH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

- A. OSSAA Rule 8 provides that, to be eligible for athletics, a student must be residing with the student's parents, or custodial parent, or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student. OSSAA recognizes, however, that due to circumstances beyond their control, some students have been residing for extended periods with adult family members or adult friends of the family who are not a parent or court-appointed guardian, and that, in some instances, the adult family member or adult friend has never been formally appointed as guardian by a court. OSSAA has concluded that an exception allowing athletic eligibility should be recognized in certain circumstances even though the student is not currently residing with a parent or a court-appointed guardian.

When a member school determines that a student wants to participate in interscholastic athletics at the school, and the student is not currently residing with one or both of the student's parents or with a court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student, but is instead residing with another adult family member or with an adult friend of the family, the school may nevertheless permit the student to participate in athletics at the school if:

- (a) the school verifies that the student has been residing with a responsible adult family member or adult friend of the family for one year or more prior to the student's first attendance at the school;
- (b) the school has verified that the student has been lawfully enrolled at the school, and the *Eligibility Record Form* for the student has been reviewed and signed by the responsible adult with whom the student has been residing;
- (c) the school has confirmed that the student is not residing with another adult family member or adult friend of the family for the purpose of establishing athletic eligibility away from the student's parents or the student's custodial parent, and
- (d) the student otherwise is eligible under all other applicable OSSAA eligibility rules and policies.

If the student has been residing with the other adult family member or adult friend of the family for less than one year, then a request for exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance must be submitted and approved before the student may be allowed to participate in varsity athletics. A complete explanation of why the student is not residing with a parent or court-appointed guardian, with appropriate supporting documentation, must be submitted with the request. A student who has been residing with another adult family member or adult friend of the family for less than one year may be permitted to participate in subvarsity or junior high athletics as permitted for that student's grade level, if the *Eligibility Record Form*, the *Transfer Athletic Eligibility Form*, and other appropriate documentation has been completed, and the student otherwise is eligible under all other OSSAA rules and policies.

Once athletic eligibility has been established while the student is residing with another adult family member or an adult friend of the family, that responsible adult is treated as the student's parent or court-appointed guardian for OSSAA eligibility purposes. If the student later moves in with one or both of the student's parents, or with a court-appointed guardian, or with a different family member or family friend, and the student transfers or changes schools, then the student is not eligible immediately for varsity athletics, unless the student applies and receives approval for an exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance pursuant to OSSAA Rule 8, section 10.

- B. OSSAA additionally recognizes that a high school student who has reached the age of eighteen may choose to reside apart from the responsible adult(s) with whom the student previously had been residing when the student's athletic eligibility was established. Generally, a student in that circumstance is still considered to be eligible at the school or within the public school district at which athletic eligibility was established, even if the student chooses to reside in a different public school district or the designated geographic area for a different non-public member school. If the student then moves to a different school, the student would be required to sit out of varsity athletics for one calendar year following the change of schools.

If the student in this circumstance can establish that the change of schools was due to an unavoidable hardship beyond the student's control, then an exception allowing immediate varsity athletic eligibility may be requested, consistent with the procedures and criteria stated in the OSSAA Hardship Waiver Manual.

An exception due to hardship will only be permitted if the school can demonstrate that:

- (a) the student is lawfully enrolled at the school, the *Eligibility Record Form* for the student has been reviewed and signed by the student, and the *Transfer Athletic Eligibility Form* and other appropriate documentation has been completed;
- (b) the change of schools was due to an unavoidable hardship beyond the student's control;
- (c) the student has reached the age of eighteen, and is financially independent and residing without any financial assistance from the responsible adults(s) with whom the student previously was residing;
- (d) the student is not residing apart from the responsible adults(s) with whom the student previously was residing for the purpose of establishing athletic eligibility away from the student's previous school;
- (e) the student otherwise is eligible in all other applicable OSSAA eligibility rules and policies.

XLII. ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

Initially, it should be pointed out that proper staff development is paramount for OSSAA administrators and the National Federation setting provides one of the few available forums with the appropriate dialogue and exchange of ideas to stimulate a positive and continued growth of the organization.

Additionally, Board of Director members require added insights as to trends, problems and the need for proper accountability - all of which are afforded at the annual National Federation setting.

Due to the stated requirements and needs the following attendance policy should be followed:

1. OSSAA Staff should attend the NFHS Summer Conference and attend the appropriate scheduled workshops in their assigned areas.
2. The OSSAA Board of Directors should attend the NFHS Summer Conference and attend workshop sessions that better able them to function as the oversight committee for the OSSAA. The Board members should be prepared to share their gathered information at the August OSSAA Board Meeting.

If staff and board attend the meeting, their individual registration, travel, motel/hotel accommodations, meal allowance and small miscellaneous charges will be approved by the entire board at a regular meeting. Any person that attends the meeting other than staff and board will be at their own expense and will not receive any reimbursement from the OSSAA.

XLIII. ADMISSION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO MEMBERSHIP

- A. Pursuant to OSSAA Rule 23, any non-public school offering instruction through grade 12 can be admitted to provisional membership upon a determination that the criteria established by that Rule, and any additional criteria established by the Board of Directors, have been met. This policy sets out the process for a non-public school seeking membership under this Rule and any additional criteria established by the Board of Directors. A non-public school seeking membership should review Rule 23 and this policy to determine if the school can comply with these criteria prior to applying for membership.

- B. A non-public school seeking membership pursuant to Rule 23 must submit an application to the Executive Director, on a form approved by the Board of Directors. The following material should be submitted with the completed application form:
1. Proof that the school is fully accredited by the State Board of Education, or other accrediting organization recognized by the State Board of Education;
 2. True and correct copies of the school's current scholastic eligibility requirements for athletic participation, and written admission policies and procedures;
 3. If tuition and fees are required to be paid, true and correct copies of the school's written payment policies and procedures;
 4. If financial aid and/or tuition and fee remission are available, true and correct copies of the school's written policies and procedures concerning financial aid and/or tuition and fee remission;
 5. True and correct copies of the school's written policies and procedures that require coaches and booster organizations at the school to be educated annually about OSSAA Rules on eligibility, and the school's written policies and procedures intended to insure that students participating in the school's athletic programs have maintained their amateur standing;
 6. Identification of any other athletic association(s) to which the school belongs or has belonged, and written certification from the association(s) that the school is or was a member in good standing and has not been found to have violated any of the rules and policies of that association;
 7. Written certification that the school has enforced age and periods of participation rules at least comparable to OSSAA, and that the school has not recruited or influenced students to attend the school for athletic purposes;
 8. A true and correct copy of the resolution from the school's governing board or authority pledging to abide by the Constitution, Rules, and Policies of OSSAA.
- C. In the application, the school shall state when the school wants to begin participation, the activities in which the school wants to participate, the classification levels that the school believes are appropriate, and the geographic area that the school believes should be designated for residence eligibility purposes pursuant to OSSAA Rule 8. The following information must also be provided with the application to help determine the appropriate classification and designated geographic area for athletic eligibility purposes:
1. The average daily membership (ADM) of the school for grades 9 to 12 for the current or most recent school year and the previous two school years;
 2. Total enrollment capacity for the school in all grades in which instruction is offered, and by division within the school, together with any projected enrollment in grades 9 to 12;
 3. Identification of the public school districts and/or non-public "feeder" schools from which the school draws its students;
 4. Identification of the principal administrators of the school and a description of their prior experience as school administrators;
 5. Copies of brochures, other promotional materials, and advertisements used at present and during the previous two years by the school to attract or encourage students to enroll at the school;
 6. The amount and percentage of the school's operating budget spent on athletics for the current or most recent school year and the previous two school years;
 7. Identification of any booster organizations for school athletic activities, along with the current officers of those organizations, and the amount and nature of any financial support provided by those organizations;
 8. The percentage of students in grades 9 to 12 participating in interscholastic athletic activities;
 9. For each activity in which the school expects to participate as a member school:
 - a. A description of the physical facilities used and available for use by the school in connection with that activity;
 - b. identification of the coaches, paid and volunteer, and a description of their compensation and prior coaching experience;
 - c. the number of years in which the school has competed in that activity;
 - d. the number of students participating in that activity during the current or most recent school year and the two previous school years;
 - e. event or contest schedules and results, including significant awards and honors given to individual participants from the school, for the current or most recent school year and the two previous school years.
- D. The application and supporting materials must be submitted on or before April 1 if the school wants to begin participation in the following fall school semester. Depending on when the application and supporting materials are

submitted, a school intending to participate in football, dual team wrestling, and/or soccer may not be permitted to participate in the championship playoffs or tournament in those activities during the first season following the application, because classifications and re-districting in those sports occurs on a two-year cycle and, in football, game schedules are often set long in advance of the season. Schools intending to participate in these sports should review OSSAA Rule 14 and consult with OSSAA staff about when the school may be able to begin participation in the championship playoffs or tournaments in those sports after membership has been approved.

- E. Upon receiving a completed application and supporting materials, OSSAA staff shall assess whether the school meets the criteria established under Rule 23 and this policy, and evaluate the school's suggested classification level and proposed geographic area for eligibility purposes. OSSAA staff shall visit the school at least once to review records, to interview personnel, to inspect facilities, to assess the accuracy of information and material provided with the application, and to evaluate the appropriate classification and appropriate geographic area for residence eligibility purposes. More than one school visit may be scheduled to complete this assessment and evaluation.
- F. Based on this review and evaluation, the Executive Director shall make a report and recommendation to the OSSAA Board of Directors about whether the criteria have been met. If the Executive Director believes the criteria have been met, then written recommendations on the appropriate classification and appropriate geographic area for residence eligibility purposes also must be provided.
- G. The school's application, and the Executive Director's report and recommendations, shall be considered at a scheduled meeting of the OSSAA Board of Directors. The school shall be advised of the report and recommendations, and notice of the meeting at which the application is to be considered shall be provided to the school, at least five business days in advance of the meeting. Representatives of the school shall be provided the opportunity to be heard on the application at the meeting. After hearing on the application, and the Executive Director's report and recommendations, the Board of Directors shall determine, by majority vote, whether the established criteria for provisional membership have been met.
- H. Provisional membership may be denied or withdrawn if it is determined that the school failed to submit any required information, or provided any false or misleading information in connection with its application or subsequent evaluation, or failed to cooperate in any evaluation process by OSSAA staff and designated representatives.
- I. If the Board of Directors has determined the established criteria have been met and provisional membership has been approved, then OSSAA staff shall conduct, prior to the school beginning competition, an orientation program concerning OSSAA Rules and Policies for the coaches, administrators, and officers of any booster organizations of the school. Coaches, administrators and officers of any booster organizations must attend this orientation program for the school to maintain its provisional membership.
- J. Upon approval of provisional membership, the school shall be assigned a mentor school. Administrators and coaching personnel of the mentor school should be available during the period of provisional membership to provide advice and answer questions for the provisional member school on establishing and administering policies and procedures to insure compliance with OSSAA Rules and Policies. The mentor school should not be a school that the provisional member school will or is likely to compete against in athletics, and preferably should be located within 100 miles of the provisional member school in the event that visits to the mentor school would be helpful to representatives of the provisional member school.
- K. During the two-year period following approval of provisional membership, OSSAA staff, and/or its designated representatives, may visit the provisional member school, or request written reports from the provisional member school, to assist in assessing compliance with OSSAA Rules and Policies. Administrators, teachers, staff, coaching personnel, and officers of booster clubs must cooperate with disclose such information if appropriate consent is given, or if legally compelled to do so by a court or OSSAA staff in providing information for these assessments, and OSSAA staff must be provided with reasonable access to school records for review. To the extent that any information provided or reviewed is supposed to be treated as confidential by law, OSSAA staff will maintain such information as confidential, and will only government agency, or if such information otherwise has been released or disclosed.
- L. If during the provisional membership period, the school is determined to have: failed to submit any required information; provided any false or misleading information in connection with its application or any subsequent evaluation; failed to cooperate in any evaluation process by OSSAA staff and designated representatives; or violated any OSSAA Rules or Policies; the school may be subject to penalties as provided in Sections I-C and I-D of these

Policies or, for more serious violations, expulsion or denial of continued membership may be considered. Expulsion from provisional membership or denial of continued membership requires a written report and recommendation from the Executive Director, and a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and the school shall be provided notice in advance and an opportunity to be heard before any such vote. Expulsion from provisional membership or denial of membership should be considered only when the school's demonstrated failures and/or violations indicate an inability or unwillingness to comply with OSSAA Rules and Policies, or a pattern of practices inconsistent with the objectives and mission of OSSAA and its member schools.

M. At the conclusion of the two-year period following approval of provisional membership, the Executive Director will make a report and recommendation to OSSAA's Board of Directors about whether provisional membership should continue, or whether the provisional status should end, or whether membership should be denied. In making this report and recommendation, the Executive Director must evaluate the following:

1. The accuracy and validity of information provided or made available to OSSAA in evaluating the school;
2. The effectiveness of the school's policies and procedures, and the school's enforcement of those policies and procedures, in insuring compliance with OSSAA Rules and Policies;
3. If any violations of OSSAA Rules or Policies were found to have occurred during the period of provisional membership, whether the school responded in a cooperative and constructive manner;
4. The continued appropriateness of the classification levels and the assigned geographic area for residence eligibility purposes;
5. Whether the school's activities have been managed and conducted in a manner consistent with the objectives and mission of OSSAA.
6. The Executive Director's report and recommendation shall be considered at a scheduled meeting of the OSSAA Board of Directors. The school shall be advised of the report and recommendation, and notice of the meeting at which the report and recommendation are to be considered shall be provided to the school, at least five business days in advance of the meeting. Representatives of the school shall be provided the opportunity to be heard on the report and recommendation at the meeting.

After hearing on the Executive Director's report and recommendation, the Board of Directors shall determine, by majority vote, whether the provisional status should end and the school should be deemed a full member in good standing, or whether provisional membership is continued for an additional period, or whether membership should be terminated. The vote of the Board of Directors shall be based on the factors evaluated as outlined above. Membership shall not be denied unless the school, by reason of demonstrated failures and/or violations of OSSAA Rules and Policies, has shown an inability or unwillingness to comply with OSSAA Rules and Policies, or a pattern of practices inconsistent with the objectives and mission of OSSAA and its member schools.

XLIII. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY RULE 23

- A. Christian Heritage Academy—North on Douglas to Reno
West on Reno to Bryant
South on Bryant to I-240
West on I-240 to I-44
South on I-44 to SE 149th (S 19 in Moore)
East on SE 149th to Douglas
- B. Community Christian School—North to Indian Hills Road
West to Pennsylvania Ave.
South to Main St. (Norman)
East to 12th Ave
- C. Crossings Christian School—North on MacArthur Blvd. to NW 150th Street
East on NW 150th Street to N. Santa Fe Avenue
South on N. Santa Fe to West Memorial Road
West on West Memorial Road to NW MacArthur Blvd
- D. Holland Hall School
21st & Riverside east two and half miles to 21st & Harvard.
21st & Harvard south five miles to 71st & Harvard.
71st & Harvard east two miles to 71st & Sheridan.
71st & Sheridan south one mile to 81st & Memorial.
81st & Sheridan east one mile to 81st & Memorial.
81st & Memorial south one mile to 91st & Memorial.
91st & Memorial west one mile to 91st & Sheridan.
91st & Sheridan south one mile to 101st & Sheridan.
101st & Sheridan east one mile to 101st & Memorial.
101st & Memorial south two miles to 121st & Memorial.
121st & Memorial east two and half miles to 121st & Riverside.
121st & Delaware north four miles to 81st & Delaware.
81st & Delaware west ½ mile to 81st & Lewis.
81st & Lewis north three miles to 51st & Lewis.
51st & Lewis west one mile to 51st & Peoria.
51st & Peoria north two miles to 21st & Peoria.
31st & Peoria west ½ mile to 31st & Riverside.
31st & Riverside one and half miles to 21st & Riverside
- E. Lawton Academy of Arts and Sciences
North to Rogers Lane
West to Goodyear Blvd
South to Lee Blvd
East to 38th Street
- F. Lincoln Christian School—Pine Street from 129th E. Avenue one mile to 145th E. Avenue
129th E. Avenue 6 miles from Pine Street to 51st Street
129th E. Avenue to 193rd E. Avenue
Pine Street down 145th E. Avenue to 41st east to 193rd Avenue south to 51st Street
- G. Oklahoma Christian Academy—East will be Sooner Road, from Waterloo Road to Memorial Road
On the north, Waterloo Road between Sooner Road and Pennsylvania Avenue
On the west, Pennsylvania Avenue, from Waterloo Road south to Memorial Road
The south boundary will be Memorial Road from Pennsylvania Avenue to Kelly Avenue
Kelly the line moves south to 122nd St. to Coltrane
Coltrane the line goes back north to Memorial Road until it reaches Sooner Road

- H. Regent Preparatory School—At the corner of 81st and Harvard, East 3 miles to Memorial; North 2 miles to 61st Street; East 2 miles to Garnett; South 4 miles to 101st; West 3 miles to Sheridan; South 1 mile to 111th; West 2 miles to Harvard; North 3 miles to 81st.
- I. Rejoice Christian School
 North boundary 116th Street North
 South boundary 76th Street North;
 East boundary N. 161st E. Ave;
 West boundary N. 97th E. Ave.
- J. Riverfield Country Day School—All boundaries originate from Riverfield School

 ½ mile west to 33rd West Ave.; 2 miles south to 81st Street; 1 ¼ miles to Highway 75; 3 miles south to 111th Street; 5 miles east to Yale Ave.; ½ miles north to 116th Street; 1 mile east to Sheridan; 2 ½ miles north to 91st Street; 1 mile west to Yale; 2 miles north to 71st St; 3 miles west to Riverside Drive; 2 ¼ miles south to Jenks Rd.; 2 ¼ miles west to Elwood Ave; ¾ mile west to High way 75; 1 mile north to 61st St.
- K. Southwest Covenant Schools—North on Mustang to Main St.
 East on Main St. to Sara Road
 South on Sara Rd to Northwest 23rd St.
 West on Northwest 23rd St. to Mustang Rd.
- L. Summit Christian Academy—North will be E. 71st Street S.
 West Kenosha Street from S. Garnett Road to S. 177th East Avenue
 S. Garnett/Creek Turnpike from E. 71st Street S. to E. 111th Street S
 On the south, E. 111th Street S. from the Creek Turnpike to S 177th East Avenue
 On the east, S. 177th East Avenue from E. Kenosha Street to E. 111th Street S
- M. Victory Life Academy—Four mile radius surrounding the school.

Other Non-Public School Boundaries

- A. Bishop Kelley—South to 71st, North to 21st, East to Garnett, West to Peoria
- B. Bishop McGuinness—Intersection of N. Memorial Rd and MacArthur Blvd, east to Western Ave.
 Intersection of N Memorial and Western, south to NW 63rd
 Intersection of N.W. 63rd and Western, east to Santa Fe Ave.
 Intersection of NW. 63rd and Santa Fe, south to 36th
 Intersection of NW 36th and Santa Fe, west to Western Ave.
 Intersection of NW 36th and Western, north to N.W. 50th
 Intersection of NW 50th and Western, west to Portland Ave.
 Intersection of NW 50th and Portland, north to Hefner Rd.
 Intersection of N. Hefner and Portland, west to MacArthur Blvd.
 Intersection of Hefner and MacArthur, north to Memorial Rd.
- C. Cascia Hall—North to 15th Street then west to Riverside
 South to 121st Street then east to Sheridan
 South to 111th Street east to Memorial
 South to 101st Street then west to Sheridan
- D. Corn Bible Academy—Custer and Washita Counties

- E. Heritage Hall—Intersection of Portland (Hefner Parkway) and Hefner Road west to MacArthur Boulevard
 Intersection of Hefner Road and MacArthur north to 164th
 Intersection of MacArthur and NW 164th east to Santa Fe Ave.
 Intersection of NW 164th and Santa Fe Ave. south to Memorial Ave.
 Intersection of Memorial and Santa Fe west to Western Ave.
 Intersection of Western and Memorial south to NW 63rd
 Intersection of NW 63rd and Western west to Portland (Hefner Parkway)
 Intersection of NW 63rd and Portland (Hefner Parkway) north to Hefner Road

- F. Metro Christian—Intersection of 21st and Harvard, West to the Arkansas River
 Intersection of 21st and Harvard, South to 61st Avenue
 Intersection of 61st and Harvard, East to Memorial Drive
 Intersection of 61st and Memorial, South to 121st
 Intersection of Memorial and 121st, West to 65th West Avenue
 Intersection of 121st and 65th West Avenue, North to 61st Street
 Intersection of 61st and 65th West Avenue East to the East side of Arkansas River
 61st Street and the East Bank of the Arkansas River, North to the East Bank of the Arkansas River and the 21st Street Intersection.

- G. Mount St. Mary—Intersection of NW 23rd and Pennsylvania, east to 1-235 (Lincoln Blvd.)
 Intersection of NE 23rd and Lincoln Blvd., South to Byers Street
 Intersection of Byers (Shields Blvd.), south to SW 134th
 Intersection of Shields and SW 149th, west to MacArthur
 Intersection of SW 149th and MacArthur, north to SW 104th, east to Portland
 Intersection of SW 104th and Portland, north to SW 89th, east to May, north to SW 59th
 Intersection of 59th and May, east to Pennsylvania, north to NW 23rd

- H. Oklahoma Bible Academy—South Boundary - Wheat Capitol Road
 West Boundary - N. Imo Road
 North Boundary - Lake Hellums Rd.
 East Boundary – 42nd Street

- I. Oklahoma Christian School—Edmond Public Schools

- J. Victory Christian—North Boundary - 51st Street
 South Boundary - 121st Street
 East Boundary – Garnett
 West Boundary - Highway 75
 South to 21st Street then east to Harvard south to 15th Street

Maps of these boundaries and multi-high districts can be found on the OSSAA website at www.ossaa.com.

XLIV. REPORTING ADM

All non-public schools shall report their ADM from an end-of-the year statistical report certified by their outside accrediting agency. If an outside agency is not currently in use, then it is up to the school to have an outside agency certify their ADM.

XLV. H1N1/PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS AND INTERRUPTION OF OSSAA EVENTS

- A. It will be the decision of each local health authority in Oklahoma or each local Board of Education/Governing Board as to whether or not to close a school due to an influenza outbreak.
- B. "Closure", "closed", or "school closing" shall mean that the local health authority or board of Education/Governing Board has cancelled all secondary school classes and school sponsored extracurricular activities for a minimum of one full school day due to a specific public health concern.
- C. Team Activities: (Football, Basketball, Fast/Slow Pitch Softball, Fall/Spring Baseball, Soccer, Volleyball, Dual State Wrestling, One-Act Plays, Academic Bowl) In the event of a school closing prior to the contest in which a school is scheduled to participate, the OSSAA in cooperation with the local administration and tournament personnel, shall attempt to reschedule the contest for the schools affected provided that such rescheduled contests do not adversely affect the tournament/competition. (Non-participation by a team will result in a forfeit of the contest)
- D. Team/Individual Activities: (Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Swimming, Track, Speech/Debate, Music, Cheer, and Wrestling) The contest shall proceed as scheduled. (Non-participation by an individual will result in a forfeit/scratch by the individual.)
- E. In the event that schools remain open, competitors and teams shall be expected to participate on the dates/times scheduled.

XLVI. SUPPLEMENTAL ON-LINE COURSES

As provided in 70 O.S. § 1-111, as amended, students are considered to be in attendance while participating in a supplemental on-line course approved by the district board of education for that school. A student enrolled in a supplemental on-line course or courses therefore will be in compliance with OSSAA Rule 2 as long as the school can confirm that the student is completing on-line course work consistent with the school's requirements, and the student also is attending 90% of those classes physically conducted in the school's facilities or on the school's property."

If a student is enrolled in supplemental on-line courses, those courses also are included in determining whether a student is enrolled in the required minimum number of courses, and in determining whether that student has passed or is passing all courses, as required to maintain eligibility under OSSAA Rule 3.

As with other courses, if the student withdraws from or drops a supplemental on-line course after the first three weeks of the semester, the student then will be ineligible for a three-week period. To regain eligibility at the end of that three-week period, the student must be taking the required minimum number of courses, and must be receiving passing grades in those other courses.

XLVII. MANDATORY ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY WORKSHOPS

Failure to comply with OSSAA rules and policies on eligibility may have serious adverse effects on students and member schools. Revisions also may be made to these rules and policies each year. OSSAA Staff therefore will conduct face-to-face annual workshops on eligibility rules for representatives of all member schools during June, July and August of each year. An on-line annual eligibility workshop also will be made available through OSSAA's website starting July 15 of each year. All member schools are required to have at least one representative who is responsible for making eligibility determinations at that member school either attend a face-to-face workshop or complete the on-line workshop before the end of August each year. Each member school is required to maintain records verifying that a representative has completed one of the annual workshops each year as required.

If a member school has not complied with this annual requirement, the member school is suspended from hosting any play-off contests leading to a state championship in any activities in which school teams may be participating during the upcoming school year. The on-line eligibility workshop will remain available on OSSAA's website after the August deadline, so the suspension from hosting play-off contests will be lifted once the school verifies that a school representative responsible for making eligibility determinations has completed the on-line workshop.

XLVIII. NOT HONORING A PROTEST

OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy is allowed when, in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

XLIX. CHARTER SCHOOLS**A. CHARTER SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP BEFORE JULY 1, 2016.**

A charter school sponsored by a local public school district or which was admitted to membership before July 1, 2016 shall be treated as a school of the public school district in which it is located. A student who has established eligibility, as provided in OSSAA Rule 7, section 2, at any such charter school is deemed to be eligible in the public school district in which that charter school is located.

If a student in grades 9-12 who has established eligibility at a charter school subject to this section transfers to another public or charter school in the same public school district, then the student's athletic eligibility will be determined according to the intra-district transfer rules or policies established for that public school district. A student in grades 9-12 who establishes eligibility and then transfers from the school to any non-public school, or to a public or charter school in a different public school district, is not eligible for a period of one calendar year from the date of first attendance at the student's current school, unless a waiver due to unavoidable hardship is applied for and granted.

B. CHARTER SCHOOLS REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP AFTER JULY 1, 2016.

A charter school sponsored by an entity or organization other than a local public school district which is seeking membership from and after July 1, 2016 must submit a written proposal to OSSAA: (i) identifying its sponsoring entity or organization, as provided by 12 Okla. Stat. §3-132; (ii) describing a requested geographic area for residence eligibility purposes; and (iii) identifying the OSSAA activities in which students at the school are expected to participate, and stating the classification level proposed for the school in those activities. The charter school seeking membership under this section shall provide information and materials in support of its requested geographic area and proposed classification levels, and respond to requests from OSSAA staff concerning the support and resources available to the charter school from its sponsoring entity or organization.

The charter school will not be permitted to participate in OSSAA playoff and championship events until OSSAA's Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the requested geographic area for residence eligibility purposes and the classification levels for the OSSAA activities in which the school proposes to participate.

Once participation in OSSAA activities is approved for the school, a student in grades 9-12 who has established eligibility, as provided in OSSAA Rule 7, section 2, is deemed eligible only at that charter school. A student in grades 9-12 who then transfers from the school to any non-public school, or to any other public or charter school, is not eligible for a period of one calendar year from the date of first attendance at the student's current school, unless a waiver due to unavoidable hardship is applied for and granted.

C. CHARTER SCHOOLS CHANGING SPONSORING ENTITY OR ORGANIZATION AFTER JULY 1, 2016.

In the event that a member charter school changes its sponsoring entity or organization after July 1, 2016, the school must advise OSSAA staff of the change. The school must then submit a written proposal with the same information and supporting materials, and must respond to requests for additional information about the support and resources of the sponsoring entity or organization, as described in section B above. The member charter school changing its sponsoring entity or organization will not be permitted to participate in OSSAA playoff and championship events until OSSAA's Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the requested geographic area for residence eligibility purposes and the classification levels for the OSSAA activities in which the school intends to participate.

D. STUDENTS AT CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFERING INSTRUCTION ONLY THROUGH GRADE 8.

If the charter school where the student established eligibility does not offer instruction in grades 9-12, then upon completing all grades offered at that school, the student in grades 9-12 may establish eligibility for grades 9-12 at another member school as provided in OSSAA Rule 8, section 3.

L. EXTREME HEAT

The OSSAA recognizes that heat related illness is the leading cause of preventable death in high school students participating in activities. The Board adopted the following policies:

Acclimatization Period: Whenever students are participating in an environment in which the temperature cannot be controlled there should be acclimatization period. The acclimatization period is defined as the first 14 days of participation beginning with the first date of practice in that sport or activity, or the first date a participant begins practice, whichever is later. Any speed, strength, or conditioning programs shall not be considered a part of the acclimatization period. All students participating in athletics or activities, including those who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to follow the guidelines of the first days of the acclimatization period.

All athletic coaches and marching band directors are required to view *A Guide to Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention* at www.nfhslearn.com, annually. A certificate of completion shall be kept on file for each coach or marching band director at the member school.

A. Football (Mandates)

1. Preseason practice shall be limited to 2 ½ hours per session with a minimum of one hour between practice sessions. No more than 5 hours of practice per 24-hour period will be allowed. There will be no physical activity during the one-hour rest period. Any time a coach is present during football practice, the time will count toward the maximum 5 hours, with the exception of strength training.
2. If a practice session is interrupted by inclement weather or heat restrictions, and it is required the session be divided for the good of the student-athlete's welfare as long as the total practice time does not exceed 2 ½ hours.
3. When multiple practices are conducted in the same day, it is required that either practice not exceed 2½ hours in length and students not participate in more than five total hours of practice activities, including walk-through sessions. Warm-up, stretching, cool down and conditioning activities are included as part of the practice time. Practices should be separated by at least one hour, where there is no physical activity between the end of the first practice and the beginning of the second practice.
4. Immediately prior to any practice, coaches are required to use a smart-phone APP, or other mechanism or program to get heat index, such as CoachSmart or the OSHA APP. There are also programs available on the Internet, such as AccuWeather, or Weather.com. These programs are free and can be used on any smart-phone, tablet, or computer. A chart outlining recommendations for making concessions for extreme heat is available on the OSSAA website; Schools must develop their own form to record the heat index each practice session.
5. All practices must be held under the supervision of a coach employed by the school.
6. Practices must always be conducted with an open water policy.
7. Cooling stations shall be made available for the athletes (buckets of cool water, wet towels, sponges, etc.)
8. Each program shall have a heat related emergency plan on hand at all times.

B. Guidelines for Outdoor Activities:

1. Athletic Coaches or marching band directors should use a smart-phone APP, or other mechanism or program to get heat index, such as or the OSHA APP. There are also programs available on the Internet, such as AccuWeather, or Weather.com. These programs are free and can be used on any smart-phone, tablet, or computer. A chart outlining recommendations for making concessions for extreme heat is available on the OSSAA website. Schools must develop their own form to record the heat index each practice session.
2. All practices should be held under the supervision of a coach, director, or sponsor employed by the school.
3. Practices should always be conducted with an open water policy.
4. Each program should have a heat related emergency plan on hand at all times.
5. Preseason practice should be avoided if possible between the hours of 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.
6. Parents and students should be educated on the importance of hydration during extreme heat conditions.
7. Cooling stations should be made available when possible (buckets of cool water, wet towels, sponges, etc.)
8. Equipment should be removed for conditioning.

LI. DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

To ensure that documents of the OSSAA are adequately maintained, protected and then discarded, in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws, and as a matter of prudent business practices, the OSSAA has established a Document Retention Schedule. Documents include any written or electronic records created by the employees of OSSAA, the Board of Directors, or other committees in the course of their duties, responsibilities and activities related to the Association.

Documents should be retained and destroyed in accordance with the Document Retention Schedule. At least once per year the Executive Director shall designate a member of staff to identify documents that are to be destroyed in accordance with this policy. The documents selected for destruction should be cataloged and presented to the Executive Director for

approval prior to destruction. Documents not listed on the Retention Schedule will be reviewed by the Executive Director to establish a retention period.

In the event OSSAA becomes aware of any official investigation by appropriate authorities or receives any subpoena or request for documents, the destruction of related documents will be suspended until the matter has been resolved.

LII. OSSAA RANKING PROGRAM POLICY

The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website, (www.ossaa.com).

For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments) and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross County, Swimming, Track and Field, Tennis, Wrestling and Golf, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

LIII. OPEN MEETINGS AND OPEN RECORDS

A. Open Meetings of OSSAA's Board of Directors and Intermediate Appeals Panel

1. Article IV, section 3 of OSSAA's Constitution provides that meetings of OSSAA's Board of Directors shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law of the State of Oklahoma. All meetings of OSSAA's Board of Directors and its intermediate appeals panel are to be open and conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including specifically the notice and agenda, voting and executive session requirements.
2. Executive sessions are permitted for discussing any matter where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law. On occasion, generally on appeals of student athletic eligibility determinations, OSSAA receives private and confidential information concerning students and their families which is protected from disclosure by law or which OSSAA has agreed to maintain as confidential. Member schools and families also, on occasion, want to disclose and discuss private and confidential information concerning a student or the student's family during appeal hearings conducted before OSSAA's Board of Directors or its intermediate appeals panel.

Allowing disclosure of this private and confidential information in an open public meeting of OSSAA's Board of Directors or its intermediate appeals panel could discourage schools, students, and families from submitting information that would support athletic eligibility, and prevent OSSAA's Board and intermediate appeals panel from hearing all facts relevant to a determination. OSSAA's Board of Directors therefore has been, upon a motion made in open public session and approved by a majority vote, convening in closed executive session to hear and discuss private and confidential student and family information that may be relevant to the Board's determination.

Consistent with this practice, OSSAA's Board of Directors and its intermediate appeals panel may convene in closed executive session to hear and consider private and confidential student and family information that is protected from disclosure by law or which OSSAA has agreed to maintain as confidential.

3. No motions may be made, and no votes may be taken, on the determination of any issue during executive sessions.

B. Public Access to OSSAA Records

1. OSSAA is committed to making records of its operations available for public review, consistent with the provisions of Oklahoma's Open Records Act. All records of the association are to be made accessible consistent with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
2. Records specifically required by law to be kept confidential will be maintained as confidential and not be made publicly available. On occasion, generally on student athletic eligibility determinations, OSSAA receives private and confidential information concerning students and their families which is protected from disclosure by law or which OSSAA has agreed to maintain as confidential. Allowing disclosure of records containing or reflecting private and confidential information could discourage schools, students, and families from submitting information that would support athletic eligibility, and prevent OSSAA from receiving all facts that may be relevant to a determination. To protect the confidentiality of private and confidential student and

family information protected by law, OSSAA has declined to produce records that contain or reflect such information when those records have been requested, unless the private and confidential information could be redacted from those records prior to disclosure.

Consistent with this practice, OSSAA will continue to maintain as confidential all private and confidential student and family information which is protected from disclosure by law or which OSSAA has agreed to maintain as confidential. Records reflecting or containing private and confidential student and family information, including but not limited to any recording or transcript of an executive session of OSSAA's Board of Directors or its intermediate appeals panel, will not be made available for public inspection or disclosure if requested, unless the student and family have consented to disclosure or otherwise waived any claim to confidentiality, or unless a court has ordered disclosure of the information. If records containing private and confidential student and family information are subpoenaed in any legal proceeding, OSSAA will provide notice to the student's school of the subpoena, and to the student and family if OSSAA has contact information for the student and family, before producing those records.

3. Records concerning on-going investigations by OSSAA may be maintained as confidential, unless particular records are already publicly available. Personal notes made by individuals in the course of evaluating, or considering any action or determination by OSSAA may be maintained as confidential and will not be available for public disclosure. Records that are protected by attorney-client privilege or by the attorney work product doctrine will be maintained as confidential and will not be available for public disclosure.
4. OSSAA may also maintain as confidential information technology records that disclose:
 - a. design or functional schematics that demonstrate the relationship or connections between devices or systems,
 - b. system configuration information,
 - c. security monitoring and response equipment placement and configuration,
 - d. specific location or placement of systems, components or devices,
 - e. system identification numbers, names, or connecting circuits,
 - f. business continuity and disaster planning, or response plans,
 - g. investigative information directly related to security penetrations or denial of services.

The above information technology records will not be available for public disclosure.

5. OSSAA may keep personnel records confidential: (a) which relate to internal personnel investigations including examination and selection material for employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or resignation, or (b) where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy such as employee evaluations, payroll deductions, and employment applications submitted by persons not hired by OSSAA. The home address, telephone numbers and social security numbers of any person employed by or formerly employed by OSSAA will be maintained as confidential and not be available to the public.

Personnel records that are available include the employment application of a person who is hired by OSSAA, the dates of employment, and the title or position for that employee, and any final disciplinary action resulting in loss of pay, suspension, demotion of position, or termination.

6. For records that are available, OSSAA will make those records available for inspection during regular business hours at OSSAA's offices, or copies of requested records may be provided. OSSAA may charge a fee of no more than \$0.25 per page for the reasonable, direct costs of copying and producing requested records, and may decline to provide records if the fee is not paid. OSSAA may also charge a reasonable search fee if a particular record request would cause any excessive disruption in the essential functions of OSSAA, and may decline to search for requested records if the search fee is not paid.

LIV. CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURIES--EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. Completion of Student Information Sheet

Each school year, before a student at a member school is permitted to participate in athletic activities, including practices, the student and the student's parent or guardian must complete and return a concussion and head injury information sheet to the school. The information sheet must inform the student and the student's parent or guardian about the nature and risks of concussion and head injury in participating in athletic activity, including the risks of continuing to participate after sustaining a concussion or head injury, as provided by 70 O.S. § 24-155. (Effective November 1, 2016, a new State Statute regarding head injury was implemented)

This form may be completed and submitted to the school each year at the same time as the annual physical examination and parental consent form. A sample form for the concussion and head injury information sheet is available on OSSAA's website. The school shall maintain copies of the completed forms.

B. Removal from Participation and Return to Play After Suspected Concussion

A student suspected of having sustained a concussion or other serious head injury during any sports activity, including during a practice, must be immediately removed from participation.

A student who has been removed from participation because of a suspected concussion or other serious head injury is not permitted to participate again until the student has been evaluated by a licensed health-care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and related injuries, and the student has submitted written clearance to return to participation from that provider.

C. Game and Contest Officials

Before working at any regular season and any post-season competition for students in grades 7-12 in football, basketball, wrestling, soccer, baseball, or softball, a game or contest official must have completed the on-line concussion management course available at www.nfhslearn.com. If a game or contest official suspects that a student has sustained a concussion or other serious head injury, the official should remove the student from participation.

LV. BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR OFFICIALS

1. Beginning June 1, 2015, as part of the annual enrollment process, OSSAA shall conduct background checks on all individuals who enroll as game or contest officials who have never previously been enrolled as game or contest officials for OSSAA athletic activities. In addition, for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 school years, OSSAA shall conduct background checks on approximately one-third of the individuals who were enrolled as officials with OSSAA prior to June 1, 2015, and who are seeking to re-enroll for the upcoming school year. Thereafter, all individuals who have previously been approved for enrollment and who are seeking to re-enroll shall undergo a background check at least every three years. OSSAA may from time to time conduct follow-up background checks on individuals enrolled as game or contest officials for OSSAA athletic activities.
2. OSSAA may retain an outside agency to conduct these background checks. The results of these background checks may be reviewed by OSSAA staff to determine if individual applicants are approved for enrollment as game or contest officials for OSSAA athletic activities.
3. OSSAA staff shall deny enrollment or revoke enrollment for any individual registered under the Oklahoma Sex Offender Act, the Oklahoma Mary Ripley Violent Offenders Act, or any similar acts in other states. OSSAA staff may deny enrollment or revoke enrollment for any criminal conviction revealed during the initial background check or any subsequent background check. OSSAA staff shall inform the person of its decision to deny or revoke enrollment in writing. The OSSAA staff shall state the reasons enrollment was denied or revoked.
4. Any person whose enrollment was denied or revoked may challenge and/or protest OSSAA staff's decision to deny or revoke enrollment. A challenge must be made within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the correspondence from OSSAA staff denying or revoking enrollment. The challenge must be made to OSSAA's Executive Director in writing, and if information from the background check is being challenged as inaccurate, then correcting information must be included.

OSSAA's Executive Director shall review the denial or revocation and determine whether to affirm or reverse the OSSAA staff's decision. Within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the challenge or protest, OSSAA's Executive Director shall respond in writing. If OSSAA's Executive Director affirms the OSSAA staff's decision, the individual may appeal that decision to the OSSAA Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled OSSAA Board meeting. The OSSAA Board shall review the OSSAA Director of Officials' decision and determine whether to affirm or reverse. The appellant shall be notified in writing of the OSSAA Board's decision. The OSSAA Board's decision shall be final and shall not be subject to further review.

LVI. USE OF PILOTLESS, REMOTE-CONTROLLED AERIAL VEHICLES AT EVENTS

OSSAA does not approve of the use of pilotless, remote-controlled aerial vehicles, or "drones," at interscholastic activities or events, whether such vehicles are operated by school representatives, parents, participants, spectators, or media representatives. The operation of pilotless, remote-controlled aerial vehicles at interscholastic activities or events may create an increased risk of injury to participants and spectators, and may create unwarranted distractions that affect the management and enjoyment of those activities or events.

If a pilotless, remote-controlled aerial vehicle is being operated at or in the vicinity of a member school activity or event, the persons responsible for officiating at the activity or event are authorized to suspend the activity or event. The person or persons responsible for managing the event or activity site should be contacted and advised of the presence and use of a pilotless, remote-controlled aerial vehicle at the site. The event or activity site manager is directed to make reasonable efforts to identify who is operating the vehicle and to cause the vehicle to be grounded safely or moved away from the

activity or event site. Continuation of the activity or event may be suspended until the vehicle has been safely returned to the ground or has been moved a safe distance from the event or activity site.

A member school may choose to use, or permit the use of, a pilotless, remote-controlled vehicle at school practices in particular activities. That determination is left to the discretion of responsible administrators, coaches, and supervising sponsors at the member school. OSSAA recommends that a member school consult with the school's insurer and legal counsel before using or permitting the use of such vehicles during school practices.

LVII. TRANSGENDER STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

- A. The following guidelines should be applied by a member school in determining the gender-specific athletic teams on which a transgender student is permitted to participate:
 - (1) A female-to-male student who is not taking testosterone may choose to participate on either boys or girls teams. Once that choice is made, the student must consistently participate as that gender in any athletic activities at the secondary school level.
 - (2) A female-to-male student taking testosterone may only compete on boys teams.
 - (3) A male-to-female student who is not taking hormone therapy, or who has been taking hormone therapy for less than one year, may only participate on boys teams.
 - (4) A male-to-female student who has completed one year or more of hormone therapy may participate on girls teams.
 - (5) A transgender student seeking to participate on a school team for the gender with which the student identifies must submit documentation to the member school demonstrating that the student is under the care of a licensed physician. If the student is taking hormone or testosterone therapy, then documentation must be submitted to the member school demonstrating that the therapy has been prescribed by the student's licensed physician, and how long the prescribed therapy has been administered. The member school should consider any other relevant information submitted in support of the request. The member school will then determine, pursuant to the guidelines and requirements above, whether the student should be permitted to participate as requested.
- B. The member school should notify OSSAA when the school determines that a transgender student will be permitted to participate on a school team for the gender with which the student identifies. In the interest of preserving the student's privacy, the member school should not disclose the identity of the student, or any of the other information relating to the request, to OSSAA.
- C. If a member school decides not to permit a transgender student to participate as requested, that decision may be appealed to OSSAA's Board of Directors. The identity of the transgender student, and all discussions and written documentation submitted concerning the transgender athlete, will be maintained as confidential by OSSAA unless the information already has been publicly disclosed or the student has consented to disclosure.

HARDSHIP WAIVER AND OTHER EXCEPTIONS

I. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate at an OSSAA member school in athletic events a student must:

- A. Be legally enrolled in a secondary school grade level at a member school in courses, activities, or alternative programs in which credits are being earned, and appropriate academic progress is being made, toward graduation consistent with the requirements of the school and the State Department of Education.
- B. Have on file with the school an ***OSSAA Eligibility Record Form*** completed at the time the student first enrolled or reached a grade level at which the student is eligible to participate.
- C. Undergo an annual physical examination and have on file with the school a signed physical examination certificate or form as set forth by OSSAA Rule 1.
- D. Have concussion management paperwork completed and on file with the school.
- E. Have on file with the school a signed parental consent form as set forth in Rule 1.
- F. Comply with the attendance policies of the school district the student is attending.
- G. Comply with the minimum academic performance requirements as set forth in Rule 3.
- H. Comply with the standards for student conduct as set forth in Rule 4.
- I. Comply with the standards for maintaining amateur status as set forth in Rule 5.
- J. Comply with the Age Rule as set forth in Rule 1.
- K. Comply with the period of participation limits as set forth in Rule 7.
- L. Comply with all applicable laws and the Rules and Policies of the Association concerning participation, sportsmanship and conduct in connection with interscholastic athletics.

II. GUIDELINES

If a student meets the following guidelines you can be reasonably assured he/she is eligible to participate at your school (see Record Form for New Students).

- A. Will not be 19 years of age before September 1 for high school students and 9th grade students will not be 16 years old before September 1, 8th grade students will not be 15 and 7th grade students will not be 14 years old before September 1.
- B. Has not attended school eight or more semesters since the time he/she entered the 9th grade (15 days membership counts as one semester).
- C. Attended your school the previous year.
- D. Lives with both mother and father in your school district.
- E. Passed five credits the previous semester that count toward graduation. (See Exceptions for Block and Trimester)
- F. Is currently (within the semester) passing all classes (see exceptions for seniors).
- G. Answers no to all questions on ***OSSAA Eligibility Record Form***.

III. IMPACT OF TRANSFER OR CHANGING SCHOOLS AFTER ELIGIBILITY IS ESTABLISHED

An ***OSSAA Eligibility Record Form*** must be completed for any student who has transferred or changed schools. The student must have provided an official transcript from the school previously attended and be lawfully enrolled to participate in athletics at a school within a member school district or at a member non-public school. The student is not permitted to participate if the student was ineligible, or threatened with ineligibility, at the time that the student transferred or changed schools. If the student has transferred or changed schools after the first day of attendance for that school year, the student is not permitted to participate in athletics for at least fifteen (15) calendar days after the student's first date of attendance at the school, to allow time for required forms to be completed and for eligibility to be determined.

A student in the seventh or eighth grade remains eligible for junior high athletics after a transfer or change of schools as long as: (1) the student is not repeating all or any part of the seventh or eighth grade; and (2) the student has not been influenced to transfer or change schools for athletic purposes in violation of OSSAA Rule 9.

After completing the eighth grade, a student may transfer or change schools and establish athletic eligibility for grades nine through twelve when the student first participates in interscholastic athletics at the ninth grade level or above. The student is not eligible if the student has been influenced to transfer or change schools for athletic purposes in violation of OSSAA Rule 9. The student's eligibility for grades nine through twelve may also be affected if the student repeated all or any part of the seventh or eighth grade, so the receiving school must review the student's records and determine if those records disclose any repeat period.

A student who transfers or changes schools in grades nine through twelve after establishing athletic eligibility by first participation is ineligible to participate in varsity athletics during the student's first full year of attendance unless the student has obtained a waiver to allow for participation or meets other criteria for immediate eligibility as provided further in the OSSAA Rules.

If a new student falls under one of the following categories, you should check further into that student's eligibility:

- A. Is living with someone other than who they lived with last year (Even if new person is a natural parent)
- B. Entered your school after the semester had officially begun (the student may have had academic, attendance, or other eligibility issues at the prior school, or may be intending to repeat all or part of a grade previously completed).
- C. Another residence is being maintained in a separate school district or designated geographic area.
- D. Answers yes to question(s) on the *OSSAA Eligibility Record Form*.

IV. APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION FROM INELIGIBILITY DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE HARDSHIP OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

As a part of the overall effort to preserve equitable participation opportunities, prevent the recruitment of students based on athletic skill or experience, protect students from exploitation, and discourage overemphasis on athletics to the detriment of other important educational programs, the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) has established certain rules governing eligibility. OSSAA Rule 8 provides that a student who establishes athletic eligibility for grades nine through twelve at one secondary school and then transfers or changes schools is ineligible for varsity athletics for a full school year at the new school. Rule 8 also provides for a one-year period of ineligibility when: (a) a student has established eligibility for grades nine through twelve where the student's family is residing, and the student's family moves away from the area, and the student chooses to change to a school outside the public school district or designated geographic area in which the student's family is residing; or (b) a student moving from out-of-state after having participated in grade nine or above chooses to attend a member school outside the public school district or designated geographic area in which the student's family is residing. Other OSSAA rules also limit the number of years of participation and provide for age limits for the participant.

OSSAA recognizes however, that some students are compelled to transfer schools or to choose a particular school at which they are ineligible under Rule 8 because of hardships beyond the control of the student or the student's parents or guardian. OSSAA also recognizes that some students are prevented from completing grades at the expected age due to injury, illness or other circumstance beyond their control. OSSAA therefore provides for the granting of exceptions that would allow a student who would otherwise be ineligible to participate without delay if the student can be shown to meet certain criteria.

In some instances, imposing a period of ineligibility would not serve the purposes for which the general rule was created. A foreign student enrolling in a member school under a recognized international student exchange program generally will be attending the school only for one year, so allowing participation for that period would be consistent with the educational objectives of OSSAA's member schools and the exchange programs. In addition, there may be instances in which non-varsity participation opportunities are available at the school receiving the new student, and allowing non-varsity participation similarly would not raise a threat of competitive inequities or exploitation. Exceptions allowing participation therefore may also be recognized in these circumstances provided there is no evidence that the student was influenced to transfer schools for athletic purposes.

By submitting an application for exception or waiver, the school and the student on whose behalf the application is submitted, and the parents, current custodial parent, or court appointed guardian with legal custody of the student, acknowledge and agree that the application shall be reviewed and evaluated by the OSSAA's Executive Director and staff, that the Executive Director or staff designee is authorized to conduct any further investigation or to request any supplementation of the application or supporting materials deemed necessary to the evaluation of the application, that the application shall be evaluated using the criteria set forth in this manual, and that the determination of the Executive Director shall be transmitted, in writing, to the principal or administrative head of the school submitting the application.

OSSAA forms for applying for an exception or waiver are located on the OSSAA website under the eligibility link. Before completing this application, the person or persons completing the form must identify the criteria that would support granting a waiver. Documentation demonstrating how or why the student's circumstances fall within those criteria must be gathered and submitted with the application.

V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING HARDSHIP EXCEPTION FORMS

Forms for a Hardship Waiver Application can be found on the eligibility link at OSSAA.com, under the link *FORMS FOR FILING A WAIVER REQUEST*.

- A. Make certain you have current forms and destroy all other hardship forms.
- B. Duplicate the current blank forms as needed.
- C. Complete the appropriate ***Hardship Eligibility Clarification Request Form*** and the ***Eligibility Record form*** in the student's presence, and preferably in the presence of the student's parents, or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student, so that the information provided is correct.
- D. Determine if the student meets any of the hardship criteria before submitting the request.
- E. For a student who is changing or has changed schools after establishing eligibility for grades nine through twelve:
 1. **Wait** until the student is a legal student enrolled in your school before applying.
 2. The ***Eligibility Record Form*** shall be completed upon enrollment;
 3. Contact the school last attended and send that school the ***Transfer Athletic Eligibility Information Form*** to be completed and returned on the student;
 4. The Request for Hardship Eligibility Clarification must be accompanied by the ***Eligibility Record*** and the ***Transfer Athletic Eligibility Information Form***, together with copies of all material relied upon in support of the request, including DHS or court orders, or the request will not be considered.
- F. Allow at least a 15-day period for a decision on the request.

VI. HARDSHIP EXCEPTION OR WAIVER CONSIDERATION CRITERIA

- A. Before submitting a Hardship Eligibility Clarification Request Form, the submitting school shall consider and determine whether the change or choice of schools was the result of any of the following occurrences or factors beyond the control of the student. The Request should indicate which of the following criteria are believed to be applicable. A description of the type of documentation and information that must be submitted in support of a request based on those criteria follows each of the stated criteria.

1. An unstable home environment in which the physical and/or emotional health of the student is at serious risk.

Documentation must be submitted describing the student's situation, prepared and verified by a health or law enforcement professionally familiar with the student's home environment. Broad and vague claims of potential threats are not sufficient. The request must further state the address of the home in question, identify the principal residents at the address, and state the address of the home or residence facility in which the student currently is or will be residing, and identify the principal residents or supervisor at that location.

2. Placement in a different residence by order of court or a supervising government agency.

A certified copy of the order of the court or supervising government agency directing the removal of the student from the home in question and placing the student in another home or residence facility must be submitted. If the order does not identify the address of the home from which the student was removed, the address of the home or other facility in which the student has been placed, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of any attorneys involved in the placement, then that information should be supplied in the application or other supporting documentation. A divorce decree, or a separation or temporary custody order, or an order establishing a guardianship, which grants custody to a parent or other person who has moved to or is living in a different residence, will not be sufficient, unless the decree or order includes an express finding by the court or agency that the student's health or safety would be at risk if the student remained in the prior residence, or that placement in a different residence and transfer of schools is necessary in the student's best interests.

3. A sincere desire to continue a course of study, program, or activity in which the student was actively involved in the previous school year and which is no longer available at the school at which eligibility had been established. Documentation must be submitted describing the course of study, program, or activity that would be or has become unavailable, verifying the extent of the student's prior participation in that course of study, program, or activity, and confirming the unavailability of that course of study, program, or activity. A lack of advanced placement or honors classes in a particular subject, or a previous school's inability or refusal to offer courses in a subject area which are more advanced or more specialized than the courses already offered, will not be a basis for approving a waiver or exception.

A waiver will only be approved under this provision if the student has moved to a school located in the same public school district in which the student's previous school is located, or to a school located in a public school district contiguous to that district.

4. An annexation, redistricting, or school closing affecting that student.

Documentation must be submitted identifying the school previously attended, describing the annexation, redistricting or school closing at issue, and verifying how the student was affected.

5. Any other circumstance beyond the control of the student and the student's family which creates an unavoidable hardship for that student.

Documentation verifying the relevant facts and explaining the impact upon the student in question must be submitted. Consideration will be given only if special circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's family create an unavoidable hardship. Exceptions will be a rarity.

Examples include, but are not limited to, incidents of bullying or harassment which have been communicated to school personnel, and reasonable efforts by school personnel were made to resolve the issues before the student was compelled to change schools.

- B. The Request submitted must describe which of the above criteria apply to the student, explain why those criteria are applicable, and identify material or information submitted in support for applying those criteria. If more than one of the above-referenced criteria are applicable, then the Request should list all of the applicable criteria and all supporting documentation required to support those criteria should be submitted.

A hardship request should NOT be submitted if the Transfer Athletic Eligibility Information Form received from the student's former school, or any other reliable information, indicates that:

1. the student was barred from participating or otherwise was ineligible at the time of departure from the prior school, in which case the ineligibility issue at the prior school must be resolved before a request is submitted; if there is a question about whether the student was ineligible at the prior school, then the student's current school may contact the OSSAA;
2. the student was encouraged to transfer or select a school in violation of OSSAA Rule 9, in which case the current school must investigate further and be able to provide a written report concerning its investigation when and if a hardship request is submitted;
3. the student transferred due to discontentment with coaches or other personnel at the school at which eligibility was already established;
4. the student or a parent, or custodial parent or court appointed guardian with legal custody of the student, has knowingly given an incorrect residence address or any other incorrect information that would be relevant to a determination of the request.

- C. If a request is submitted without the records or materials necessary to evaluate whether the identified criteria are met, then the request will be rejected without further review. If a request is submitted with supporting documentation for some, but not all of the criteria that the applicant is attempting to meet, then the application will only be considered on the criteria for which supporting documentation has been submitted.

- D. Hardship waiver requests based solely on a student's parents separating or divorcing will not be considered or approved. When parents separate or divorce after a student's eligibility has been established for grades nine through twelve, the eligibility of the student will be at the school where the student was attending prior to the separation or divorce. A hardship waiver request may be considered if other criteria referenced above are met.

OSSAA recognizes that in some situations after a student has been residing with one parent for an extended period following a separation or divorce and established eligibility for grades nine through twelve while residing with that parent, the student may develop a sincere desire to reside with the other parent which is unrelated to any athletic considerations, and that the other parent may be residing at that time in a different and distant school district which would require the student to change schools in order to reside with the other parent. OSSAA staff may therefore grant a one-time waiver, without further action by OSSAA's Board of Directors, permitting eligibility for a student who, after establishing

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eligibility based on the residence of one divorced parent, has moved to the other divorced parent's residence in a different school district, provided that:

- (a) the student and each parent have certified in writing that the student is moving for the first time from one parent's residence to the other parent's residence in a different school district, and that the move from one parent to the other is not being made for athletic purposes;
- (b) the student and each parent further acknowledge and agree in writing that any subsequent move back to the original parent's residence and/or a subsequent transfer back to the student's former school will result in the loss of athletic eligibility, unless and until a basis for granting a hardship waiver request under one or more criteria referenced above has been demonstrated.

E. Exceptions due to hardship will not be considered or approved in the following circumstances:

1. Simple change in guardianship.
2. Discontentment with school in which the student's eligibility has been established.
3. Changing schools to take a course or participate in an activity not offered at the previous school, unless the transfer is necessary for the student to continue a course of study or activity that was discontinued at the previous school.
4. Reinstatement of eligibility of a student after an incorrect address or any other incorrect information was provided in connection with a request.
5. More than one residence is being maintained in circumvention of eligibility rules.

VII. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS NOT RESIDING WITH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

A. OSSAA Rule 8 provides that, to be eligible for athletics, a student must be residing with the student's parents, or custodial parent, or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student. OSSAA recognizes, however, that due to circumstances beyond their control, some students have been residing for extended periods with adult family members or adult friends of the family who are not a parent or court-appointed guardian, and that, in some instances, the adult family member or adult friend has never been formally appointed as guardian by a court. OSSAA has concluded that an exception allowing athletic eligibility should be recognized in certain circumstances even though the student is not currently residing with a parent or a court-appointed guardian.

When a member school determines that a student wants to participate in interscholastic athletics at the school, and the student is not currently residing with one or both of the student's parents or with a court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student, but is instead residing with another adult family member or with an adult friend of the family, the school may nevertheless permit the student to participate in athletics at the school if:

- (a) the school verifies that the student has been residing with a responsible adult family member or adult friend of the family for one year or more prior to the student's first attendance at the school;
- (b) the school has verified that the student has been lawfully enrolled at the school, and the *Eligibility Record Form* for the student has been reviewed and signed by the responsible adult with whom the student has been residing;
- (c) the school has confirmed that the student is not residing with another adult family member or adult friend of the family for the purpose of establishing athletic eligibility away from the student's parents or the student's custodial parent, and
- (d) the student otherwise is eligible under all other applicable OSSAA eligibility rules and policies.

If the student has been residing with the other adult family member or adult friend of the family for less than one year, then a request for exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance must be submitted and approved before the student may be allowed to participate in varsity athletics. A complete explanation of why the student is not residing with a parent or court-appointed guardian, with appropriate supporting documentation, must be submitted with the request. A student who has been residing with another adult family member or adult friend of the family for less than one year may be permitted to participate in subvarsity or junior high athletics as permitted for that student's grade level, if the *Eligibility Record Form*, the *Transfer Athletic Eligibility Form*, and other appropriate documentation has been completed, and the student otherwise is eligible under all other OSSAA rules and policies.

Once athletic eligibility has been established while the student is residing with another adult family member or an adult friend of the family, that responsible adult is treated as the student's parent or court-appointed guardian for OSSAA eligibility purposes. If the student later moves in with one or both of the student's parents, or with a court-appointed guardian, or with a different family member or family friend, and the student transfers or changes schools,

then the student is not eligible immediately for varsity athletics, unless the student applies and receives approval for an exception due to hardship or other qualifying circumstance pursuant to OSSAA Rule 8, section 10.

- B. OSSAA additionally recognizes that a high school student who has reached the age of eighteen may choose to reside apart from the responsible adult(s) with whom the student previously had been residing when the student's athletic eligibility was established. Generally, a student in that circumstance is still considered to be eligible at the school or within the public school district at which athletic eligibility was established, even if the student chooses to reside in a different public school district or the designated geographic area for a different non-public member school. If the student then moves to a different school, the student would be required to sit out of varsity athletics for one calendar year following the change of schools.

If the student in this circumstance can establish that the change of schools was due to an unavoidable hardship beyond the student's control, then an exception allowing immediate varsity athletic eligibility may be requested, consistent with the procedures and criteria stated in the OSSAA Hardship Waiver Manual.

An exception due to hardship will only be permitted if the school can demonstrate that:

- (a) the student is lawfully enrolled at the school, the *Eligibility Record Form* for the student has been reviewed and signed by the student, and the *Transfer Athletic Eligibility Form* and other appropriate documentation has been completed;
- (b) the change of schools was due to an unavoidable hardship beyond the student's control;
- (c) the student has reached the age of eighteen, and is financially independent and residing without any financial assistance from the responsible adults(s) with whom the student previously was residing;
- (d) the student is not residing apart from the responsible adults(s) with whom the student previously was residing for the purpose of establishing athletic eligibility away from the student's previous school;
- (e) the student otherwise is eligible in all other applicable OSSAA eligibility rules and policies.

VIII. EXCEPTIONS FOR OVER-AGED STUDENTS

A. Criteria that may be considered

The circumstances in which a student may be permitted to participate in athletics beyond the age limitations established under Rule 1 are very limited. The same criteria applied to hardship waiver requests made after a transfer of schools do not apply to requests to participate in athletics once a student's age exceeds the limits under Rule 1.

A waiver or exception to Rule 1 age limits is only granted upon proof that the student was delayed from starting school, or was held back from advancing from one grade level to the next, by circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or legally appointed guardian). Even if a student qualifies for a waiver or exception to the age limitation, the student may not be permitted to participate in a particular activity if, in view of the student's size and development, the student's participation presents an obvious danger to other participants.

~~The circumstances in which a waiver or exception to Rule 1 may be granted include the following:~~

- ~~1. Readiness testing by the school at the kindergarten or first grade level demonstrated that the student was not yet prepared to begin school;~~
- ~~2. the student was designated as a transitional student at the first grade level;~~
- ~~3. the student is shown to have had a physical or mental disability that prevented or significantly delayed the student from making normal academic progress;~~
- ~~4. a serious injury or illness or circumstance beyond the control of a student is shown to have significantly delayed the student from making normal academic progress;~~
- ~~5. the student is shown to have had difficulties transitioning from a foreign language to instruction primarily in English which significantly delayed normal academic progress;~~
- ~~6. The student was prevented or significantly delayed from making normal academic progress due to a school's failure to provide special education classes, or the school's failure to properly place the student in special education classes.~~

Any application for a waiver or an exception to the age limitations must be accompanied by appropriate and credible documentation detailing the circumstances that prevented the student from beginning school at the expected age or which prevented or significantly delayed the student from advancing academically. Documentation could include testing results, medical records, doctor's reports, counselor's reports, individualized education plans, and school transcripts. Submission of a written summary describing the circumstances that prevented the student from advancing academically, without any adequate supporting documentation, is not sufficient to grant an exception.

Forms for an Overage Hardship Application can be found on the eligibility link at OSSAA.com, under the link *FORMS FOR FILING A WAIVER REQUEST FOR OVERAGE/ADDITIONAL SEMESTERS*.

B. Factors That Will Not Permit Exceptions for Over-Age Participation

1. The student already has participated in a sport in 3 different school years after beginning the seventh grade.
2. The student repeated a grade after beginning the ninth grade, unless that particular failure to make normal academic progress is shown to have been the result of the school's failure to provide or to properly place the student in appropriate special education classes, or to a serious injury or illness, or to difficulties transitioning from a foreign language to instruction primarily in English.
3. If the student's size and development is such that he/she could be an obvious danger to other participants.
4. The student is twenty years of age, or if the student is at the ninth grade level or below, the student is seventeen years of age.

IX. EXCEPTION FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION

A. Criteria That May Be Considered to Permit Additional Periods of Participation

The circumstances in which a student may be permitted another semester or year of participation in athletics beyond the periods permitted under Rule 7 are very limited. In particular, OSSAA member schools have concluded that allowing a "medical redshirt" period for a student who is prevented from participating in athletics due to illness or injury, but is able to complete academic work necessary to advance to the next grade level and progress normally toward graduation, is not appropriate and consistent with the objectives of the Association. In addition, the same criteria applied to hardship waiver requests made after a transfer of schools do not apply to requests for an additional semester or year of participation in athletics.

After beginning the seventh grade, a student generally is limited to participating in athletics during that school year and the five school years that follow consecutively after that school year. A student also is limited generally to participating in athletics in the ninth grade or below during three consecutive school years once that student begins attending the seventh grade. After beginning the ninth grade, a student generally is limited to participating in athletics during that school year and the three school years that follow consecutively after that school year. These limitations apply even if the student does not actually participate in athletics during any particular school year or semester.

If a student repeats all or a portion of the seventh or eighth grade and, in compliance with Rule 7, does not participate in athletics during that repeat period, then that repeat period is not counted against the six consecutive school years in which athletic participation is allowed. If a student participates in athletics while repeating all or any portion of the seventh or eighth grades, then that period of participation is counted against the total of three consecutive school years in which a student is permitted to participate in athletics at the ninth grade or below, and against the overall total of six consecutive school years in which athletic participation is allowed.

If a student repeats all or a portion of the ninth grade or a higher grade level, the student may only participate in athletic competition open to students at the ninth grade level and above during that repeat period, and may not participate in athletic activities limited to students in the ninth grade or below. This repeat period is counted against the total of four consecutive years in which a student is permitted to participate in athletic competition open to students in the ninth grade level and above, and against the overall total of six consecutive school years in which athletic participation is allowed. This repeat period is counted toward these totals regardless of whether or not the student participates in athletics during the repeat period.

After the student has begun the ninth grade, an exception allowing a student the opportunity to participate in athletics in an additional semester or school year may only be granted upon sufficient proof that circumstances arose beyond the control of the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student), such as a serious and debilitating injury or illness, which prevented the student from completing academic work necessary to advance to the next grade level and make normal progress toward graduation. An injury or illness that merely prevented athletic participation, but did not prevent the student from completing academic work, would not be sufficient to allow an exception.

Applications for this exception must be accompanied by appropriate and credible documentation detailing the circumstances that prevented the student from advancing academically, such as medical records, doctor's reports, counselor's reports, and documentation detailing the student's academic progress and athletic participation to date, including school transcript and schedules. Submission of a written summary describing the circumstances that prevented the student from advancing academically, without any adequate supporting documentation, is not sufficient to grant an exception.

B. Factors That Will Not Permit Additional Period of Participation

1. If a student repeated all or a portion of a grade after making average or above average grades.
2. If a student participated in athletic competition during a repeat period.
3. If a student already had the opportunity to participate in an interscholastic sport at the ninth grade level or above during four different school years.

Forms for an additional year of participation can be found on the eligibility link at OSSAA.com, under the link *FORMS FOR FILING A WAIVER REQUEST FOR OVERAGE/ADDITIONAL SEMESTERS*.

X. ELIGIBILITY FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A. Foreign Exchange Students

1. A foreign exchange student is an international student who attends high school in the United States. To be eligible for interscholastic athletics such students must be under the auspices of and be placed with a United States host family by an international student exchange program that has been accepted for listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and is recognized by the U.S. Department of State. The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, or his/her parents, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities.
2. A foreign exchange student is considered to be placed with a host family when written notice of placement is provided by the exchange organization to the student and his/her parents, and to the host family.
 - a. Neither the school the student attends nor any person associated with the school shall have input into the selection of the student.
 - b. No member of the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the host family.
3. The foreign exchange student must possess a current J-1 visa, issued by the U.S. State Department.
4. To apply for eligibility for a Foreign Exchange Student, print out the forms from the Eligibility link at OSSAA.com, *Foreign/International Student Registration*. The CSIET Advisory List as well as the instructions sheet for filing the request can also be found on the Eligibility page of OSSAA.com. The foreign exchange student must comply with all eligibility requirements set forth by Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.
 - a. The Registration Form must be completed and returned to the OSSAA office.
 - b. The Age Rule must be satisfied.
 - c. The student could not have been in high school more than three previous years.
 - d. The student has not graduated.
 - e. An approved student will not be eligible for more than 365 days.
 - f. The student must be eligible academically and meet all other regulations concerning eligibility of the OSSAA.

B. Other International Students

An international student who is not under the auspices of and placed by a CSIET listed exchange program must meet the following requirements in order to be considered for interscholastic athletics eligibility:

1. The student must possess a current F-1 visa, issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.
2. The student must provide to the principal of the school he/she attends an official untranslated transcript and a transcript that is translated into English, by an acceptable agent or agency, which indicated work taken in all grades in which the student was enrolled.
3. The international student must pay tuition to the high school he/she attends as prescribed in Section 625 of U.S. Public Law 104-208.
4. No member of the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the resident family for the student. The student must request and receive a written exception allowing participation from the OSSAA office. To receive a written exception, the school and the student must demonstrate that:
 - a. the student has come to the United States primarily for the purpose of completing secondary school-level education;
 - b. the student was not assisted with travel expenses, and is not receiving assistance with school-related and living expenses, from any organization or non-family member by reason of the student's athletic skills, experience or interests;
 - c. the student's placement with a resident or host family were not influenced or based on athletic considerations;
 - d. the student otherwise is eligible under all other OSSAA rules relating to academics, age, periods of participation, attendance, conduct, and amateur status.

Generally the student also is expected to attend school in the public school district, or at a non-public school in the designated geographic area, in which the resident or host family are residing, or at the same school attended by the secondary school-age children of the resident or host family. If the student is attending a different school, then the school and the student need to demonstrate that attendance at the school was necessary due to the student's particular academic needs, and not because of the student's athletic skills, experience or interests.

XI. EXCEPTIONS PERMITTING NON-VARSITY PARTICIPATION

- A. OSSAA recognizes that many member schools participate in competition limited to freshmen or junior varsity participants and those permitting transfer students in grades 9-12 to participate in such non-varsity competition in some instances would not cause competitive imbalances or subject those students to risk of exploitation for athletic purposes.
- B. If the transfer student's former and current schools both approve, in writing, non-varsity participation following transfer, then the transfer student may be permitted to participate in such non-varsity competition. After one year, the student would then be eligible for varsity competition under OSSAA Rule 8, provided the student was eligible under all other Rules.
- C. Approval on non-varsity participation is not effective until the receiving school has received the signed documentation and placed with the student's permanent records. If any issue has been raised about the student having been influenced to transfer for athletic purposes in violation of OSSAA Rule 9, the written approval should not be given. The student's former school or new school must investigate the issue, and the student should not be permitted to participate in non-varsity competition. Any evidence gathered in the investigation by the schools must be submitted to OSSAA, and if immediate eligibility for non-varsity competition is still sought, a written request for exception must be submitted on behalf of the student. A student transferring after the first day of classes will not be eligible until the above requirements have been met, the Changing Schools/Athletic Participation Form has been completed and student has satisfied the mandatory 15 calendar day sit out period.

Hardship waiver requests that have been denied by OSSAA Staff can be appealed to the intermediate appeals panel, as provided in OSSAA Rule 20, section 3. An adverse determination by the intermediate appeals panel may be appealed to OSSAA's Board of Directors at their next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. A \$100.00 fee to cover administrative costs of an appeal to OSSAA's Board of Directors must be received by school check, cashier's check, or money order no less than 3 business days prior to the Board meeting. If monies are not received 3 business days prior to the meeting, the appeal will not be put on the Board agenda.

Organizations Accepted for Listing in the 2017-2018 CSIET Advisory List

American Academic and Cultural Exchange, Inc.	Full
Academic Foundation for International Cultural Exchange (AFICE)	Full
AFS-USA, Inc.	Full
American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)	Full
American Cultural Exchange Service (ACES)	Full
AIFS Foundation-Academic Year in America	Full
Amicus International Student Exchange	Full
ASPECT Foundation	Full
ASSE International Student Exchange Program	Full
American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST)	Full
Association for Teen-age Diplomats	Full
AYUSA International	Full
Borderless Friends Forever Foundation	Provisional
Center for Cultural Interchange	Full
Children of All Nations	Provisional
Council for Educational Travel, USA	Full
Council on International Educational Exchange	Full
Cultural Academic Student Exchange Inc.	Full
Cultural Homestay International	Full
Educational Merit Foundation	Full
Education Travel & Culture	Full
Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT/Share!)	Full
EF High School Exchange Year	Full
Face the World Foundation	Full
Foreign Links Around the Globe (F.L.A.G.)	Full
Forte International Exchange Association	Full
Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange	Full
Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange	Full
German American Partnership Program, Inc	Full
Global Insights	Full
Inter-Ed, LTD	Provisional
International Cultural Exchange Services	Full
International Experience-USA	Full
International Fellowship	Full
International Student Exchange	Full
Laurasian Institution	Full
Nacel Open Door	Full
North Star Youth Exchange	Full
NorthWest Student Exchange	Full
NW Services PEACE Program	Full
Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (O.C.E.A.N.)	Full
Pan Atlantic Foundation	Provisional
PAX - Program of Academic Exchange	Full
Pro American Educational Cultural Exchange (PEACE)	Provisional
Reflections International	Full
Rotary Programs:	
California-Nevada District 5190	Full
Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Program	Full
Eastern States Rotary Exchange (ESSEX)	Full
Empire State Rotary Youth Exchange	Full

Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Exchange	Full
Rotary Youth Exchange Florida, Inc.	Full
South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Program	Full
YES/SCANEX	Full
Sister Cities International	Provisional
States' 4-H International Exchange Program	Full
STS Foundation	Full
Student American International	Full
Terra Lingua USA	Full
UCEUS	Provisional
United Studies, Inc. Student Exchange	Provisional
Western States Student Exchange, Inc.	Full
World Link	Full
Youth for Understanding USA (YFU USA)	Full

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2017-2018 RULES MEETING**(FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS)**

September 9, 2017	Board Member	Redlands Community College El Reno (Fall Coaches Conference)	11:00 a.m.
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If you cannot attend the Rules Meeting at the fall coaches' conference, you can take the Rules Meeting on line at www.ossaa.com, click on non-athletic heading, and then click on Academic Bowl. There you will find the Rules meeting link.

I. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the OSSAA Academic Bowl is to enhance the learning and intellectual pursuit of Oklahoma students. The competition will assist learners in appreciating the opportunities of advancing their knowledge.
- B. The following rules and regulations are to be used in the OSSAA sponsored bowls. Invitational bowls are allowed to use rules and regulations they feel best fit their needs.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. CHIEF JUDGE - The chief judge will be the final arbitrator on the acceptability of answers given.
- B. LOCK-OUT SYSTEM - An electronic system used in academic competition that allows each contestant to control his/her indication of intent to respond. The system should lock-out all other responses once an initial response is indicated. Release of the lock is controlled by the moderator or chief judge.
- C. MODERATOR - The moderator reads the questions and accepts or rejects answers with a yes or no.
- D. QUARTER - Quarters one and three will have twenty toss-up questions per quarter. Quarters two and four will consist of sixty-second round questions.
- E. ROUND - A competition between two teams within a tournament.
- F. GAME - A game consists of 4 quarters of play.
- G. SCOREKEEPER - A scorekeeper will keep score for the entire game and will maintain proper documentation. The scorekeeper is provided by one of the teams participating in the game. The scorekeeper may be an adult or a student. The scorekeeper must be trained. Failure of a participating school to provide a trained timer/scorekeeper will result in the forfeiture of that game. One person may perform either duty, but must be trained as timer and scorer.
- H. SIXTY-SECOND QUESTION - A series of ten related questions to be answered through conferring with other team members in sixty seconds. The relationship may be as specific as "math historians" or as broad as "history".
- I. TEAM - A team is made up of one captain, three team members, and a trained scorekeeper/timekeeper. A team consists of no more than four players, but must have a minimum of three to begin the game. The team is not required to use the same players for every game. Team members may be substituted at the end of the first half of play and prior to a sudden-death situation.
- J. TEAM CAPTAIN - A team captain is the spokesperson for the team. The captain must be designated prior to the beginning of the game. A new captain can be designated at quarter and/or prior to sudden death. A new captain must be designated if the current captain is replaced at the end of any quarter. He/she, with the help and consultation of his/her team members, must choose from the presented categories in a sixty-second quarter. The captain is the only person from whom an answer is accepted during a sixty-second quarter.
- K. TEAM COACH - During a game, only the head coach from each team will be allowed to meet with the chief judge. The head coach shall not serve as timer or scorekeeper during a game in which his/her team is involved. Schools may have more than one team coach. An assistant coach may serve as timer/scorekeeper. The assistant coach must not act as a coach during a game in which he/she provides services as a timer/scorekeeper.
- L. TIMEKEEPER - A timer will keep accurate time of each question as described in the rules and will do so for the entirety of the game. The timer is provided by one of the teams participating in the game. The timer may be an adult or a student. The timer must be trained. Failure of a participating school to provide a trained timer/scorekeeper will result in the forfeiture of that game. Students may score or keep time in his/her home high school's competition room, but must be trained as timer and scorer.
- M. TOSS-UP QUESTION - A toss-up question is a question/answer set given in groups of twenty per quarter in quarters one and three of the game. The answering of one question is not related to the opportunity to answer other questions. Each question/answer set is a separate entity.

III. OFFICIALS

- A. Officials should be fair but firm in dealing with coaches and team members. All officials, whether volunteer or paid, will exhibit courtesy and sportsmanship. Team members and coaches will be treated with the same respect an official expects. The official's job is to conduct the game for the student. Haughtiness and rudeness should never be exhibited by an official. Personal bias and emotions should not interfere with the conducting of a game. **It is recommended that all officials be identified with name tags or plates.**
- B. Each round of competition, at all levels, will have the following slate of officials:
 - 1. Chief Judge
 - 2. Moderator
 - 3. Scorekeeper
 - 4. Timer
- C. The chief judge will:
 - 1. Obtain the proper training and practice.
 - 2. Attend a rules meeting each year.
 - 3. Arrive at the tournament site three hours prior to competition to preview the questions.
 - 4. Make corrections or clarifications to the questions, if needed. (NOTE: The final preview of the questions is the last filter in the proofreading series. The officials MUST preview all questions carefully and make

- corrections. If you know the question/answer is incorrect or another answer would also be acceptable, DO NOT allow it to go into competition without making the correction or addition.)
5. Check the equipment to be certain it is in good working order.
 6. Follow game rules and procedure in conducting the game.
 7. Be the final arbitrator on the acceptability of answers given.
 8. The judge will recognize a player by announcing the name of the school and the name of the player.
(Example: "Tulsa, Susan")
 9. Maintain a professional atmosphere in the competition room.
 10. Officials will be paid for regional, area and state tournaments. The seeding tournaments are conducted with volunteer officials.
- D. The moderator will:
1. Obtain the proper training and practice.
 2. Attend a rules meeting each year.
 3. Verbally accept or reject answers with a "yes" or "no".
 4. Arrive at the tournament site three hours prior to competition to preview the questions.
 5. Make corrections or clarifications to the questions, if needed. (NOTE: The final preview of the questions is the last filter in the proofreading series. The officials MUST preview all questions carefully and make corrections. If you know the question/answer is incorrect or another answer would also be acceptable, DO NOT allow it to go into competition without making the correction or addition.)
 6. Follow game rules and procedure in conducting the game.
 7. Read clearly and efficiently.
 8. Maintain a professional atmosphere in the competition room
 9. Officials will be paid for regional, area and state tournaments. The seeding tournaments are conducted with volunteer officials.
- E. The scorekeeper will:
1. The scorekeeper/timer will obtain proper training and practice.
 2. Report to the competition room five to ten minutes before the competition is scheduled to begin.
 3. List team members on the score sheet by both the first and last names.
 4. Keep an accurate record of the score using an official score sheet.
 5. Be familiar with the official score sheet prior to the competition.
- F. The timer will:
1. Obtain the proper training and practice.
 2. Report to the competition room five to ten minutes before the competition is scheduled to begin.
 3. Use a timing device such as a stopwatch or an electronic clock/timer. This timing device may be visual or non-visual to the participants.
 4. Be familiar with the chosen timing device.
 5. Be consistent in the starting and stopping of the timing.

IV. PRE-GAME PREPARATIONS

- A. Prior to the beginning of the game, the team should:
1. Present team roster to the tournament director at district, regional, area, and state tournaments.
 2. Place name tags in front of positions.
 - a) Name tags shall include and be restricted to school name and both first and last names on a card no larger than 8" X 24".
 - b) Team captain should be designated on the name tag.
- B. Prior to the beginning of the game, the chief judge will:
1. Preview and edit all questions.
 2. Check the room to be certain all needed materials are present:
 - a) Pencils for each team member
 - b) Fresh paper for each team member
 - c) Score sheets
 - d) Place a sign on the door of each room that reads, "Do Not Enter, Game in Progress" prior to each round.
- C. Prior to the beginning of the game, the moderator will:
1. Preview and edit all questions.
 2. Ask each team to designate the team captain.
 3. Check to be certain all needed personnel are present:
 - a) Chief Judge
 - b) Scorekeeper
 - c) Timer
 - d) Teams
- D. Prior to the beginning of the game, the scorekeeper will list team members on score sheet.
- E. Prior to the beginning of the game, the timer will be present with the timing equipment.

V. GAME RULES

- A. To be eligible to compete in the Academic Bowl, a school must be a member of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association and agree to abide by the OSSAA Constitution, Rules and Policies.
- B. Points are awarded for correct answers to questions asked by the moderator. Points are not subtracted for incorrect answers.
- C. There are two types of questions in each match:
 - 1. Toss-up questions - twenty questions worth ten points each per quarter in quarters one and three.
 - 2. Sixty-second questions - ten related questions worth ten points each answered in sixty seconds or less.
- D. A team which arrives more than ten minutes after the scheduled start of its game will forfeit the match. The judge will declare the team present the winner. Exception: If a valid emergency arises and causes an unforeseen delay (i.e. mechanical trouble, inclement weather, etc.) the ten minute time limit will not apply as long as the team arrives prior to the beginning of the next round. Every effort should be made to contact the site manager informing them of the delay. The site manager and/or OSSAA representative shall make the final determination as to the validity of the emergency.
- E. Team coaches are responsible for the behavior and dress of their students. Students are encouraged to dress in their school colors, attire that designates their school, or appropriate dress clothing.
- F. Coaches, substitutes, and guests must sit at the back of the room or at least two rows behind the contestants so no eye contact can be made with their team.
- G. A team consists of no more than four players, but cannot begin the game with less than three players. The team is not required to use the same players for every game. Team members may be substituted at the end of each quarter and before subject categories are read and/or prior to a sudden-death situation.
- H. The use of calculators, computers, laptop computers, calculator watches, or any device that can send or receive a message will NOT be allowed. The use of special equipment must be approved by the OSSAA prior to tournament play. Only wrist watches or hand held stop watches may be used by a team for timing purposes. However, there shall be no audible noise and teams must realize that it is not the official time. During the sixty second quarter, a team member may inform his/her team members of the time remaining.
- I. Each team will be allowed one procedural time-out per game. ONLY the coach can call time-out. Time-outs cannot be called while a question is active during the toss-up questions or sixty-second questions. The time-out can only be used to correct procedural errors. No consulting with any team member will be allowed during the time-out.
- J. Each team coach may call one "team" time out per half to talk to his/her respective team during the first or third quarter. Both coaches may approach their respective teams at this time. This time out can only be called when a question is not active and shall be 30 seconds in length. The time will start once the Chief Judge grants the time out.
- K. The first response given is the one that counts. Once a player begins an answer, which requires spelling, the answer must be completed without repetition. Moderator shall not interrupt incorrect spelling during a toss-up question until the spelling of the word has been completed. However, the moderator shall interrupt incorrect spelling during the sixty-second quarter. Also, capitalization does not have to be specified.
- L. If the student responding to the question gives more information than is needed to answer the questions, the additional information must be correct. This situation is likely to occur when a player has interrupted the reading of a question in order to answer quickly. The chief judge will be the final arbitrator on the acceptability of the answer.
- M. Score shall NOT be kept on a blackboard behind the moderator and chief judge.
- N. Coaches will not be allowed to present reference books, laptop computers, or any other source of information during a protest.
- O. Any videotaping and/or tape recording of the competition or the operation of any computer device during competition is prohibited.
- P. Use of flash cameras during competition is prohibited.
- Q. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- R. Cell phones, watch alarms, and/or pagers must be turned off during competition.
- S. No clothing will be worn that contains any information that might be utilized in the answering of competition questions. Any contestant, coach or spectator wearing such clothing will be required to cover the information or be asked to leave the room.
- T. Once a question has been completed, the question cannot be repeated in either the toss-up or sixty second quarter.

VI. GAME PROCEDURES

- A. There are twenty toss-up questions in the first quarter.
 - 1. Toss-up questions are worth ten points each.
 - 2. Toss-up questions will be drawn from a variety of subjects.
 - 3. After the moderator has read the question, the students will have ten seconds in which to activate their buzzer.
 - 4. The student must answer the toss-up question without conferring with other team members. If this occurs, the moderator will say, "Your answer is not accepted" and the opposing team will be given the opportunity to answer the question.

5. Written notes passed to or read by someone other than the author of the note constitutes consultation and will not be allowed during toss-up questions. If this occurs, the moderator will say, "Your answer is not accepted" and the opposing team will be given the opportunity to answer the question.
6. Use of hand signals to transfer answers will not be allowed.
7. The player first signaling readiness to answer a toss-up question must wait to be recognized by the chief judge as the eligible respondent before giving his/her answer.
8. Answering before being recognized is the same as a wrong answer and the opposing team will be given the opportunity to answer the question.
9. The judge will recognize a player by announcing the name of the school and the name of the player. (Example: "Tulsa, Susan")
10. Once a team member is recognized, the answer must begin immediately. The moderator will allow for a natural pause, but will not allow for stalling.
11. Each moderator's interpretation of a natural pause will vary slightly; however, it is normally a fairly quick four count: "1, 2, 3, 4."
12. If the moderator determines a time period longer than a natural pause has elapsed and the player gives an answer after that time has been called, the moderator will say, "Your answer is not accepted" and the opposing team will be given the opportunity to answer the question.
13. It is not necessary for players to wait until a toss-up question has been read in its entirety by the moderator to signal their readiness to answer the question. However, the moderator will stop reading immediately when a student signal is received.
14. If the moderator is interrupted while reading a question and the recognized player gives an incorrect response or does not answer within the brief pause allowed by the moderator, the moderator will complete the question for the opposing team and the ten second time allotment will then be given.
15. If the recognized player gives an incorrect answer or does not answer within the brief pause allowed by the moderator, and if the ten second time allotment has been depleted, the moderator will call on the opposing team for an IMMEDIATE answer by saying, "team _____, do you have an immediate response?"
16. If the first team answers incorrectly, the opposing team has the opportunity to signal and to answer the question.
 - a) If a question has been activated, even though the allotted time has expired, the opposing team will have the opportunity to answer the missed question.
 - b) The opposing team will have the remaining time from the original ten seconds or a four count from the moderator, whichever is longer.
17. After the question has been completed, ten seconds will be given for response time. If neither team has answered in that ten-second time or if both teams answer incorrectly, the moderator will read the correct answer and go to the next question. Neither team will receive points for an unanswered question.
18. Once the question has been completed, the ten-second clock will not stop. All computations are to be done in this ten-second period.
19. In the event a team buzzes in at the same time the clock time expires, the team will be allowed to respond. If the response is incorrect, the other team WILL be allowed an opportunity to respond. The moderator will call on the opposing team for an IMMEDIATE response. The opposing team must buzz in and be recognized before an answer is given.
20. After both teams have had the opportunity to answer the question, the moderator will give the correct answer.
21. If the moderator inadvertently gives an answer to a toss-up question or a procedural irregularity occurs while the question is still "active" for both teams, the moderator will substitute another toss-up question from the same general subject area in its place.
22. If the moderator inadvertently gives an answer to a toss-up question while the question is still "active" to one team only, the moderator will substitute, in its place, another toss-up question if possible from the same general subject area for that team only. If not, questions will be chosen in order from the list of extra questions. The responding team will receive a full 10 seconds to buzz in and begin their response.
23. The moderator, chief judge and scorekeeper will check the score.
24. If irregularities are found, the chief judge's score will stand as the correct score.
25. The moderator will announce the score for the first quarter of play.
26. The moderator will say, coaches may approach their team table and confer with their team members for 30 seconds. This is not a charged time out.
27. The moderator will say, "Are there any questions?" Coaches may lodge protest at this point in the competition.
28. All protests will be resolved by the chief judge and moderator assigned to that game. The chief judge and moderator may refer to the rule book, but no other outside assistance (i.e. site manager, judges, coaches, etc.) will be allowed. The chief judge and moderator should not leave the room while making a final decision. All decisions by the chief judge are final and cannot be appealed. Any question(s) must be resolved at this time before moving to the next quarter.

29. If the score is tied, a toss-up questions will be asked until a team answers correctly. The team answering correctly will be awarded ten points.
- B. The second quarter consists of sixty-second questions.
1. Once the moderator begins the sixty second round, protests concerning the toss-up quarter will not be allowed.
 2. Each question in the sixty-second quarter will be worth ten points.
 3. To begin the sixty second round the moderator will read a brief description of the three categories. After hearing the categories each team will have 10 seconds to make substitutions. Coaches will not be allowed to confer with their team during this procedure.
 4. The team that is ahead at the end of the first quarter will, after hearing the three 60-second categories, receive ten seconds to decide to play or defer. After the decision has been made, the moderator will again state the categories, and the team who is in active play will have ten seconds to decide upon the category.
 5. Consultation among a team's members is allowed during the sixty-second quarters. Team members may move to have closer access to the team captain.
 6. After the team has been informed of the three categories available for the sixty-second quarter, they will have ten seconds in which to make their selection. The moderator will say: "(Team name) _____ will have first selection of the sixty-second questions. The selections are: 1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____. You will have ten seconds to decide." At the end of the ten seconds, the moderator will say, "(Team name) _____, what is your selection?"
 7. The team will select one of the three presented categories. The selection must be given by the team captain. First response to the officials will be the selected category.
 8. If the team does not give an immediate response to the moderator's request, the opposing team will be allowed the first choice option. If the team that was ahead at the end of the first quarter chooses to have first selection in the second quarter and cannot make a selection in ten seconds, they forfeit the right of first selection in both the second and fourth quarters. If the second team fails to make a choice in the allotted time, the other team will select the category for that team.
 9. All answers must be given by the team captain, except in the following situation. A captain may defer to a teammate to answer a specific question. The captain would say, "I defer to (teammates name)." For that one question, the teammate could give an answer that could be excepted by the judge as correct or not. The captain would then be responsible to answer the next question (unless he or she also deferred it).
 10. The captain need not wait to be recognized before responding.
 11. The captain may respond before the moderator has completed a question.
 12. The team responding to a category of questions is playing against the sixty-second clock. The clock will begin after the moderator has read the first question in the category. All reading and response will end as the sixty-second buzzer sounds.
 13. Once the clock has started, the moderator will give the team an indefinite period of time to answer each question (that is, until the buzzer indicates the sixty seconds have elapsed).
 14. If a team does not know the answer, the captain must say "pass" before the moderator will begin the next question.
 15. Once a team has passed on a question, it cannot return to answer even though time remains at the end of the sixty-second quarter.
 16. The moderator will say "yes" for a correct response and "no" for an incorrect response as soon as the response is deemed incorrect. (Moderator, DO NOT say "correct/incorrect". Say "yes/no".)
 17. After the first team has finished with the sixty-second questions, the second team will then be given ten seconds to choose from the two remaining categories.
 18. If the team cannot choose from the two remaining categories, the opposing team will choose the category for them.
 19. In both instances, for the first and second selection, the moderator will call for the selection and the team must give an immediate answer.
 20. All rules applying to the first portion of the sixty-second quarter will apply during the second portion also.
 21. If the moderator inadvertently gives an answer to a question in a sixty-second quarter without giving the team a chance to respond, a substitute question will be added in order to make a total of ten questions available in that category. Six seconds will be given after the question is read.
 22. Because the sixty-second quarters are timed, an electronic buzzer or stopwatch will end the moderator's reading of each category and the team's response to the questions.
 23. A team will not talk or write during its opponent's sixty-second questions.
 24. After both teams have finished their sixty-second questions, the moderator, chief judge, and scorekeeper will check the score.
 25. The moderator will announce the score.
 26. The moderator will say, coaches may confer with their team members for 30 seconds at this time. This is not a charged timeout.
 27. The moderator will say, "Are there any questions?" Coaches may lodge protest at this point in the competition.

28. All protests will be resolved by the chief judge and moderator assigned to that game. The chief judge and moderator may refer to the rule book, but no other outside assistance (i.e. site manager, judges, coaches, etc.) will be allowed. The chief judge and moderator should not leave the room while making a final decision. All decisions by the chief judge are final and cannot be appealed. Any question(s) must be resolved at this time before moving to the next quarter.
29. When reading the sixty second quarter, the number of the question shall not be read.
30. The moderator will declare the first half of the game completed.
- C. Substitutions may be made ~~at the end of each quarter and before subject categories are read~~ after hearing the sixty second categories.
 1. If a substitute has taken the place of the team captain, a new team captain must be designated.
 2. All substitutes must check in with the scorekeeper.
- D. The third quarter of play is a duplicate of the first quarter except when there is a tie. In the event of a tie at the end of the third quarter of play, tie-breaker questions will not be asked.
- E. The fourth quarter of play is a duplicate of the second quarter, unless one team deferred then they will have their choice in the third quarter.
- F. Conclusion of the game.
 1. If the score is tied at the end of the game, substitutions will be allowed at the beginning of the sudden death round. Ten points will be awarded for a correct answer.
 2. The declaration of the end of the game and the announcement of the winner will be the responsibility of the chief judge. NO protests will be allowed once the game has been declared over.

VII. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Good sportsmanship is required.
- B. Use of profanity, temper tantrums, and other unsportsmanlike behavior will be considered grounds for removal from the game.
- C. Students exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior may be removed from the game with or without prior warning.
 1. No mid-game substitution will be allowed if a student has been removed for unsportsmanlike behavior. If the team captain is removed, a new captain would be immediately designated from the remaining players at the table.
 2. Teams will continue to play with the remaining three players until normal substitution time.
 3. The player that has been removed from the game may not re-enter the game of which he/she was removed and must also sit out the following round in which the team participates in that competition.
 4. If a sixty second quarter is stopped for unsportsmanlike behavior, one or more players must be removed from the game. The sixty second clock will be restarted with sixty seconds for the remaining questions in that quarter.
- D. Coaches exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior may be removed from the room with or without prior warning. The coach that has been removed from the competition room may not re-enter the room during the game from which he/she was removed or coach the team during the remaining competition rounds for the rest of the tournament.
- E. The school districts will be held responsible for the actions and behavior of the students and coaches representing their school. Misbehavior, vandalism, and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- F. At the discretion of the game officials, a spectator may be removed from the competition room.
- G. Further violations of the above rules will result in the team's forfeiture of the remaining games of that competition.
- H. One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game officials.
- I. Violation of any game rule can be construed as unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in the coach, player, or spectator being removed from the room for the remainder of the game.

VIII. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

IX. THE PLAY-OFF SERIES

- A. District Seeding Tournaments - Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and A.
 1. All schools entered in the OSSAA Academic Bowl Play-off series must participate in the district seeding tournament to be played on Monday, October 9, 2017. **Schools who do not participate will not be**

allowed to advance to the next round of competition. Any exception to this rule must have OSSAA approval and only unforeseen catastrophic events will be considered.

2. The seeding tournament is a maximum four team round robin tournament from which all teams advance to the regional tournaments.
 3. No more than four teams will be assigned to a seeding district.
 4. Assignments will be released September 22, 2017, to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m.
 5. During the seeding tournament, each team will play a maximum of three times.
 6. Moderators, chief judges, scorekeepers and timers will be provided by the schools participating in the seeding tournament.
 7. The seeding tournament should not be held during regular school hours unless ALL schools participating in the tournament agree.
 8. Each school participating in the district tournament shall provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends the tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round. In the seeding tournament, the points will be figured into their average as zero (0) for the forfeiting school. The round will not be figured as a played round for the team to which the game was forfeited.
 9. During the week of September 25th – September 29th or October 2-6, 2017, a meeting of the coaches assigned to a particular seeding tournament will take place.
 10. The coaches or representatives from participating schools will discuss:
 - a) Location and time of the tournament.
 - b) Selection of the tournament manager.
 - c) Availability of trained chief judges and moderators.
 - d) Drawing the bracket for the seeding tournament.
 - e) Informing the host for the seeding tournament of the timer and/or scorekeeper that will be accompanying each team.
 11. Teams will exit from the seeding tournament such that the team with an undefeated record will be ranked number one and all remaining teams will be ranked by the average score per round. Thirty points will be added to the score of each winning team before the scores are averaged. If no team is undefeated, then all teams exiting the seeding tournament will be ranked by the average score per round. If two teams are tied by the average score per round, the team that won over the other shall receive the higher seed. If three or more teams are tied by the average score per round, the following tie breaking criteria will be used to determine the winner: a. The team that has answered the greater number of toss-up questions from all district games. b. The team that has answered the greater number of first quarter toss-up questions from all district games. C. Anytime the tie breaking criteria reduces the number of teams tied to two, the team that won over the other shall receive the higher seed.
 12. The results of the seeding tournament must be received in the OSSAA office by October 12, 2017.
 13. The results of the seeding tournament will be used to determine the bracket placing for regional play in classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and A, and area play in classes 6A and 5A.
- B. Regional Tournament - Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and A - November 11, 2017.
1. For Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and A depending on enrollment; two, three, or four district seeding tournaments will feed into one regional tournament.
 2. Pairings for a two district regional will be as follows:
 - a) First place teams from each district will be seeded one and two based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - b) Second place teams from each district will be seeded three and four based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - c) Third place teams from each district will be seeded five and six based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - d) Fourth place teams from each district will be seeded seven and eight based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 3. Pairings for a three district regional will be as follows:
 - a) First place teams from each district will be seeded one, two, three based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - b) Second place teams from each district will be seeded four, five, six based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - c) Third place teams from each district will be seeded seven, eight, nine based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - d) Fourth place teams from each district will be seeded ten, eleven, twelve based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 4. Pairings for a four district regional will be as follows:
 - a) First place teams from each district will be seeded one, two, three, four based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.

- b) Second place teams from each district will be seeded five, six, seven, eight based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - c) Third place teams from each district will be seeded nine, ten, eleven, twelve based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
 - d) Fourth place teams from each district will be seeded thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen based on their scoring averages from the district tournament.
- 5. Each school participating in the regional tournament shall provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends the tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round.
- C. Area Tournament - All Classes - January 13, 2018.
 - 1. Four teams will advance from each regional tournament to an area tournament in classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and A.
 - 2. Two regional tournaments will feed into one area tournament (eight-team bracket).
 - 3. Teams in Class 4A, 3A, 2A, and A will be seeded on the area tournament bracket based on their finishing place in the regional tournament using the following pairing system:
 - a) 1st place team from Region A vs. 4th place team from Region B
 - b) 2nd place team from Region B vs. 3rd place team from Region A
 - c) 2nd place team from Region A vs. 3rd place team from Region B
 - d) 1st place team from Region B vs. 4th place team from Region A
 - 4. Teams in Classes 6A and 5A schools will be seeded on area brackets based on their performance in the district seeding tournament as follows:
 - a) 1st place team from District A vs. 4th place team from District B
 - b) 2nd place team from District B vs. 3rd place team from District A
 - c) 2nd place team from District A vs. 3rd place team from District B
 - d) 1st place team from District B vs. 4th place team from District A
- D. State Championship Tournament will be a double elimination tournament for all classes.
 - 1. Two teams will advance from each Area Tournament to the State Academic Bowl Championships on Saturday, February 3, 2018.
 - 2. The area winners will be seeded one, two, three, and four based on their average score from the Area Tournaments only. The runner-up teams will be seeded five, six, seven, and eight based on their average score from the Area Tournaments only.
 - a) If two or more teams are tied with the same average score from the Area Tournament, the tie(s) will be broken based on the highest average score from the preceding tournament.
- E. Playoff assignments will be released to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. of the releasement date. All information regarding playoff assignments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail.

X. AWARDS AND PLACINGS

- A. A first place plaque will be awarded to the regional champion.
- B. A first place plaque will be awarded to the area champion.
- C. Four placings will be awarded at the state championship:
 - 1. School trophy and individual medals to 4th place.
 - 2. School trophy and individual medals to 3rd place.
 - 3. School trophy, individual medals, and coaches achievement award to 2nd place.
 - 4. School trophy, individual medals, and coaches achievement award to 1st place.
- D. The OSSAA will provide six individual medals for each placing at the State championship.

XI. DATES

- A. Deadline for entry - September 6, 2017 (No refunds after October 5, 2017)
- B. District seeding tournament meeting – September 25th – September 29th or October 2-6, 2017
- C. District seeding tournament - All Classes - October 9, 2017
- D. Regional tournament - 4A, 3A, 2A, and A - November 11, 2017
- E. Area tournament - All Classes - January 13, 2018
- F. State Tournament - All Classes - February 3, 2018

XII. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. School and Coach
 - 1. Each school entered will be required to furnish a worker for each game of a tournament in which they are entered. That worker will serve as a timer or a scorekeeper and should be **trained for both positions**. An assistant coach may serve in this capacity. Failure to provide a worker will result in the forfeiture of that round.
 - 2. The coach or a representative of the school should attend a coaches training session during August or September.

3. Every effort should be made to recruit quality officials to be trained for use in the play-off series. Officials will be trained in September and October.
- B. OSSAA
1. Will provide all questions for the seeding, regional, area and state competitions.
 2. Will pay the moderator, chief judge and site manager for the regional and area tournament.
 3. Will pay the moderator and chief judge for the state tournament.
 4. Will assign schools to seeding tournaments, regional, area and state brackets.
 5. Will conduct training sessions for coaches and officials.

XIII. DIVISION OF SCHOOLS

- A. For the purpose of competition, schools will be divided into the following classifications:
- 6A the first 32 largest schools
 - 5A the next 32 largest schools
 - 4A the next 96 largest schools
 - 3A the next 96 largest schools
 - 2A the next 96 largest schools
 - A all remaining schools
- B. Athletic and non-athletic activities will be reclassified in the fall of each year based on the most current ADM figures if the ADM for all schools is finalized at least two weeks prior to the release date concerning pairings for a particular activity.

XIV. HOSTING A PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT

- A. Seeding tournaments will require 2 rooms, 2 moderators, 2 chief judges, and 2 light boards. Regional and Area tournaments will require 4 rooms, 4 moderators, 4 chief judges and 4 light boards. In addition to the rooms, officials and equipment, each site will need the following:
1. An area will be needed where students can wait without disturbing competition.
 2. A tournament director, preferably someone other than the team coach, will be needed for the administration of the tournament. The director's duties will be:
 - a) To hire officials for the tournament.
 - b) To maintain the security of the questions once they arrive at the site.
 - c) To collect and record scores on the score record and forward the information to the OSSAA office.
 - d) To keep the tournament on the selected time schedule.
 - e) To provide name tags for officials.
 3. Student or volunteer helpers for each competition room will be needed to assist the officials.
 4. Pencil and paper for each competition.
- B. Site Managers Instructions
1. This section contains everything needed to conduct a tournament except for the questions, the officials and the teams.
 - a) The questions will be shipped in a separate box labeled "Questions". They will be ready for the tournament. Do not open the questions. Place them in the vault until the tournament officials arrive on tournament day. Questions will be shipped FedEX.
 - b) A list of certified officials will be made available. These officials are not the only ones that may be used. If there are people in the host school or community that could be used, they must be trained, practiced and registered. The officials at the regional and area tournament (chief judge, moderator and site manager) will be paid by the OSSAA office. Claim forms will be included in the question package. The officials should leave the forms with the manager before they leave. It is the job of the site manager to select and notify the officials for the tournament.
 - c) A letter should be sent to each of the schools and officials coming to the tournament. This letter should tell them how to get to the host school, what time the school will open (three hours in advance of the tournament beginning for officials), what time the tournament will begin, plans for bad weather, and the telephone number of the school, site manager's home and cell phone.
 - d) In figuring a time schedule, allow 40 minutes per round. If the tournament will run through a meal time, inform the incoming schools about available concessions and restaurants.
 - e) The trophy for the regional and area champion will be sent to the host school. It may be awarded at the conclusion of the championship round or at the end of the tournament. There is only one trophy per site.
 - f) What about bad weather? Postponing the tournament will be made much easier if a plan is made before it happens. The options are:
 - (1) Have the tournament later in the day, after roads are cleared.
 - (2) Have the tournament on Sunday afternoon. Begin at 1:30 or 2:00.
 - (3) Have the tournament on Monday afternoon, beginning no earlier than 1:00 p.m.

- (4) Set up a phone relay in case the tournament must be postponed. Communicate with the schools and officials beforehand. And finally, postpone ONLY if it is absolutely, positively necessary!!!
 - g) When the tournament is over; send the result form, score sheets, team/individual score record sheet, and **all questions sets** along with comments and recommendations for next year to the OSSAA office. Mail to OSSAA, P.O. Box 14590, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73113-0590.
 - h) Score sheets - Make enough copies for each round in each room. Collect the score sheets at the end of each round. Staple all round one score sheets together, all round two, etc. Return the score sheets with the questions and results form.
 - i) Team /Individual Score Record - Make one copy for each team in the tournament. The team name goes on the top line. The final score for each round played goes in the proper blank. Fill in the additional blanks as the information is requested.
 - j) Have a sign for each room that reads, "Do Not Enter, Game in Progress."
2. Tournament Preparation and Direction
- a) Have rooms prepared the day before.
 - (1) Desks arranged
 - (2) Equipment set-up
 - (3) Masking tape to hang name tags
 - (4) Scoresheet for each round
 - (5) Pencil and paper for contestants and judges
 - (6) Bracket and time schedule for officials
 - (7) Duplicate the check-list as needed
 - b) Registration - Coaches check in and pick up information packet.
 - (1) Bracket
 - (2) Map of school indicating location of competition rooms, main office, concession area, etc.
 - (3) An empty score record (one for each round in which the students will be participating) not required but a nice gesture
 - c) As rounds finish:
 - (1) Post results on a bracket in the main office (as well as one in the concession area)
 - (2) Fill in team and individual score tally
 - d) It is helpful to have a student or adult volunteer at the entrance to direct visitors to the competition areas.

(Three District Seeding Tournament)

Seed #1
Bye
Seed #8
ROUND 1A
Seed #9
Seed #5
ROUND 1B
Seed #12
Seed #4
Bye
Seed #3
Bye
Seed #6
ROUND 1C
Seed #11
Seed #7
ROUND 1D
Seed #10
Seed #2
Bye
Bye
Loser 1A
Loser 1B
Bye
Bye
Loser 1C
Loser 1D
Bye

Seed #1
ROUND 2A
Winner 1A
Seed #4
Seed #3
ROUND 2C
Winner 1C
Seed #11
Seed #7
ROUND 2D
Seed #2
Loser 1A
ROUND 3A
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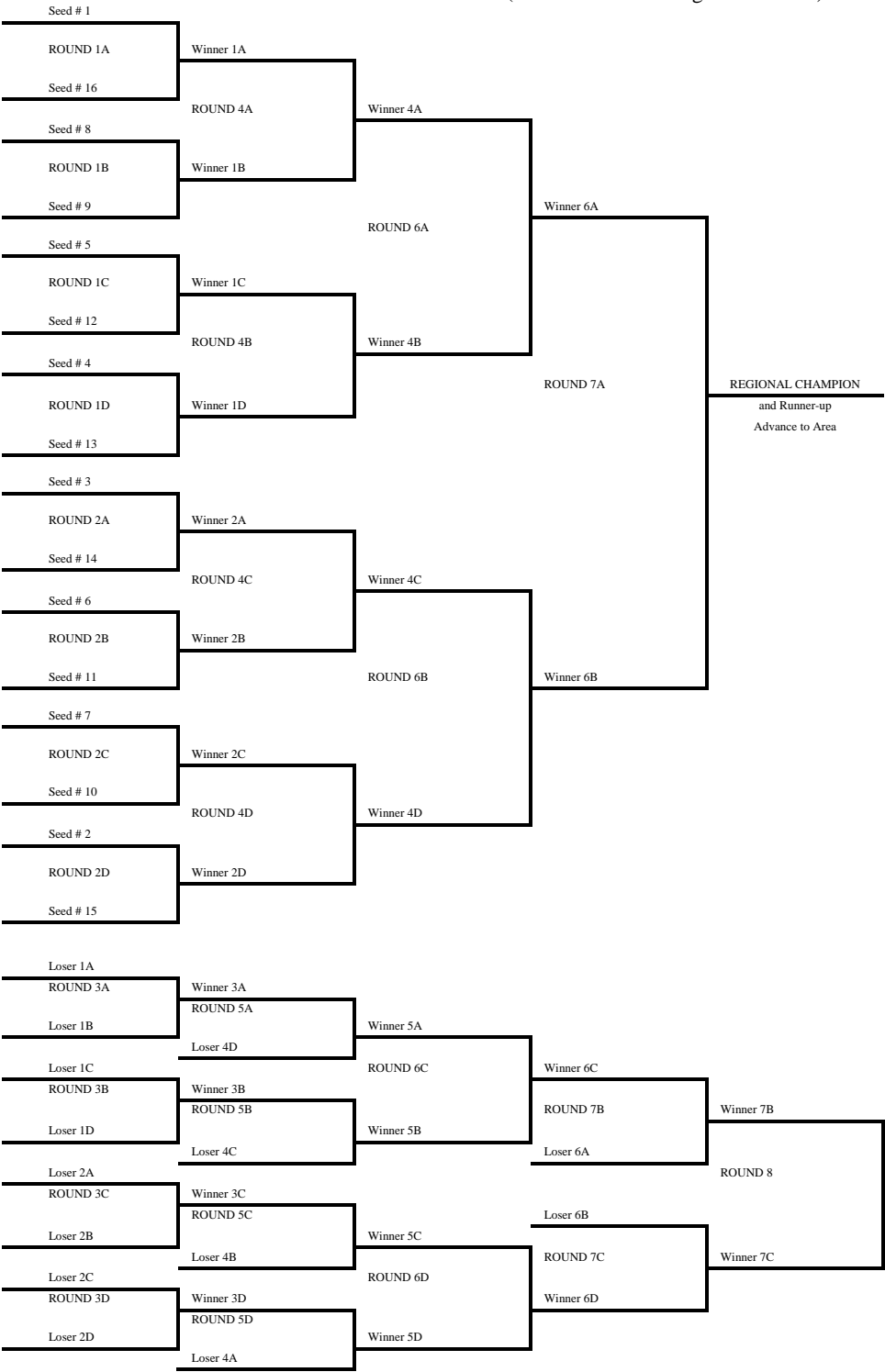
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ROUND 4D
Winner 3D
Loser 4B
ROUND 5C
Winner 4D

ROUND 4A
ROUND 5A
ROUND 4B
Winner 4B
ROUND 5B
ROUND 6
ROUND 5C

REGIONAL CHAMPION and Runner-up Advance to Area

	Officials Preview
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Questions
11:00 - 11:40	Round 1
11:45 - 12:25	Round 2
12:30 - 1:10	Round 3
1:15 - 1:55	Round 4
2:00 - 2:40	Round 5
2:45 - 3:25	Round 6

REGIONAL ACADEMIC BOWL
NOVEMBER 11, 2017
CLASSES 4A, 3A, 2A, and A
(Four District Seeding Tournament)



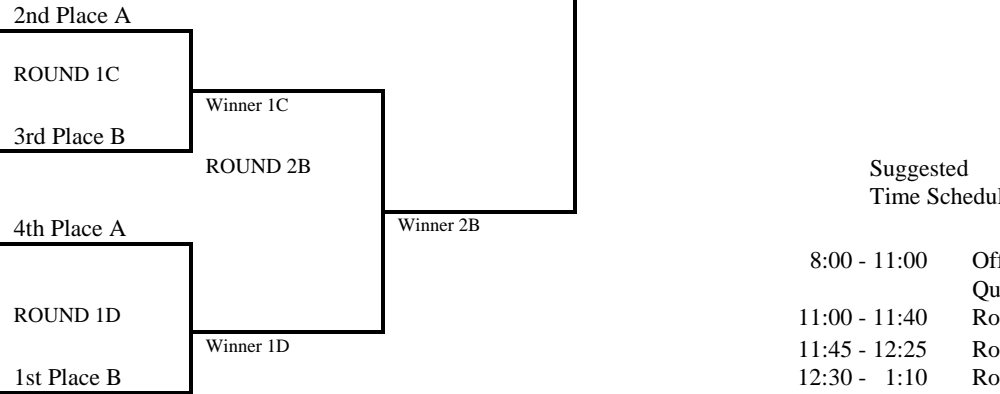
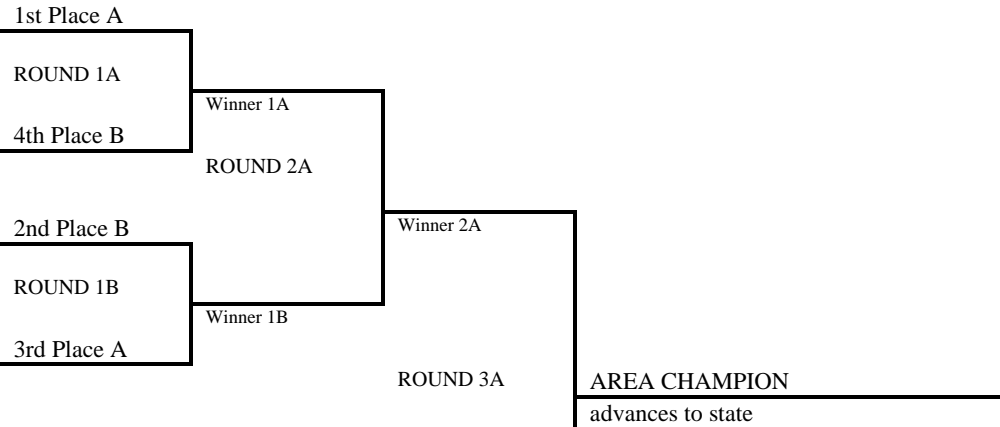
SUGGESTED
TIME SCHEDULE

- Using 4 Rooms -
(without lunch break)

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 - 11:40
11:45 - 12:25
12:30 - 1:10
1:15 - 1:55
2:00 - 2:40
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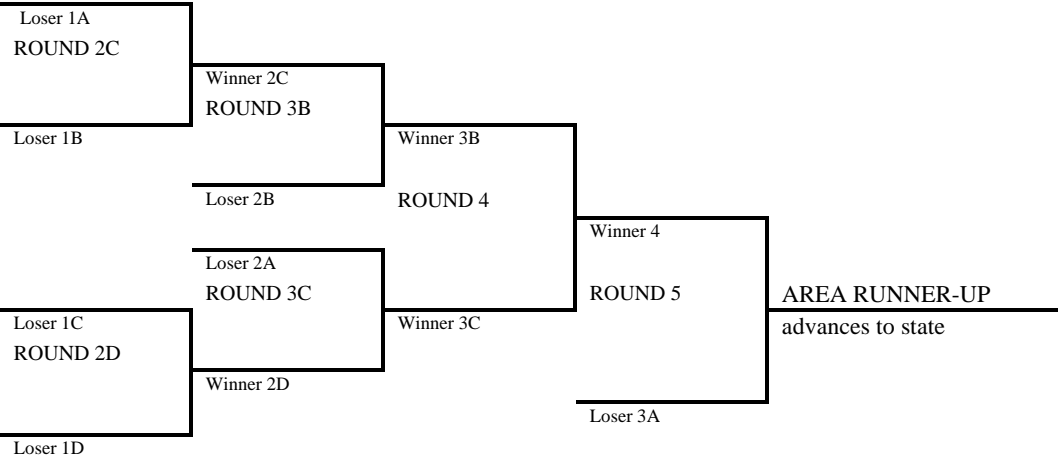
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AREA ACADEMIC BOWL
JANUARY 13, 2018
CLASSES 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A

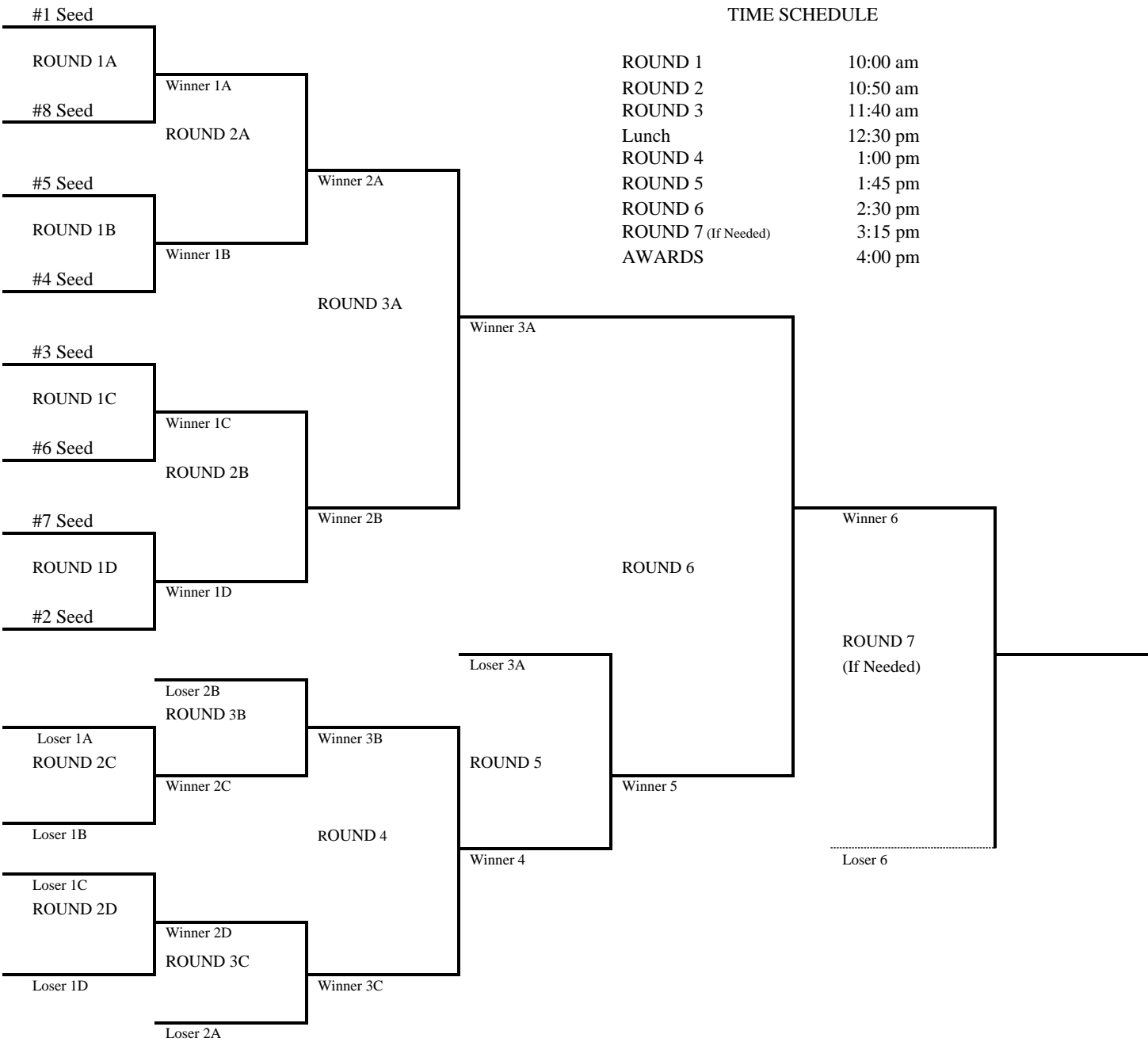


Suggested
Time Schedule

8:00 - 11:00	Officials Preview Questions
11:00 - 11:40	Round 1
11:45 - 12:25	Round 2
12:30 - 1:10	Round 3
1:15 - 1:55	Round 4
2:00 - 2:40	Round 5



STATE ACADEMIC BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP
FEBRUARY 3, 2018
CLASSES 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and A



XIX. HISTORY OF STATE CHAMPIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS B</u>	<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>CLASS 2A</u>
1991	Sharon-Mutual	Caney Valley	Cache
1992	Davenport	Washington	Westville
1993	Oklahoma Bible Academy	Cordell	Meeker
1994	Washita Heights	Hinton	Caney Valley
1995	Drummond	Calera	Chouteau
1996	Hammon	Classen	Watonga
1997	Kremlin-Hillsdale	Fletcher	Chouteau
1998	Drummond	Union City	Indianola
1999	Drummond	Union City	Caney Valley
2000	Drummond	Oklahoma Bible Academy	Rush Springs
2001	Drummond	Oklahoma Bible Academy	Woodland
2002	Kremlin-Hillsdale	Drummond	Adair
2003	Drummond	Rock Creek	Caney Valley
2004	Drummond	Rock Creek	Rush Springs
2006	Drummond	Waurika	Caney Valley
2006	Drummond	Rock Creek	Okemah
2007	Drummond	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	Warner
2008	Drummond	Porter Consolidated	Minco
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS 3A</u>	<u>CLASS 4A</u>	<u>CLASS 5A</u>
1990	Central – Sallisaw	Guymon	Booker T. Washington
1991	Chandler	Poteau	Broken Arrow
1992	Sequoyah – Claremore	Poteau	Booker T. Washington
1993	Antlers	Bishop Kelley	Edmond Memorial
1994	Byng	Duncan	Booker T. Washington
1995	Hilldale	Bishop Kelley	Edmond Memorial
1996	Harrah	Booker T. Washington	Edmond Memorial
1997	Tecumseh	Booker T. Washington	Edmond Santa Fe
1998	Tecumseh	Bishop Kelley	Edmond Santa Fe
1999	Bishop McGuinness	Booker T. Washington	Edmond Santa Fe
2000	Bishop McGuinness	Booker T. Washington	Edmond North
2001	Deer Creek-Edmond	Claremore	Lawton Eisenhower
2002	Holland Hall	Booker T. Washington	Edmond Memorial
2003	Holland Hall	Claremore	Booker T. Washington
2004	Holland Hall	Booker T. Washington	Edmond North
2006	Holland Hall	Bishop Kelley	Broken Arrow
2006	Holland Hall	Claremore	Booker T. Washington
2007	Holland Hall	Claremore	Booker T. Washington
2008	Holland Hall	Booker T. Washington	Jenks
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>CLASS 2A</u>	<u>CLASS 3A</u>
2009	Drummond	Haileyville	Oklahoma Bible Academy
2010	Drummond	Rock Creek	Oklahoma Bible Academy
2011	Drummond	Rock Creek	Oklahoma Bible Academy
2012	Drummond	Rock Creek	Warner
2013	Crossings Christian	Drummond	Chelsea
2014	OK Christian Academy	Rock Creek	Chelsea
2015	Regent Prep	Drummond	Oktaha
2016	Regent Prep	Rock Creek	Crossings Christian
2017	Regent Prep	Rock Creek	Wilburton

HISTORY OF STATE CHAMPIONS CONTINUED

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS 4A</u>	<u>CLASS 5A</u>	<u>CLASS 6A</u>
2009	Bristow	Thomas Edison	Jenks
2010	Plainview	Claremore	Jenks
2011	Cascia Hall	Booker T. Washington	Claremore
2012	Blanchard	Bishop Kelley	Booker T. Washington
2013	Cascia Hall	Claremore	Booker T. Washington
2014	Cascia Hall	Bishop Kelley	Edmond Santa Fe
2015	Cascia Hall	Bishop Kelley	Claremore
2016	Wagoner	Bishop Kelley	Booker T. Washington
2017	Cascia Hall	Bishop Kelley	Choctaw

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BASEBALL CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

FALL BASEBALL
EVENT

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Season Opens	6	August 7
Entry forms due in OSSAA office ***	6	August 11
Classification released	7	August 16
First Rankings Due by noon	9	August 21
District pairings released by OSSAA	10	September 8
Count all games played through this date for pairings at district meeting	11	September 12
District Meetings	11	September 13 (not prior to) September 15 (no later than)
Last Ranking Due 12:00 noon	12	September 18
District tournaments must be completed by	12	September 23
Regional pairings released	13	September 25
Regional tournaments	13	September 28, 29, 30
State tournament pairings released	14	October 2
State tournament	14	October 5, 6, 7

SPRING BASEBALL

Rules Meeting - Lawton High School 7:00 pm	30	January 24
Rules Meeting -Edmond Santa Fe High School 7:00 pm	30	January 25
Rules Meeting - Woodward High School 7:00 pm	31	January 31
Rules Meeting - Durant High School 7:00 pm	32	February 7
Rules Meeting - Tulsa Service Center 7:00 pm	33	February 14
Scrimmages allowed (A-B)	32	February 5
Entry form due in OSSAA office (All Classes) ***	32	February 8
Scrimmages allowed (2A-6A)	33	February 12
Season Opens (A-B)	34	February 19
Season Opens (2A-6A)	35	March 1
District pairings released (A-B)	40	April 6
Count all games played through this date for pairings at district meeting (A-B)	41	April 10
District meetings (A-B)	41	April 12-13
District pairings released (2A-3A)	41	April 13
Last Ranking Due 12:00 noon A/B	42	April 16
Count all games played through this date for pairings at district meeting (2A-3A)	42	April 17
District meetings (2A-3A)	42	April 18-19
District tournaments to be completed (A-B)	42	April 21
District play to be completed (4A)	42	April 21
Academic Achievement Applications due (A-B) or faxed no later than April 24 ***	43	April 23
Regional tournament pairings released (A-B)	43	April 23
Last Ranking Due 12:00 noon 2A-3A	43	April 23
Regional tournament (A-B)	43	April 26, 27, 28
District tournament to be completed (2A-3A)	43	April 28
Bi-District tournament to be completed (4A)	43	April 28
Make-up Date 4A District Play	43	April 23, 24, 25
District play complete (5A-6A)	43	April 26
Make-up Date 5A-6A District Play	43	April 27, 28
Regional tournament pairings released (2A-3A-4A, 5A-6A)	44	April 30
State tournament pairings released (A-B)	44	April 30
Academic Achievement Application due (2A-6A) or faxed no later than May1 ***	44	April 30
Regional tournaments (2A-6A)	44	May 3, 4, 5
State tournaments (A-B)	44	May 3, 4, 5
State tournament pairings released (2A-6A)	45	May 7
State tournaments (2A-3A-4A-5A-6A)	45	May 10, 11, 12

**WEEK NUMBER CORRESPONDS WITH OSSAA PLANNING CALENDAR

***CAN be found on the ossaa.com website on the sports page under the baseball tab.

GENERAL BASEBALL REGULATIONS

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS (Regular Season/Play-off)

- A. It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet with the game officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, discuss bad weather protocol and pre-game activities. The game administrator should also record the official's ID number. The administrator in charge should advise the head official as to where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise.
- B. The game administrator or his designee should meet the officials to assure the officials safe return to the dressing room after the contest.

II. CRITERIA USED IN BASEBALL PAIRINGS

- A. Coaches state rankings will be the initial criteria used in pairing and seeding the play-off tournaments in classes B, A, 2A, 3A. (NOTE: If the coach feels the rankings are inaccurate to the point of disadvantaging a team, he should notify the OSSAA office prior to the release date for playoff pairings.) **Coaches are expected to participate in the OSSAA ranking process and post game scores on a weekly basis throughout the season.**
- B. OSSAA Board Policy LII: The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website [www.ossaa.com]
It is mandatory that results from each regular season contest in the activities of fall baseball and spring baseball, must be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. (No rankings will be done in Class 4A/5A/6A since regional seeding is through district finish). Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report a score will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report a score will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.
- C. Records will be considered when teams are not ranked in the top twenty in their classification by OSSAA rankings.
- D. Geographics and playoff history will also be a consideration when pairing the baseball tournaments.

III. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. Spring baseball teams will be eligible for an academic achievement award. The 22 players in Classes 6A-5A-4A-3A-2A-A and B (include all players suiting up if the number is less than 22) who suit up for the first district/regional tournament game will be eligible. The GPA shall be based on the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: an approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) The academic GPA will be based on a 4.0 point system and computed to the nearest thousandth. There will be three levels of awards for academic achievement:
 1. Academic Achievement Certificate - Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque - Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 3. State Academic Champion - The team with the highest GPA will be declared the State Academic Champion.
- B. The entries must be postmarked no later than April 23 or faxed no later than April 24 for Classes A and B; April 30 or faxed no later than May 1 for Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.
- C. **The Application for Academic Achievement Award is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.**

IV. PITCHING

- A. **Pitching Limitation Rule:** The pitch count is based on pitches (legal and illegal) thrown in a game to a batter during a time at bat. Mandated rest for the pitcher from pitching is based on the pitch count chart below:

0-35 pitches/day	No rest
36-50 pitches/day	1 calendar day rest
51-75 pitches/day	2 calendar days rest
76-100 pitches/day	3 calendar days rest
101+ pitches/day	4 calendar days rest

The starting time of the game does not impact the calculation of when a pitcher is eligible to pitch again.

No pitcher may begin a new hitter that has exceeded 120 pitches that day.

No pitcher that exceeds 75 pitches in the first game of a day shall appear as a pitcher in any subsequent game that same day.

Coaches and/or administrators that are aware of a member school violating this policy shall contact the OSSAA Baseball Administrator.

The use of an ineligible pitcher, one who has violated this rule, shall result in the forfeiture of the game in which the ineligible pitcher participated as a pitcher and a one game suspension for the head coach.

- B. NEXT DAY DEFINED - Next day will begin at daylight the morning following the game and will last until daylight the next day.
- C. Each coach is responsible for knowing the rule. In play-off tournaments at game's conclusion both head coaches or designated representatives will verify pitch count in the official book.
- D. The pitching regulations shall apply to regular season games, tournaments, and play-offs. Any violation of such rule constitutes game forfeiture and a one-game suspension for the head coach. Only the OSSAA may declare a forfeit.
- E. Reporting pitch counts on the OSSAA Rankings site is the responsibility of the head coach.
The first failure to report pitch count information within 24 hours of the completion of the contest on the OSSAA Rankings site will result in a written notification to the head coach and school administrator. The second and subsequent failures to report pitch count information will result in the head coach being suspended for a minimum of one contest for each infraction of not reporting.
- F. In district, bi-district and regional tournaments a Designated Pitch Count Recorder shall be designated by the host school (DPCR). (At the state level, OSSAA will provide a DPCR.)
 - 1. During the game, pitch counts will be recorded by the DPCR and are to be reviewed between innings. Any discrepancy shall be settled by the DPCR without umpire involvement and that record shall be considered final.
 - 2. A protest over a discrepancy in pitch counts discovered in a later inning from an earlier inning in the game will not be permitted due to end of inning verification.
 - 3. At game's conclusion both head coaches or designated representatives will verify pitch count in the official book.
 - 4. Any discrepancy found after the game will be reported to the OSSAA.
 - 5. The use of a pitcher not eligible to pitch by the pitch count restrictions shall constitute the use of an ineligible player and result in contest forfeiture and a one-game suspension for the head coach. Only OSSAA may declare a forfeit.

V. PRACTICE

Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.

VI. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. No games will be counted for the purpose of rating or seeding for the baseball playoffs if the games are less than a complete game according to National Federation baseball rules. Rated teams are seeded higher than non-rated teams.
- B. Coaches in class B-3A are required to submit the team's season record for the first round play-off games to the site manager.
- C. The OSSAA can move play-off tournaments to an adequate available field if weather delays the tournament to Monday after the tournament was scheduled to be completed.
- D. Teams that forfeit games during the regular season or playoffs without valid reasons could be subject to penalties by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- E. Schools interested in hosting baseball play-off tournaments should complete the site request form that is a part of the entry form on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.
- F. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest were delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- G. A regular season designated JV game shall not be counted on a team's record unless a JV team has entered an invitational tournament.
- H. In addition to the OSSAA sponsored championship tournament series, high school and junior high teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. This regulation shall apply separately to fall and spring baseball. Outside of tournament games, each game shall be counted as a match game. The game limits for varsity teams are 22 games and three tournaments. Junior High teams are limited to 14 games and two tournaments. (Junior High teams may play a third tournament by reducing the match game count by three.) A 9th grade student is eligible to participate on both the junior high and senior high teams but is limited to three tournaments.

Tournament: In bracket or pool play tournament format a champion is determined. In bracket play, succeeding games are determined by winning or losing. In pool play, pools are predetermined and defined before the beginning of play and succeeding games are predetermined. In a pool play tournament, if two or more games are played after the conclusion of pool play, then all pool play games shall count against the regular season limitation. In the event one game of a regular season scheduled tournament is completed, and the remainder of the tournament is cancelled (not postponed) due to inclement weather or any other act of nature; a school may submit a written request to the OSSAA Staff seeking permission to schedule one additional regular season game. This contest must be played prior to the beginning of the playoff series.

Festival: A festival is defined as any number of teams coming together to play predetermined opponents at predetermined times. No champion is determined or awards given. All games in the festival count as part of the regular season limits.

Scrimmage: A scrimmage is defined as a competition against another school without keeping records such as scores etc. In fall baseball, no scrimmage may take place after the beginning date of the season. In spring baseball, no team shall be permitted to scrimmage another school after the state basketball tournaments for that classification. Should a school be in two different classifications for basketball and baseball, the baseball scrimmage regulation will be applied to the basketball classification of the school. Scrimmages held outside the limits described shall then count as games toward the regular season limitations. There shall be no loss of instruction time for scrimmages.

- I. Violation of contest limits (teams and/or individuals)

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied.

- a. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 - b. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for one-half of the regular season the next school year.
 - c. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 - d. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.
- J. Round robin tournaments will not be approved when more than four teams are involved.
- K. There will be no play of regular season, tournament games, or scrimmages on Wednesday, if school is in session. **EXCEPTION:** District make-up games in 4A-5A-6A may play on Wednesday by mutual agreement. Weekend tournaments, defined as tournaments scheduled Thursday through Saturday may not begin prior to 10:00 a.m., and no game shall be scheduled to begin later than 9:00 p.m. Tournaments scheduled to be played Monday through Friday, (excluding Wednesday, if school is in session) may not be scheduled to begin prior to 4:00 p.m. and no game shall be scheduled to begin later than 9:00 p.m. No more than 5 days shall be missed, with any part of a day to be counted toward the total of five days. If there is an athletic hour at the end of the regular school day, missing that hour shall not count against the total of five days. **OSSAA play-off games will be excluded from the 5 day total and the Wednesday exemption.**
- L. A 9th grade student is eligible to participate on both a school team for students at the ninth grade level or below, and on a school team for students above the ninth grade level, but cannot participate on both of those teams in the same tournament. A student in grades 10, 11 or 12 may play on a non-varsity team and a varsity team but cannot participate on both of those teams in the same tournament.
- M. OSSAA Rule 16, Section 5 F: An individual that has represented his or her school in a sport during the current season shall not represent his or her school in that sport after the season closes. Students may participate unattached pending approval of their local school administration. (No school team may play games after the season concludes and before school is out.)
- N. OSSAA Rule 16, Section B: Organized practice for fall baseball may begin no earlier than July 15. Organized practice for spring baseball may begin no earlier than December 1.

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season for fall baseball to the start date of July 15 and the close of spring baseball to the start date of December 1, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes.

- O. Violation of contest limits (teams and/or individuals)
- Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
- a. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 - b. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 - c. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 - d. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.
- P. **NOISE MAKERS**
- For indoor activities:** Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.
- For outdoor activities:** Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

VII. DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS (3A/2A/A/B) BI-DISTRICT TOURNAMENT (4A)

- A. Teams may be added to a district due to late entries or a school deciding not to participate.
- B. The tournaments shall be played in one day or two consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise.
- C. **Tickets will not be furnished for the district tournament.**
- D. The host school should charge \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.
- E. Trophies for district and bi-district tournament winners will be sent from MTM Recognition.
- F. When a deficit occurs in district or bi-district tournaments, the Association will reimburse the host school 50% of the loss after gate receipts are subtracted from the cost of baseballs and umpires. The host school will pay the umpires. (Tournament management should refer to Section X - OSSAA Play-off Tournaments.)
- G. District and Bi-District winners should contact the Association office after completion of the tournaments.
- H. In district play coaches must submit the team's regular season record to the district manager.
- I. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)
- J. Teams that do not have an opponent at the district or bi-district tournament can play up to two additional games beyond the set contest limit against other teams that do not have an opponent at the district or bi-district level.
- K. Play-off sites in all rounds must have lights.

VIII. REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS (ALL CLASSES)

- A. Regional tournaments shall be double elimination. Regional tournaments in classes B-A-2A-3A will be seeded using the coaches' state rankings as a guideline. Regional Tournaments in class 4A/5A/6A will be seeded by District standings. Teams not ranked in the top 20 in class B-3A by OSSAA Rankings will be seeded by win/loss record.
- B. Tickets will be sent to the host school from the OSSAA. Admission prices will be \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.
- C. Trophies will be sent from MTM Recognition.
- D. Tournament management refer to Section X - OSSAA Play-off Tournaments.
- E. When a deficit occurs in regional tournaments, the Association will reimburse the host school 75% of the loss after the gate receipts are subtracted from the cost of the baseballs and umpires.
- F. In regional tournaments, the host school manager shall immediately contact the visiting schools concerning officials to be employed for the regional baseball tournament. The visiting schools shall contact the host manager concerning the assignment of regional officials. These contacts must be made as quickly as feasible after the regional tournament pairings are released from the OSSAA.
- G. Regional Tournaments in Class 4A/5A/6A will be seeded by District standings. The host school principal or designee will serve as tournament manager.
- H. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

IX. SUSPENDED GAME AND GAME ENDING PROCEDURES (ALL CLASSES)

A regulation high school baseball game ends when the team behind in score has completed its turn at bat in the seventh inning, or any inning thereafter if extra innings are necessary. The National Federation now allows states to adopt game-ending procedures for baseball. By Oklahoma adoption, games can be shortened by the following:

- A. After five innings of a seven inning game, a team ten (10) or more runs behind has completed its turn at bat. (NOTE: If the home team is ahead ten (10) or more runs a game can end after 4½ innings.)
- B. If weather, darkness or other circumstances interfere with play so that a game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: (a) five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning: unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the suspended is called. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension.
- C. **STATE TOURNAMENT EXCEPTION:** State tournament games will be regulation (7) inning games, unless the run rule is in effect. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension.
- D. Any further play may be shortened according to National Federation Rules.

X. OSSAA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS

The following criteria will be used in baseball contests that are OSSAA play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn. Seeding for classes B-A-2A-3A playoff tournaments; district, regional and state, shall be based on the final OSSAA rankings in each class for the first 20 teams. Teams not in the top 20 of their class will be seeded on percentage of games won/lost. NOTE: No team shall be seeded that has not played at least 15 games.

1. **Two team** – Teams shall play best two of three series. A doubleheader should be scheduled at the host site. The “if necessary game” would be scheduled for the following day. (**Three games may be played in one day should both teams agree.**)
2. A **three team double elimination bracket** shall be played in the following manner:
Team A will be the team with the highest ranking. Team C will be the lowest seed.
 First day of tournament: Game 1 - Team A plays Team C.
 Game 2 - Team B plays Team C.
 Game 3 - Team A plays Team B.
 Second day of tournament: Game 4 - If one team has one loss and one team has no losses, they play.
 Game 5 - If necessary
 OR
 Game 4 - If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C.
 Game 5 - Winner Game 4 plays Team A
3. **Four Teams** - Seed the 1 and 2 teams based on ranking. The number one seed will be placed on the top of the bracket. The second seed will be placed on the bottom of the bracket. In a four team district tournament, the number one seed will choose between the third and fourth best seed to be placed on their side of the bracket, automatically placing the other team. If a school withdraws from the tournament creating a bye in the second round, the bracket should be re-drawn. In a four team regional bracket, the number one seed will play the number four seed and the number two shall play number three.
4. Teams may be added to a district due to late entries or a school deciding not to participate. If teams withdrawing from playoff tournaments create byes in the second round of the tournament, the tournament shall be re-drawn.
5. Beginning with the REGIONAL tournaments, tickets will be furnished by the Association. After local expenses are paid the remaining monies should be sent to the Association.
6. The umpires shall be employed and paid by the host school. The host school shall also furnish the balls.
7. In all play-off tournaments, except the state tournament, the tournament manager is responsible for employing the umpires. The regional host school manager shall immediately contact the visiting schools concerning officials to be employed for the regional baseball tournament. The visiting schools shall contact the host manager concerning the assignment of regional officials. These contacts must be made as quickly as feasible after the regional tournament pairings are released from the OSSAA.
8. All umpires used in team games, any tournaments or any state elimination games are to be eligible officials and in good standing in the Association. Eligible officials are enrolled and have passed Part 1 of the NFHS Baseball Rules Examination.
9. Only two umpires per game will be used in play-off games in the district and regional rounds.
10. The National Federation Baseball Rules will govern in all contests, specifically including (1) the Re-entry Rule, and (2) the rule on coaches permitted in the coach's box. Each batter and each base runner in a game are required to wear a head protector. **THE ASSOCIATION HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:**
 - a) Uniforms are strongly recommended for players and coaches.
 - b) Designated Media Area - National Federation Baseball Rules require the home team or game management to designate a lined area for the media. This area shall be considered a dead ball area. This rule also prohibits media from being in a live ball area. (Rules 1-2-3) The OSSAA is asking each host site to cooperate with the media and provide a designated area. We also recommend the area be marked between home and first or third base in an area that enables adequate media coverage. We realize each park is built different and the above recommendation may not be feasible. An area that affords the best possible coverage with the least possibility of an interference situation should be selected.
11. Radio broadcasts will be permitted without a fee for the 2017-2018 season during the playoffs after making arrangements with the host site.
12. OSSAA Board Policy XLVI: One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game official.
13. When play-off tournaments are delayed, teams are expected to play two games in one day in order that a representative be determined as early as feasible. In an emergency situation Sunday afternoon shall be used unless your school does not allow Sunday play. Sunday play can begin after 2:00 p.m.
14. Teams may play three games in one day by mutual agreement.
15. All play-off tournaments must be played in one day or consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. Schools are encouraged to complete the tournament(s) as early in the tournament week as possible.
16. Graduations, proms, banquets, etc., should not be scheduled to conflict with the playoffs. All state tournament qualifiers should contact the OSSAA office as soon as possible to inform of any potential conflicts on the days of the scheduled state tournament. All conflicts may not be avoided, but every effort will be made to accommodate as many schools as possible when the state tournament is delayed because of inclement weather.
17. There will be no delay in starting OSSAA play-off tournaments if the previous play-off tournaments are completed.
18. The tournament chairman shall furnish at least a No. 2 grade baseball in the playoffs, which is to be used throughout the tournament. Wilson is the official ball for all OSSAA baseball playoff contests.
19. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the district and bi-district tournaments, winners and runners-up of the fall regional tournaments, winners of the spring regional tournaments, and to the winner and runner-up at the state tournament. Individual awards will be given to members of the State runner-up and championship teams.
20. Both teams shall remain on the field until ALL award presentations have been completed.
21. Tobacco shall not be used by players, coaches, or umpires while on the field during the playing of games.
22. Please see the Athletic Director or Principal for precautionary recommendations regarding AIDS and Hepatitis B.
23. Teams are restricted to a ten (10) minute time limit during all playoff games for infield practice.
24. Teams are restricted to their dugout area while the opposing team is taking infield practice.

25. State rules meetings are mandatory for head coaches. If you are unable to attend one of the face-to-face meetings, the meeting is also available on line at www.ossaa.com, click on the Sports page, then baseball link for instructions. Proof that you have completed the on-line rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. Refer to OSSAA Board Policy III.
26. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)
27. OSSAA Rule 16, Section 5 C: The season for all sports shall close with its state championship tournament or meet. Except that if a game or meet is postponed and no date is open to play the postponed game or meet, the Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction in determining whether the season may be extended.
28. No school sponsored summer league games may be played after the end of season and before the end of school.

XI. TEAM MEMBERS LEAVING BENCH OR DUGOUT AREA, ETC.

- A. The OSSAA Board of Directors at their April 19, 1995, meeting adopted the following definition of fighting for all OSSAA sponsored activities: "Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s) foot (feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities."
- B. Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercations and a minimum of two games if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities.
- C. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- D. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or participating in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

XII. COACHES CONDUCT

- A. The school administration should designate a qualified coach that shall be in charge of contestants.
- B. When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the game or contest and there is no other qualified assistant or faculty member (according to OSSAA and SDE mandates) present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation shall be placed on warning.
- C. Any time a coach is ejected from a game, meet, or contest, the Board of Directors, through the Executive Director, will require that the coach not be allowed to occupy his/her normal coaching position during the next game, meet, or contest in which that team participates. NOTE: This includes being in the press box during the game, dressing room after the game begins, and court before and during the game. The coach is to send no instructions to his/her team once the game begins. Any time a coach is ejected from a game, meet or contest for a second time during the same season, the coach will be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- D. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game or contest shall be forfeited and the school or team automatically placed on probation.
- E. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules.
- F. NOT HONORING A PROTEST. (OSSAA Board Policy XLVIII): OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final. An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

- G. OSSAA Board Policy IV-Coaches: The OSSAA Board of Directors authorized the implementation of a Coaches Education Program. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct/volunteer athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course prior to their participation as a coach in any OSSAA regular season contest. The course is available online at www.nfhslearn.com.
- H. **STATE RULES MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES**-Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st, all head coaches of winter activities must complete their rules meeting by December 1st, and all head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an on line rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
- I. All coaches in grades 7-12 are required to complete the on-line concussion management video and Heat Illness Prevention video at www.nfhslearn.com. Schools are responsible for implementing a system to make sure their coaches are in compliance with the regulation.
- J. **PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**
Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

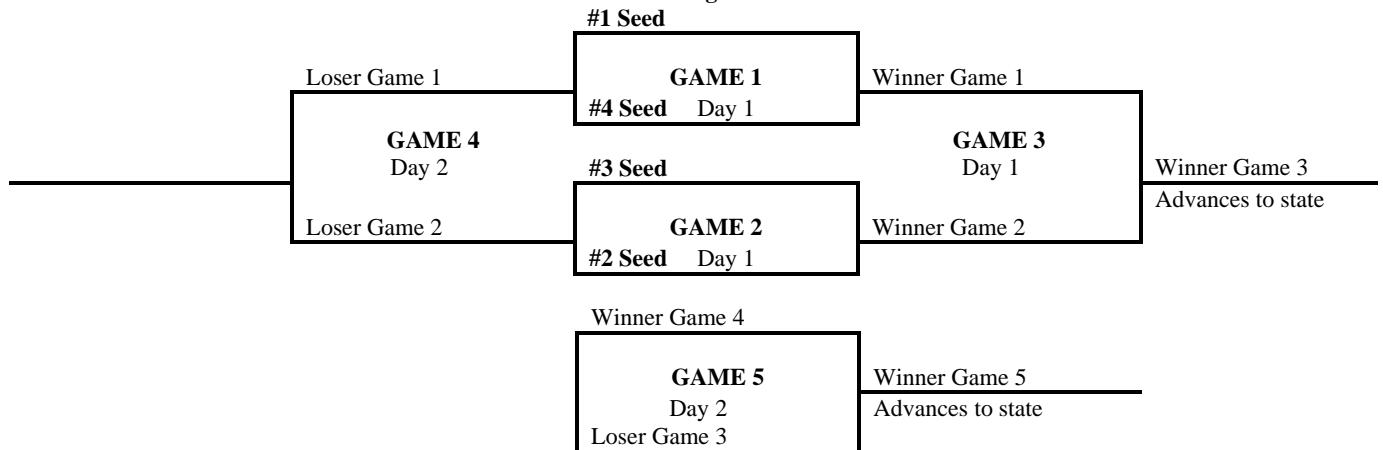
Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

FALL BASEBALL REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The season may begin on August 7 or when school starts, whichever is first.
- B. Send the Fall Baseball entry to the Activities Association on or before August 11, 2017. **The Fall Baseball entry form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website**
- C. Only schools not playing football are eligible to enter the fall baseball play-off series.
- D. Fall Baseball playing schools will be divided evenly between Class A and Class B with the largest number of schools in Class B if the numbers are not even. Schools adding or dropping Fall Baseball after the date classifications are released will not affect any classifications. (NOTE: Co-op baseball teams will be placed in the classification in which the combined ADM of the two co-op schools places them.)
- E. No school will be allowed to enter into a co-op agreement in any sport that is offered by that particular school at any time during the school year. (See OSSAA Rule 22 for details on co-op agreement) The OSSAA Board of Directors may make exceptions in circumstances caused by annexation or consolidation.
- F. Schools participating in fall baseball are not allowed to participate against non-school teams.
- G. District representatives in Classes A and B shall be determined by September 18, 2017. The tournament shall be played in one day or consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. A list of the teams that comprise a district will be posted on the ossaa.com website on or before September 8, 2017. The Association shall set the site or determine as to how the selection is made. The principal or designee of the playing site shall act as chairman. The chairman should call a meeting of the schools assigned not prior to September 13, 2017, and not later than September 15, 2017. They shall draw up brackets, agree on umpires and plan for the district tournament in general. The records of wins and losses should be through September 12, 2017. (NOTE: No team shall be seeded that has not played at least 15 games.)
- H. Coaches may send a list of five officials you would recommend for use in the fall state tournament by email to the OSSAA Fall Baseball Administrator.
- I. Double elimination should be used in both Classes A and B through the district playoffs. Two-team tournament districts shall refer to General Baseball Regulations in this manual under OSSAA Playoff Tournament Section X-1. For three team tournament districts, shall refer to OSSAA Playoff Tournaments Section X-2. Four team tournament districts shall refer to OSSAA Playoff Tournament section X-3. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools if the majority wish to change the tournament times and dates. The format may not be changed.
- J. District winners should phone the Association office (405) 840-1116 after such districts are completed with the results from the district tournament.
- K. Both classes will be assigned four regional tournaments to be played on September 28, 29, 30, 2017, a Format 2 bracket should be used.
- L. The Activities Association for state championship games shall assign the four regional winners, along with the four consolation winners. The State Tournament will be played on October 5, 6, 7, 2017. The four regional winners will be seeded based on the final ranking in OSSAA rankings. The four regional runner-ups will be placed opposite in the bracket from their regional champion and seeded based on their final ranking in OSSAA rankings.

Format 2 Bracket
(Fall Baseball, 2-team Advance, OSSAA will establish actual game order when brackets are released)
Regional



- M. The game shall end when, after five innings of a seven-inning game, a team is ten (10) or more runs behind and has completed turn at bat. (EXCEPTION: State Tournament games will be seven innings unless the run rule is in effect. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game.)
- N. Teams are limited to 22 players in any play-off game in Classes A and B.
- O. Please see the general baseball regulations for other information.
- P. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

SPRING BASEBALL REGULATIONS

I. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Schools will be classified in the following manner for spring baseball:
 1. 6A - 32 largest schools
 2. 5A - Next 32 largest schools
 3. 4A - Next 64 largest schools
 4. 3A - Next 64 largest schools
 5. 2A - Next 64 largest schools
 6. A - Next 96 largest schools
 7. B - All remaining schools
- B. Note: Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, 4A-5A-6A schools will remain in the same class for two consecutive years. Co-op baseball teams will be placed in the classification in which the combined ADM of the two co-op schools places them. Classification of other schools could change due to the co-ops.

II. EXPENSE - STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

OSSAA Board of Directors will determine baseball reimbursements.

III. CLASSES 3A, 2A, A, AND B BASEBALL REGULATIONS

- A. Send the Spring Baseball entry form to the Activities Association on or before February 8, 2018. **The Spring Baseball entry form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.**
- B. Schools are divided into Classes 3A, 2A, A, and B for the baseball championship series and are assigned by class to thirty-two districts each. Each school must compete in its own class.
- C. District representatives in Classes A and B shall be determined by April 21; Classes 2A and 3A shall be determined by April 28. The tournament shall be played in one day or two consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. A list of teams that comprise a district tournament will be posted on the ossaa.com website on or before April 6 for Classes A and B and April 13 for Classes 2A and 3A. The Association shall set the site or determine as to how the selection is made. The principal or athletic director of the playing site shall act as chairman. The chairman should call a meeting of the schools assigned on April 12 or 13 for Classes A and B and April 18 or 19 for Classes 2A and 3A. They shall draw brackets, agree on umpires and plan for the district tournament in general. The record of wins and losses should be through April 10 for A and B. (NOTE: No team shall be seeded that has not played at least 15 games.)
- D. Schools winning district championships shall notify the Association office as soon as district representatives are determined.
- E. Wilson is the official ball of the OSSAA.

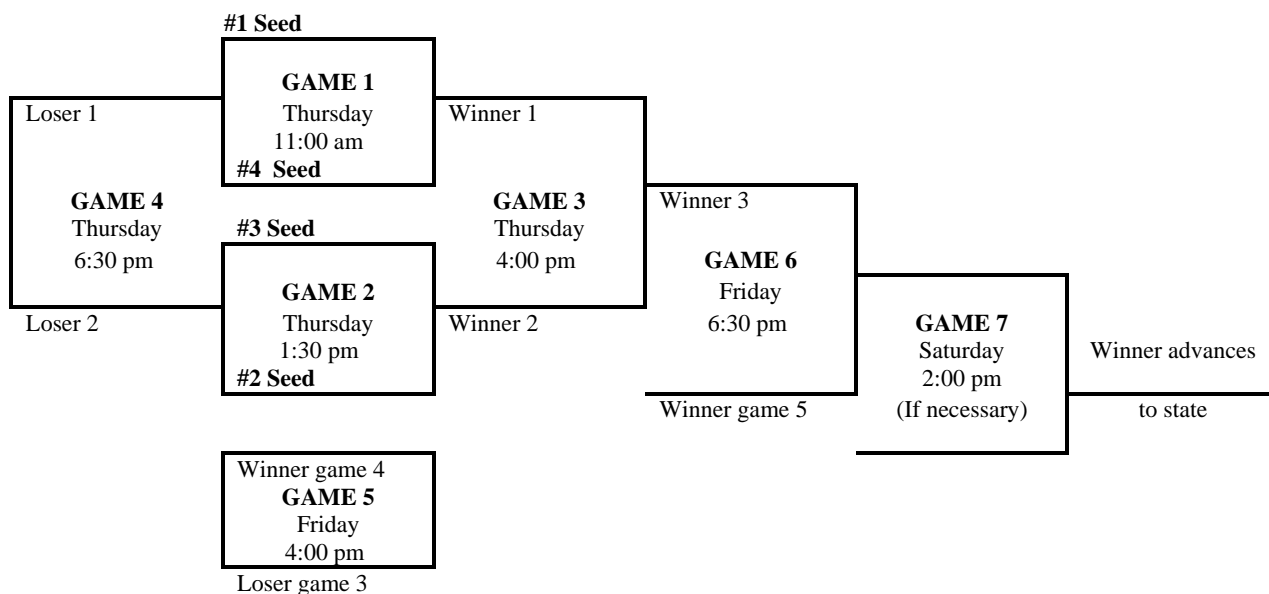
- F. Double elimination shall be used in districts and regionals.
- G. District play sites shall be determined by the Association. The host school shall furnish the balls and umpires after recommendations are made from competing schools on such umpires.
- H. Four teams will be assigned to each of the eight regional tournaments. The district in, which a team has played, will not determine the regional tournament to which it will be assigned. The regional tournament will be seeded according to the top 20 teams listed on OSSAA rankings.
 - #1 Seed - Highest Rated Team
 - #2 Seed - Second Highest Rated Team
 - #3 Seed - Third Highest Rated Team
 - #4 Seed - Fourth Highest Rated Team

The #1 seed will play #4 seed; the #2 seed will play #3 seed.

(NOTE: If teams are not rated in the top 20 of OSSAA rankings they will be seeded according to record. Teams that are not rated shall not be seeded higher than rated teams, regardless of records. 15 games minimum required to be seeded.)
- I. Teams are limited to 22 players in any play-off game.
- J. These schools will be assigned to eight different regionals, which will be double elimination. See Format 1 Bracket. All regionals are scheduled to begin on Thursday with four games on Thursday, two games on Friday, and one game (if necessary) on Saturday, with Sunday being a make-up day if everyone agrees prior to the tournament beginning. Regional tournament times and dates may be changed by mutual agreement. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools if the majority wish to change regional tournament times and dates. All regional tournaments must be scheduled for consecutive days. The OSSAA office shall be notified of any change in the regional bracket.
- K. The ten run rule is in effect for all OSSAA playoff games. Times and dates for Regional play may be changed with unanimous approval of all teams. The format of the tournament will remain the same. **(Playoff games may be played on Wednesdays.)** Regional play may start as early as Tuesday of the scheduled date.

FORMAT 1 BRACKET

(OSSAA will establish actual game order when brackets are released)



- L. The eight regional winners will be assigned to the state championships, which will be single elimination.
- M. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)
- N. Play-off sites in all rounds must have lights

IV. CLASSES 4A BASEBALL REGULATIONS

- A. Send the Spring Baseball entry form to the Activities Association on or before February 8, 2018. **The Spring Baseball entry form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.**
- B. There will be eight 8-team districts beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Districts will be for a two-year cycle. The 2017-18 OSSAA/ADM classification sheet that is based on the 2016-17 school year will be used to determine the Districts for the 2017-18, 2018-19 school year. The OSSAA will take input from the Baseball coaches when determining Districts. Plans submitted to the OSSAA must be approved by the OSSAA Staff and are subject to change before being submitted to the OSSAA Board of Directors for approval.
- C. District games shall be completed by April 21. Make-up district games may be scheduled through April 25. Bi-district Tournaments shall conclude by April 28.
- D. Schools winning bi-district championships shall notify the Association office as soon as district representatives are determined.
- E. Wilson is the official ball of the OSSAA.
- F. Double elimination shall be used in bi-districts and regionals.
- G. Bi-district play sites shall be determined by district finish. Host site shall be at the site of the higher district finisher or at a site mutually agreed. Play-off sites must have lights.
- H. Regional play sites shall be determined by district finish. Host site shall be at the site of the highest district finisher or at a site mutually agreed by all four teams. Play-off sites must have lights.
- I. Teams are limited to 22 players in any play-off game.
- J. Bi-district winners will be assigned to eight different regionals, which will be double elimination. See Format 1 Bracket. All regionals are scheduled to begin on Thursday with four games on Thursday, two games on Friday, and one game (if necessary) on Saturday, with Sunday being a make-up day if everyone agrees prior to the tournament beginning. Regional tournament times and dates may be changed by mutual agreement. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools. All regional tournaments must be scheduled for consecutive days. The OSSAA office shall be notified of any change in the regional bracket.
- K. The ten run rule is in effect for all OSSAA playoff games. Times and dates for Regional play may be changed with unanimous approval of all teams. The format of the tournament will remain the same. **(Play-off games may be played on Wednesdays.)** Regional play may start as early as Tuesday of the scheduled date.
- L. The eight regional winners will be assigned to the state championships, which will be single elimination. (See Diagram 2)
- M. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 4A

1. District standing: District standing will be determined by a percentage of games won/lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won/lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and the next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:
 - When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. (In the event the teams split the games played between each other in district play, the team with the highest marginal point total in the two games played between the two tied teams will be given the highest position in the standings. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. (In the event of an extra inning game, the winner will receive 1 marginal point and the loser will deduct 1 marginal point.) In the event the two teams have tied in marginal points the team that won the last game of district play between the two tied teams will be given the highest position in the district standing.) The team that lost to the other tied team will be given the next highest available position in the district standings.
 - When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
 - When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:
 - a) The team with the highest winning percentage in games between the tied teams shall be given the highest available position. The next highest percentage shall receive the next position.
 - b) If teams are tied in winning percentage among games played with tied teams then marginal points will be used to break the tie. Total the marginal points each tied team had in games between the tied teams. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points, refer to the process for breaking a two-team tie.

- c) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four or more teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won the last game over the other in district play.
 - Should it become necessary for a position to be determined by lot, the OSSAA will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the position.
2. Forfeited/Canceled District Games
 - a) A forfeiture of a district game will require the forfeiting team to subtract 10 marginal points per game forfeited from their marginal point total. The team receiving the forfeit will gain 10 marginal points for each game forfeited. Forfeiture only affects the two teams involved. All other standing for other teams in the District will remain. Any time a team forfeits a game, the team will automatically be placed on probation. Probation status prohibits the team from participating in invitational tournaments and any post-season contest. A team placed on probation has the right to appeal their status to the OSSAA staff.
 - b) A scheduled district game that is canceled will be treated as a forfeited contest.
 - c) In the event that a re-scheduled game(s) cannot be played prior to April 28th, the re-scheduled games have no impact on the final district standings for either team and both teams agree not to play the contest(s); the teams involved may seek approval from the OSSAA to eliminate those contest(s) from the district schedule without declaring forfeiture
 - d) Make-up or rescheduled district games *should* take priority over non-district games. These games *should* be scheduled as soon as possible after cancellation to avoid multiple rescheduled games at the end of the season.
 3. On Week 44 of the OSSAA calendar for Baseball, each bi-district winner will be assigned to one of eight 4-team regionals to determine the eight regional champions that will advance to the State Tournament, see Diagram 3.
 4. Regional play will be double elimination format with seeding determined by district standings. Refer to Diagram 3. Host sites shall be at the site of the highest district finisher or at a site mutually agreed upon. Refer to Format 1 Bracket.
 5. Regional champions will advance to the State Tournament and placed on the single elimination bracket per Diagram 2.
 6. In the event less than four teams are assigned to a regional, refer to OSSAA Baseball Regulations X, Number 2 for a 3-team bracket and OSSAA Baseball Regulations X, Number 1 for two teams.
 7. Times and dates for Regional play may be changed with unanimous approval of all teams. The format of the tournament will remain the same. Wednesday play is permitted in playoff games.
 8. Play-off sites in all rounds must have lights.

Diagram 3: 4A Playoff Structure
 District 1, 2, 3 and 4 (West)
 District 5, 6, 7 and 8 (East)

<u>Bi-District</u>	<u>Advance To</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>State Quarter Final</u>
D1-1 vs D2-8	Advance To	1	R1 vs R8
D4-4 vs D3-5	Advance To	1	
D3-2 vs D4-7	Advance To	1	
D2-3 vs D1-6	Advance To	1	
D8-1 vs D7-8	Advance To	8	
D5-4 vs D6-5	Advance To	8	
D6-2 vs D5-7	Advance To	8	
D7-3 vs D8-6	Advance To	8	
D4-1 vs D3-8	Advance To	4	R4 vs R5
D1-4 vs D2-5	Advance To	4	
D2-2 vs D1-7	Advance To	4	
D3-3 vs D4-6	Advance To	4	
D5-1 vs D6-8	Advance To	5	
D8-4 vs D7-5	Advance To	5	
D7-2 vs D8-7	Advance To	5	
D6-3 vs D5-6	Advance To	5	
D7-1 vs D8-8	Advance To	7	R7 vs R2
D6-4 vs D5-5	Advance To	7	
D5-2 vs D6-7	Advance To	7	
D8-3 vs D7-6	Advance To	7	
D2-1 vs D1-8	Advance To	2	
D3-4 vs D4-5	Advance To	2	
D4-2 vs D3-7	Advance To	2	
D1-3 vs D2-6	Advance To	2	
D6-1 vs D5-8	Advance To	6	R6 vs R3
D7-4 vs D8-5	Advance To	6	
D8-2 vs D7-7	Advance To	6	
D5-3 vs D6-6	Advance To	6	
D3-1 vs D4-8	Advance To	3	
D2-4 vs D1-5	Advance To	3	
D1-2 vs D2-7	Advance To	3	
D4-3 vs D3-6	Advance To	3	

V. CLASSES 5A AND 6A BASEBALL REGULATIONS

- A. Send the Spring Baseball entry form to the Activities Association on or before February 8, 2018. **The Spring Baseball entry form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.**
- B. The 32 schools with the largest ADM are in Class 6A and the next 32 in size are in Class 5A. Classifications are done in a two year cycle.
- C. The ten run rule is in effect for all OSSAA playoff games.
- D. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

VI. SUSPENDED GAME AND GAME ENDING PROCEDURES

A regulation high school baseball game ends when the team behind in score has completed its turn at bat in the seventh inning, or any inning thereafter if extra innings are necessary. The National Federation now allows states to adopt game-ending procedures for baseball. By Oklahoma adoption, games can be shortened by the following:

- A. After five innings of a seven inning game, a team ten (10) or more runs behind has completed its turn at bat. (NOTE: If the home team is ahead ten (10) or more runs a game can end after 4½ innings.)
- B. If weather, darkness or other circumstances interfere with play so that a game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: (a) five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the suspended is called. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension.

NOTE EXCEPTION: State tournament games will be regulation (7) inning games, unless the run rule is in effect. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension.

- C. Any further play may be shortened according to National Federation Rules.

VII. CLASS 5A AND 6A DISTRICTS

There will be eight 8-team districts beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Districts will be for a two-year cycle. The 2017-18 OSSAA/ADM classification sheet that is based on the 2016-17 school year will be used to determine the Districts for the 2017-18, 2018-19 school year. The OSSAA will take input from the Baseball coaches when determining Districts. Plans submitted to the OSSAA must be approved by the OSSAA Staff and are subject to change before being submitted to the OSSAA Board of Directors for approval.

Additionally, since there may be an uneven split between East and West teams, the OSSAA will select teams to travel to either the East or West side of the State. The OSSAA will take input from schools where there may be an imbalance of teams, but the OSSAA will have the final say when determining the East/West split.

PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 5A AND 6A

1. District standing: District standing will be determined by a percentage of games won/lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won/lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and the next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:
 - When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. (In the event the teams split the games played between each other in district play, the team with the highest marginal point total in the two games played between the two tied teams will be given the highest position in the standings. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. (In the event of an extra inning game, the winner will receive 1 marginal point and the loser will deduct 1 marginal point.) In the event the two teams have tied in marginal points the team that won the last game of district play between the two tied teams will be given the highest position in the district standing.) The team that lost to the other tied team will be given the next highest available position in the district standings.
 - When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
 - When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:

- a) The team with the highest winning percentage in games between the tied teams shall be given the highest available position. The next highest percentage shall receive the next position.
 - b) If teams are tied in winning percentage among games played with tied teams then marginal points will be used to break the tie. Total the marginal points each tied team had in games between the tied teams. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points, refer to the process for breaking a two-team tie.
 - c) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four or more teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won the last game over the other in district play. Should it become necessary for a position to be determined by lot, the OSSAA will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the position.
- C. Forfeited/Canceled District Games
- a. A forfeiture of a district game will require the forfeiting team to subtract 10 marginal points per game forfeited from their marginal point total. The team receiving the forfeit will gain 10 marginal points for each game forfeited. Forfeiture only affects the two teams involved. All other standing for other teams in the District will remain. Any time a team forfeits a game, the team will automatically be placed on probation. Probation status prohibits the team from participating in invitational tournaments and any post-season contest. A team placed on probation has the right to appeal their status to the OSSAA staff.
 - b. A scheduled district game that is canceled will be treated as a forfeited contest.
 - c. In the event that a re-scheduled game(s) cannot be played prior to April 29th, the re-scheduled games have no impact on the final district standings for either team and both teams agree not to play the contest(s); the teams involved may seek approval from the OSSAA to eliminate those contest(s) from the district schedule without declaring forfeiture.
 - d. Make-up or rescheduled district games *should* take priority over non-district games. These games *should* be scheduled as soon as possible after cancellation to avoid multiple rescheduled games at the end of the season.
- D. On Week 44 of the OSSAA calendar for Baseball, each team will be assigned to one of eight 4-team regionals to determine the eight regional champions that will advance to the State Tournament, see Diagram 1.
- E. Regional play will be double elimination format with seeding determined by district standings. Refer to Diagram 1. Host sites will be District champions and District Runner-Ups. (The site may be changed if agreed upon by *all* teams in the Regional.) Refer to Format 1 Bracket
- F. Regional champions will advance to the State Tournament and placed on the single elimination bracket per Diagram 2.
- G. In the event less than four teams are assigned to a regional, refer to OSSAA Baseball Regulations X, Number 2 for a 3-team bracket and OSSAA Baseball Regulations X, Number 1 for two teams.
- H. Times and dates for Regional play may be changed with unanimous approval of all teams. The format of the tournament will remain the same. Wednesday play is permitted in playoff games.
- I. Play-off sites in all rounds must have lights.

Diagram 1

District 1 and District 2 (West)
District 3 and District 4 (East)

Regional 1-4 West

Regional 1

District 1 winner plays District 2 number 8
District 2 number 4 plays District 1 number 5

Regional 2

District 1 runner up plays District 2 number 7
District 2 number 3 plays District 1 number 6

Regional 3

District 2 winner plays District 1 number 8
District 1 number 4 plays District 2 number 5

Regional 4

District 2 runner up plays District 1 number 7
District 1 number 3 plays District 2 number 6

Regional 5-8 East

Regional 5

District 3 winner plays District 4 number 8
District 4 number 4 plays District 3 number 5

Regional 6

District 3 runner up plays District 4 number 7
District 4 number 3 plays District 3 number 6

Regional 7

District 4 winner plays District 3 number 8
District 3 number 4 plays District 4 number 5

Regional 8

District 4 runner up plays District 3 number 7
District 3 number 3 plays District 4 number 6

DIAGRAM 2—State Bracket for Classes 4A, 5A and 6A



VIII. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES

- A. Classes A and B – April 26, 27, 28, 2018
- B. Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A – May 3, 4, 5, 2018

IX. SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

- A. Classes A and B - May 3, 4, 5, 2018
- B. Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A - May 10, 11, 12, 2018

X. STATE TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Coaches may submit a list of five officials to recommend for use in the state tournaments by sending an email to the OSSAA Baseball Administrator.
- B. There will be a limit of ten (10) minutes per team for infield practice.
- C. Teams are restricted to their dugout area while the opposing team is taking infield practice.
- D. If the state tournament is played on a field with a tarp and the field needs to be covered, the following steps will be used:
 - 1. The winning team from the final game of the day will help put the tarp in place.
 - 2. The two teams scheduled to play the first game the next day will arrive early at the park and help remove the tarp before their game.
- E. The following procedure will be used for the awards presentation after the State Championship game:
 - 1. Teams will line up on their respective baselines within five minutes of the final out.
 - 2. Individual awards and team trophy will be given to the state runner-up.
 - 3. Individual awards and team trophy will be given to the state champion.
 - 4. Any team that reaches the state championship game and wishes to have a representative from their school involved in the trophy presentation should inform the OSSAA staff prior to the game as to whom will be involved.

XI. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of, and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- N. Coaches are expected to participate in the weekly ranking process and post game results on the OSSAA rankings site.
- O. Coaches must take an OSSAA Baseball Rules meeting each calendar year.

2017-2018
BASEBALL RULES MEETINGS
(7:00 P.M.)

January 24	Lawton High School
January 25	Edmond Santa Fe High School
January 31	Woodward High School
February 7	Durant High School
February 14	Tulsa Service Center (3027 S New Haven)

HISTORY OF SPRING BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS 6A</u>	<u>CLASS 5A</u>	<u>CLASS 4A</u>	<u>CLASS 3A</u>	<u>CLASS 2A</u>	<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>CLASS B</u>	<u>CLASS C</u>
1947					Co-Champs	Capitol Hill Central (T)	Southside (Elmer)	
1948						Central (T)	Friendship (Altus)	
1949						Altus	Byng	
1950						Central (T)	Burns Flat	
1951						McAlester	Byng	Burns Flat
1952						Capitol Hill	Choctaw	Southside
1953						Capitol Hill	Byng	Southside
1954						Will Rogers	Byng	Friendship
1955						Central (T)	Bethany	Tupelo
1956						Capitol Hill	Byng	Arnett (H)
1957					NW.Classen	Stillwater	Byng	Tupelo
1958					Daniel Webster	Norman	Byng	Broxton
1959					Lawton	Daniel Webster	Mangum	Gotebo
1960					Central (T)	Anadarko	Byng	Dover
1961					Edison (T)	Daniel Webster	Garber	Arnett (H)
1962					Lawton	Daniel Webster	Buffalo	Oney
1963					Enid	Anadarko	Garber	Asher
1964					Lawton	Daniel Webster	Binger	Navajo
1965					Lawton	Altus	Holdenville	Broxton
1966					Nathan Hale (T)	Chickasha	Sulphur	Gould
1967					McLain (T)	El Reno	Holdenville	Capron
1968				Will Rogers	Star Spencer	Holdenville	Asher	Roff
1969				College (B'ville)	Daniel Webster	Holdenville	Granite	Gracemont
1970			East Central	D. Webster	Anadarko	Granite	Asher	
1971			Edison (T)	Tahlequah	Holdenville	Depew	Asher	
1972			Putnam City	Ardmore	Byng	Pocola	Asher	
1973			Will Rogers	Owasso	Weatherford	Granite	Asher	
1974			Muskogee	Choctaw	Lindsay	Lone Grove	Asher	
1975			Nathan Hale	Owasso	Anadarko	Kellyville	Leedey	
1976			Nathan Hale	B. Kelley	Harrah	Granite	Binger	
1977			NW.Classen	Charles Mason (T)	Meeker	Ketchum	Asher	
1978			Will Rogers	Bishop Kelley	Bixby	Dewar	New Lima	
1979			Will Rogers	Union	Blanchard	Stonewall	Asher	
1980			Memorial (T)	College (B'ville)	Blanchard	Barnsdall	Asher	
1981			Memorial (T)	U.S. Grant	Sperry	Rattan	Asher	
1982			Yukon	Mustang	Sperry	Stuart	Asher	
1983			Nathan Hale	Western Heights	Sperry	Stuart	Stringtown	
1984		Memorial (T)	U.S. Grant	Mannford	Haskell	Binger	Asher	
1985		Bartlesville	Daniel Webster	Stilwell	Rattan	Granite	Asher	
1986		Enid	Ardmore	Broken Bow	Drumright	Asher	Braggs	
1987		Owasso	Miami	Stilwell	Hennessey	Asher	Braggs	
1988		Midwest City	McAlester	Tuttle	Mt. St. Mary	Asher	Lookaba- Sickles	
1989		Union	Guthrie	Ada	Latta	Cameron	Turner	
1990		Unionl	Stilwell	Sperry	Hobart	Cameron	Bokchito	
1991		Broken Arrow	El Reno	Spiro	Dale	Sentinel	Asher	
1992		Edmond	El Reno	Ada	Salina	Binger- Oney	Asher	

HISTORY OF SPRING BASEBALL CHAMPIONS (cont)

1993		Edmond	Claremore	Ada	Latta	Cameron	Asher	
1994		Westmoore	Nathan Hale	Clinton	Dale	Cameron	Asher	
1995		Norman	MacArthur	Weatherford	Dale	Cameron	Asher	
1996	Tahlequah	McAlester	Oologah	Haskell	Latta	Cameron	Turner	
1997	Jenks	Nathan Hale	Grove	Chandler	Ratta	Cameron	Taloga	
1998	Owasso	McAlester	Weatherford	Chandler	Dale	Cameron	Eakly	
1999	Owasso	Claremore	Coweta	Heritage Hall	Latta	Rock Creek	Sentinel	
2000	Jenks	McAlester	Weatherford	Plainview	Dale	Rock Creek	Lookeba-Sickles	
2001	Owasso	Ada	Byng	Metro Christian	Dale	Fletcher	Dover	
2002	Jenks	Chickasha	Bishop McGuinness	Verdigris	Dale	Silo	Dover	
2003	Owasso	Claremore	Weatherford	Henryetta	Latta	Rattan	Buffalo Valley	
2004	Owasso	Bishop Kelley	Skiatook	Sulphur	Latta	Roff	Taloga	
2005	Union	Claremore	Oologah	Chandler	Latta	Silo	Tupelo	
2006	Union	Bishop Kelley	Tuttle	Sperry	Dale	Roff	Chattanooga	
2007	Owasso	Carl Albert	Berryhill	Bethel	Dale	Rock Creek	Tupelo	
2008	Owasso	Bixby	Bishop McGuinness	Sperry	Silo	Ft. Cobb-Broxton	Red Oak	
2009	Owasso	Carl Albert	Tuttle	Sperry	Silo	Soper	Roff	
2010	Union	Collinsville	Weatherford	Bethel	Silo	Fletcher	Roff	
2011	Broken Arrow	Bishop Kelley	Locust Grove	Verdigris	Wister	Roff	Red Oak	
2012	Edmond North	Carl Albert	Hilldale	Verdigris	Dale	Rattan	Red Oak	
2013	Owasso	Carl Albert	Berryhill	Verdigris	Silo	Rattan	Red Oak	
2014	Stillwater	Carl Albert	Tuttle	Verdigris	Dale	Binger-Oney	Red Oak	
2015	Owasso	Shawnee	Blanchard	Heritage Hall	Silo	Rattan	Lookeba Sickles	
2016	Edmond Memorial	Shawnee	Heritage Hall	Verdigris	Christian Heritage	Binger-Oney	Red Oak	
2017	Mustang	Shawnee	Byng	Metro Christian	Silo	Binger-Oney	Leedey	

HISTORY OF FALL BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
1955		Kansas	Arnett (H) & Macomb
1956		Varnum	Broxton
1957		Moss	Gotebo
1958		Moss	Atwood
1959		Ft. Cobb	Arnett (H)
1960		Granite	Davidson
1961		Webbers Falls	Gotebo
1962		Warner	Asher
1963		Warner	Gould
1964		Latta	Gould
1965		Pocola	Tupelo
1966		Latta	Braggs
1967		Ft. Cobb	Gould
1968		Granite	Gould
1969		Elgin	Asher
1970	Byng	Asher	
1971	Welch	Asher	
1972	Lone Grove	Asher	
1973	Ft. Cobb	Asher	
1974	Meeker	Asher	
1975	Dale	Asher	
1976	Meeker	Eakly	
1977	Lookeba-Sickles	Asher	
1978	Smithville	Asher	
1979	Dale	Asher	
1980	Byng	Eakly	
1981	Rattan	Asher	
1982	Byng	Asher	
1983	Wister	Asher	
1984	Rattan	Asher	
1985	Smithville	Asher	
1986	Byng	Braggs	
1987	Asher	Bokchito	
1988	Cameron	Leedey	
1989	Cameron	Bokchito	
1990	Byng	Lookeba-Sickles	
1991	Binger-Oney	Asher	
1992	Latta	Granite	
1993	Latta	Asher	
1994	Cameron	Asher	
1995	Rattan	Asher	
1996	Rattan	Taloga	
1997	Rattan	Taloga	
1998	Rock Creek	Asher	
1999	Dale	Lookeba-Sickles	
2000	Dale	Stonewall	
2001	Latta	Lookeba-Sickles	
2002	Rattan	Lookeba-Sickles	
2003	Dale	Buffalo Valley	
2004	Byng	Ft Cobb-Broxton	
2005	Dale	Dover	
2006	Silo	Lookeba-Sickles	
2007	Silo	Tupelo	
2008	Dale	Red Oak	
2009	Oktaha	Roff	
2010	Silo	Red Oak	
2011	Dale	Arnett	
2012	Dale	Red Oak	
2013	Binger-Oney	Asher	
2014	Silo	Leedey	
2015	Binger-Oney	Leedey	
2016	Tushka	Lookeba-Sickles	

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**2017-18
BASKETBALL CALENDAR**

Basketball

EVENT	WEEK	DATE
Organized practice may begin	13	Oct. 1
Season opens for non-football schools	18	Nov. 1
Season opens for Jr. High football schools	19	Nov. 6
Season opens for football schools	20	Nov. 16
Invitational tournaments	23	Dec. 4-9
Invitational tournaments	24	Dec. 11-16
Invitational tournaments (schools must be out for Christmas Vacation)	26	Dec. 26-30
Invitational tournaments	27	Jan. 1-6
OSSAA Board of Directors play-off committee meeting for the purpose of making play-off assignments for classes A-B (10:00 a.m.)	29	Jan. 17
Class A-B play-off assignments released on the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. Jan. 19	29	Jan. 18
Class A-B count all games played through this date for pairings at the district meeting	29	Jan. 20
Invitational tournaments	29	Jan. 15-20
5A-6A Area assignments released to participating schools	29	Jan. 18
Class A-B district meetings at district site (4:00 p.m.)	30	Jan. 22
OSSAA Board of Directors play-off committee meeting for the purpose of making play-off assignments for classes 2A-3A-4A (9:00 a.m.)	31	Jan. 31
Class 2A-3A-4A play-off assignments released on the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m.	31	Feb. 1
Class 5A-6A count games through this date for the purpose of submitting the season won-loss record for seeding	31	Feb. 3
Class 2A-3A-4A district meetings at the district site (4:00 p.m.) or telephone conference	32	Feb. 5
Class 5A-6A official play-off brackets released to participating schools	32	Feb. 8
Class B Districts and Class A Districts	32	Feb. 9, 10
Regional meetings for classes 5A-6A at regional site - 4:00 p.m. or telephone conference	33	Feb. 12
Application for Academic Achievement Award for classes A-B must be postmarked no later than Feb.15 or faxed no later than Feb. 16	33	Feb. 14
Class A-B Regionals and Class 2A-3A-4A Districts	33	Feb. 15-17
Application for Academic Achievement Award for classes 2A-3A-4A must be postmarked no later than Feb. 22 or faxed no later than Feb. 23	34	Feb. 21
Class A-B Area	34	Feb. 22, 23, 24
Class 2A-3A-4A Regionals	34	Feb. 22, 23, 24
Class 5A-6A girls Regionals (Thursday night & Saturday afternoon)	34	Feb. 22, 24
Class 5A-6A boys Regionals (Friday night & Saturday night)	34	Feb. 23, 24
Class B-A state pre-tournament meeting at the fairgrounds arena at 1:00 p.m.	35	Feb. 25
Application for Academic Achievement Award for classes 5A-6A must be postmarked no later than Feb. 28 or faxed no later than March 1	35	Feb. 28
Class A-B State	35	March 1-3
Class 2A-3A-4A Area	35	March 1-3
Class 5A-6A girls Area (Thursday night & Saturday afternoon).	35	March 1, 3
Class 5A-6A boys Area (Friday night & Saturday night)	35	March 2, 3
Class 2A-3A-4A-5A-6A state tournament pre-tournament meeting at the main tournament site (1:00 p.m.)	36	March 4
Class 2A-3A-4A-5A-6A State	36	March 8-10
Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting (4:00 p.m.)		March 26

PLAY-OFF PAIRINGS WILL BE RELEASED ON THE OSSAA WEB SITE BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE APPROPRIATE DATE. THERE WILL BE NOTHING SENT TO THE SCHOOL IN REGULAR MAIL.

NOTE: COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RATING PROCESS THROUGH THE OSSAA WEBSITE.

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. BASKETBALL RULES**A. Beginning and Ending of Season - Rule 15**

1. The basketball season for all non-football playing schools shall open on November 1. The season for all football playing schools shall open for senior high schools on the third weekend in November and the season for junior high school football playing schools may open on week 19 which will be Monday, November 6, 2017. A weekend is Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
2. From the close of the basketball season until October 1, member schools and school coaches shall not hold organized basketball practice or interschool scrimmages. Organized practice is defined as school coaches or anticipated school coaches directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning fundamentals. However, from the opening of school until October 1, and from the close of the basketball season until the close of school, member schools may give basketball instruction in a physical education class during the regular school day. When there is no organized physical education class scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day not to exceed 60 minutes, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class.
3. Boys teams in non-football playing schools, and all girls teams, may hold interschool scrimmages any time after they start organized practice. A scrimmage is defined as a contest against another school where no official records are kept and scores are erased at the end of each period played. There shall be no loss of instructional time for scrimmages, including travel.
4. Boys teams in football playing schools shall not hold interschool scrimmages before November 1.
5. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored championship tournament series, teams from schools playing football are permitted eighteen (18) basketball games and teams from schools not playing football are permitted twenty (20) basketball games. The OSSAA Board of Directors voted April, 2006, to allow high school basketball teams the opportunity to play in a third tournament without adding additional games or changing the dates of the tournament weeks for the regular season. This change would allow football playing schools the opportunity to play either 16 games and 2 tournaments or 14 games and 3 tournaments. Non-football playing schools could play in 18 games and 2 tournaments or 16 games and 3 tournaments. 9th grade students may participate on both the junior high and the high school team but are limited to 2 tournaments. Exception: High school teams that have scheduled 14 games and 3 tournaments or 16 games and 3 tournaments may allow a 9th grade student to participate in no more than 3 tournaments. All junior high teams are permitted (16) games. A team will be charged with one game for each invitational tournament it enters. In a festival, a team will be charged with a game for each game played in the festival.
6. Junior high teams are limited to 14 games and two basketball tournaments, and individuals will be limited to two tournaments. A school could have a seventh grade junior high team, an eighth grade junior high team, and a ninth grade junior high team or any combination of the three, but each team would be limited to two tournaments.
7. Prior to December 1, member schools and individual students are limited to six (6) interschool scrimmage dates for boys and girls.
8. **VIOLATION OF CONTEST LIMITS (TEAMS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS):**
Generally, if the contest meet or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
 - (a) **The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contest, at the same level, in the same activity for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.**
 - (b) **The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity for one-half of the regular season the next school year.**
 - (c) **The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.**
 - (d) **The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.**
9. When an **entire** tournament is cancelled due to weather or other unusual circumstances, schools may be allowed to schedule two additional games (**with OSSAA approval**).
10. In the event one game of a regular season scheduled tournament is completed, and the remainder of the tournament is cancelled (not postponed) due to inclement weather or any other act of nature; a school may submit a written request to the OSSAA Staff seeking permission to schedule one additional regular season game. This contest must be played prior to the beginning of the playoffs series.
11. **OSSAA RANKING PROGRAM**
 The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).
 For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments) and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.
 Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as

well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

B Participation in camps, clinics, and summer practices, leagues and tournaments

1. To help prevent participating individuals and school teams from gaining unfair competitive advantages, certain restrictions are placed on camps, clinics, summer practices, and summer leagues and tournaments in athletic activities.

Summer time is defined as after the conclusion of the spring semester through the first full week of August, with the exception of football and basketball as outlined in Section B-3, below. Schools teams shall not participate in summer leagues, (cannot wear school uniforms, use school transportation, or use school equipment) until the conclusion of the spring semester.

No restrictions on summer team practices are placed on the following athletic activities: fall and spring baseball, fast-pitch softball, slow-pitch softball, cross-country, golf, tennis, swimming, volleyball, track and soccer.

No summer team practices are permitted in football or basketball. Individual wrestlers may practice unattached to any school team during the summer when school is not in session.

2. In football and basketball, school personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches:

may not conduct practice for a school team, in a direct or indirect manner, during this summer period as defined above;

may coach a team that includes individuals that are members of a school team during this summer period, in a camp, clinic, summer league, or summer tournament.

may not coach a school team in a league or tournament **before the conclusion of the school year or after July 15.**

An exception to the above limitations may be granted by OSSAA, but approval for such an exception must be requested and granted in writing, in advance.

3. School personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches are permitted to conduct or provide instruction at individual camps or clinics in a particular sport, including camps or clinics in which members of the school team in that sport are participating, provided that:

no session of the camp or clinic is held before the school year has concluded or after the first week in August (except in football, any camp or clinic using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded before July 15).

4. An individual student who is attending or who is enrolled and planning to attend a member school in grades 7-12:

may participate on a non-school team in a league or tournament, including during this summer period as defined above, (such as in AAU competition), however:

- (a) school personnel serving as or designated to serve as a coach or assistant coach may coach that team, with the exception that in basketball, a school coach is permitted to coach a team that includes no more than two students who participate or are expected to participate on the same school team;

may participate in individual camps and clinics in a particular activity, however:

- (a) during the school year, a student may only participate if approved or permitted by the school, and the camp or clinic is not held at an OSSAA member school.
- (b) after the school year has been completed, a student may only participate through the first week in August (except in football, any camp or clinic using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded before July 15);
- (c) no fees or expenses for the camp or clinic may be paid by the school, or by school personnel, or by any booster club or organization associated with the school, or by any non-family member; any discount or waiver of fees or expenses must be based on financial need, and must be available to all participants based on the same standards;

may participate in no more than two team camps and clinics in a particular activity, **(except in basketball, students may participate in any combination of four team camps or summer tournaments).**

- (d) the camp or clinic is held after the school year has been completed and before the end of the first week in August (except in football, any camp or clinic using OSSAA member school facilities schools must be concluded before July 15), and

- (e) the camp or clinic takes place during no more than seven days, over no more than two consecutive weeks.

A student may not accept any award other than a trophy, plaque, or medal, etc., for participation or achievement on a non-school team or in any type of camp or clinic. A student may accept items commemorating participation in a league, tournament, camp or clinic which are given to all participants, such as a T-shirt or a certificate, provided that the costs of such items are included in the fees and expenses charged for those events.

5. A student who participates in a camp or clinic in violation of any of these policies shall be ineligible unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors. A coach who violates any of these policies shall not be permitted to engage in any coaching unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors.
6. Definitions applied under this policy:

- (a) An individual camp or clinic is an instructional event for a particular activity, at which instruction is focused on individual skills and techniques rather than organized team play.
- (b) A team camp or clinic is an instructional event for a particular sport involving a substantial number of school team members from at least three schools participating as a team during instruction, scrimmages, and/or games. All school team members must be enrolled at the school for which they participate during the team camp.

In basketball, if five or more school team members, and in football, if seven or more school team members, are participating as a team in a camp or clinic, then that camp or clinic is considered a team camp or clinic.

- (c) A league consists of three or more teams playing games against one another and maintaining standings according to wins and losses, and played over the course of a minimum of three consecutive weeks.
- (d) A tournament is an event involving six or more participating teams, competing for no more than three consecutive days.

7. Restrictions on Schools and Booster Organizations

A member school may conduct a camp or clinic for a particular activity, or permit a camp or clinic to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, after the end of the school year, provided that:

- (a) the camp or clinic is open to students from all member schools in the grade level or grade levels designated for that camp or clinic;
- (b) the camp or clinic is concluded prior to the end of the first week in August (except in football, any camp or clinic using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded prior to July 15).

Fees for camps or clinics conducted by the school or allowed to take place on school property and/or in school facilities may be discounted for children of school employees, provided that the same discounts are available to children of all school employees on an equal basis. In addition, a volume discount may be given, based on the number of children from the same household seeking to attend, provided that the volume discount is available for all families on the same basis.

Fees also may be discounted for students who are financially unable to pay the fees and expenses of the camp or clinic. The student must be able to demonstrate by objective means that financial assistance is needed, and all students must be evaluated for and granted assistance based on the same standards.

Johnson-O'Malley funds available to the school may be used to pay or offset expenses associated with camps or clinics conducted on school property and/or in school facilities.

- (c) A member school is not required to obtain OSSAA approval in advance to hold a camp or clinic, or to allow others to conduct a camp or clinic, on school grounds and/or in school facilities. If, however, approval is not given in advance, then the event is not sanctioned by OSSAA, and participants in the camp or clinic will not be covered by any catastrophic injury insurance obtained by OSSAA.
- (d) A member school may not conduct a camp or clinic, or allow a camp or clinic to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, which is limited, or which provides preferential treatment to, certain student-athletes or to students from certain schools, or which restricts participation on an "invitation-only" basis.
- (e) The school, or a booster club or organization associated with the school, may pay fees and expenses of the school team to attend a team camp or clinic, provided that all members of the school team have been invited to attend, and fees and expenses are paid for team members on an equal basis. Any monies coming from a booster club or organization for this purpose must be contributed to the school, and distributed from a school account to pay these fees and expenses.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2014 – The school may allow school-owned vehicles to be used to transport students enrolled at the school to an individual camp or clinic located in Oklahoma or a bordering state, and pay the cost of fuel for those vehicles, but the school otherwise may not pay for transportation expenses for students to attend an individual camp or clinic.

- (f) A member school conducting a camp or clinic or allowing a camp or clinic to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities must provide OSSAA, upon request, a list identifying students and personnel participating in the camp or clinic.
- (g) The school and/or school personnel may be penalized for any violations of these policies. If a booster club or organization associated with a school violates any of these policies, then the school may be required to end or restrict the involvement of that club or organization in school activities.

II. Rule 20**A. Approval of Tournaments, Meets and Contests****1. Section 1**

No member school shall compete in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate, nor in any interstate contest between two schools which involves a round trip exceeding 600 miles, unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations through the National Federation.

2. Section 2

All meets and tournaments where more than two teams participate must be approved by the Board of Directors before member schools may enter. Application for approval should be made at least sixty days before date of meet. All entries for out of state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the association office for endorsement and approval.

III. SANCTIONING

- A. It is the responsibility of the invited school before requesting approval to participate in an out-of-state tournament to determine if the tournament format is in compliance with the OSSAA tournament regulations.
- B. Members of other state associations may compete and they shall certify their students as eligible under the rules of their state association.
- C. Private and parochial schools which are not eligible for membership may compete but they must certify as to the eligibility of their students under the rules of the OSSAA in every way with the exception of the residence rule.
- D. Interstate festivals or tournaments must be sanctioned by the National Federation and endorsed by the executive officer of each included state association.
- E. A separate division must be provided for junior high teams, and be limited to such teams. A junior high team may be composed of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students, or any combination of them. If ninth grade students are included, the team may not include students from grades below the seventh; otherwise, such students may be included, provided they meet eligibility standards. Any student who is taking as much as half of his work in the sophomore year, or has on record six high school semester credits, will be classified as a sophomore and not eligible for the junior high team.
- F. A ninth grade student is eligible to participate on either the junior high or senior high team, but shall not be permitted to participate on both in the same festival or tournament. No student may play on two different teams in the same tournament.

IV. LIMITATIONS

- A. Team
In addition to the state championship elimination series, teams may participate in two (2) or three (3) tournament depending on the number of regular season games scheduled.
- B. Individual
In addition to the state championship elimination series, students are limited to two (2) tournaments or three (3) tournaments depending on the number of regular season games scheduled.
- C. Quarters
 - 1. Students in the 7th and 8th grade are limited to not more than five quarters per night in double header basketball games.
 - 2. Students in grades 9, 10, 11, 12 are not limited to the number of quarters.

V. TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournaments are approved as either weekend tournaments or night tournaments and are to be scheduled and played as defined.
 - 1. Weekend Tournament
All games shall be scheduled and played on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with no games scheduled to be started on Thursday or Friday prior to 10:00 a.m. and not after 9:00 p.m.
 - 2. Night Tournament
All games shall be scheduled and played at night throughout the week with no games scheduled to be played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday prior to 4:00 p.m. nor after 9:00 p.m.
- B. Games
Teams are not to play more than two games in one day (a minimum of four hours rest between games shall be granted).
- C. Brackets
A maximum bracket of eight teams and no more than three games shall be permitted, unless the tournament is a county tournament (with only county schools involved) or an established conference tournament in which a fourth game could be played upon approval by the OSSAA.
- D. No junior high tournaments are to be approved at a time that will conflict with the 2017-18 basketball play-offs.
- E. Tournament Weeks
During the 2017-18 season high school tournaments will be approved for weekends or nights during the first full week in December (4-9); second week in December (11-16); Christmas vacation Dec. 26-30 (all schools included must be dismissed), the first full week in January (1-6) and the third week in January (16-21). A full week includes Monday thru Saturday.
- F. Non-Tournament Weeks
Effective March 15, 2012 the OSSAA Board of Directors authorized the staff to approve or not approve requests made by member schools to participate in out-of-state basketball tournaments that are played on non-tournament weeks. Considerations will only be given to schools that have made every effort to schedule tournaments during OSSAA tournaments weeks. If a request is denied, the school may appeal the staff's decision to the Board of Directors.
- G. Awards Ceremony

At all tournaments the teams must stay on the floor for the completion of the awards ceremony or the school could be subject to penalty.

H. Officials

All officials used in regular season basketball competition and Association sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the Association. It is strongly recommended that enrolled officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th-12th grades.

VI. FESTIVAL REGULATIONS

- A. A festival is to be limited to a one day meet or to two successive nights except in basketball when boys and girls teams are playing in the same festival, three successive nights may be permitted.
- B. Not more than four teams may participate.
- C. All games shall be scheduled before the first game starts.
- D. Each game played in a festival counts as one of the games permitted for the season.
- E. If a four-team meet does not meet all the criteria of a festival it will be considered a tournament and shall apply toward the individual students tournament limitations.

VII. NOT HONORING A PROTEST (Board Policy XLVIII)

OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games of contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

VIII. TOURNAMENT AND MEETS - RULE 13

- A. Section 1
The ADM classification will be sent to the member schools immediately upon receiving the report from the State Department of Education.
- B. Section 2
 1. For the purpose of determining the basketball championships, teams shall be divided into seven groups according to the ADM as shown on the Annual Statistical Report completed by the Examiners' Division of the State Department of Education for the preceding year. The ADM for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 shall be used in determining the schools in classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, A, and B. The 32 schools having the largest ADM will be class 6A; the next 32 schools having the largest ADM will be class 5A; the next 64 in ADM will be class 4A; the next 64 in ADM will be class 3A; the number of remaining schools will be divided equally between classes 2A, A and B, placing the greatest number of schools in class B if the numbers are not even. All schools shall compete in the classification in which their ADM places them. (NOTE: Co-op basketball teams will be placed in the classification in which the combined ADM of the two schools places them. Classification of other schools could change due to co-ops.)
 2. The OSSAA staff shall select the sites for the play-off games.
 3. Suitable trophies will be awarded to winners of those tournaments.

IX. PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT

- A. Financial Plan
 1. All teams will participate at their own expense while attending tournaments.
 2. The winners of the district, regional and area tournaments will have added expense. Therefore, refunds will be made first to teams attending the championships, then area, and regional.
 3. All refunds will be made through the Activities Association office in keeping with uniform refund schedule adopted by the Board of Directors.
- B. Tournament Expenses
 1. In tournaments where the host school has a team participating, local expenses of the tournaments will be paid, provided they do not exceed \$250.00 per session in district play with \$250.00 per session allowed for regional play. In addition, District tournament host sites may claim \$50.00 per game for security expenses. Regional tournament host sites may claim \$75.00 per game for security expenses. Additional monies for districts and regionals may be claimed for Board approval when unusual expense is required. Any time additional amounts are claimed, each claim must be documented. All workers' signatures shall be shown along with the itemized amounts.
 2. In tournaments where the host school does not have a team participating, itemized local expenses of the tournament may be deducted or 10% of the gross receipts may be deducted.
 3. After the expenses of the tournament are paid, the net receipts will go to the Association.

C. Passes

1. Passes should be furnished by the chairman and issued to each player, or the chairman may devise their own means of such admittance. Not more than twenty (20) passes which may be used for players, statisticians, scorekeepers, trainers, bus drivers, etc., will be accepted.
2. Players should be admitted throughout the last tournament in which their team was eliminated.
Example - Boys teams eliminated in the first round of regional tournament should be admitted to the remainder of the regional tournament.
3. Each school will be given 20 passes for the state tournament. If additional passes are required, documentation must be presented by the school administration. If the passes are issued to anyone not officially part of the team, the coach could be penalized. Members of the press should be admitted to all playoff games as well as cheerleaders in uniform. After the team is eliminated holders of player passes should be required to identify themselves for free admission. If passes are not issued the players must enter with the coach.
4. Only OSSAA complimentary 2017-18 passes will be honored.

D. Admission Prices

1. District, Regional, and Area tournaments
Admission prices for each session of the district, regional or area tournaments have been set by the Board of Directors. Districts at \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students (K through 12). Regional and Area \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.
2. Championship tournaments
State Championship admission prices for all sites will be \$7.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students (K through 12).

E. Basketball Reimbursements - to be determined by the Board of Directors

F. Ticket Information for Managers

1. Tournament tickets will be sent to the managers by UPS. This will consist of general admission tickets for students and adults. SPECIAL NOTICE: Persons paying admission MUST be given the ticket they buy. All general admission tickets are to be torn in half when the purchaser is admitted. If the sale and admittance is handled at the same location, then the purchaser is entitled to and shall be given one-half the purchased ticket. Such ticket stubs are not to be used as pass out tickets. CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE (K through 12) are to be charged the regular student rate.
2. Tickets will be serially numbered.
3. Before the tournament begins, check the tickets with the report form mailed to you from the OSSAA.
4. Instruct your sellers to be sure that all UNSOLD tickets are in consecutive serial number order, meaning that the remainder of the UNSOLD book is consecutively numbered without any intermittent tickets having been sold.
5. If tickets are sold from more than one booth, it is satisfactory to sell them from two or more books at the same time. This will avoid having to sell from removed portions of a book.
6. Return all unused tickets along with the ticket report to the OSSAA immediately after your tournament.
7. OSSAA will not reimburse schools for fringe benefit costs (e.g. teachers' retirement contributions or social security benefits, hospitality rooms, concession workers, etc.)
8. Managers are to use only those tickets which are supplied by the OSSAA. We hope that we have anticipated your needs, but if you have reason to feel that you will need more, call us and we will forward an additional supply. In the event you experience a last-minute exhaustion of tickets, then perhaps you might use some of your own to complete your tournament.

G. Play-off Starting Times - District, Regional, and Area Tournaments

1. Afternoon session games will be scheduled at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
2. Night session games will be scheduled at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
3. Any night session in which only one game is played will begin at 7:00 p.m.
4. Girls will play the 1:30 and 6:30 games.
5. Boys will play the 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. games.

X. CLASSES 5A AND 6A

A. Championship Series Assignment

1. There shall be two areas in each classification. Each area will consist of sixteen schools.
2. The area assignments will be released January 18, 2018.
3. Teams in each area shall be seeded one through sixteen.
4. Pairings will be determined on games played through Saturday, February 3, 2018. – Play-off pairings will be released on Thursday, February 8.
5. Criteria for play-off assignments – (A) Each class shall be divided into two 16-team areas. (B) Boys and girls are assigned to the same area, unless separating the teams help balance the strength of each area, as determined by the OSSAA. The teams are seeded independently of each other. (C) Teams in each area shall be seeded 1-16 using the ratings from OSSAA rankings.com. In case of a tie, the following criteria will be used to determine the higher seed: (1) head-to-head competition and (2) won-loss record. The seeding of each team remains the same throughout the play-offs.
6. Release official play-off brackets for 5A-6A on Thursday, February 8, 2018.
7. On Monday, February 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. regional meetings will be held at the regional sites or a telephone conference held for the purpose of making recommendations for game officials. The regional tournament manager shall submit the list of recommended officials to the OSSAA office immediately following the meeting.
8. The OSSAA Board of Directors reserves the right to make bracket adjustments for the regional tournament.
9. During the regional, area, and state tournament, teams listed on the top lines of the brackets shall wear light colored uniforms.
10. Teams shall furnish their own basketballs throughout the championship series tournament.

B. Regional Format

1. Girls and boys teams' pairings will be determined independently of each other.
2. Girls games played Thursday night and Saturday afternoon.
3. Boys games played Friday night and Saturday night.
4. Two girls teams and two boys teams qualify from each regional.
5. All regional tournament games, girls and boys, shall be held on the home court of the four highest seeded teams in the area. The site must meet the standards set by the Board of Directors for the play-off series. The criteria includes: size, condition, dressing rooms, lobby, parking, good standing concerning sportsmanship, availability and geography. If the site does not meet the required standards a site will be determined by the OSSAA.

C. Area Format

1. Regional runners-up shall be cross-bracketed within the area to prevent teams from meeting for the second time in the play-off series.
2. Girls games played Thursday night and Saturday afternoon.
3. Boys games played Friday night and Saturday night.
4. Four girls teams and four boys teams qualify from each area.
5. All area tournament games shall be played on a neutral site if feasible.
6. Area sites will be announced after all teams have qualified for the area tournament (two sites first round and one site the second round).

D. State Format - Criteria for Determining State Tournament Pairings for Classes 5A-6A

1. The highest seeded winners bracket teams shall be cross bracketed with the lowest seeded losers bracket teams.
2. The second highest seeded winners bracket teams will be cross bracketed with the second lowest seeded losers bracket teams.

XI. CLASSES 4A, 3A, 2A, A, AND B

A. Championship Series Assignments -- Procedure for Pairings

1. On Wednesday, January 17, 2018, the Board of Directors basketball play-off committee will meet in the OSSAA office for the purpose of making A-B play-off assignments. There will be four areas in each classification. The teams that make up an area will compete against each other for the district, regional and area championships. The play-off assignments for A-B will be released on Thursday, January 18, 2018 and on the OSSAA web site by 4:00 p.m.
2. On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, the Board of Directors basketball play-off committee will meet in the OSSAA office for the purpose of making 2A-3A-4A play-off assignments. There will be four areas in each classification. The teams that make up an area will compete against each other for the district, regional, and area championship. The play-off assignments for 2A, 3A, 4A will be released on Thursday, February 1, 2018 and on the OSSAA web site by 4:00 p.m.
3. On Monday, January 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. district meetings for classes A-B shall be held at the tournament sites. Pairings will be determined on games played through Saturday, January 20, 2018. On Monday, February 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. district meetings for classes 2A-3A-4A shall be held at the tournament sites or by telephone conference. The purpose of the meetings will be to draw brackets and make officials recommendations for class B-A-2A-3A-4A.
4. The list of fifteen game officials must be submitted electronically on the OSSAA website.
5. Each coach shall present to the chairman a compiled itemized list of wins and losses.
6. The following criteria will be used in all athletic contests that are OSSAA play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn on the local level.
 - a) Three Teams - Rate and seed two teams on a percentage record of games won and lost which are to be placed on the top and bottom of the bracket, respectfully, by record. The worst record shall choose either seeded team, automatically placing the bye.
 - b) Four Teams - Rate and seed two teams on a percentage record of games won and lost which are to be placed on the top and bottom of the bracket, respectively, by record. The third best record shall choose either line #2 or line #3 of the bracket, which automatically places the fourth team by record on the opposite line.
 - c) Tournament managers must fax two copies of the tournament bracket to the OSSAA office immediately following the district or regional meeting. The official tournament bracket for classes A-B will be released Monday, January 31, 2018. The official bracket for class 2A-3A-4A will be released Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

B. Factors Used for Pairings and Site Selections

1. Due to the variables in each tournament, the order in which they are listed has no preference.
 - a) Geographics
 - b) Gymnasiums available
 - c) Gymnasium size
 - d) Gymnasium condition including dressing rooms, lobby areas, etc.
 - e) Parking facilities
 - f) Eating establishments
 - g) Rotation of sites from year to year and from week to week when feasible
 - h) Giving outstanding teams home floor advantage when feasible
 - i) Placing good teams on a weaker team's home floor (neutral floor for better teams)
 - j) Neutral sites when feasible
 - k) Separating teams who have had problems with sportsmanship
 - l) Consider the strength of both boys and girls teams based on records, ratings, etc. (Separate strongest teams if it doesn't constitute weaker teams traveling several miles more than they normally would have)
 - m) Preventing teams from meeting the second time in play-offs when feasible
 - n) Keeping both boys and girls playing at the same site

- o) Assigning communities a site who have a new gymnasium
 - p) Separating teams in play-offs who have played each other several times during regular season when feasible if the OSSAA has the information
 - q) Ability of tournament chairman to provide protection and safety for players and fans
 - r) Provide suitable facilities and safety for game officials
 - s) Consider sportsmanship that occurred during regular season when selecting sites
 - t) Tournament chairman following regulations, such as tearing tickets in half, giving such half to purchaser; filing financial report promptly.
- C. District Format
All classes 4A, 3A, 2A, A, and B schools which enter the championship tournament series will be assigned by classes to 32 district tournaments. In classes 4A & 3A district numbers 1, 2, 5, & 6 will play on Saturday night. District numbers 3, 4, 7, & 8 will play on Friday night of the district tournament week.
- D. Regional Format
1. The 32 classes 4A, 3A, 2A, A and B schools winning district tournaments will be assigned by classes to eight regional tournaments, and all classes 4A, 3A, 2A, A and B schools defeated in the finals of the district tournament will be assigned by classes to eight runner-up regional tournaments.
 2. District champions that lose Thursday's 1st round regional tournament games will be cross-bracketed with district runner-ups that win Thursday's 1st round regional games during the 2nd round (Friday) of regional tournament play.
- E. Area Format
Runner-up of winner's bracket game will play winner of the consolation bracket game on Thursday after cross-bracketing of schools involved.
- F. Regional and Area Brackets
By board policy the class 4A, 3A, 2A, A, and B championship series shall be bracketed as follows:
The number of the district tournament in which a school played will determine the regional tournament to which it will be assigned. Example: Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 make up Region 1; Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 makeup Region 2. District - 1 plays 4; 2 plays 3; 5 plays 8 and 6 plays 7.
- G. State Format - Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, A, and B
1. Since it will be impossible to use all guidelines at times, the order in which they are listed will take preference. Example: (a) takes preference over (b), (b) will have preference over (c), etc.
 - a) The four schools undefeated in district, regional, and area tournaments will be placed on lines 1-4-5-8 on the state championship bracket. The highest rated team shall be placed on line 1, the fourth highest rated team on line 4 and the third highest rated team on line 5, and the second highest rated team on line 8. Ratings will be secured from OSSAA rankings programings.com. In case of a tie, the following criteria will be used to determine the higher seed: (1) head-to-head competition and (2) win-loss record. If rank and records are the same, the teams (in question) will be seeded by lot.
 - b) Teams will be cross-bracketed if they met during the play-offs. The number 1 and the number 2 seeds will be placed against the lowest rated runner-up teams.
 - c) When feasible, teams will be paired from different geographical locations in the first round.

XII. COACHES CONDUCT

- A. A certified faculty member designated as sponsor or coach shall be in charge of contestants. Any assistance rendered by parties other than a designated sponsor or coach must be with the approval of the administration and will not relieve the designated sponsor or coach of his/her responsibility.
- B. When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the game or contest and there is no other designated assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation of this section of the rules shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school and the school in violation shall be placed on warning.
- C. Any time a coach is ejected from a game, meet, or contest, the Board of Directors, through the Executive Director, will require that the coach not be allowed to occupy his/her normal coaching position during the next game, meet, or contest in which that team participates.
NOTE: This includes being in the press box during the game, dressing room after the game begins, and court before and during the game. The coach is to send no instructions to his/her team once the game begins. Any time a coach is ejected from a game, meet or contest for a second time during the same season, the coach will be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- D. Before any ejected coach will be reinstated, they must complete and pass the National Federation Teaching and Modeling Behavior course within seven days.
- E. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game or contest shall be forfeited and the school or team automatically placed on probation.

XIII. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest meet or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but is not limited to comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

XIV. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR REGULAR SEASON AND PLAY-OFF GAMES**A. Bench and Basket Assignments****1. Regular season match games.**

The home team shall designate the bench to be occupied by the visiting team prior to the visiting team leaving the dressing room. Teams shall warm-up for the first half on the opposite end from their bench.

2. Tournament games, including play-offs.

Teams on top line of the brackets shall sit to the left of the official scorer and shall warm up the first half on the opposite end from their bench. That basket shall be their basket for the first half.

Exceptions: When the host school has a team participating, the tournament manager may alter the benches occupied due to tradition. The color of uniforms to be worn should not be altered unless mutual agreement persists. The participating host school shall always be the home team on the clock, regardless of the uniform color.

B. Warm-ups

Teams are not to circle the floor during warm-ups with the intent to taunt or intimidate.

C. Scorebooks

Scorebooks will be furnished by the Association to non-high school sites ONLY, and will be mailed in the same package as the tickets.

D. Balls

1. The chairman of each tournament shall furnish a number one grade basketball for boys and the small ball for the girls. The Association will not send balls to the district or regional tournament site. Basketballs will be sent to all area and state tournament sites.

2. Teams shall furnish their own practice balls at all play-off games.

E. Officials**Game officials**

1. Officials for the tournaments will be selected and paid by the OSSAA. They will have complete charge of all games, and their decisions will be final. One of the calculated risks that a coach must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game.

F. Radio Broadcasts

1. The OSSAA Board of Directors has deleted the broadcast fees for OSSAA sponsored events during the 2016-17 school year. The policy will be reviewed after this time.

2. There will be no additional time-outs allowed for radio broadcasts or delayed telecast.

G. Aids and Hepatitis B

Please see athletic director or principal for pre-cautionary recommendations concerning AIDS and Hepatitis B.

H. Confetti

Confetti will not be allowed at any regular season or play-off basketball game.

I. Music/Sound Effects/Artificial Noisemakers

1. The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during pregame, time-outs, intermission and post-game. The use of artificial noisemakers shall be prohibited.

J. Media

1. Any one hosting an OSSAA sponsored basketball play-off tournament is asked to phone in the results of the tournament games after the completion of each session to the major newspapers and to any local media outlet to help increase coverage of Oklahoma High School Basketball.

2. The OSSAA requests the tournament management to designate areas for the media (including photographers) and to place the media in areas that afford good coverage without interrupting the game.

XV. DISTRICT, REGIONAL, AREA, AND STATE**A. General Policies**

1. The Activities Association does not select an all-tournament, or an all-star team and members of the tournament committees and game officials, scorers, and timers are not to participate in any selection.

2. Regional and area tournament sites for all classes will be selected by the OSSAA staff.

3. The basketball season closes for schools in classes A, B March 3, 2018 and schools in classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, and 2A on March 10, 2018.

4. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contests.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related

activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

5. The limit on the number of cheerleaders and/or pompon students is sixteen (twenty for class 6A) in uniform who are admitted without charge. Only those sixteen in uniform will be permitted in or on the floor area.
6. Player passes must have the name and school in ink and drivers license visible, or other identification, to be admitted without charge unless accompanied by the coach in the play-off series. If passes are not given the players must enter with the coaches. Bus drivers, book keepers, etc. must enter with the team.
7. There must be a minimum of 15 minutes warm-up time between all play-off games
8. Allow no more than one television time out per period. There will be no additional time outs for delayed telecasts.
9. At any tournaments, the teams must stay on the floor for the completion of the awards ceremony or the school could be subject to penalty.
10. Schools are required to provide an adequate number of school administrators to ensure the school's student body is properly supervised.
11. Schools are required to have a minimum of two school officials seated with or near the student body at all regular season and play-off games. The administrators shall check in with the tournament manager or at the scorer's table 15 minutes prior to game time.
12. Coaches are not to grant interviews with the press until the trophy presentation has taken place at the state championship game.

B. Participation

A student in uniform with his team shall be considered as having participated.

C. Eligibility

1. Coaches are urged to read and study the contents of the OSSAA yearbook concerning eligibility of the student athlete. Two copies of the yearbook have been sent to each member school. Additional copies may be purchased from the OSSAA office.
2. There are twenty three rules governing interscholastic athletics in senior high schools. The standards of eligibility adopted by the member schools is for the purpose of serving the total activities program of each school. As a coach, you are responsible to the student, school and Association to uphold these rules and regulations.
3. Do not allow any new student in your district to participate before completing the eligibility record form and being certified as eligible by the principal.
4. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.

D. Entry Requirements

Schools which are members in good standing are eligible to enter teams in the championship series.

E. Player Limitations

No more than fifteen boys or girls in all classes will be permitted to participate on a team during a tournament being dressed in uniform constitutes participation. The team will not be required to use the same players in later tournaments. A player may be replaced during any tournament.

F. Player Representation

A student may not represent two schools during the tournament series.

G. Player Ejection

A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal. A disqualified student shall remain ineligible for at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting (striking another contestant with a fist or other object) or cursing a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in the next two games or contests (regular scheduled) that his/her team plays. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games and to teams on the same level of competition.

H. Fighting Rule

1. Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities.
2. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanship act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.
3. The OSSAA Board of Directors at their April 19, 1995, meeting adopted the following definition of fighting for all OSSAA sponsored activities:
Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(foot), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(foot), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities.
4. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post-game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

I. Practice

Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for the regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site. Players, except the participants of the game, shall not be permitted to warm up at half time in regular season as well as play-offs. Teams are to go directly to their end of the floor upon entering the playing area. Teams are not to circle the floor where opponents will be warming up for the purpose of taunting or intimidating.

J. Inclement Weather

In case of anticipated unfavorable weather conditions, please contact the tournament chairman before you leave for the site.

K. Trophies and Medals

1. A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the district. The champion of the Winners and Consolation brackets will receive a trophy in regional and area tournaments. Runner-up trophies will not be awarded in district, regional, and area tournaments.

2. In the state championship tournament, trophies will be awarded to the winning and runner-up teams. Individual medals will be awarded to fifteen girls and fifteen boys in all classes who participate in the championship game.

XVI. OTHER BASKETBALL POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Rescheduling of Games
Be it resolved that it shall be the policy of the Association in matched games between member schools, in meets and tournaments, and in Association sponsored events, should a team be prevented from reaching the site of the contest on schedule due to road conditions or unavoidable events, every reasonable effort shall be made to reschedule the contest to accommodate such a team.
- B. College Try-Outs and Visitations
Be it resolved that the representative of the member schools of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association request all colleges and universities to discontinue the practice of extending invitations to students of Oklahoma high schools to participate in try-outs before they have finished high school, and limit invitations for visits to campuses to times when it would not interfere with student's high school classes or activities.
- C. All-Star Contests - Rule 19
The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association shall have jurisdiction in sanctioning any all-star games held in the State of Oklahoma. Before the season closes: Area or conference all-star contests will be approved upon application to the Association office. (All senior high students eligible.) After the season closes: No all-star contest will be approved until after all state-sponsored activities are completed. (Any all-star contest approved after the season closes shall be restricted to graduating seniors only).
- D. Coaches' Ethics and Professional Standards
 1. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
 2. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
 3. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
 4. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
 5. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
 6. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
 7. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
 8. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
 9. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
 10. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
 11. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
 12. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
 13. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- E. Coaches Education Program
 1. The OSSAA Board of Directors authorized the implementation of a Coaches Education Program. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course prior to their participation as a coach in any OSSAA regular season contest. The course is available online at www.nfhslearn.com.
- F. Attention Principals and Coaches
It is the responsibility of the principal and coach from each school to appraise all student athletes of eligibility regulations concerning end of season rules. (All-star games, AAU games, etc.) Please refer to Rule 16 section 2 in the OSSAA handbook for basketball regulations concerning the end of season rule.
- G. Academic Achievement Awards
 1. 15 players (include all players suiting up the first round of play-offs if number is less than 15). The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half). Classes A-B entries must be postmarked no later than February 14 or February 15 if faxed. Classes 2A-3A-4A entries must be postmarked no later than February 21 or February 22 if faxed. Classes 5A-6A entries must be postmarked no later than February 28 or March 1 if faxed. There will be three levels of awards for academic achievement.
 - a. Academic Achievement Certificate - Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - b. Distinguished Academic Plaque - Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - c. State Academic Champion - The team with the highest GPA will be declared the State Academic Champion.
 2. A team's won-loss record is not considered in determining the academic championship.
 3. The application for Academic Achievement Award can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).

XVII. GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR SUPERVISION OF BASKETBALL GAMES

- A. Common Courtesies of Host and Visiting Schools
 1. The administrators of both schools are responsible for the general organization, management, and supervision of student bodies and crowds before, during and following each event, with the home school assuming the major role.
 2. Communicate prior to date of contest concerning visitors' parking area entrance and exit locations for fans, seating sections, etc.
 3. Provide adequate supervision prior to and during each contest, to continue until at least one-half hour after the game or until all groups have dispersed.

4. It is recommended the people representing the participating schools for the purpose of game administration and/or supervision (principals, superintendents, etc.) meet prior to the contest. They should introduce themselves to the officials and the tournament manager prior to the contest and let them know where they will be located during the game. The manager and officials should know whom to contact, should a problem arise.
 5. The conduct of coaches is the single most important factor in crowd control. They are professional educators and must control themselves under stress in order to set the proper example for the immature students on their teams, student body and the heterogeneous combination of spectators in the stands. It is not enough to be professional only when there is no pressure. Coaches are usually the stabilizing influence in an emotionally-charged situation, and they must assume this important responsibility. Also they must recognize that the future of high school athletics is more important than winning or losing the game.
 6. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and smokeless tobacco are prohibited.
 7. Both schools must approve the officials for each regular-season contest prior to the completion of the officials' contracts.
 8. Any person, school-connected or otherwise, who commits assault and/or battery against students, school employees, or game officials, shall make amends to the offended person or persons, and the Executive Board of the OSSAA shall be satisfied that the public interest does not require prosecution or further disciplinary action. Unless the person or group has made amends to the offended person or persons, then charges should be filed. It is the host school's responsibility to file such charges. Ordinary order and discipline at interscholastic events should be enforced by prosecution and action in the courts.
 9. The host and visiting school administration and adult supervisors shall make every effort to keep the court clear of spectators prior to and at the conclusion of each game. It is their responsibility to prevent the players or fans from cutting down the nets after any contest.
- B. Recommendations for Crowd Accommodation and Maintaining Good Sportsmanship
- Policy Statement: Any high school having an interscholastic athletic program should establish a well-planned crowd control program before the start of the school year. Personnel who should be included in developing the plan are: administrators, athletic director, coaches, supervisor of cheerleaders, band director, security personnel and the game announcer. Printed copies of the final statement of the crowd control procedures should be distributed to all personnel involved in any way with the conduct of the game. The program should be developed to regulate three stages: 1)before the contest, 2)during the contest, and 3)after the contest. Specific responsibilities should be outlined for all involved.
1. BEFORE THE CONTEST

If the athletic program is to be successfully administered, the athletic director must be concerned with the welfare of the fans and the student body. Since most high schools are in need of the additional revenue from gate receipts for financing the athletic program, all efforts must be put forth to make attendance an enjoyable experience, thus ensuring a return to other contests. Important pre-planning steps are:

 - a) Make sure that all facilities are clean and comfortable.
 - b) Staff adequate concession stands; if necessary, provide one for home and one for visitors.
 - c) Provide ticket booths with admission prices plainly posted.
 - d) Make available to visiting schools necessary game information: include directions for game parking, location of ticket booths, seating arrangement chart, ticket prices, game time, directions for reaching the site.
 - e) Provide supervised parking, when feasible.
 - f) Designate specific seating areas for students, bands, adults and visitors. If possible, opposing student bodies should be separated. If a reserved seating section is used, make sure that seats are clearly designated and that an usher is present.
 - g) Discuss with the student body the need for showing good sportsmanship to visitors. An informative presentation of game rules and their interpretations might be helpful.
 - h) Inform cheerleaders of the importance of proper timing of yells, display of good sportsmanship to visitors and cooperation with team, band and other activities.
 - i) Arrange for adequate police supervision.
 - j) Post in plain sight at the entrance to the stadium or gym a copy of the reasons for expulsion from the contest, e.g., use of alcohol, drugs, throwing objects, unruly behavior.
 - k) Assign officials to dressing facilities separated from both teams. Provide escorts for the officials when it appears that disturbances may develop.
 - l) In extreme circumstances metal detectors may be advisable.
 2. DURING THE CONTEST
 - a) Provide for adequate supervision of students and facilities by the home school.
 - b) Be sure that visiting schools assume responsibility for supervising their students.
 - c) Plan an interesting half-time program.
 - d) To prevent long lines, assure extra help at concession stands during half-time and at breaks.
 - e) Arrange for security facilities to prevent fans from getting on the field, around the players' bench area or directly into areas of competition.
 - f) Have P.A. announcer give the location of rest rooms, concession stands and lost and found station.
 - g) Provide a first-aid room for emergencies. Have an ambulance and doctor in attendance at home football games, if possible.
 3. AFTER THE CONTEST

Planning for after the contest is probably the most important of the three stages in crowd control. Most incidents and encounters occur after the game when the fans are on their way home. Some of the most important considerations are:

 - a) Develop a procedural plan for the exit of teams, officials and spectators.
 - b) Direct the route for movement of all visiting school buses and all home team buses. (Include band, pep club buses, etc.)

- c) Use the P.A. system to: 1) caution spectators about not walking on the floor or field, 2) give directions for leaving the area, 3) drive safely.
 - d) To facilitate orderly movement of traffic lines, provide directive (local police may help) supervision for cars leaving the parking area.
- C. RESPONSIBILITIES – ADMINISTRATORS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
1. Assign and delegate to the proper school official the authority for crowd control responsibility.
 2. Convey to the delegated authority the seriousness of crowd control.
 3. Review with the athletic director the responsibilities of the police before, during and after the contest.
 4. Stress good sportsmanship. Work with the student body to better their attitude through assemblies and the school public address system.
 5. Insist that the coaches conduct themselves in a manner conducive to good sportsmanship and clean athletics.
 6. Inform visiting school as to where you want them to park their buses and see that the guests are greeted and escorted to the game site. Inform the guest cheerleaders and reserve athletes to stay at the game site (with security) until the varsity athletes are ready to leave. Escort cheerleaders, athletes and coaches to their bus. As the fans leave the game site after the contest, have security move with the flow. After the fans are to their automobiles, see that traffic flow is organized and moving quickly.
 7. Provide separate, clearly marked seating areas for the adults, students and visiting bands. It is strongly recommended that the fans from the two schools remain in the area designated as “their” stands. Problems occur whenever there is a crossover of fans and dialogue takes place, e.g., taunting, name-calling, teasing, and derogatory cheering. On a positive note, a student cheering section can add a new dimension to your school spirit.
 8. Provide for parking and have a host (manager or athletic director) greet the officials and escort them to their dressing facilities. These facilities should be private and include a shower. The officials’ dressing room is off limits to all players, coaches, fans and news media personnel.
 9. Acknowledge payment of officials prior to the game. As a courtesy to the official, provide soap, towel and refreshment.
 10. After the game is over, see that security personnel go on to the playing area and escort the officials directly to their dressing room.
 11. Remember, it takes very little to incite an already “up tight” crowd.
 12. Provide visible police protection. This security force should have radio equipment which permits communications at all times. Security personnel need to know what you expect of them before, during and after the contest. They should have the philosophy of being there to provide a service – not just to look for a problem. A gentle but firm attitude is very helpful.
 13. Encourage as many faculty members as possible to attend the athletic contests.
 14. Insist that unruly spectators be removed from the premises. Take legal action against those who are guilty of assault or of disturbing the peace.
 15. Outline to the students what is acceptable behavior at athletic events. Outline what will happen in cases of misconduct.
- D. Hints for Public Address Announcer
1. The announcer is a key figure and carries a great responsibility. What he or she says and the way it is said will influence the crowd. He/she may find it necessary to make special announcements in case of emergencies. The following items may assist announcers in doing their job with excellence:
 - a) Be impartial. Announce the game with no show of favoritism.
 - b) Use proper language at all times.
 - c) Be enthusiastic but calm.
 - d) Don't anticipate or second guess calls by the officials.
 - e) Be aware of the entire gymnasium area so that calm directions can be given in an emergency. Serious situations can often be avoided if the announcer will caution the crowd against coming onto the court, throwing things, cutting down nets, etc.
 - f) Let no one, except those in charge of the event, use the microphone. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the P.A.
 - g) Do not criticize officials' decisions, directly or indirectly.
 - h) Announce convenient routes for leaving the gymnasium and caution the crowd to drive carefully.
 - i) Advise the crowd to stand for the alma maters as this is a part of the program.
 2. Pre-contest announcement.
 The public address announcer should be aware that good sportsmanship is a very important part of interscholastic activities and he/she can play an important role in its encouragement. The following is presented as a possible pre-game announcement for any interscholastic contest:
 "Activity programs at (name) High School are primarily for the student participants. The purpose of this activity is to provide positive learning experiences and opportunities for personal growth of the participants. We are pleased to host our guests from (name) High School. This competition is being conducted according to the rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Cheerleaders, officials and spectators can and are expected to assist in the promotion and achievement of good sportsmanship ideals by taking personal responsibility for keeping this contest at a high level of fair, clean, wholesome competition. Good luck to both teams."
- E. Safety Rules for Basketball Games
- Fire Safety Rule.
- a) At no time should the people admitted exceed the building capacity.
 - b) Aisles should not be blocked by seats, chairs, or spectators.
 - c) Proper fire regulations and crowd control should be maintained.
 - d) Emergency exits should be kept clear, properly lighted, properly marked or designated and in good working order.

- e) All emergency exit doors should be equipped with panic hardware. No other type of lock or bolt should be used on emergency doors at any time and a sufficient number of emergency exits should be provided.
 - f) Smoking should be prohibited.
 - g) All first aid equipment such as fire extinguishers, standpipes, and hose should be checked before each game by a responsible authority.
 - h) Parking of vehicles at emergency exits should be prohibited.
 - i) Waste containers of metal should be provided and placed where they will not interfere with people leaving the building in case of an emergency.
 - j) No flammable liquids or waxes should be used on basketball courts. This is particularly important in the application of floor finishes.
- F. Recommended Basketball Quarter Time Limits
- 1. Boys and Girls
 - a) High School Varsity - 8 minutes - 4 minute overtime
 - b) Junior Varsity - 6 minutes - 2 minute overtime
 - c) Junior High - 6 minutes - 2 minute overtime
 - d) 7th and 8th grades - 6 minutes - 2 minute overtime
 - 2. By conference vote or by mutual agreement, junior varsity boys and girls and junior high boys and girls may play 7 minutes with 2 minute overtimes. By National Federation rules, periods may be less than 6 minutes in order that tournament schedules and any other situations stay on schedule. The tournament director or mutual agreement should dictate these problems.

XVIII. STATE RULES MEETING

- A. State Rules Meeting Requirements for Coaches
- Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1, **all head coaches of winter activities must complete their state rules meeting by December 1st** and all head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
- B. Basketball Rules Meeting, 2017-18
- 1. October 9 – Edmond Santa Fe High School
 - 2. October 10 - Tulsa Union UMAC
 - 3. October 11 - Durant High School
 - 4. October 16 - Eisenhower High School
 - 5. October 18 - Woodward High School

XIX. A SPECIAL MESSAGE

- A. To coaches, officials, and administrators.
- The OSSAA Board of Directors, OSSAA staff, and the basketball coaches advisory committee would like to go on record as supporting any effort to keep our sport in proper perspective as an integral part of the education process. For this to be accomplished everyone associated with the game must contribute. Coaches must lead by limiting their sideline activity to instruction of players from the coaching box. In cases where coaches abuse the coaching box rules game officials must willingly administer the appropriate penalties. Game administrators (Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors) must identify and eliminate unacceptable fan and student behavior.
- B. Recruiting
- 1. Recruiting student athletes is a violation of the OSSAA constitution and subject to severe penalty if condoned or engaged in by a member school.
 - a) **RULE 9.** There shall be no recruiting of athletes. Recruiting shall include influencing a pupil or his/her parents or guardian to move from one school to another in order that the pupil may engage in athletics. If this rule is violated, the pupil will not be eligible at a member school until reinstated by the Board of Directors. If school personnel condone or actively engage in recruiting, or a school uses a recruited pupil, the school shall be placed on probation or suspended. There shall be no recruiting of students by offering financial inducements or tuition waivers in order that the student may engage in activities sanctioned by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.
 - 2. If a coach is contacted by a student, his/her parents, or anyone else regarding student athletes transferring to your district, refer them to a school administrator in your district immediately. The coach shall not discuss or even listen to matters concerning the issue. School coaches working or coaching in outside school leagues and camps should be warned that a potential problem exists if a student later enrolls at the school where the coach is employed. The school administrator, after being notified by the coach that a prospective student athlete has approached the coach about possibly playing for his/her school team, should contact the OSSAA office immediately. A coach should refrain from making any comments that could be misinterpreted concerning a student athlete transferring to your district and participating in athletics. Seriously or jokingly telling a student that you would like for that athlete to play for you or your team shall be considered recruiting. Your own student athletes should be cautioned that their school could be penalized if proven they contacted or persuaded a student to transfer to their school in order to engage in athletics. Rules regarding individuals who engage in recruiting shall not be restricted specifically to school personnel.

3. Any violations of Rule 9 should be documented and reported to the OSSAA office.

XX. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. A Goal for Everyone.
 1. The Player
 - a) Treats opponents with respect.
 - b) Plays hard, but plays within the rules.
 - c) Exercises self-control at all times, setting the example for others to follow.
 - d) Respects officials and accepts their decisions without gesture or argument.
 - e) Wins without boasting, loses without excuses, and never quits.
 - f) Always remembers that it is a privilege to represent the school and community.
 2. The Coach
 - a) Treats own players and opponents with respect.
 - b) Inspires in the athletes a love for the game and the desire to compete fairly.
 - c) Is the type of person he/she wants the athletes to be.
 - d) Disciplines those on the team who display unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - e) Respects the judgment and interpretation of the rules by the officials.
 - f) Knows he/she is a teacher and understands the athletic arena is a classroom.
 3. The Official
 - a) Knows the rules and their interpretations.
 - b) Places welfare of the participants above all other considerations.
 - c) Treats players and coaches courteously and demands the same from them.
 - d) Works cooperatively with fellow officials, timers and/or scorers for an efficient contest.
 - e) Is fair and firm in all decisions, never compensating for a previous mistake.
 - c) Maintains confidence, poise and self-control from start to finish.
 4. The Spectator
 - a) Attempts to understand and be informed of the playing rules.
 - b) Appreciates a good play no matter who makes it.
 - c) Cooperates with and responds enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
 - d) Shows compassion for an injured player; applauds positive performances, does not heckle, jeer or distract players, and avoids use of profane and obnoxious language and behavior.
 - e) Respects the judgment and strategy of the coach and does not criticize players or coaches for loss of a game.
 - f) Respects property of others and authority of those who administer the competition.
 - g) Censures those whose behavior is unbecoming.

XXI. HISTORY OF CHAMPIONS IN BOYS BASKETBALL

1918		Central (OKC)	1952	A	Enid	1968	AAA	Northwest
1919		Anadarko		B	Mangum		AA	Guthrie
1920		Central (Tulsa)		C	Meadowbrook		A	Byng
1921		El Reno	1953	AA	El Reno		B	New Lima
1922		Central (OKC)		A	Chickasha	1969	AAA	Central (T)
1923		Stillwater		B	Oaks		AA	Guthrie
1924		El Reno		C	Rosston		A	Checotah
1925		Fairfax	1954	AA	Capitol Hill		B	Mt. View
1926		El Reno		A	Guthrie	1970	4A	Norman
1927		Durant		B	Byng		3A	Okmulgee
1928		Central (Tulsa)		C	Friend		2A	Pawhuska
1929		Classen (OKC)	1955	AA	Norman		A	Boley
1930		Central (Tulsa)		A	Chickasha		B	Deer Creek (E)
1931		Central (Tulsa)		B	Stonewall	1971	4A	Central (T)
1932		El Reno		C	Rosston		3A	Okmulgee
1933		El Reno	1956	AA	Will Rogers		2A	Pawhuska
1934		Classen (OKC)		A	Guthrie		A	Wakita
1935	A	Capitol Hill		B	Calera		B	Goodwell
	B	Union Valley		C	Washington (Stil)	1972	4A	Putnam City
1936	A	Central (Tulsa)	1957	AA	Enid		3A	Miami
	B	Burlington		A	Guymon		2A	Chandler
1937	A	Classen (OKC)		B	Purcell		A	Ft. Towson
	B	Hollis		C	Arnett (Hollis)		B	Sasakwa
	C	New Liberty	1958	AA	Will Rogers	1973	4A	Capitol Hill
1938	A	Central (Tulsa)		A	Bristow		3A	Washington (T)
	B	Cyril		B	Byng		2A	Pawhuska
	C	Victory		C	Arcadia		A	Waurika
1939	A	Central (Tulsa)	1959	AA	Norman		B	Sasakwa
	B	Hollis		A	Stillwater	1974	4A	Memorial (T)
	C	Nuyaka		B	Waynoka		3A	Yukon
1940	A	Ada		C	Woodland		2A	Purcell
	B	Burbank	1960	AA	Enid		A	Boley
	C	Nuyaka		A	Stillwater		B	Deer Creek (E)
1941	A	Will Rogers (T)		B	Madill	1975	4A	Muskogee
	B	Pawnee		C	Moton		3A	Classen
	C	Arnett (Hollis)	1961	AA	Norman		2A	Anadarko
1942	A	Holdenville		A	Pawhuska		A	Depew
	B	Friendship		B	Purcell		B	Boley
	C	Norfolk		C	Moton	1976	4A	Star Spencer
1943	A	Enid	1962	AA	Lawton		3A	Southeast
	B	Bray		A	Ada		2A	Millwood
1944	A	Capitol Hill		B	Stroud		A	Boley
	B	Maud		C	Moton		B	Hardesty
1945	A	Norman	1963	AA	Norman	1977	4A	Star Spencer
	B	Hominy		A	Chickasha		3A	Washington
1946	A	El Reno		B	Chouteau		2A	Beggs
	B	Harrah		C	Rocky		A	Depew
	C	Blair	1964	AA	Northwest (OKC)		B	New Lima
1947	A	Muskogee		A	Clinton	1978	4A	John Marshall
	B	Byng		B	Muldrow		3A	Star Spencer
	C	Burbank		C	Arcadia		2A	Millwood
1948	A	Classen (OKC)	1965	AA	Northwest (OKC)		A	Fairfax
	B	Cordell		A	Clinton		B	New Lima
	C	Tushka		B	Oologah	1979	4A	Yukon
1949	A	El Reno		C	Arcadia		3A	Star Spencer
	B	Achille	1966	AA	Daniel Webster		2A	Millwood
	C	Onapa		A	Northeast		A	Okarche
1950	A	Classen (OKC)		B	Wagoner		B	Coyle
	B	Purcell		C	Arcadia	1980	5A	Del City
	C	Addington	1967	AAA	College		4A	Classen
1951	A	Shawnee		AA	Northeast		3A	Millwood
	B	Valliant		A	Elk City		2A	Konawa
	C	Meadowbrook		B	New Lima		A	Buffalo
							B	Boynton

History of Champions for Boys (Continued)

1981	5A	Washington	1992	5A	Bartlesville	2002	6A	Putnam City
	4A	Southeast		4A	T. Central		5A	B.T. Washington
	3A	Millwood		3A	Byng		4A	Northeast
	2A	Colbert		2A	Carnegie		3A	Stroud
	A	Snyder		A	Okla. Christian		2A	Okla. Christian Sch.
	B	Asher		B	Hammon		A	Ripley
1982	5A	Northwest	1993	5A	Edmond		B	Indianoma
	4A	Southeast		4A	Ardmore	2003	6A	Memorial
	3A	Ada		3A	Beggs		5A	John Marshall
	2A	Hominy		2A	Watonga		4A	Anadarko
	A	Moton		A	Okla. Christian		3A	Sequoyah-Tahlequah
	B	Preston		B	Earlsboro		2A	Tonkawa
1983	5A	John Marshall	1994	5A	Memorial		A	Coyle
	4A	Star Spencer		4A	Ardmore		B	Calumet
	3A	Cushing		3A	Purcell	2004	6A	Union
	2A	Allen		2A	Beggs		5A	Southeast
	A	Cement		A	Coyle		4A	Northeast
	B	Stringtown		B	Texhoma		3A	Okla. Christian
1984	5A	Washington	1995	5A	B.T. Washington		2A	Depew
	4A	Douglass		4A	Bishop Kelley		A	Frontier
	3A	Wewoka		3A	Hugo		B	Calumet
	2A	Velma-Alma		2A	Wewoka	2005	6A	Edmond Santa Fe
	A	Medford		A	Ketchum		5A	Southeast
	B	Stringtown		B	Boynton-Moton		4A	Idabel
1985	5A	Washington	1996	6A	B.T. Washington		3A	Okla. Christian
	4A	Northwest Classen		5A	John Marshall		2A	Pawnee
	3A	Millwood		4A	Star Spencer		A	Frontier
	2A	Mounds		3A	Wewoka		B	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton
	A	Smithville		2A	Carnegie	2006	6A	Putnam City
	B	Hammon		A	Frontier		5A	Central (Tulsa)
1986	5A	Washington		B	Boynton-Moton		4A	Bishop McGuinness
	4A	Douglass	1997	6A	Broken Arrow		3A	Millwood
	3A	Byng		5A	B.T. Washington		2A	Oklahoma Christian
	2A	Minco		4A	Seminole		A	Frontier
	A	Preston		3A	Chandler		B	Glencoe
	B	Hammon		2A	Laverne	2007	6A	Midwest City
1987	5A	Washington		A	Frontier		5A	Carl Albert
	4A	Okmulgee		B	Boynton-Moton		4A	Bishop McGuinness
	3A	Millwood	1998	6A	Midwest City		3A	Millwood
	2A	Elmore City		5A	Central (Tulsa)		2A	Oklahoma Christian
	A	Cement		4A	Bishop McGuinness		A	Okeene
	B	Grant		3A	Inola		B	Stringtown
1988	5A	Will Rogers		2A	Hollis	2008	6A	Memorial
	4A	Star Spencer		A	Vanoss		5A	Guthrie
	3A	Millwood		B	Taloga		4A	Bishop McGuinness
	2A	Carnegie	1999	6A	Norman		3A	Verdigris
	A	Fletcher		5A	B.T. Washington		2A	Pawnee
	B	Boynton		4A	Bishop McGuinness		A	Agra
1989	5A	Bartlesville		3A	Millwood		B	Stringtown
	4A	Douglass		2A	Yale	2009	6A	Putnam City
	3A	Bishop McGuinness		A	Calumet		5A	Guthrie
	2A	Weleetka		B	Frontier		4A	Star Spencer
	A	Preston	2000	6A	Midwest City		3A	Cascia Hall
	B	Boynton		5A	John Marshall		2A	Pawnee
1990	5A	Norman		4A	Bishop McGuinness		A	Preston
	4A	McLain		3A	Victory Christian		B	Red Oak
	3A	Millwood		2A	Yale	2010	6A	Putnam City
	2A	Beggs		A	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton		5A	B.T. Washington
	A	Strother		B	Boynton-Moton		4A	Douglass
	B	Hammon	2001	6A	Midwest City		3A	Millwood
1991	5A	Bartlesville		5A	B.T. Washington		2A	Pawnee
	4A	Northeast		4A	Bishop McGuinness		A	Garber
	3A	Millwood		3A	Bethany		B	Roff
	2A	Beggs		2A	Mt. Saint Mary			
	A	Preston		A	Erick-Sweetwater			
	B	Tupelo		B	Lomega			

History of Champions for Boys (Continued)

2011	6A	Edmond Memorial
	5A	B.T. Washington
	4A	Douglass
	3A	Ok Centennial
	2A	Talihina
	A	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton
	B	Forgan
2012	6A	Union
	5A	Bishop McGuinness
	4A	Douglass
	3A	OK Centennial
	2A	Northeast
	A	Cheyenne
	B	Forgan
2013	6A	Edmond Memorial
	5A	Memorial (Tulsa)
	4A	Douglass
	3A	Millwood
	2A	Latta
	A	Glencoe
	B	Arnett
2014	6A	Tulsa Union
	5A	Tulsa Memorial
	4A	Douglass
	3A	Okemah
	2A	Latta
	A	Glencoe
	B	Forgan
2015	6A	Mustang
	5A	Eisenhower
	4A	Central (Tulsa)
	3A	Heritage Hall
	2A	Wewoka
	A	Glencoe
	B	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton
2016	6A	Putnam City West
	5A	Carl Albert
	4A	Douglass
	3A	Verdigris
	2A	Wewoka
	A	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton
	B	Red Oak
2017	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Memorial (Tulsa)
	4A	Kingfisher
	3A	Douglass
	2A	Latta
	A	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton
	B	Calumet

XXII. HISTORY OF CHAMPIONS IN GIRLS BASKETBALL

1918	no champion	1965	A	Byng	1982	5A	Moore
1919	Heavener		B	Ryan		4A	Western Hts.
1920	Wewoka		C	Woodland		3A	Muldrow
1921	Wewoka	1966	A	Comanche		2A	Dale
1922	Marshall		B	Morris		A	Okarche
1923	Guthrie		C	Deer Creek (E)		B	Lomega
1924	Alva	1967	A	Fairview	1983	5A	Broken Arrow
1925	Mangum		B	Morris		4A	McAlester
1926	Stillwater		C	Piedmont		3A	Jay
1927	Thomas	1968	A	Lindsay		2A	Dale
1928	Lawton		B	Grandfield		A	Thomas
1929	Amorita		C	Covington-Douglas		B	Lomega
1930	Fletcher	1969	A	Byng	1984	5A	Eisenhower
1931	Dustin		B	Depew		4A	Chickasha
1932	Cement		C	Braggs		3A	Collinsville
1933	Chandler	1970	2A	Sayre		2A	Colbert
1934	no champion		A	Carrier		A	New Lima
1935	E. Central (T)		B	Southside		B	Hydro
1936	Byng	1971	2A	Sayre	1985	5A	Eisenhower
1937	Byng		A	Granite		4A	Star Spencer
1938	Byng		B	O.B.A.		3A	Elk City
1939	Howe	1972	2A	Mangum		2A	Amber-Pocasset
1940	Byng		A	Ft. Towson		A	Cheyenne
1941	Wynnewood		B	Braman		B	New Lima
1942	Wynnewood	1973	2A	Elk City	1986	5A	Mustang
1943	Luther		A	Sentinel		4A	Woodward
1944	LeFlore		B	Deer Creek		3A	Muldrow
1945	Choctaw	1974	2A	Fairview		2A	Rush Springs
1946	Checotah		A	Ft. Towson		A	Cheyenne
1947	Checotah		B	McLish		B	Lookeba-Sickles
1948	Hydro	1975	3A	Choctaw	1987	5A	Ponca City
1949	McLish		2A	Byng		4A	Ardmore
1950	A Altus		A	Latta		3A	Byng
	B Grainola		B	Forgan		2A	Indianola
1951	A Byng	1976	3A	Woodward		A	Cheyenne
	B Marland		2A	Byng		B	Lomega
1952	A Byng		A	Colbert	1988	5A	Mustang
	B Blair		B	McLish		4A	Carl Albert
1953	A Blair	1977	3A	Woodward		3A	Jay
	B Tushka		2A	Kingfisher		2A	Adair
1954	A Lindsay		A	Colbert		A	Preston
	B Big Four		B	Erick		B	Lomega
1955	A Leedey	1978	4A	Moore		5 x 5	Star Spencer
	B Omega		3A	Ada	1989	5A	Moore
1956	A Mooreland		2A	Stilwell		4A	Woodward
	B Amorita		A	Dale		3A	Kingfisher
1957	A Bixby		B	Merritt		2A	Adair
	B Tushka	1979	4A	Sapulpa		A	Thomas
1958	A Cordell		3A	Northeast		B	Lomega
	B Tushka		2A	Stilwell		5 x 5	Carl Albert
1959	A Elmore City		A	Colbert	1990	5A	Owasso
	B Howe		B	McLish		4A	Guthrie
1960	A Haworth	1980	5A	Sapulpa		3A	Stigler
	B Wakita		4A	Mustang		2A	Dale
1961	A Cordell		3A	Muldrow		A	Ringwood
	B Bray		2A	Dale		B	Arnett
1962	A Lindsay		A	Thomas		5 x 5	Millwood
	B Ames		B	Merritt	1991	5A	Jenks
1963	A Mangum	1981	5A	Putnam City West		4A	Star Spencer
	B Friendship		4A	Mustang		3A	Stigler
1964	A Mangum		3A	Kingfisher		2A	Dale
	B Wakita		2A	Okarche		A	Webbers Falls
	C Tushka		A	Thomas		B	Lomega
			B	Milburn		5 x 5	Okmulgee

History of Champions for Girls (Continued)

1992	5A	Midwest City	2001	6A	Jenks	2010	6A	Midwest City
	4A	McAlester		5A	Woodward		5A	McAlester
	3A	Atoka		4A	Bristow		4A	Cache
	2A	Vanoss		3A	Bethel		3A	Kansas
	A	Eagletown		2A	Velma-Alma		2A	Dale
	B	Lomega		A	Hydro-Eakly		A	Okarche
	5 x 5	Texhoma		B	Dover		B	Boynton-Moton
1993	5A	Norman	2002	6A	Westmoore	2011	6A	Edmond Santa Fe
	4A	Ardmore		5A	Woodward		5A	Bishop McGuinness
	3A	Prague		4A	Stigler		4A	Ft. Gibson
	2A	Seiling		3A	Kansas		3A	Bethel
	A	Cherokee		2A	Velma-Alma		2A	Snyder
	B	Arapaho		A	Hydro-Eakly		A	Calumet
	5 x 5	Tecumseh		B	Dover		B	Corn Bible
1994	5A	Charles Page	2003	6A	Jenks	2012	6A	Edmond Santa Fe
	4A	Nathan Hale		5A	Claremore		5A	Shawnee
	3A	Cushing		4A	Pryor		4A	Anadarko
	2A	Seiling		3A	Alva		3A	Millwood
	A	Preston		2A	Washington		2A	Fairview
	B	Arapaho		A	Frontier		A	Frontier
	3A 5 x 5	Oologah		B	Dover		B	Lomega
	2A 5 x 5	Beaver	2004	6A	Jenks	2013	6A	B.T. Washington
1995	5A	Choctaw		5A	Claremore		5A	Deer Creek-Edmond
	4A	Ada		4A	Woodward		4A	Ft. Gibson
	3A 5 x 5	Elk City		3A	Kansas		3A	Sulphur
	3A 6 x 6	Stigler		2A	Washington		2A	Northeast Academy
	2A 5 x 5	Beaver		A	Howe		A	Okarche
	2A 6 x 6	Pocola		B	Forgan		B	Erick
	A	Preston	2005	6A	Norman	2014	6A	Broken Arrow
	B	Washita Hts.		5A	Claremore		5A	Deer Creek-Edmond
1996	6A	Norman		4A	Anadarko		4A	Ft. Gibson
	5A	Carl Albert		3A	Seq.-Tahlequah		3A	Alva
	4A	Sallisaw		2A	Oktaha		2A	Preston
	3A	Inola		A	Frontier		A	Pond Creek-Hunter
	2A	Indianola		B	Dover		B	Okarche
	A	Webbers Falls	2006	6A	Mustang	2015	6A	Broken Arrow
	B	Washita Heights		5A	East Central		5A	Deer Creek-Edmond
1997	6A	Norman		4A	Deer Creek-Edmond		4A	Locust Grove
	5A	Ada		3A	Seq.-Tahlequah		3A	Sequoyah (T)
	4A	Bristow		2A	Preston		2A	Alva
	3A	Bethel		A	Depew		A	Thomas-Fay-Custer
	2A	Oklahoma Union		B	Hammon		B	Lomega
	A	Preston	2007	6A	Sapulpa	2016	6A	Midwest City
	B	Canute		5A	East Central		5A	Woodward
1998	6A	Sapulpa		4A	Weatherford		4A	Newcastle
	5A	Ada		3A	Seq.-Tahlequah		3A	Altus
	4A	Harrah		2A	Washington		2A	Fairview
	3A	Bethel		A	Cashion		A	Seiling
	2A	Thomas		B	Lomega		B	Lomega
	A	Canadian	2008	6A	Union	2017	6A	Choctaw
	B	Duke		5A	B.T. Washington		5A	East Central
1999	6A	Westmoore		4A	Star Spencer		4A	Harrah
	5A	Woodward		3A	Millwood		3A	Sequoyah (T)
	4A	Bristow		2A	Pocola		2A	Christian Heritage
	3A	Cascia Hall		A	Howe		A	Seiling
	2A	Oktaha		B	Lomega		B	Kremlin-Hillsdale
	A	Silo	2009	6A	Del City			
	B	Arnett		5A	B.T. Washington			
2000	6A	Jenks		4A	Vinita			
	5A	Carl Albert		3A	Adair			
	4A	Kingfisher		2A	Pawnee			
	3A	Prague		A	Preston			
	2A	Savanna		B	Varnum			
	A	Cashion						
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CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

The membership of the OSSAA voted in November of 1987 to include cheerleading as a governed activity. During the 1988-89 school years the OSSAA staff and Board of Directors established specific rules and regulations for the cheerleader programs. The inclusion of cheerleading under the OSSAA governing rules allows principals to use the established rules to regulate their individual programs in regard to such areas as eligibility, conduct, relations with members, attendance, participation, etc. The guidelines for this program were established under the auspices of a committee comprised of active administrators and past and present cheerleading coaches.

The OSSAA Board of Directors voted effective July 1, 1991, that the cheerleading competition would be considered an athletic rather than a non-athletic event. All OSSAA athletic eligibility requirements and regulations apply to competitive cheerleading. (NOTE: Students must meet the minimum standards set forth by the OSSAA rules and policies regarding athletic competition.

PHILOSOPHY

It is the philosophy of this competition to promote and support the concept of "Cheerleading as an athletic based activity," the purpose of which is to lead and direct the cheering of students and adult fans in support of a school event. The term "athletic-based routine" is to emphasize the athletic skills involved in the performance of cheerleading routines. Music, dance, and sexually suggestive movements are not considered appropriate for cheerleading competition. Cheerleading activities should promote cooperative spirit and good sportsmanship among all present at an event. Cheerleaders are recognized as playing a vital role in the promotion of school spirit. The final responsibility for determining what individual cheerleaders and cheerleader squads are capable of performing must rest with the coach. Not every cheerleader or cheerleading squad has the ability to perform the gymnastic skills or partner stunts which are permitted according to this rule book. It is the goal of this competition to simulate a game situation. Coaches must recognize individual and squad ability levels and limit the activities accordingly.

COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING AND GAME DAY COACHES RULES MEETINGS

WORKSHOPS ARE FOR COACHES. THEY ARE NOT TRAINING SESSIONS FOR CHEERLEADING SQUADS.

All head cheer coaches whose teams are entered in the OSSAA competition must attend a State sponsored Rules Meeting no later than September 1. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or completing an on-line rules meeting will result in suspension of the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach comes in compliance. The rules meetings are available on-line at www.ossaa.com if you are unable to attend the face-to-face meeting. Click on the Sports link, then Cheerleading for instructions for on-line rules meeting.

Rules Meetings
July 28 – Coaches Clinic - 10:00 a.m.

I. GAME DAY COMPETITION**GAME DAY ENTRY DEADLINE AND FEES**

- A. Registration: August 7 (9:00 AM) - August 18, 2017 (4:00 PM). Registration will be on-line only, link will be on the Cheer page and the home page of OSSAA.com.
- B. Registration for Game Day is \$100.00 per squad.
- C. One cheer squad per school. Registration is first come, first serve basis; however, all entries will be time-stamped for acceptance if entries do not fill the allotted spots per classification. (For example if 4A fills its team allotted number and 2A does not, the first team time-stamped in 4A will be added to the 4A classification).
- D. Game Day will be held on September 9, 2017 for all classifications.
- E. Awards will be given to the Champion and Runner-Up in each classification. Twenty-five (25) individual medals will be awarded to the Champions and Runners-Up.

GAME DAY CLASSIFICATIONS AND SQUAD SIZE

Enrolled schools will be divided into divisions based on the A.D.M. of the high school. Athletic and non-athletic activities will be reclassified in the fall of each year based on the most current A.D.M. figures if the A.D.M. for all schools is finalized at least two weeks prior to the release date concerning pairings for a particular activity.

A. CLASSIFICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

CLASS 6A—LARGEST 32 SCHOOLS

CLASS 5A—NEXT 48 LARGEST SCHOOLS

CLASS 4A—NEXT 64 LARGEST SCHOOLS

CLASS 3A—NEXT 64 LARGEST SCHOOLS

CLASS 2A—ALL REMAINING SCHOOLS

- One team per school
- Maximum of 25 participants per squad
- No separate classification for Co-Ed
- Mascots and flag runners may not be involved in the execution of cheer skills. All participants on the floor count toward the total number of 25.

GAME DAY GUIDELINES

- A. Traditional sideline uniforms required. Athletes used in each of the preliminary rounds may vary by routine, but there will be no substitution allowed in the final round. The use of crowd-leading tools such as sign, poms, flags and/or megaphones are permitted. Practicality should be considered in all elements.
- B. The competition floor will be matted. All participants must stay on the matted surface.
- C. All Cheer Coaches must attend the Cheer Rules Meeting, or complete the Rules Meeting on-line prior to the competition. The on-line meeting will become available by August 1 of the current school year. All coaches MUST be AACCA certified. All OSSAA Cheer Competitions will be conducted in compliance with the NFHS Rules for safety. A rule book will be sent to the coach at each member school.
- D. The order of competition will be determined by the OSSAA.
- E. One of the calculated risks that a coach must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the judges may make mistakes during the course of the competition. The OSSAA Board of Directors has established a policy of NOT HONORING A PROTEST based upon a rule situation nor a situation, which involved judgments on the part of the judges. The decision of the judges will be final. The OSSAA will not review tapes of the competition for the purpose of changing the judges' decisions.
- F. Judges will turn the score sheets into the site manager at the end of competition for each class. A copy of the score sheets will be given to the coaches after the respective division completes. Coaches may not discuss sheets with judges or OSSAA Representative at any time during the competition. The tally sheets and order of finish will be posted by the site manager after the completion of each class. These will be posted in an appropriate area.
- G. **For indoor activities:** Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.
For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.
- H. No banners, emblems, or placards will be permitted in the spectator area.

- I. If the cheer routine is interrupted by an injury to one of the participants the coach may choose to finish the routine from the point of interruption or choose to take the score earned to that point, without any deduction for the minimum time limit not being met.
- J. Head coaches are allowed on the floor during competition while their squad is participating provided they are wearing a floor pass. The coach must be situated in an area where they will not disrupt the competition. Two additional coaches with a floor pass will also be allowed on the floor, no injured squad members or any additional personnel will be allowed on the competition floor.

SKILL RESTRICTIONS

- A. No basket, sponge or elevator tosses are allowed. (Cradles are dismounts)
- B. No inversions
- C. No twisting dismounts from stunts
- D. Single-leg extended stunts are limited to liberties and liberty hitches
- E. No running tumbling
- F. Standing tumbling is limited to ONE skill. A back tuck is the most elite tumbling skill allowed.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Each team will showcase their best sideline and crowd-leading material in the following categories:

- Fight Song
- Band Dance
- Crowd Leading

CROWD LEADING RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

One (1) minute time limit. No music allowed.

Time will begin with the buzzer sound, then the team will take the floor. A chant or sideline can be used as transition to the floor. Performance should have an emphasis on crowd involvement. Performance should be completed before time limit.

FIGHT SONG RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

One (1) minute time limit. Marching band music only.

Up to three CONSECUTIVE eight counts may be incorporated with stunts, tumbling, and/or jumps. If repeated, incorporation must repeat EXACTLY as initially performed.

BAND DANCE RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

One (1) minute time limit. Marching band music only.

Emphasis on crowd appeal and practicality, no stunts or tumbling permitted.

FINAL ROUND

- A. Finalists will be determined by preliminary round scores, which do not carry over into the final round. Each team will showcase their best sideline and crowd-leading material in a game day presentation that will include an announcer-led situational game day element. The use of crowd-leading tools such as sign, poms, flags and/or megaphones are permitted. Practicality should be considered in all elements.
- B. Three (3) minute time limit. Teams will set up and take the floor. NO ORGANIZED ENTRANCES. Time will begin with the first beat of the band dance music.
- C. The final round is one continuous performance demonstrating the compilation of the Game Day elements performed in the preliminary round plus a situational element.
- D. The final round is performed in this order: Band Dance, (situational element) Crowd Leading, Fight Song.
- E. Following the completion of the band dance, the announcer will give the squad a game scenario indicating an offensive or defensive situation in a football game. Teams should show their definitive understanding of the situation with an offense or defense crowd-leading response, which transitions the squad into the crowd leading portion of the finals.
- F. Following the crowd leading portion the squad will complete their fight song routine.
- G. Each portion of the finals should have a designated beginning and end with spirited crowd interaction between.

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- F. Standing tumbling is limited to ONE skill. A back tuck is the most elite tumbling skill allowed.

II. COMPETITIVE CEER

COMPETITIVE CHEER DATES, ENTRY DEADLINE, AND FEES

- A. Entry must be received by August 25, 2017. The entry form is located on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com. The Regional competition will be held for all classes on September 16, 2017 and the State Competition will be held on September 23, 2017.
- B. It is the responsibility of the participating school to obtain rules updates and training for the cheerleading coach.
- C. The entry fee will be \$50.00 per squad. Do not send the entry fee with your entry form. Your school will send the fee with the participation invoice for all activities.

DIVISIONS AND SQUAD SIZE FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER

- A. Enrolled schools will be divided into divisions based on the A.D.M. of the high school. Athletic and non-athletic activities will be reclassified in the fall of each year based on the most current A.D.M. figures if the A.D.M. for all schools is finalized at least two weeks prior to the release date concerning pairings for a particular activity.
- B. Classification and squad size:

1. 6A	32 largest schools	no more than 20
2. 5A	the next 48 largest schools	no more than 20
3. 4A	the next 64 largest schools	no more than 20
4. 3A	the next 64 largest schools	no more than 20
5. 2A	all remaining schools	no more than 20
6. Small Co-Ed	Classes 2A, 3A, and 4A	no more than 20
7. Large Co-Ed	Classes 5A and 6A	no more than 20
- C. If there are less than 8 squads in the small CO-ED division, then there will only be one division for CO-ED.
- D. A mascot is considered part of the squad and will be counted as a part of the maximum number of cheerleaders allowed.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER

- A. Teams are limited to 20 squad members, each squad may use up to 5 additional participants as spotters. The spotters may not use motions, perform jumps or tumbling, nor use signs, pom poms or megaphones during the routine. Spotters should dress in similar fashion to the squad participants, but do not have to have the same uniform as squad members.
- B. Competition will consist of a two (2) minute time limit.
- C. The squad must use a minimum of one and one half minutes (1 ½) of the two-minute time limit.
- D. The timing begins after squad has set in formation on the matted area with the first motion, word or skill.
- E. The timing ends with the last word or motion. The squad must use a minimum of 1 ½ minutes of the two minute time limit.
- F. There will be an official timer at each level of competition.
- G. There will be a site manager at each regional site. The site manager's responsibilities are listed under the "Hosting a Regional" section.
- H. There will be no limit to the number of cheers/chants performed during the time allowed.
- I. The area used for competition must be matted. The mats should cover the entire area and should provide a flat, consistent surface with no cracks, obstructions, or untapped seams (54' wide x 42' long). The velcro strips on the competition mats will run sideline to sideline at ALL regional sites as well as at the state site.
- J. All Cheer Coaches must attend the Cheer Rules Meeting, or complete the Rules Meeting on-line prior to the competition. The on-line meeting will become available by August 1 of the current school year. All coaches MUST be AACCA certified.

COMPETITIVE CHEER RULES

- A. Signs may be used for the purpose of crowd involvement. Pom Pons, signs, flags and megaphones are permitted. All NFHS rules will apply to sign usage. No antagonistic or negative signs will be allowed. Each sign should be one or two words per sign. There is no limit to the number of signs a squad may use. Signs may not be thrown or tossed.
- B. Costumed mascots will be counted as a part of the maximum number of squad members allowed to participate. Mascots used as spotters must have a clear view of the person being spotted; therefore, the mascot head piece must be removed.
- C. Judges will be given the order of finish tally sheet at the conclusion of each classification, at which time judges will be permitted to adjust their respective score sheet, under the supervision of the site manager, and only using an ink pen of a different color than the original writing instrument used in the scoring process.

- D. Winners will be determined by the total of three of the five judges' score sheets. The highest and lowest judges' sheet will be dropped and the three middle scores will be used. In the event of a tie, all judges' score sheets will be used for the tied squads. If the additional score sheets do not break the tie, the teams will be awarded the appropriate places. Trophies will be awarded to the top two squads.
- E. Squads are not permitted to lead or participate in inciting crowds with chants, cheers, gymnastics, jumps, motions, clapping, etc., at any time other than their assigned performance times. This does not prohibit the parents and/or fans of the squad from cheering for their squad.
- F. All cheerleading attire and movements incorporated in the routine will be in accordance with the State philosophy.
- G. All OSSAA Cheer Competitions will be conducted in compliance with the NFHS Rules for safety. A rule book will be sent to the coach at each member school.
- H. All cheer coaches whose teams are entered in the OSSAA competition must attend a State sponsored Rules Meeting or have verification of the on-line meeting no later than September 1. Penalty for failure to attend will result in suspension of the head coach from all interscholastic competition.
- I. Jewelry will not be permitted. If jewelry is worn, the squad will be disqualified.
- J. Music, dance, and sexually suggestive movements will not be allowed in cheerleading competition.
- K. The competitive cheering surface will be a matted gym floor. (See Rule III, H).
- L. Use of or attempted use of illegal stunts will result in a 10 point deduction per score sheet at the regional competition. If a rule is violated at State the squad will be disqualified.
- M. Judges for the State Cheerleading Competition must attend a training session on the day of the state competition.
- N. Judges are required to note the specific rule violated on the score sheet when disqualifying a squad. (NOTE: Site managers will inform coaches of their disqualification in a private meeting after their classes have completed competition.)
- O. The performance order for the squads competing at the Regional and State competition will be set by the OSSAA staff prior to the competition. (NOTE: The order will be randomly selected by the OSSAA staff.)
- P. One of the calculated risks that a coach must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the judges may make mistakes during the course of the competition. The OSSAA Board of Directors has established a policy of NOT HONORING A PROTEST based upon a rule situation nor a situation, which involved judgments on the part of the judges. The decision of the judges will be final. The OSSAA will not review tapes of the competition for the purpose of changing the judges' decisions.
- Q. Judges will turn the score sheets into the site manager at the end of competition for each class. The Regional site manager will mail the judges sheets to the OSSAA office. A copy of the score sheets will be given to the coaches after the respective division completes. Coaches may not discuss sheets with judges or OSSAA Representative at any time during the competition. The tally sheets and order of finish will be posted by the site manager after the completion of each class. These will be posted in an appropriate area.
- R. **For indoor activities:** Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.
For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.
- S. No banners, emblems, or placards will be permitted during Regional or State Competition by spectators.
- T. If the cheer routine is interrupted by an injury to one of the participants the coach may choose to finish the routine from the point of interruption or choose to take the score earned to that point, without any deduction for the minimum time limit not being met.
- U. Head coaches are allowed on the floor during competition while their squad is participating provided they are wearing a floor pass. The coach must be situated in an area where they will not disrupt the competition. Two additional coaches with a floor pass will also be allowed on the floor, no injured squad members or any additional personnel will be allowed on the competition floor.

COMPETITIVE CHEER DATES AND TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- A. The locations of the regional tournaments will be determined by the enrollment in the competition.
- B. Schools will not be allowed to move from their assigned regional without valid reason and prior approval through the OSSAA office. The request must be made in a timely manner and made by the schools administration.
- C. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed at a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.

- D. The Regional competition for all divisions will be held September 16, 2017.
- E. The State Championship will be held September 23, 2017 for all divisions.

ADVANCEMENT FROM REGIONALS TO STATE

- A. Regional competitions will award a trophy to the championship squad.
- B. The Regional Champion, Runner-up, and all squads receiving 75 or more of the possible 100 points at regional competitions will advance to the state competition.
- C. Trophies will be awarded to the champion and runner-up squads with individual medals being awarded to the champions and runners-up at the State Competition.

JUDGES

- A. There should be five judges per site for Regional Competition. There shall be a minimum of three judges for Regional Competition.
- B. There will be 5 judges at the State Competition and 1 technical judge.
- C. The decision of the judges will be final.
- D. No coach, squad member, parent, or school representative may talk to the judges either before, during or after competition.
- E. Normal conversation that must take place between the host school and the judges is the only exception to be made.
- F. The following criteria will be used in the selection of the judges:
 - 1. The judges shall be knowledgeable and experienced in cheerleading.
 - 2. The judges shall be impartial.
 - 3. The judges shall not be members, ex-members, sponsors, ex-sponsors, coaches, ex-coaches, or affiliated in any manner with competing squads within the same division they are judging.
 - 4. The judges shall not have been instructors at summer clinics serving the Oklahoma squads for the previous year.
- G. Active coaches shall not be involved with judge selection.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions for stunts and gymnastics are listed in the current National Federation Spirit Rules Book.

CHEERLEADER SAFETY RULES AND COACHES REQUIREMENTS

Cheerleader Safety Rules are listed in the current National Federation Spirit Rules Book.

All coaches must be AACCA certified in order for their squad to stunt.

III. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. The ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity permeate our culture. The values of good citizenship and high behavioral standards apply equally to all activity disciplines. In perception and practice, good sportsmanship shall be defined as those qualities of behavior, which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Further, awareness is expected of the impact on an individual's influence on the behavior of others. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation as a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.
- B. Cheerleading, more than any other activity can directly influence the behavior of others. It is important the cheer coach, captain and total squad be aware of the sportsmanship guidelines in the spirit rules book.

IV. CHEERLEADING COACH

- A. Cheerleaders, coaches, advisors and band directors should set an example by being cooperative and helpful to each other.
- B. Instruct the cheerleaders to:
 - 1. Have positive - not antagonistic - cheers at all times.
 - 2. Divert the crowd's attention from booing by starting a positive cheer immediately.
 - 3. Lead the crowd in a round of applause when an injured player leaves the playing area.
- C. During basketball games, instruct cheerleaders to:
 - 1. Set up a scheduled rotation of floor cheers (after quarters 1 & 3 or 2 & 4 and also after time-outs).
 - 2. Remain silent when the opponent's squad is on the floor for a cheer. They may do a sideline cheer after the floor cheer is completed.
 - 3. Remain silent when the opponent is shooting a free throw. Cheerleaders may not stand in the free throw lane extended at any time.

4. Cheerleaders should not enter the floor during a 30 second time out..
5. Set a visible link with the other school, e.g., meet in the middle of the floor for the national anthem.

V. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. All coaches must be AACCA certified in order for their squad to stunt regardless of whether the squad enters any competition.
- B. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- C. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- D. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- E. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
- F. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- G. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- H. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- J. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- K. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- L. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- M. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- N. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

VI. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcast event, and comments made in a public form.

VII. STUNT REVIEW

- A. When submitting questions regarding the legality of a stunt, pyramid, dismount or other cheerleading action, please follow the directions listed below:
 - 1. Using a video camera, DVD recorder or electronic device to send an electronic file, record your squad performing the action in question. Film the stunt from both the front and side.
 - 2. Send the recording, along with the appropriate form located on the OSSAA website and \$10.00 (made payable to the OSSAA) to the OSSAA office, P.O. Box 14590, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73113-0590. You may send electronic files to acassell@ossaa.com you must send the \$10.00 fee via regular mail. **Stunt reviews not sent directly to the OSSAA will not be reviewed.**
- B. A rules interpreter will view the tape and notify you of the legality or illegality of the action in question.
- C. Stunt review requests must be received by September 8, 2017

VIII. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER COMPETITION ONLY

- A. The awards are based on the entire competitive squad up to 20 using the second semester grades from the previous semester. For students currently in 9th grade, please use grades from the second semester of the student's 8th grade year. (Non-traditional semester: an approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.)
- B. Awards will be given for each class based on a 4.0 grading system, computed to the nearest thousandth. If you have a weighted grading system, you must still use the 4.0 system for computing qualifications for this award.
 - 1. Academic Achievement Certificate - Squads must have a minimum of a 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification.
 - 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque - Squads must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and rank in the upper 20% of their classification.
 - 3. State Cheerleading Academic Champion Trophy - One squad per class with best GPA.
- C. This award will be given ONLY to cheerleading squads competing in the OSSAA Competitive Cheerleading Competition.
- D. The Application for Academic Achievement Award is located on the forms link of the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com.
- E. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools.
- F. The state championship trophy will be presented to the winning squad at the state championship event.

- G. The application for academic achievement must be postmarked by September 7, 2017 or faxed by September 8, 2017. Entries postmarked after this date will not be considered.

IX. ELIGIBILITY FOR OSSAA CHEER COMPETITION

- A. All athletic eligibility standards adopted by the OSSAA apply to competitive cheerleading.
- B. Cheerleaders must have a physical on file.
- C. Team Camp - Refer to Board of Directors policy found in the OSSAA Administrator's Handbook.
- D. Amateurism and Awards - Refer to Rule 5 in the OSSAA Administrator's Handbook.
- E. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.

X. HOSTING A REGIONAL CHEERLEADING TOURNAMENT

- A. To host a regional cheerleading tournament, you will need the following facilities:
 - 1. A seating capacity of 400-600 on one side.
 - 2. A practice/warm-up area separate from the competition gym.
 - 3. Mats available to cover warm-up area and competition area (See Rule III, H) (54' wide x 42' long).
- B. The host school will need to hire the following individuals:
 - 1. A clock keeper to serve as the official timer. The clock will be set on 2:00 and will start when the squad begins its performance. The clock keeper will be provided with a list of the competing schools. The clock keeper will write the time remaining on the timing sheet.
 - 2. One or two ticket sellers/takers depending on the number of squads participating at your site. A financial report will be sent with tickets. A ticket report will be enclosed with the tickets and should be returned with the financial report, remaining tickets and check for the proceeds. The prices will be \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students in regionals and \$7.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students at the State Competition.
 - 3. Three official score talliers. The talliers will be responsible for checking and recording the judges' scores for each squad. The tally form will be sent with regional supplies.
 - 4. An announcer should also be provided.
- C. The host school will:
 - 1. Direct the incoming squads to practice areas. The cheerleading squads performing first will arrive about an hour prior to the beginning of competition.
 - 2. Provide space for the judges. The judges will arrive at the site 30 minutes prior to the beginning of competition. If at all possible, a room where the judges could meet away from the coaches and crowds would be greatly appreciated. The coaches are not to have direct contact with the judges prior to the competition or after the competition. If your gym is arranged so that the crowd has access to floor seating, please rope off three rows behind the judges where no crowd will be allowed to sit. If you have floor seating and above seating, please do not allow the crowd onto the floor area. If you have the help available, provide someone to help the judges by serving as a "runner".
- D. The site manager will:
 - 1. Meet with the judges and inform them of necessary information.
 - 2. Will be seated at the scorer's table and be responsible for general management of the tournament.
 - 3. Be the OSSAA representative and the decision of the site manager will be final and non-appealable.
 - 4. Will post the tally sheet and order of finish of the squads after the completion of each class. These results will be posted in an appropriate area.

XI. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TIMER

The squad will be announced. The squad will take its place on the edge of the gym floor. The timing begins with the first motion; jump or skill after the squad has set information on the matted area. The clock stops with squad's last word or motion.

- 1. Set the clock for 2:00 (two minutes) in a countdown mode.
- 2. When the squad begins its performance, turn clock on. (Use guidelines above to determine when a performance begins.)
- 3. Stop clock with the squad's last word or motion.
- 4. Record time left on clock next to squad's name on the timing sheet.
- 5. If the squad goes over the 2:00 allotment, make a notation that the squad exceeded its time limit.
- 6. If the squad is under the 1:30 minimum, make a notation on the time sheet.
- 7. Reset the clock.

HISTORY OF STATE CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CO-ED	LARGE CO-ED	CLASS A	CLASS 2A
1989	Tahlequah			
1990			Wayne	Hominy
1991			Wayne	Blanchard
1992			Okla. Christian	Hominy
1993			Okla. Christian	Hominy
1994			Okla. Christian	Stroud
1995			Empire	Metro Christian
1996			Afton	Haskell
1997			Wayne	Newkirk
1998	Edmond Memorial		Wayne	Bridge Creek
1999	Broken Arrow		Washington	Heritage Hall
2000	Lawton Eisenhower		Okla. Christian	Heritage Hall
2001	Norman North		Washington	Heritage Hall
2002	Yukon		Washington	Okla. Christian
2003	Bixby		Washington	Okla. Christian
2004	Bixby		Wewoka	Westville
2005	Carl Albert		Commerce	Okla. Christian
2006	Mustang		Quinton	Vian
	SMALL CO-ED			
2007	Newkirk	Bixby	Hominy	Vian
2008	Keys (Parkhill)	Choctaw		Hinton
2009	NewKirk	Choctaw		Christian Heritage
2010	Keys (Parkhill)	Choctaw		Wewoka
2011	Keys (Parkhill)	Choctaw		Hominy
2012	Bristow	Broken Arrow		Wewoka
2013	Newcastle	Broken Arrow		Community Christian
2014	Bridge Creek	Broken Arrow		Community Christian
2015	Newcastle	Broken Arrow		Warner
2016	OK Christian School	Broken Arrow		Ketchum
YEAR	CLASS 3A	CLASS 4A	CLASS 5A	CLASS 6A
1989	Okla. Christian	Tuttle	Memorial (Tulsa)	
1990	Tuttle	Claremore	Union	
1991	Tuttle	Tahlequah	Edmond Memorial	
1992	Collinsville	Claremore	Westmoore	
1993	Tuttle	Claremore	Westmoore	
1994	Tuttle	Carl Albert	Edmond Memorial	
1995	Tuttle	Woodward	Edmond Memorial	
1996	Tuttle	Woodward	Edmond Memorial	
1997	Tuttle	Claremore	Norman North	
1998	Tuttle	Carl Albert	Westmoore	
1999	Inola	Carl Albert	Choctaw	
2000	Blackwell	Carl Albert	Westmoore	
2001	Deer Creek-Ed.	Carl Albert	Westmoore	
2002	Cascia Hall	Carl Albert	Eisenhower	
2003	Cascia Hall	Carl Albert	Norman North	
2004	Cascia Hall	Carl Albert	Edmond Santa Fe	
2005	Cascia Hall	Claremore	Norman North	
2006	Kingfisher	Chickasha	Putnam City North	
2007	Kingfisher	Carl Albert	Union	
2008	Kingfisher	Cascia Hall	Carl Albert	Putnam City North

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YEAR	CLASS 3A	CLASS 4A	CLASS 5A	CLASS 6A
2009	Washington	Tuttle	Deer Creek	Putnam City North
2010	Washington	Bristow	Carl Albert	Jenks
2011	Lincoln Christian	Mt. St. Mary	Deer Creek	Union
2012	Christian Heritage	Okla. Christian	Claremore	Norman North
2013	Washington	Okla. Christian	Carl Albert	Union
2014	Washington	Tuttle	Carl Albert	Edmond North
2015	Washington	Tuttle	Heritage Hall	Edmond North
2016	Washington	Tuttle	Carl Albert	Edmond North

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1	2 Rating forms due (2A-3A-4A) Entry forms due (2A-3A-4A)	3	4	5	6 Regional assignments released (2A-3A-4A)	7
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15	16 Academic achievement award postmarked the 16 th or faxed no later than the 17 th for classes (2A-3A-4A)	17	18	19	20	21 State meet classes (2A-3A-4A) at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech (Shawnee) Regional Classes (5A-6A)
22	23 Academic Achievement award postmarked the 23 rd or faxed no later than the 24 th for classes (5A-6A)	24	25	26	27	28 State Meet classes (5A-6A) Edmond Santa Fe

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The girls and boys cross country manual has been designed and prepared to provide general information and for use in the administration of cross country meets. We believe many of your questions will be answered by your thorough review of the contents of this manual.

II. CROSS COUNTRY CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

A. Organized practice for Cross Country may begin no earlier than July 15, with the first contest being allowed on August 6, or the first day of school, whichever comes first. Organized practice for cross country, may begin no earlier than July 15.

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season for Cross Country to the start date of July 15, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes.

B. Contest limits for 2017 season

1. High School teams/individuals are limited to eight meets, four of which must occur when there is no loss of instructional time, including travel time.
2. **Junior High Schools are limited to six meets, two of which must occur when there is no loss of instructional time, including travel time.**
3. Two practice meets are allowed and will not count against meet limitations if the following criteria is met.
 - a) No more than four teams will participate
 - b) No entry fee is charged
 - c) No awards are given
 - d) There is no loss of school time including travel time

C. Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied.

1. **The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.**

2. **The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for one-half of the regular season the next school year.**

3. **The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.**

4. **The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.**

D. Regional entry forms can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com). Must be in the OSSAA office no later than – October 2, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A. October 9, 2017 for classes 5A-6A.

E. Cross Country rating form due in the OSSAA office postmarked no later than October 2, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A. October 9, 2017 for classes 5A-6A.

F. Regional assignments released no later than October 6, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A. October 13, 2017 for classes 5A-6A.

G. Cross Country Regional meets – October 14, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A and October 21, 2017 for classes 5A-A.

H. Academic Achievement Award can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com). Must be postmarked no later than – October 16, 2017 or faxed no later than October 17, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A and October 23, 2017 or faxed no later than October 24, 2017 for classes 5A & 6A.

I. Cross Country State meets – October 21, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A at Gordon Cooper Technology Center (Shawnee) and October 28, 2017 for classes 5A & 6A at Edmond Santa Fe.

J. Cross Country Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting – November 6, 2017 (4:00 p.m. OSSAA office).

- K. State rules meetings are mandatory for each head coach. There will be a cross country rules meeting at the annual summer coaches' clinic. If you are unable to attend the rules meeting at the clinic, the meeting is also available on-line at www.ossaa.com, click on the "sports" link, then "cross country" for instructions. Proof that you have completed the on-line rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. **All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadline, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.**

III. CROSS COUNTRY REGULATIONS

- A. Figures from 2017-18 ADM will be used for classification if available from the SDE two weeks prior to regional assignments being released. If the ADM sheets are not available on time, schools will be classified using the preceding years ADM 2017 Classification.

- a) Class 6A - 32 school having the largest ADM
- b) Class 5A - the next 40 schools by ADM
- c) Class 4A - the next 56 schools by ADM
- d) Class 3A - the next 72 schools by ADM
- e) Class 2A - All remaining schools

B. Regional and State Meets

1. There will be three (3) regional meets in class 2A-3A-4A and two (2) regional meets for classes 5A-6A. The regional meets will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A and Saturday, October 21, 2017 for classes 5A-6A. Schools will be assigned by the association to regional sites. Regional assignments will be posted on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) no later than October 6, 2017, for classes' 2A-3A-4A, October 13, 2017 for classes 5A-6A. Each coach shall provide a complete roster of participants for the referee at the starting line 5 minutes before the start of the race.
 - a) Regional classes 2A-3A-4A at TBA - October 14, 2017 and classes 5A-6A at TBA - October 21, 2017.
 - b) State Meets – Classes 2A-3A-4A at Gordon Cooper Technology Center (Shawnee) – October 21, 2017 and Classes 5A-6A at Edmond Santa Fe – October 28, 2017.
2. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.
3. The Regional and state course will be open at 12:00 noon the day before competition.

4. Regional Meet Schedules – Coaches meeting will be held 45 minutes before the start of each classes meet.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A

TIME	CLASS
10:00 a.m.	3A Girls
10:45 a.m.	3A Boys
12:00noon	4A Girls
12:45 p.m.	4A Boys
2:00 p.m.	2A Girls
2:45 p.m.	2A Boys

Saturday, October 21, 2017 for classes 5A-6A

TIME	CLASS
10:00 a.m.	6A Girls
10:45 a.m.	6A Boys
12:00 p.m.	5A Girls
12:45 p.m.	5A Boys

5. State Meet Schedules-Coaches meeting for 2A-3A-4A will be held at 8:30-11:15 a.m., and 1:15 p.m at the scoring tent. Coaches meeting for 5A-6A will be held at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at the scoring tent.

6. Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Gordon Cooper Vo-tech (Shawnee) for classes 2A-3A-4A

TIME	CLASS
9:30 a.m.	3A Girls
10:15 a.m.	3A Boys
11:45 a.m.	4A Girls
12:30 p.m.	4A Boys
2:15 p.m.	2A Girls
3:00 p.m.	2A Boys

Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Edmond Santa Fe for classes 5A & 6A

TIME	CLASS
10:00 a.m.	6A Girls
10:45 a.m.	6A Boys
12:00 p.m.	5A Girls
12:45 p.m.	5A Boys

Awards Assemblies for classes 2A-3A-4A

Class 3A – 11:00 a.m.

Class 4A – 1:15 p.m.

Class 2A – 3:30 p.m.

Awards Assemblies for classes 6A & 5A

Class 6A – 11:30 p.m.

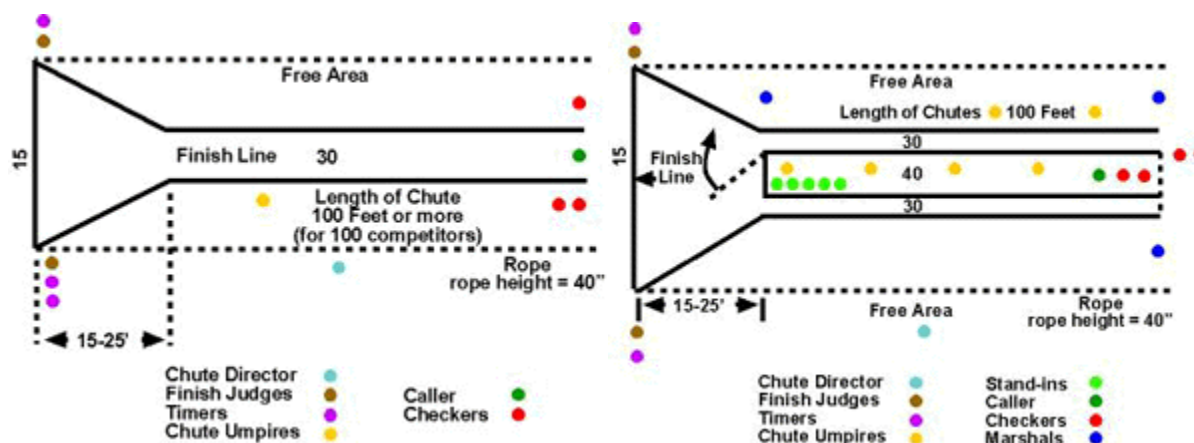
Class 5A – 1:30 p.m.

- C. Ticket Prices - Admission prices have been set by the Board of Directors
1. Regionals - \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students (K through 12).
 2. State - \$7.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students (K through 12).
- D. State Qualifiers
- Classes 2A-3A-4A the top seven (7) teams and the top 7 (seven) individuals not on a qualifying team from each regional will qualify for state.
- In 5A-6A the top seven (7) teams and the top seven (7) individuals not on a qualifying team from each regional will qualify for state. Teams shall be seeded for the state meet based on regional results. Preferred starting positions shall be the middle of the starting line, working outward. All individual qualifiers shall be assigned to that outside position. If a regional does not have (7) teams in 2A-3A-4A and (7) teams in 5A - 6A the other regional will qualify additional (teams) in order of placement to equal (21) teams for 2A-3A-4A and (14) teams for 5A-6A to the state cross country meet. In 2A-3A-4A if one of the three regional meets does not have a minimum of seven teams qualify for the state meet, the 8th place team from the other two regionals will both qualify.
- E. Entry Forms
- The entry form deadline is October 2, 2017 for classes 2A-3A-4A October 9, 2017 for classes 5A-6A. It is not necessary to send an entry fee as your school should have included the cross country fee in the total service fee paid in October. Any entries received seven (7) days past the deadline date will automatically place the cross country team on warning.
- F. Aids and Hepatitis B
- Please see athletic director or principal for pre-cautionary recommendations concerning AIDS and Hepatitis B.
- G. Regional Awards
1. First place team trophy in each class.
 2. Individual awards include gold medals for the first five (5) finishers; silver medals for the five (5) second place finishers; bronze medals for the five (5) third place finishers.
- H. State Awards (only the 7 participants permitted on the awards stand at the assembly)
1. Championship and runner-up trophies in each class will be given for team awards. Gold medals will be given to each championship team members, silver medals will be given to second place team members and bronze medals will be given to third place team members. Teams will be given a maximum of 7 medals.
 2. Individual awards include gold medals for the first five (5) finishers; silver medals for the five (5) second place finishers; bronze medals for the five (5) third place finishers.
- I. Conduct of students
1. Please refer to Rule 4 in OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook located in the principal or athletic director's office concerning the conduct and fighting rule.
 2. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.
- J. Weekly Eligibility
- A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- K. NOISE MAKERS
- For indoor activities:** Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contests.
- For outdoor activities:** Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

IV. RULE 9 - THESE RULES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS.

A. Course - Art. 1

1. The cross country run shall be a course 2500 to 5000 m (1.5 to 3.1 miles) in length as determined by the meet director or games committee.
2. Measurement shall be along the middle of the course. The course shall be clearly marked. This may be by a wide line marked with a material which is not injurious to the eyes or skin, or by signposts with large directional arrows wherever the course turns, or by flags about 1 ft. square and mounted on stakes which hold them 6 ft. or more above the ground.



Flag Designations

1. A red flag indicates a turn to the left.
2. A yellow flag indicates a turn to the right.
3. A blue flag indicates a course straight ahead.

C. Art. 2

In case of a discrepancy in the course markings, directional flag markings take precedence over any other course markings.

D. Art. 3 - The race course should include the following features:

1. Signs and flags at least 6 ft. above the ground should be visible for 100 ft. Turns and guidelines should be marked on the ground with a material which is not injurious to the eyes or skin. The course should be at least 3 ft. wide at its narrowest place. Small survey flags of the appropriate color may be used in lieu of painted lines or survey chalk.
2. No ground obstructions which might cause tripping or turned ankles. No overhead objects such as tree branches lower than 8 ft. above the ground.
3. A 2 in. wide starting line should be marked at the beginning of a lengthy straightaway, wide enough to accommodate all teams; i.e., a width of the number of teams multiplied by 6 ft.
4. At the end of the course, a straightaway of at least 150 yards ending in a rope funnel with a mouth 15 feet wide. The finish line should be at the mouth of the funnel and 15 to 25 feet from the chute. This funnel should narrow to a rope chute about 30 inches wide and at least 100 feet long. The stakes supporting the ropes should be solid enough to permit taut ropes, and the stakes and ropes near the finish line should be well-padded. See diagrams of chutes. Note: For large meets, the use of a multiple chutes is recommended.

E. Section 2 - Scoring

1. Art. 1 - Scoring shall be as shown in the following table:

Place:	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth,	etc.
Points:	1	2	3	4	5	6	etc.

2. Art. 2 - All competitors who finish the race shall be ranked and tallied in accordance with the above table. In cross country, up to seven team members retain their order of finish. Any team members beyond seven shall be disregarded and shall not displace any opposing runners. The team score shall then be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers of each team. The team which scores the fewest number of points is the winner.
3. Art. 3 - If fewer than five competitors of a team finish, (or other number specified by the games committee) the places of all members of that team shall be disregarded and the team scores reranked. By state association adoption, modified scoring system may be used.
4. Art. 4 - Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the sixth place finishers from the tying teams. The team with the best sixth place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a sixth place finisher, the team with the sixth place finisher shall prevail.
5. Art. 5 - If only five competitors of tying teams finish, the tie shall be resolved by totaling the scores of the first four finishers.
6. Art. 6 - The score of a forfeited dual meet in cross country shall be 15-50.

NOTE: Rules 2-3-1, through 3, on the correction of errors, also applies to cross country scoring.

F. Section 3 - Start/Conclusion

1. Art. 1 - A cross country race begins when the competitors are called to the starting line for final instructions and is considered to be official and concluded when places have been determined and the results have been recorded.
2. Art. 2 - A competitor finishes a cross country race when the torso of the runner breaks the plane of the finish line when using hand- or picture-based timing systems.
3. Art. 3 - Computerized chips may be used to record the finish of a runner in cross country, provided the chips are attached to both shoes of the runner. When chips are used, it is the position of the chip, not the torso, that determines the finishing position of the runner.

G. Section 4- Officials

Art. 1 - The games committee or the meet director shall establish the length of the course, assign the teams by lot to their starting positions, and provide the necessary meet facilities.

1. Art. 2 - Referee - the referee shall make final decisions concerning questions which are not specifically placed under the jurisdiction of other officials and shall disqualify any runner for violation of the rules. (See 9-7)
2. Art. 3 - Prior to the meet, the referee shall, either by a meeting or written communication, address the following with all head coaches and team captains:
 - a. All team members are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship.
 - b. The head coach shall verify verbally, or in writing, that all of his/her competitors are properly equipped (uniform, equipment, and no jewelry) in compliance with these rules.
 - c. Any special circumstances, procedures and information pertaining to the meet.
4. Art. 4 - Starter - Once the teams have been called to the starting line by the starter for final instructions, no further run-outs shall be permitted
 - a. The command shall be, "On Your Marks." When all competitors are steady, starting device shall be fired. For an unfair start, the starter or assistant starter shall recall the runners by firing the starting device. If a runner falls during the first 100 m due to contact with another runner, the race shall be recalled by firing the starting device.
 - b. Audio/Visual start: When conditions dictate, the starter may use whistle/flag commands along with the starting device. Because this technique is used with a large number of competitors, it is recommended that the starter take a position well in front of the runners so the competitors can see and to be able to move to the side.
 - i. Give a brief and concise review of the starting commands and procedures to be used for the start with all competitors immediately before the start.
 - ii. The starter will hold the starting device and red flag parallel to the ground and give a long blast of the whistle. This is the signal for the runners to step up to, but not touch, the starting line and become motionless.
 - iii. The starter slowly raises both arms overhead.
 - iv. When all runners are set and motionless and the recall starters signal with a white flag, the starting device is fired and at the same time, the red flag is motioned downward, indicating the start of the race.



The runners are observed for 100 meters for any reason to recall the race that would constitute an unfair start.

Note: The use of audio-visual start/count-down time clock is permitted.

5. Art. 5 - Clerk of the Course - the clerk shall place the teams in proper position on the starting line and give all needed instructions. Also, the clerk should check and enforce uniform, visible apparel and shoe regulations.
6. Art. 6 - Chute Director - The chute director shall:
 - a. Supervise the finish chute during the race finish;
 - b. Assign stand-ins (fillers) to replace any runner who falls and cannot continue through the chute after crossing the finish line;
 - c. Assign gate controllers when more than one chute is used;
 - d. Assign marshals to keep the chute area free of any unauthorized individuals;
 - e. Be certain that chute umpires, callers, checkers and timers are in place when the runners finish the race.
7. Art. 7 - Finish Judges - the finish judges stand outside the chute, and on the finish line, and determine the order in which runners enter the chute. Their decision is final and without appeal except for possible action taken by the referee or jury of appeals.
8. Art. 8 - Chute Umpires - the chute umpires supervise the competitors after they enter the chute and see that they are properly checked to prevent any irregularity in the order of finish. They see that all competitors who cross the finish line are given their proper order as the contestants go through the chute.
9. Art. 9 - Caller - the caller calls the number of each competitor in the order of his/her proper place in the chute.
10. Art. 10 - Checkers - the checkers keep a record of the competitors and their order of finish as announced by the caller. In case of conflicts, if two are in agreement, their records are accepted. If agreement cannot be reached by at least two of the checkers, the referee makes the final decision.
11. Art. 11 - Course Umpires - the course umpires observe the activity of the competitors. If any competitor fails to run the proper course, or otherwise violates the rules, the umpires report the infraction to the referee.
12. Art. 12 - Timers - record the times of the competitors who finish. A timer may be assigned at a designated spot along the course to call elapsed times during the race.
13. Art. 13 - Marshals - shall keep the competitive area free from all persons except officials, contestants and other individuals authorized by the games committee.

H. Section 5 - Teams

A cross country team is represented by coaches, contestants, managers, trainers and other associated school personnel. A cross country team shall consist of seven members unless otherwise agreed. In cross country, up to seven team members retain their order of finish. Any member beyond seven shall be disregarded and shall not displace any opposing runners. At Regional and State no more than seven runners

I. Section 6- Uniforms

1. Art. 1 - Each competitors uniform shall consist of: a) Shoes; b) Full-length cross country top and bottom or one piece uniform issued by the school; Bottoms may vary in length and style but must be the same color and design for all the team members; Loose-fitting, boxer-type bottoms, or compression style bottoms are permitted for boys and girls. Closed-leg briefs are acceptable for girls; French or high-cut apparel may be worn under the bottom, but not in lieu of the uniform bottom. The one-piece uniform, top and bottom may have school identification and the top may have the competitor's name; The top shall not be knotted or have a knot-like protrusion; A single manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches, is permitted on each top, bottom or one-piece uniform; The American flag, not exceeding 2x3 inches, and either a commemorative or memorial patch, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on the uniform top or bottom; Any visible shirt(s) worn under the top and other visible apparel worn under the bottom must be unadorned and of a single (and the same) color except for a single, visible manufacturer's logo as per NFHS rules and/or single school name or insignia no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches. Visible items worn under both the top and the bottom do not have to be the same color.
2. Art. 2 – Uniforms must be worn as intended by the manufacturer. The waistband of the competitor's shorts shall be worn above the hips. There shall be no bare midriff.
3. Art. 3 - A shoe is a covering for the foot. Shoes shall be worn on both feet and shall have an upper and definitely recognizable sole and heel. The upper must be designed so that it can be fastened securely to the foot. The sole and heel may contain grooves, ridges or track spikes which are not longer than 1 in. The use of slippers or socks does not meet the requirements of the rule.
4. Art. 4 - Each team member shall wear the same color and design school uniform. Any visible apparel worn under the top and other visible apparel worn under the bottom must be unadorned and of a single (and the same) color. Visible items worn under both the top and the bottom do not have to be the same color. If worn by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel must be the same color, but not necessarily the same length.
5. Art. 5 - A competitor shall wear the assigned unaltered contestant number, when numbers are used and computer chips when those devices are used in competition.
6. Art. 6 - Removing any part of the team uniform, excluding shoes, while in the area of competition, as defined by the games committee, shall lead to a warning and if repeated, to disqualification from the event. If the incident recurs, the athlete will be disqualified from further competition in the meet.

PENALTY: (All articles) For illegal uniform, the competitor is disqualified from the event.

J. Section 7 - Disqualifications

1. Art. 1 - A competitor who false starts. (See 5-7-3,4)
2. Art. 2 - A competitor who interferes with another competitor. (See 4-5-3)
3. Art. 3 - A competitor who is unsporting or uses unacceptable conduct. (See 4-5-1, 2)
4. Art. 4 - A competitor receives any assistance from any other person who could improve that competitor's performance. (See 4-5-8). Note: Providing liquids during competition is not considered to be an aid or assistance.
5. Art. 5 - A competitor who fails to complete the prescribed course that is defined by a legal marking system.

PENALTY: (Articles 1-5) Disqualification from the event.

V. NOT HONORING A PROTEST (Board Policy XLVIII)

OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

VI. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.

- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

VII. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest meet or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but is not limited to comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

VIII. TEAM CHAMPIONS (BOYS)

1937	-	Tulsa Central	1980	-	4A	Edmond	1998	-	5A	Jenks
1938	-	Tulsa Central			3A	Pryor			4A	Bishop McGuinness
1939	-	Tulsa Central	1981	-	4A	Edmond			3A	Elk City
1940	-	Tulsa Central			3A	Sallisaw			2A	Dickson
1941	-	Tulsa Central	1982	-	4A	Edmond			A	Oklahoma Christian
1942	-	Tulsa Central			3A	Sallisaw	1999	-	5A	Edmond Memorial
1943	-	Tulsa Central	1983	-	4A	Edmond			4A	Bishop McGuinness
1944	-	Tulsa Central			3A	Guthrie			3A	Little Axe
1945	-	Tulsa Central	1984	-	5A	Jenks			2A	Plainview
1946	-	Tulsa Rogers			4A	Guthrie			A	Carnegie
1947	-	Tulsa Rogers			3A	Bishop McGuinness	2000	-	5A	Edmond Memorial
1948	-	Tulsa Central	1985	-	5A	Edmond			4A	Capitol Hill
1949	-	Tulsa Central			4A	Tulsa Edison			3A	Elk City
1950	-	Tulsa Central			3A	Weatherford			2A	Watonga
1951	-	Tulsa Central	1986	-	5A	Jenks			A	Carnegie
1952	-	Tulsa Central			4A	Western Heights	2001	-	5A	Edmond Memorial
1953	-	Tulsa Central			3A	Marlow			4A	Shawnee
1954	-	Tulsa Central	1987	-	5A	Edmond			3A	Marlow
1955	-	Tulsa Rogers			4A	Western Heights			2A	Watonga
1956	-	Tulsa Rogers			3A	Marlow			A	Okla. Christian School
1957	-	Tulsa Central	1988	-	5A	Jenks	2002	-	5A	Edmond Memorial
1958	-	Tulsa Rogers			4A	Duncan			4A	Shawnee
1959	-	Tulsa Edison			3A	Marlow			3A	Marlow
1960	-	Tulsa Edison	1989	-	5A	Jenks			2A	Watonga
1961	-	Tulsa Central			4A	Altus			A	Hinton
1962	-	Tulsa Edison			3A	Weatherford	2003	-	5A	Jenks
1963	-	Tulsa Central	1990	-	5A	Jenks			4A	Bishop McGuinness
					4A	Western Heights			3A	Marlow
1964	-	2A Ponca City			3A	Little Axe			2A	Sequoyah (T)
		A Sequoyah-Tahlequah			2A	Beaver			A	Hinton
1965	-	2A Tulsa Hale	1991	-	5A	Jenks	2004	-	5A	Edmond Memorial
		A Sequoyah-Tahlequah			4A	Guthrie			4A	Bishop McGuinness
1966	-	2A Tulsa Hale			3A	Marlow			3A	Elk City
		A Southeast			2A	Keyes			2A	Sequoyah (T)
1967	-	2A US Grant	1992	-	5A	Jenks			A	Hydro-Eakly
		A Tulsa Kelley			4A	Bishop McGuinness	2005	-	5A	Mustang
1968	-	2A Northwest			3A	Marlow			4A	Bishop Kelley
		A Tulsa Kelley			2A	Riverside			3A	Elk City
1969	-	2A Putnam City	1993	-	5A	Jenks			2A	Sequoyah (T)
		A Sequoyah			4A	Bishop McGuinness			A	Okla. Bible Academy
1970	-	4A Tulsa McLain			3A	Marlow	2006	-	5A	Mustang
		3A Tulsa Webster			2A	Sequoyah-Tahleq.			4A	Deer Creek
1971	-	4A Tulsa Edison	1994	-	5A	Jenks			3A	Madill
		3A Tulsa Kelley and Broken Arrow			4A	Guthrie			2A	Sequoyah (T)
1972	-	4A Tulsa Hale			3A	Little Axe			A	Okla. Bible Academy
		3A Riverside			2A	Lindsay	2007	-	5A	Tulsa Union
1973	-	4A Putnam City	1995	-	5A	Edmond Memorial			4A	Deer Creek
		3A Tulsa Kelley			4A	Bishop McGuinness			3A	Madill
1974	-	4A Tulsa Hale and Putnam City			3A	Little Axe			2A	Metro Christian
		3A Tulsa Kelley			2A	Sequoyah-Tahleq.			A	Hooker
1975	-	4A Putnam City	1996	-	5A	Edmond Memorial	2008	-	6A	Union
		3A Tulsa Kelley			4A	Bishop McGuinness			5A	Bishop Kelley
1976	-	4A Northwest			3A	Elk City			4A	Madill
		3A Tulsa Kelley			2A	Dickson			3A	Metro Christian
1977	-	4A Norman			A	Hydro			2A	Oklahoma Bible Aca.
		3A Riverside	1997	-	5A	Moore	2009	-	6A	Broken Arrow
1978	-	4A Moore			4A	Bishop McGuinness			5A	Guthrie
		3A Owasso			3A	Elk City			4A	Santa Fe South
1979	-	4A Edmond			2A	Dickson			3A	Jones
		3A Anadarko			A	Hydro			2A	Okla. Bible Academy

2010	6A	Union
	5A	Guthrie
	4A	Metro Christian
	3A	Plainview
	2A	Hooker
2011	6A	Norman
	5A	Deer Creek
	4A	Elgin
	3A	Plainview
	2A	Beaver
2012	6A	Jenks
	5A	Deer Creek(Edmond)
	4A	Anadarko
	3A	Plainview
	2A	Tonkawa
2013	6A	Jenks
	5A	Deer Creek-Edmond
	4A	Santa Fe South
	3A	Kansas
	2A	Hooker
2014	6A	Jenks
	5A	Deer Creek-Edmond
	4A	Lincoln Christian
	3A	Chisholm
	2A	Hooker
2015	6A	Jenks
	5A	Guymon
	4A	Lincoln Christian
	3A	Marietta
	2A	Hooker
2016	6A	Bartlesville
	5A	Guymon
	4A	Lincoln Christian
	3A	Marietta
	2A	Lomega/Ringwood

IX. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS (BOYS)

1937	-	Carl Ridens	Guthrie	1978	-	4A	Greg Avery	Ponca City
1938	-	Mode Perry	Tulsa			3A	Tom Horn	Bixby
1939	-	Ted Roberts	Classen	1979	-	4A	Dallas Cox	Muskogee
1940	-	Ted Roberts	Classen			3A	Lamont Frazier	Sequoyah-Tahlequah
1941	-	James Woodward	OKC Central	1980	-	4A	Kevin Thatcher	Edmond
1942	-	Bob Letson	Tulsa Rogers			3A	Joe Scott	Western Heights
1943	-	Eldon Ferguson	Tulsa Central	1981	-	4A	Kevin Thatcher	Edmond
1944	-	R.C. Slocum	Tulsa Central (OU & OSU)			3A	Joe Atkin	Sallisaw
1945	-	Carl Jacobsen	Tulsa Central (OU)	1982	-	4A	Mike Bilyeu	Tulsa Hale
		R.C. Slocum	Tulsa Central (OSU)			3A	Ronald Lee	Sallisaw
1946	-	Dick Willey	Tulsa Rogers (OU)	1983	-	4A	Cary Brady	Norman
		Billy Ward	Tulsa Rogers (OSU)			3A	Paul Dreesen	Guthrie
1947	-	Bruce Drummond	Tulsa Central (OU)	1984	-	5A	Donnie Childs	Enid
		Dick Willey	Tulsa Rogers (OSU)			4A	Paul Dreesen	Guthrie
1948	-	Bruce Drummond	Tulsa Central (OU & OSU)			3A	Bobby Kauliaty	Anadarko
1949	-	Derald Smith	Capitol Hill (OU & OSU)	1985	-	5A	Donnie Childs	Enid
		George Gilmour	Tulsa Central (OSU)			4A	Bryan Walker	Duncan
1950	-	Donald Ladd	Capitol Hill (OU & OSU)			3A	David LaCour	Weatherford
1951	-	Bob Buchanan	Stillwater (OU & OSU)	1986	-	5A	Bryan Yockers	Bartlesville
1952	-	Bob Buchanan	Stillwater (OU)			4A	Larry Ripee	Noble
		Bobby Cave	Stillwater (OU)			3A	Brent Johnson	Heritage Hall
1953	-	Ron Wade	Tulsa Central (OU & OSU)	1987	-	5A	Joe Weis	Stillwater
1954	-	Floyd Cumbey	Tulsa Central (OU)			4A	Danny Walker	Western Heights
		Laddie Nethercutt	Capitol Hill (OSU)			3A	Bren Johnson	Heritage Hall
1955	-	Clyde Davidson	Tulsa Rogers	1988	-	5A	Tommy Green	Norman
1956	-	Harold Smith	Tulsa Rogers			4A	Danny Walker	Western Heights
1957	-	Harold Smith	Tulsa Rogers			3A	David Wahley	Marlow
1958	-	Ted Riesinger	Tulsa Edison	1989	-	5A	Tyson Echelle	Stillwater
1959	-	John English	Tulsa Edison			4A	Mike Parker	Ardmore
1960	-	John English	Tulsa Edison			3A	Calley Williamson	Sulphur
1961	-	George Stroup	Tulsa Edison	1990	-	5A	Erick Richard	Jenks
1962	-	Ray Smith	Tulsa Rogers			4A	Mike Parker	Ardmore
1963	-	Bob Arnold	Tulsa Rogers			3A	Tori Holcomb	Weatherford
						2A	Travis Taber	Beaver
1964	-	2A Charles Brown	Ponca City	1991	-	5A	Erick Richard	Jenks
		A Willie Rios	Lawton Eisenhower			4A	Phillip Price	Catoosa
1965	-	2A Willie Rios	Lawton Eisenhower			3A	Tori Holcomb	Weatherford
		A Tommy Ward	McAlester			2A	Darin Bell	Beaver
1966	-	2A Ron Majors	Enid	1992	-	5A	Brian Young	Jenks
		A Bill Hornbosted	Stillwater			4A	Phillip Price	Catoosa
1967	-	2A Ron Majors	Enid			3A	R.J. Albaugh	Weatherford
		A Terry Ziegler	Tulsa Kelley			2A	Robert Bark	Seq.-Tahlequah
1968	-	2A Randy Heierding	Putnam City	1993	-	5A	Brian Young	Jenks
		A Wayne Wallgren	Choctaw			4A	Cornelius Mason	Northeast
1969	-	2A Kim Wilson	Enid			3A	Craig Blanchard	Little Axe
		A John Gula	Stillwater			2A	Mark Levings	Buffalo
1970	-	4A John Womack	Ponca City	1994	-	5A	Mark Thompson	Edmond Memorial
		3A Lyn Long	Marlow			4A	Cornelius Mason	Bishop McGuinness
1971	-	4A Bill Welch	Tulsa Edison			3A	David Lampkin	Dickson
		3A Chuck Barkley	Classen			2A	Zac Johnson	Velma-Alma
1972	-	4A Dave Sanders	Tulsa Edison	1995	-	5A	Mark Thompson	Edmond-Memorial
		3A Chuck Barkley	Classen			4A	Taylor Styron	Bishop McGuinness
1973	-	4A Brent Schooley	John Marshall			3A	Jeremy Johnson	Little Axe
		3A Randy Prophet	Laverne			2A	Mylo Miller	Velma-Alma
1974	-	4A Tom Story	Midwest City	1996	-	5A	Mark Thompson	Edmond Memorial
		3A Tom Laden	Tulsa Kelley			4A	Kevin Connolly	Bishop McGuinness
1975	-	4A Tom Story	Midwest City			3A	Kevin Minson	Marlow
		3A Mark Littlebear	Sequoyah-Tahlequah			2A	Bobby Holmes	Chandler
1976	-	4A John Miley	Northwest			A	Herbie Pebeashy	Hydro
		3A Pat Vaughan	Union					
1977	-	4A John Miley	Northwest					
		3A Tom Horn	Bixby					

Boys Individual Champions (continued)

1997	-	5A	Clay Cosby	Jenks	2009	-	6A	Victor Others	Ponca City
		4A	Kevin Connolly	Bishop McGuinness			5A	Taler Buck	Deer Creek
		3A	Albert Kelly	Bristow			4A	Martin Calderon	Blackwell
		2A	David Lampkin	Dickson			3A	Lucien Carriveau	Riverside
		A	Herbie Peabeashy	Hydro			2A	Cale Eidson	Calera
1998	-	5A	Chris McWatters	Moore	2010		6A	Tanner Sattertwate	Norman
		4A	Kevin Connolly	Bishop McGuinness			5A	Taler Buck	Deer Creek
		3A	Patrick McGuire	Plainview			4A	David Annett	Metro Christian
		2A	Steve Sawyer	Chisholm			3A	Andrew Leahey	Plainview
		A	Mylo Miller	Velma-Alma			2A	Joe Springer	Frontier
1999	-	5A	Joey McNair	Bartlesville	2011		6A	Arya Bahreini	Edmond Santa Fe
		4A	Brett Lowry	Bishop McGuinness			5A	Taler Buck	Deer Creek
		3A	Travis Johnson	Elk City			4A	Steven Ory	Cascia Hall
		2A	Patrick McGuire	Plainview			3A	Chris Lowery	Chandler
		A	Lucian Bliss	Carnegie			2A	Louis Chavez	Beaver
2000	-	5A	Rem Moll	Jenks	2012		6A	Noah Gade	Stillwater
		4A	Marco Jimenez	Capitol Hill			5A	Bryce Balanseifen	Deer Creek(Edmond)
		3A	Chris McHone	Elk City			4A	Harvey Baylor	Cleveland
		2A	Patrick McGuire	Plainview			3A	Chris Lowery	Chandler
		A	Erin Rooney	Oklahoma Christian			2A	Andrew Rogers	Copan
2001	-	5A	Chase Hall	Jenks	2013		6A	Ben Barrett	Norman North
		4A	Erik Hurst	Shawnee			5A	Bryce Balenseifen	Deer Creek (Edmond)
		3A	Chris Orsburn	Little Axe			4A	Tristan Owens	Oologah-Talala
		2A	Patrick McGuire	Plainview			3A	Colton Green	Henryetta
		A	Justin Edsall	Lomega			2A	Wyatt Johnson	Watonga
2002	-	5A	Aaron Snyder	Mustang	2014		6A	Ben Barrett	Norman North
		4A	Tyler Kelley	Bishop Kelley			5A	Bryce Balenseifen	Deer Creek-Edmond
		3A	Josh Stewart	Byng			4A	Daniel Mazzei	Berryhill
		2A	Jason Coleman	Watonga			3A	Colton Green	Henryetta
		A	Justin Edsall	Lomega			2A	Isai Rodriguez	Ringwood
2003	-	5A	Brian Gosnell	Tahlequah	2015		6A	Ean Beyer	Norman North
		4A	Preston Swanson	Guthrie			5A	Eugene Grayson	Glenpool
		3A	Josh Stewart	Byng			4A	Zach Black	Sallisaw
		2A	Matt Blackwell	Tishomingo			3A	Cameron Corbin	Tishomingo
		A	Cass Jaques	Hinton			2A	Isai Rodriguez	Lomega/Ringwood
2004	-	5A	Kevin Schwab	Mustang	2016		6A	Matt Young	Jenks
		4A	Lance Goodwin	Harrah			5A	Coal Phillips	Carl Albert
		3A	Isaac Garcia	Victory Christian			4A	Daniel Mazzei	Berryhill
		2A	Phillip Melott	Watonga			3A	Zane Nutter	Marietta
		A	Marshall Summa	Mt. Saint Mary			2A	Isai Rodriguez	Lomega/ Ringwood
2005	-	5A	Kevin Swwab	Mustang					
		4A	Roland Vasquez	Altus					
		3A	Stormey Duncan	Marlow					
		2A	Josh Doyel	Watonga					
		A	Riley Voth	Hooker					
2006	-	5A	Kevin Schwab	Mustang					
		4A	Brice Irving	Skia took					
		3A	Isbek Salinas	Madill					
		2A	Josh Doyel	Watonga					
		A	Jordan Rouintree	Oilton					
2007	-	5A	Steven Baker	Tulsa Union					
		4A	Adam Young	Deer Creek					
		3A	Isbek Salinas	Madill					
		2A	Ryan Schooley	Metro Christian					
		A	Eidson Cale	Calera					
2008	-	6A	Steven Baker	Tulsa Union					
		5A	Dakota Buck	Deer Creek					
		4A	Ramirro Becerra	Santa Fe South					
		3A	Lucien Carriveau	Riverside					
		2A	Cale Edison	Calera					

X. TEAM CHAMPIONS (GIRLS)

1975	-	Edmond	1995	-	5A Jenks	2007	-	5A Edmond North
1976	-	Union			4A Bishop McGuinness			4A Bishop McGuinness
1977	-	4A Edmond			3A Plainview			3A Madill
		3A Union			2A Velma-Alma			2A Plainview
1978	-	4A Edmond	1996	-	5A Westmoore			A Watonga
		3A Union			4A Bishop McGuinness	2008	-	6A Westmoore
1979	-	4A Edmond			3A Marlow			5A Bishop McGuinness
		3A Union			2A Lexington			4A Seminole
1980	-	4A Norman			A Velma-Alma			3A Plainview
		3A Union	1997	-	5A Sapulpa			2A Thomas
1981	-	4A Norman			4A Bishop McGuinness	2009	-	6A Edmond North
		3A Union			3A Little Axe			5A Collinsville
1982	-	4A Edmond			2A Lexington			4A Madill
		3A Sallisaw			A Velma-Alma			3A Plainview
1983	-	4A Edmond	1998	-	5A Mustang			2A Watonga
		3A Sallisaw			4A Bishop McGuinness	2010		6A Jenks
1984	-	5A Edmond			3A Little Axe			5A Coweta
		4A Pryor			2A Warner			4A Metro Christian
		3A Alva			A Velma-Alma			3A Plainview
1985	-	5A Jenks	1999	-	5A Jenks			2A Boise City
		4A Tulsa Kelley			4A Bishop McGuinness	2011		6A Edmond Memorial
		3A Alva			3A Elk City			5A Coweta
1986	-	5A Tahlequah			2A Plainview			4A Metro Christian
		4A Tulsa Kelley			A Canton			3A Plainview
		3A Grove	2000	-	5A Jenks			2A Hennessey
1987	-	5A Jenks			4A Bishop McGuinness	2012		6A Jenks
		4A Pryor			3A Marlow			5A Metro Christian
		3A Bishop McGuinness			2A Plainview			4A Mount St. Mary
1988	-	5A Jenks			A Okla. Bible Academy			3A Plainview
		4A Pryor	2001	-	5A Jenks			2A Tonkawa
		3A Bishop McGuinness			4A Bishop McGuinness	2013		6A Norman North
1989	-	5A Jenks			3A Madill			5A Deer Creek (Edmond)
		4A Pryor			2A Plainview			4A Plainview
		3A Marlow			A Okla. Bible Academy			3A Marietta
1990	-	5A Jenks	2002	-	5A Jenks			2A Warner
		4A Bishop McGuinness			4A Bishop McGuinness	2014		6A Bartlesville
		3A Marlow			3A Jay			5A Deer Creek-Edmond
		2A Hennessey			2A Watonga			4A Plainview
1991	-	5A Bartlesville			A Carnegie			3A Marietta
		4A Tahlequah	2003	-	5A Mustang			2A Cordell
		3A Marlow			4A Guthrie	2015		6A Bartlesville
		2A Beaver			3A Madill			5A Claremore
1992	-	5A Moore			2A Plainview			4A Metro Christian
		4A Bishop McGuinness			A Carnegie			3A Marietta
		3A Plainview	2004	-	5A Mustang			2A Cordell
		2A Seq.-Tahlequah			4A Bishop McGuinness	2016		6A Bartlesville
1993	-	5A Bartlesville			3A Jay			5A Bishop McGuinness
		4A Bishop McGuinness			2A Plainview			4A Lincoln Christian
		3A Plainview			A Carnegie			3A Marietta
		2A Beaver	2005	-	5A Tulsa Union			2A Warner
1994	-	5A Jenks			4A Bishop McGuinness			
		4A Bishop McGuinness			3A Madill			
		3A Marlow			2A Sequoyah Tahlequah			
		2A Lexington			A Haworth			
			2006	-	5A Jenks			
					4A Bishop McGuinness			
					3A Madill			
					2A Plainview			
					A Hennessey			

XI. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS (GIRLS)

1975	-	Michelle Brown	John Marshall	1997	-	5A Summer Suchy	Westmoore
1976	-	Rhona Ray	Norman			4A Amanda Jordan	Bishop McGuinness
1977	-	4A Rhona Ray	Norman			3A Carrie McFall	Cascia Hall
		3A Jane Clough	Yukon			2A Tasha Lance	Victory Christian
1978	-	4A Denise Weeden	Edmond			A Amber Thacker	Velma-Alma
		3A Jane Clough	Yukon	1998	-	5A Wendy Scott	Mustang
1979	-	4A Denise Weeden	Edmond			4A Amanda Jordan	Bishop McGuinness
		3A Rachel Williams	Union			3A Jesse Gordon	Plainview
1980	-	4A Linda Maguire	Norman			2A Miley Turnbull	Warner
		3A Lori Bushyhead	Union			A Beth Hooten	Canton
1981	-	4A Laura Blackburn	Moore	1999	-	5A Brianna McLeod	Jenks
		3A Lori Bushyhead	Union			4A Amanda Jordan	Bishop McGuinness
1982	-	4A Laura McCoy	Norman			3A Susan Morford	Little Axe
		3A Donna Kating	Pryor			2A Jessie Gordon	Plainview
1983	-	4A Laura McCoy	Norman			A Beth Hooten	Canton
		3A Donna Kating	Pryor	2000	-	5A Brianna McLeod	Jenks
1984	-	5A Michelle Scholtz	Tulsa Memorial			4A Amanda Jordan	Bishop McGuinness
		4A Alana Gray	Pryor			3A Chandra Huckabay	Marlow
		3A Angela Harmon	Wynnewood			2A Jessie Gordon	Plainview
1985	-	5A Michelle Scholtz	Tulsa Memorial			A Heidi Schmidt	Okla. Bible Academy
		4A LaVeshia Martin	Okmulgee	2001	-	5A Alayne Thompson	Jenks
		3A Christy Wyatt	Marlow			4A Alicia Dolby	Thomas Edison
1986	-	5A Michelle Scholtz	Tulsa Memorial			3A Abigail Lillich	Jay
		4A LaVeshia Martin	Okmulgee			2A Jesse Gordon	Plainview
		3A Mary Kannmore	Vinita			A Brooke Edsall	Omega
1987	-	5A Alison Uberecken	Bartlesville	2002	-	5A Brianna McLeod	Jenks
		4A Shawna Charley	Noble			4A Alicia Dalby	Thomas Edison
		3A Brooke Netherton	Jay			3A Carissa Fischer	Weatherford
1988	-	5A Britt Smith	Jenks			2A Kimbri Lettkeman	Watonga
		4A Heather McKillip	El Reno			A Brooke Edsall	Lomega
		3A Randi Thompson	Poteau	2003	-	5A Chelsea Baldwin	Ponca City
1989	-	5A Amy Tinker	Jenks			4A Jamie Theobald	Guthrie
		4A Annette Ackuff	Pryor			3A Michaela Brannan	Victory Christian
		3A Randi Thompson	Poteau			2A Taylor Rigsby	Metro Christian
1990	-	5A Amy Tinker	Jenks			A Brooke Edsall	Lomega
		4A Michelle Decker	Guthrie	2004	-	5A Ina Ables	Tulsa Union
		3A Michelle Goode	Plainview			4A Lacey Akers	Harrah
		2A Natalie Gray	Cascia Hall			3A Taylor Rigsby	Metro Christian
1991	-	5A Chery Finley	Lawton Eisenhower			2A Sarah Holcomb	Sequoyah Tahlequah
		4A Jenni Monette	Claremore			A Brooke Edsall	Lomega
		3A Natalie Gray	Cascia Hall	2005	-	5A Ina Ables	Tulsa Union
		2A Amy Herchock	Beaver			4A Lacey Akers	Harrah
1992	-	5A Amy Tinker	Jenks			3A Taylor Rigsby	Metro Christian
		4A Jessica Hoke	Bishop McGuinness			2A Chelsea Jones	Watonga
		3A Natalie Gray	Cascia Hall			A Kristen Radcliff	Forgan
		2A Anjanette Proctor	Sequoyah-Tahlequah	2006	-	5A Sara Vaughn	Tulsa Union
1993	-	5A Carissa Nix	Jenks			4A Molly Ferguson	Bishop McGuinness
		4A Jessica Hoke	Bishop McGuinness			3A Jori Davis	Piedmont
		3A Natalie Gray	Cascia Hall			2A Amber Harper	Plainview
		2A Ashlee Barby	Laverne			A Kristen Radcliff	Forgan
1994	-	5A Melissa Flood	Moore	2007	-	5A Sara Vaughn	Tulsa Union
		4A Ashley Boothe	Bishop McGuinness			4A Andrea Lewis	Bishop Kelley
		3A Sarah Harvey	Plainview			3A Kadie Peolpes	Madill
		2A Amy Armer	Kansas			2A Amber Harper	Plainview
1995	-	5A Corrie Hussar	Mustang			A Heather Braley	Chisholm
		4A Ashley Boothe	Bishop McGuinness	2008	-	6A Paige Barnes	Jenks
		3A Kelleigh Sanders	Elgin			5A Andrea Lewis	Bishop Kelley
		2A Rae Ann McCurry	Velma-Alma			4A Jori Davis	Piedmont
						3A Danae McGee	Stroud
						2a Angela Bigbiw	Carnegie

Girls Individual Champions (continued)

1996	-	5A	Lindsey Hughes	Westmoore
		4A	Ashley Boothe	Bishop McGuinness
		3A	Leah McCawley	Marlow
		2A	Tasha Lance	Victory Christian
		A	Rae Ann McCurry	Velma-Alma
2009	-	6A	Jacquelynn Skocik	Jenks
		5A	Jessica Hembree	Tahlequah
		4A	Jori Davis	Piedmont
		3A	Regan Ward	Beggs
		2A	Coriann Hoar	Watonga
2010		6A	Noemi Hernandez	Westmoore
		5A	Jessica Hembree	Tahlequah
		4A	Kelsey McKee	Metro Christian
		3A	Cheyenne Choate	Hennessey
		2A	Jaylee Mays	Balko
2011		6A	Emily Helms	Mustang
		5A	Christi Dougherty	Coweta
		4A	Lindsey Gregory	Madill
		3A	Alex Davis	Plainview
		2A	Cheyenne Choate	Hennessey
2012		6A	Emily Helms	Mustang
		5A	Jessica Hembree	Tahlequah
		4A	Sydney Lawrence	Stilwell
		3A	Alex Davis	Plainview
		2A	Omega Reese	Tonkawa
2013		6A	Cheyenne Walden	Sand Springs
		5A	Michaela Werner	Grove
		4A	Zoie DeFehr	Weatherford
		3A	Daisy Vanmeter	Henryetta
		2A	Kailey Kilpatrick	Warner
2014		6A	Cheyenne Waldon	Sand Springs
		5A	Sydney Lawrence	Stilwell
		4A	Adrena Mazzei	Berryhill
		3A	Daisy Von Meter	Henryetta
		2A	Berkley Price	Cordell
2015		6A	Cheyenne Walden	Sand Springs
		5A	Tesa Potter	Tecumseh
		4A	Alyssa Solberg	Lincoln Christian
		3A	Daisy Van Meter	Henryetta
		2A	Ellie Gilbreath	Regent Prep
2016		6A	Cheyenne Walden	Sand Springs
		5A	Laynie Nichols	Claremore
		4A	Maicie Brown	Weatherford
		3A	Barbara Johnson	Heavener
		2A	Ellie Gilbreath	Regent Prep

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2017 Fall Fast-Pitch Softball Dates to Remember

Or the first day of school if before August 7		Season Begins
August	25	Entry Form Due
September	8	Classes B-A-2A-3A District Tournament Pairings Released
September	23	Classes B-A-2A-3A District Tournaments Completed
September	25	Classes B-A-2A-3A Academic Achievement Applications Due
September	25	Classes 4A-5A-6A District Games Must Be Completed
September	30	Class 4A Bi-District Tournaments must be completed
September	27	Classes 4A-5A-6A Regional Tournament Pairings Released
September	28-29	Classes B-A-2A-3A Regional Tournaments
October	5-6-7	State Championships for B-A- 2A- 3A
October	7	Classes 4A-5A-6A Regional Tournaments Completed
October	3	Classes 4A-5A-6A Academic Achievement Applications Due
October	12-13-14	State Championships for 4A-5A-6A

2017 State Fall Fast-Pitch Softball Rules Meetings

July 22 – Westmoore High School – 11:00 a.m.
 July 26 – Coaches Clinic – 2:00 p.m.
 August 2 – Rules Meeting – McAlester High School – 7:00 p.m.

State Rules meetings are mandatory for head coaches and must be completed by September 1. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of the head coach from all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance. If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, the meeting is available on-line at www.ossaa.com, click in the Sports link, then Fast-Pitch Softball. Written verification of completion must be sent to the OSSAA for on-line meetings.

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED>

I. SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

High schools that plan to participate in 2017 girls' Fall Fast-Pitch softball should complete and return by August 25, the Fall Fast-Pitch Softball Entry Form found on the forms link on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com

II. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Class 6A 32 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- B. Class 5A next 32 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- C. Class 4A next 64 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- D. Class 3A next 64 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- E. Class 2A next 64 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- F. Class A next 96 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- G. Class B all remaining schools

There will be eight 8-team districts in Class 4A, and four 8-team districts in Classes 5A and 6A. Districts will be for a two-year cycle. The 2017-2018 school year is year one of the current two year cycle. The ADM from the 2016-17 school year was used to determine the Districts for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. The OSSAA will take input from the Fast-Pitch coaches when determining Districts. Plans submitted to the OSSAA must be approved by the OSSAA Staff and are subject to change before being submitted to the OSSAA Board of Directors for approval.

Additionally, since there may be an uneven split between East and West teams, the OSSAA will select teams to travel to either the East or West side of the State. The OSSAA will take input from schools where there may be an imbalance of teams, but the OSSAA will have the final say when determining the East/West split.

NOTE: The OSSAA will use the most current ADM sheet available for classifying fall activities if the ADM for all schools is finalized at least two weeks prior to the releasement date for a particular activity. For 2017 girls' fall fast-pitch softball, this means the 2017-18 school year ADM will be used for classification purposes if the ADM information is received by August 11, 2017. If the 2017-18 school year ADM has not been received by August 11, the 2016-17 school year ADM will be used for the 2017 classification purposes.

III. BEGINNING OF SEASON, ALLOWED SCHEDULE, PLAY-OFF DATES, AND RANKINGS

- A. Organized practice for fast-pitch softball, may begin no earlier than July 15.

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season for fast-pitch softball to the start date of July 15, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes.

- B. Teams may start playing scheduled games the same day as limited football practice is allowed to begin, or the first day of school for that respective school district if the date is before August 7th. No scrimmages are allowed after the first contest has been played for schools that begin prior to August 7th.
- C. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored Championship Tournament Series, teams shall be limited to not more than the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. This regulation shall apply separately to fall and spring softball seasons. Outside of tournament games, each game played shall be counted as a match game. Junior High teams shall be limited to the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- D. **High school teams may play twenty-two (22) scheduled games and three (3) tournaments, or 25 scheduled games and two (2) tournaments.** Junior high school teams may play fourteen (14) games and two (2) tournaments. Two (2) tournaments also applies to the individual player. Junior High teams may play a third tournament if the regular season schedule is reduced three games.
- E. In a pool play tournament, if there is an opportunity to play two or more games after the conclusion of pool play, then all pool play games shall count against the regular season limitation.

Teams may play in any number of festivals. A softball festival is defined as any number of teams that come together to play at predetermined times against predetermined opponents. **Each game played in a festival will count as one of the regular season games.** No trophies, plaques,

medals, or awards of any kind can be awarded during festival play. Schools are encouraged to play festivals on non-school days in order to reduce loss of school time.

Three (3) tournaments also applies to the individual player. **NOTE:** Tournaments do not include the OSSAA sponsored championship tournament series. In the event one game of a regular season scheduled tournament is completed, and the remainder of the tournament is cancelled (not post-poned) due to inclement weather or any other act of nature; a school may submit a written request to the OSSAA Staff seeking permission to schedule an additional regular season game. This contest must be played prior to the beginning of the playoff series.

There will be no play of regular season or tournament games on Wednesday if school is in session. Weekend tournaments, defined as tournaments scheduled Thursday through Saturday may not begin prior to 10:00 a.m., and no game shall be scheduled to begin later than 9 p.m. Tournaments scheduled to be played Monday through Friday, (excluding Wednesday if school is in session) may not be scheduled to begin prior to 4:00 p.m and no game shall be scheduled to begin later than 9 p.m.

No more than 5 days shall be missed, with any part of a day to be counted toward the total of five days. If there is an athletic hour at the end of the regular school day, missing that hour shall not count against the total of five days. OSSAA play-off games will be excluded from the 5 day total.

F. Violation of contest limits (teams and/or individuals) (Board Policy I-C-2)

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:

1. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 2. The head coach in the activity may be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 3. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 4. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.
- G. A ninth grade student may play three (3) tournaments if she participates with the high school team. This can be totally with the high school team or a combination of junior high and high school games/tournaments. If a 9th grade student plays with the junior high team only, she is limited to two tournaments.
- H. No team shall be permitted to scrimmage in Fast-Pitch Softball after August 7 or after that schools season opens if school begins before August 7. A scrimmage is defined as competition against another school without keeping records such as scores, etc. There shall be no loss of instructional time for a scrimmage.
- The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website, (www.ossaa.com). For Fast-Pitch Softball, it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season.
- Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.
- I. Classes B-A-2A-3A District tournaments are to be completed by September 23, 2017.
- J. Classes B-A-2A-3A Regional tournaments will be scheduled for September 28-29, 2017. NOTE: By mutual agreement of all teams involved in Classes B-A-2A-3A regional tournament play, the dates and times may be altered.
- K. Classes 4A-5A-6A regional tournaments are to be completed by October 7, 2017.
- L. State championship tournament for classes B-A-2A-3A will take place October 5-6-7, 2017.
- M. State championship tournament for classes 4A-5A- 6A will take place October 12-13-14, 2017.

IV. PLAYOFF-STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES B-A-2A-3A

- A. Classes B, A, 2A, and 3A will be assigned within their class to thirty-two (32) double elimination district tournaments. The winner of each district will advance to regional tournament competition.
- B. If a team is not assigned an opponent in a District tournament, then that team may play 2 games against any other team also not assigned an opponent in a District tournament.
- C. Classes B-A-2A-3A district tournament assignments will be released September 8, 2017, to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. All information regarding district tournaments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school in regular mail. In Class B, A, 2A and 3A, the assigned chairman of each district should schedule a district tournament meeting no earlier than September 14, 2017, and no later than September 17, 2016. If possible, district meetings should be conducted over the phone.
- D. At the district tournament meeting, the following should be decided:
1. Umpires should be agreed upon. Two umpires are to be used in each game. The umpires should be enrolled OSSAA fast-pitch softball umpires (have paid 2017-2018 school year enrollment fee; taken and passed current season National Federation Fast-Pitch Softball Examination).
 2. Draw the tournament brackets. NOTE: In Classes B-A-2A-3A district tournament play, no team will be required to play more than three games during any day of the tournament unless there is consent by the team's head coach.

3. Plan in general for the tournament. **NOTE:** The OSSAA will assign playing sites for all girls' fall fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments. An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all coaches of the teams assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval. When determining playing sites for OSSAA assigned play-off tournaments, fields that have scraped (dirt) infields will be given first priority, if possible. All play-off sites must have lights.
- E. Within each class of B-A-2A-3A each district winner will be assigned to one of eight (8) double elimination regional tournaments with four teams in each regional. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the sites for the B-A-2A-3A regionals. For regional tournament play, the OSSAA will secure the best facility available for fall fast-pitch softball even if the facility is a neutral site. All regional sites must have lights.
- F. The winner of each Classes B-A-2A-3A regional tournament will advance to the state championship tournament.
- G. By mutual agreement of all teams involved in Classes B-A-2A-3A regional tournament play, the dates and times may be altered.
- H. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the site for the state championship tournament. All state championship tournaments are single elimination.

V. **PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 4A-5A-6A**

- A. District standing: District standing will be determined by a percentage of games won/lost in district play. Marginal point totals will be kept for all District games, in case of the need for a tie-breaker in District standings. In the case of an extra inning game, no more than one marginal point will be added or subtracted from a teams total. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won/lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and the next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:
 1. When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. (In the event the teams split the games played between each other in district play, the team with the highest marginal point total in the two games played between the two tied teams will be given the highest position in the standings. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. In the event the two teams are still tied, marginal points from all District will be considered, games and the team with the highest marginal point total will be given the highest position in the standings.
 2. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
 3. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:
 - a) The team with the highest winning percentage in games between the tied teams shall be given the highest available position. The next highest percentage shall receive the next position.
 - b) Total the marginal points each tied team had in all games between tied teams. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points; refer to the process for breaking a two-team tie.
 - c) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four or more teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won over the other in district play.
 4. Should it become necessary for a position to be determined by lot, the OSSAA will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the position.
 5. A forfeiture of a district game will require the forfeiting team to subtract 10 marginal points per game forfeited from their marginal point total. The team receiving the forfeit will gain 10 marginal points for each game forfeited. Forfeiture only affects the two teams involved. All other standings for other teams in the District will remain. Any time a team forfeits a game, the team will automatically be placed on probation. Probation status prohibits the team from participating in invitational tournaments and any post-season contests. A team placed on probation has the right to appeal their status to the OSSAA Staff. A scheduled district game that is canceled will be treated as a forfeited contest. In the event that a re-scheduled game(s) cannot be played prior to September 25, the re-scheduled games have no impact on the final district standings for either team and both teams agree not to play the contest(s); the teams involved may seek approval from the OSSAA to eliminate those contest(s) from the district schedule without declaring forfeiture.

- B. On week 13 Class 4A teams will be placed in Bi-District play in accordance with Diagram 1. The Bi-District Tournaments must be completed by September 30. In Class 5A and 6A each team will be assigned to one of eight 4 team regional tournaments. Regional champions in Class 4A, 5A, and 6A will advance to the State Tournament.
- C. Regional play will be double elimination format with seeding determined by district standings. Host sites for regional tournaments will be the winners and runners-up of each District. Regional Champions will advance to the state tournament and be placed in a single elimination bracket per diagram 2.

Diagram 1: 4A Playoff Structure

District 1, 2, 3 and 4 (West)

District 5, 6, 7 and 8 (East)

<u>Bi-District</u>	<u>Advance To</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>State Quarter Final</u>
D1-1 vs D2-8	Advance To	1	R1 vs R8
D4-4 vs D3-5	Advance To	1	
D3-2 vs D4-7	Advance To	1	
D2-3 vs D1-6	Advance To	1	
D8-1 vs D7-8	Advance To	8	
D5-4 vs D6-5	Advance To	8	
D6-2 vs D5-7	Advance To	8	
D7-3 vs D8-6	Advance To	8	
D4-1 vs D3-8	Advance To	4	R4 vs R5
D1-4 vs D2-5	Advance To	4	
D2-2 vs D1-7	Advance To	4	
D3-3 vs D4-6	Advance To	4	
D5-1 vs D6-8	Advance To	5	
D8-4 vs D7-5	Advance To	5	
D7-2 vs D8-7	Advance To	5	
D6-3 vs D5-6	Advance To	5	
D7-1 vs D8-8	Advance To	7	R7 vs R2
D6-4 vs D5-5	Advance To	7	
D5-2 vs D6-7	Advance To	7	
D8-3 vs D7-6	Advance To	7	
D2-1 vs D1-8	Advance To	2	
D3-4 vs D4-5	Advance To	2	
D4-2 vs D3-7	Advance To	2	
D1-3 vs D2-6	Advance To	2	
D6-1 vs D5-8	Advance To	6	R6 vs R3
D7-4 vs D8-5	Advance To	6	
D8-2 vs D7-7	Advance To	6	
D5-3 vs D6-6	Advance To	6	
D3-1 vs D4-8	Advance To	3	
D2-4 vs D1-5	Advance To	3	
D1-2 vs D2-7	Advance To	3	
D4-3 vs D3-6	Advance To	3	

Class 5A-6A Regional champions will advance to the State Tournament and placed on single elimination bracket per Diagram 2.

Regional 1-4 West**Regional 1**

District 1 winner plays District 2 number 8
District 2 number 4 plays District 1 number 5

Regional 2

District 1 runner up plays District 2 number 7
District 2 number 3 plays District 1 number 6

Regional 3

District 2 winner plays District 1 number 8
District 1 number 4 plays District 2 number 5

Regional 4

District 2 runner up plays District 1 number 7
District 1 number 3 plays District 2 number 6

Regional 5-8 East**Regional 5**

District 3 winner plays District 4 number 8
District 4 number 4 plays District 3 number 5

Regional 6

District 3 runner up plays District 4 number 7
District 4 number 3 plays District 3 number 6

Regional 7

District 4 winner plays District 3 number 8
District 3 number 4 plays District 4 number 5

Regional 8

District 4 runner up plays District 3 number 7
District 3 number 3 plays District 4 number 6

DIAGRAM 2—State Bracket for Classes 4A, 5A and 6A



- D. At the regional tournament meeting, the following should be decided:
1. Umpires should be agreed upon. Two umpires are to be used in each game. The umpires should be eligible OSSAA fast-pitch softball umpires (have paid 2017-2018 school year enrollment fee; taken and passed current season National Federation Fast-Pitch Softball Test).
 2. Draw the tournament brackets. In Classes 4A-5A-6A regional tournament play, games 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be played on the first day of the scheduled tournament.
 3. Plan in general for the tournament. **NOTE:** The OSSAA will assign playing sites for all girls' fall fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments. An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all coaches of the teams assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval. When determining playing sites for OSSAA assigned play-off tournaments, fields that have scraped (dirt) infields will be given first priority, if possible. For regional tournament play, the OSSAA will secure the best available facility for fast-pitch softball even if the facility is a neutral site. All play-off sites must have lights.
- E. The winner of each Class 4A-5A- 6A regional tournament will advance to the state championship tournament. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the site for the state championship tournament. Classes 4A-5A-6A state championship tournaments are single elimination tournaments. All play-off sites must have lights.

VI. BRACKETING FOR B-A-2A-3A DISTRICTS

- A. For seeding purposes, Classes B-A-2A-3A teams will be seeded by the most recent rankings posted by OSSAA ranking program. The top 20 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. All others will be seeded according to record. A minimum of fifteen (15) games played will be

required for seeding purposes. The OSSAA may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season.

- B. The following criteria will be used in OSSAA girls' fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn on the local level:
1. When three teams are involved in a tournament teams will be seeded by the most recent rankings posted by OSSAA ranking program. The team with the lowest ranking will choose either seeded team, automatically placing the bye.

Team A will be the team that receives the bye.

Team B will be the team chosen to be played by Team C.

Team C will be the team with the third best record.

Game 1: Team B plays Team C

Game 2: Loser game 1 plays Team A

Game 3: Winner game 1 plays Team A

Game 4: If one team has one loss and one team has no losses, they play

Game 5: If necessary

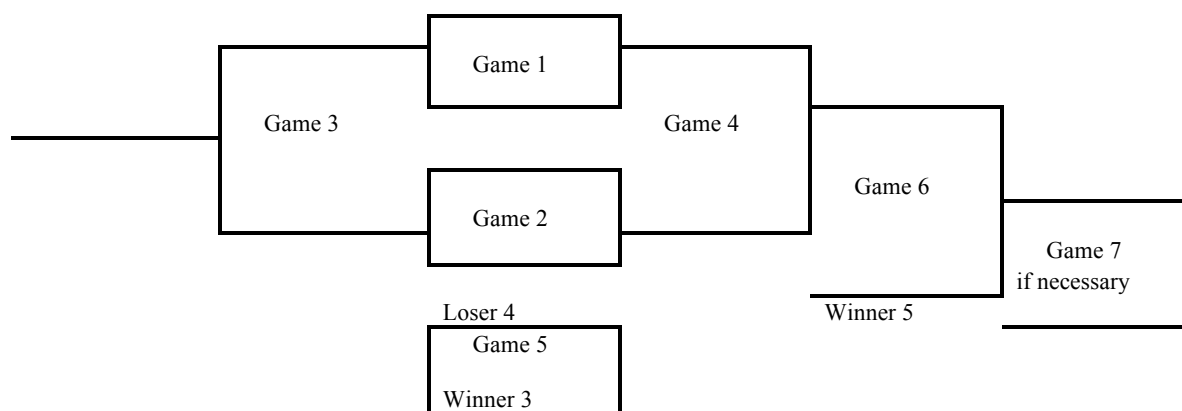
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Game 4: If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C

Game 5: Winner Game 4 plays Team A

2. When four teams are involved in a tournament, teams will be seeded by the most recent ranking posted by OSSAA ranking program.

FOUR TEAM BRACKET



4. If the tournament manager is notified after the tournament bracket has been established that one or more of the teams will not participate and this would cause a bye in the second round, a new bracket should be drawn. Otherwise, the bracket is to remain as originally drawn.

- C. A copy of each Class B-A-2A-3A district and Class 4A-5A-6A regional tournament bracket should be sent to the OSSAA or a FAX may be sent. **NOTE:** The OSSAA FAX number is (405) 840-9559.

VII. ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING OF PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS

- A. In determining the strengths of teams within each class of girls' fall fast-pitch softball, the OSSAA will use OSSAA ranking program. The top 20 ranked teams will be considered as ranked teams.
- B. The OSSAA will make the final decision on all play-off assignments and seeding.
- C. Assignment criteria for Classes B-A-2A-3A district tournaments will be as follows:
 1. Geographic location of each team will be the primary factor, fields must have lights.
 2. If possible, stronger teams within a geographical area will be separated.
 3. If possible, teams that have had sportsmanship problems with each other will be separated. **NOTE:** Seeding and bracketing for Classes B-A-2A-3A district tournaments will take place at the district tournament meetings.
- D. Assignment criteria for Classes B-A-2A-3A regional tournaments will be as follows:
 1. Geographics will be considered, additional travel will be considered in an attempt to balance strengths of each regional tournament, only fields with lights must be used. **NOTE:** District number will have no significance in assigning teams to a regional tournament.
 2. In Classes B-A-2A-3A the four teams assigned to each of the eight double elimination regional tournaments will be seeded one through four. On the tournament bracket, the number one seeded team will play the number four seeded team, and the number two seeded team will play the number three seeded team. **NOTE:** Seeding and bracketing for Classes B-A-2A-3A regional tournaments will be done by the OSSAA.
- E. Assignment criteria for Classes B-A-2A-3A state tournament will be as follows:

The tournament teams will be seeded one through eight. The two highest seeded teams shall be bracketed with the two lowest seeded teams and the two second highest seeded teams shall be bracketed with the two second lowest seeded teams. **NOTE:** Seeding and bracketing for Classes B-A-2A-3A state tournaments will be done by the OSSAA.

VIII. PLAY-OFF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- A. In Classes B-A-2A-3A district tournament play, the OSSAA suggests \$5.00 for adults and students. The host school will use their own tickets. A record of tournament tickets sold and expenses should be kept. In district tournament play, the OSSAA will reimburse the host school fifty (50) percent of losses considering only the expenses of umpires and balls after gate receipts are subtracted from these expenses. A financial report will be required by the OSSAA if a deficit is reported regarding umpire and ball expenses. **NOTE:** If the participating teams provide a top grade fast-pitch softball as stipulated in Section IX of this manual, expenses for softballs should not be included in tournament expenses.
- B. In Classes B-A-2A-3A-4A-5A-6A regional tournament play, the charge shall be \$5.00 for adults, and students. The OSSAA will provide tickets for all regional tournament sites. In regional tournament play, the OSSAA will reimburse the host school seventy-five (75) percent of losses considering only the expenses of umpires and balls after gate receipts are subtracted from these expenses. **NOTE:** If the participating teams provide a top grade fast-pitch softball as stipulated in Section IX of this manual, expenses for softballs should not be included in tournament expenses. An OSSAA accounting form will accompany the tickets, and must be completed and returned to the Activities Association with all unused tickets. The charge for all classes of State Tournament play will be \$7.00 for adults and students.
- C. Fast-Pitch Softball reimbursements to be determined by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

IX. ADDITIONAL PLAY-OFF INFORMATION

- A. For the OSSAA fall fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments, each team will be limited to twenty-two (22) suited team members. The twenty-two suited team members will be the only participants eligible to participate during a play-off game. The same twenty-two team members do not have to be suited for each play-off game.
- B. For each game played in district and regional tournaments, a team shall furnish one official top grade fast-pitch softball with a .47 COR. The Wilson WTA 9011 BSST optic yellow 12-inch leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the play-offs. All transactions must be approved by the umpire-in-chief. If one coach objects to using the official Wilson softball and the other coach wants to use the official Wilson softball, the official Wilson softball shall be used anytime the coaches disagree. **NOTE:** The Wilson WTA 9011 BSST optic yellow 12-inch polycore leather softball will be the only softball used during the 2017 State Tournament.
- C. The ten (10) run rule will be in effect throughout the play-off series.
- D. The host tournament sites (both district and regional sites) will pay the umpires from tournament gate receipts. The umpires shall be selected from within a reasonable driving distance of the tournament site.
- E. The OSSAA will assign and pay the umpires for the State Championship tournament. Three umpires will be used in each game.
- F. If weather, darkness, or other circumstances interfere with play so that a play-off tournament game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: (a) five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension. All State Tournament games shall be completed.
- G. Designated Media Area: - National Federation Softball rules require the home team or game management to designate a lined area for the media. This area shall be considered a dead ball area. This rule also prohibits media from being in a live ball area. The OSSAA requests that each host site cooperate with the media and provide a designated area. We recommend the area be marked between home and first or third base in an area that enables adequate media coverage. We realize each softball facility is built differently and the above recommendation may not be feasible. An area that affords the best possible coverage with the least possibility of an interference situation should be selected.
- H. During the state tournament (all classes), no warm-up on the infield will be allowed until the ground crew has completed dragging/marking the field for the next game and then beginning with the third base dugout team, both teams will receive five minutes of warm-up time on the field. The assigned umpires for the respective game will be responsible for starting and timing the five-minute warm-up periods. Pitchers cannot warm-up within the playing field once the five minutes warm-up periods begin.
- I. During the regular season teams may use the tiebreaker procedure, but during the play-offs no tiebreaker procedure will be used.

X. AWARDS

- A. Plaques will be awarded to the champions of each district and regional tournament, teams receiving a bye and not playing a District tournament will not be sent a plaque.
- B. Trophies will be awarded to runner-up and championship teams of each class of state tournament play. Also, twenty-two (22) team members of the runner-up and championship teams will receive individual medals.

XI. RULES OF PLAY

- A. The rules of play will be those of the 2017 National Federation Softball Rule Book. **NOTE:** It is the responsibility of each participating coach to be familiar with these rules.

XII. COACHES CONDUCT

- A. When an official banishes a coach from the vicinity of the game, and there is no other assistant coach or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team, the game must be forfeited.
- B. Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regular scheduled game, meet, or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and play-off activities. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team anytime during the contest including half time. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- C. When a coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game shall be forfeited and the school will automatically be placed on probation.

XIII. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

XIV. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcast event, and comments made in a public forum.

XV. APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTESTS

- A. Weekday invitational softball tournaments may begin no earlier than 4:00 p.m. Weekend tournaments may begin no earlier than 10:00 a.m.
- B. There will be no play during the regular season on Wednesday.
- C. All OSSAA meets and tournaments where three or more schools participate must be approved by the Board of Directors before member schools shall enter. An OSSAA Application for Athletic Event can be found on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com.

XVI. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and Association sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades, must be enrolled and tested with the Activities Association. These regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades. It is strongly recommended that eligible officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th -12th grades.
- B. In all OSSAA sanctioned tournaments, enrolled and tested officials should be used.

XVII. NOT HONORING A PROTEST (BOARD POLICY XLVIII)

- A. OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contest. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

XVIII. COACHES ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting nor taunting officials in any way, nor seeking out an official during half time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- F. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- G. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- H. Fulfill responsibility to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- I. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- J. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- K. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment.
- L. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

XIX. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. Team Qualifications:
Fast-Pitch Softball - the roster of academic achievement participants will consist of the 22 team members or lesser number suited up for Classes B-A-2A-3A district tournament play, and Classes 4A-5A-6A regional tournament play. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) Applications for Classes B-A-2A-3A teams must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 25, or may be FAXED September 26, and Monday, October 2 or may be FAXED October 3 for Classes 4A-5A-6A teams.
- B. General Regulations:
 - 1. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
 - 2. Entries received after the entry deadline will not be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will also void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
 - 3. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. A = 4; B = 3.000; C = 2.000; D = 1.000. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
 - 4. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual student's GPA.
 - 5. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
- C. Three levels of competition for academic awards:
 - 1. Academic Achievement Certificate: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum of 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - 3. State Academic Champion: The team with the highest GPA in their respective class of fast-pitch softball will be the state academic champion.
- D. The application for Academic Achievement Award can be found on the forms link at www.ossaa.com.

XX. HIV AND HEPATITIS B RELATED TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Please see your athletic director or principal for precautionary recommendations concerning HIV (AIDS) and Hepatitis B.

XXI. PRACTICE AT PLAY-OFF SITE

Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest, or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.

XXII. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstances. **NOTE:** Refer to Rule 3 in the 2017-2018 OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook for additional scholastic eligibility information.

XXI. HISTORY OF FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS											
1953		Capitol Hill	1984	3A	Dewey	1995	5A	Owasso		3A	Meeker
1954		Loyal		2A	Cameron		4A	Claremore		2A	Healdton
1955		Wayne	1985	4A	Broken Arrow		3A	Tuttle		A	Davenport
1956		Atwood		3A	Dewey		2A	Adair	2003	6A	Broken Arrow
1957		Loyal		2A	Sterling		A	Davenport		5A	Claremore
1958		Pocola	1986	5A	Yukon	1996	5A	Broken Arrow		4A	Deer Creek (E)
1959		Moss		4A	Dewey		4A	Bishop Kelley		3A	Meeker
1960		Pocola		3A	Sterling		3A	Grove		2A	Dale
1961		Pocola	1987	5A	Edmond Mem.		2A	Tuttle		A	Davenport
1962		Chandler		4A	Pryor		A	Davenport	2004	6A	Edmond North
1963		Pocola		3A	Adair	1997	6A	Yukon		5A	Coweta
1964		Stuart		2A	Sterling		5A	Bixby		4A	Lone Grove
		Sperry	1988	5A	Mustang		4A	Marlow		3A	Purcell
1965		Noble		4A	Oologah		3A	Tuttle		2A	Rush Springs
1966		Pocola		3A	Dewey		2A	Adair		A	Sentinel
1967		Pocola		2A	Copan		A	Copan	2005	6A	Moore
1968		Pocola	1989	5A	Broken Arrow	1998	6A	Broken Arrow		5A	Coweta
1969		Pocola		4A	Fort Gibson		5A	Claremore		4A	Collinsville
1970		Pocola		3A	Oologah		4A	Fort Gibson		3A	Meeker
1971		Cameron		2A	Copan		3A	Oologah		2A	Washington
1972		Collinsville	1990	5A	East Central (T)		2A	Bethel		A	Davenport
1973		Cameron		4A	Western Heights		A	Copan	2006	6A	Broken Arrow
1974		Moore		3A	Dewey	1999	6A	Union		5A	Carl Albert
1975		Putnam City		2A	Copan		5A	Claremore		4A	Mannford
1976		Union (Tulsa)	1991	5A	Yukon		4A	Oologah		3A	Adair
1977	4A	Bishop Kelley		4A	Bishop Kelley		3A	Bethel		2A	Oktaha
	3A	Pocola		3A	Dewey		2A	Washington		A	Sterling
1978	4A	Putnam City		2A	Copan		A	Copan		B	Red Oak
	3A	Cameron	1992	5A	Union (Tulsa)	2000	6A	Yukon	2007	6A	Moore
1979	4A	Broken Arrow		4A	Bishop Kelley		5A	Bishop Kelley		5A	Carl Albert
	3A	Pocola		3A	Oologah		4A	Grove		4A	Tuttle
1980	4A	Sooner (B'ville)		2A	Davenport		3A	Berryhill		3A	Chelsea
	3A	Wister	1993	5A	Edmond Mem.		2A	Washington		2A	Konawa
1981	4A	P.C. West		4A	Nathan Hale (T)		A	Davenport		A	Sterling
	3A	Wister		3A	Oologah	2001	6A	Broken Arrow		B	Red Oak
1982	4A	Bartlesville		2A	Commerce		5A	Bishop Kelley	2008	6A	Broken Arrow
	3A	Crescent	1994	5A	Choctaw		4A	Skiatook		5A	MacArthur
1983	4A	P.C. West		4A	Claremore		3A	Tuttle		4A	Tuttle
	3A	Blanchard		3A	Tuttle		2A	Adair		3A	Washington
	2A	Cameron		2A	Dewey		A	Davenport		2A	Ringling
1984	4A	Bartlesville		A	Davenport	2002	6A	Broken Arrow		A	Depew
							5A	Coweta		B	Sasakwa
							4A	McLoud			

2009	6A	Broken Arrow	2015	6A	Choctaw						
	5A	MacArthur		5A	Collinsville						
	4A	Blanchard		4A	Chickasha						
	3A	Caney Valley		3A	Washington						
	2A	Healdton		2A	Tushka						
	A	Ft. Cobb-Broxtown		A	Binger-Oney						
	B	Sasakwa		B	Red Oak						
2010	6A	Yukon	2016	6A	Southmoore						
	5A	Carl Albert		5A	Pryor						
	4A	Little Axe		4A	Tuttle						
	3A	Mt. Saint Mary		3A	Chandler						
	2A	Konawa		2A	Latta						
	A	Dewar		A	Tushka						
	B	Binger-Oney		B	Red Oak						
2011	6A	Union									
	5A	Carl Albert									
	4A	Blanchard									
	3A	Little Axe									
	2A	Panama									
	A	Binger-Oney									
	B	Hammon									
2012	6A	Edmond North									
	5A	Grove									
	4A	Oologah-Talala									
	3A	Little-Axe									
	2A	Wayne									
	A	Davenport									
	B	Red Oak									
2013	6A	Southmoore									
	5A	Carl Albert									
	4A	Hilldale									
	3A	Washington									
	2A	Dale									
	A	Davenport									
	B	Red Oak									
2014	6A	Mustang									
	5A	Chickasha									
	4A	Newcastle									
	3A	Washington									
	2A	Dale									
	A	Rock Creek									
	B	Red Oak									

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Football Calendar

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
6	7 Limited Practice Begins	8	9	10	11 Full Practice Begins	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 ←←←←←←←←←←	25 ← Zero-Week →	26 →→→→→→→→→→

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27	28 Season opens for JV & Jr. High	29	30	31 Season opens for Varsity	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10 First Round play-offs, All Classes	11
12	13	14	15	16 Academic Achievement due	17 FB playoffs, all classes	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 FB Play-offs B-C-1A-2A-3A-4A-5A-	25 FB Play-offs C-4A-5A

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 FB Play-offs B-1A-2A-3A, FB State C-4A-5A-6A	2 FB Play-offs B-1A-2A-3A, FB State C-4A-5A-6A
3	4	5	6	7	8 FB State B-1A-2A-3A	9 FB State B-1A-2A-3A

PLAY-OFF BRACKETS WILL BE POSTED ON THE OSSAA WEB PAGE BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE SUNDAY PRIOR TO EACH WEEK OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES.

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2017 Football Dates to Remember

August	7	Limited Practice May Begin (no pads)
August	11	Practice with Full Pads May Begin
August	24-26	Zero-Week for Varsity Football
August	28	Season Opens for JV and Jr. High Teams
August	31	Season Opens for Varsity Teams
November	10	First Round of Play-offs
November	17	Academic Achievement Awards Application Due
December	1-2	Classes 6A, 5A, 4A and C Championships
December	8-9	Classes 3A, 2A , 1A and B Championships

2017 Football State Rules Meetings

SATURDAY - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. - 2016 Rule Changes

10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Mechanics Review and Discussion

11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. - General Rules Review and Discussion

July	22	*Westmoore High School Auditorium
July	26	OCA Coaches Clinic-Tulsa
July	27	OCA Coaches Clinic-Tulsa
August	5	Vinita High School Cafeteria
August	12	Lawton - Cameron University - Goodyear Room - Sciences Complex

*This meeting is part of the Official's Conference. Rules meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:55 a.m.

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED

I. CLASSIFICATION

- A. For the purpose of determining the football championships, the schools playing eleven-man football will be assigned by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association Board of Directors to classes based on the Average Daily Membership as shown on the initial Annual Statistical Report completed by the Examiner's Division of the State Department of Education for the preceding school year and filed on June 30 of each year. The ADM that was used for school years 2016-17 and 2017-18 classification purposes was the 2014-15 school year ADM. Football is classified on a two-year cycle and the present cycle concludes with the 2017-2018 school year season. **NOTE:** In regard to football re-classification, the OSSAA will consider input from all member football playing schools. Plans submitted by the schools must be approved by the OSSAA staff and are subject to change before being submitted to the OSSAA Board of Directors for approval. In establishing plans for new districts, Classes 5A-6A shall be sensitive to teams who traveled during the previous two year classification plan. Also, since there may not be an even east/west split in Classes 5A-6A teams, a team(s) will be selected by the OSSAA to balance the number of teams on either the east or west side of the state. The OSSAA will consider requests by Classes 5A-6A teams to be assigned to the area where there is an imbalance in the number of teams, but will have final authority on the east/west split.
- B. The following is the classification used for Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C:
 1. Class 6A shall include the 32 largest eleven-man football playing schools.
 - a. Division I shall include the largest 16 schools in Class 6A.
 - b. Division II shall include the next largest 16 schools in Class 6A.
 2. Class 5A shall include the next 32 largest eleven-man football playing schools.
 3. Class 4A shall include the next 32 largest eleven-man football playing schools.

Classes 3A, 2A and 1A will be divided into thirds. Classes B and C will consist of the smallest 80 Class A football schools that petition to play eight-man football. For the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years those classifications will be as follows:

- Class 3A – the next 55 largest eleven-man football playing schools.
- Class 2A – the next 55 largest eleven-man football playing schools.
- Class A – the next 56 largest eleven-man football playing schools.
- Class B – the 48 largest eight-man football playing schools.
- Class C – the remaining 32 eight-man football playing schools.

II. BEGINNING AND ENDING OF FOOTBALL SEASON

- A. The football season shall open officially in week nine on the OSSAA calendar. Varsity games for students in grades nine through twelve must be scheduled on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of that week. Junior High and junior varsity teams may schedule games on earlier days during week 9. **Varsity teams may choose to open their season on the weekend of week eight on the OSSAA calendar. Schools who choose to open their season during week eight will be limited to one inter-school scrimmage.**
- B. The football season for member schools, school personnel, and players shall close on Saturday of week eighteen on the OSSAA calendar, except for those teams having elimination games following week eighteen, whose season shall close with their last elimination game. **An individual who has represented his/her school during the current season shall not participate in football unattached or as a member of a team for the remainder of the school year.**
- C. In case of death, impassable roads, or extreme weather conditions, a game that is postponed with no date open to play the postponed game, the Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction in deciding whether the season shall be extended.

III. PRACTICE REGULATIONS

- A. A school team may begin practice without pads on Monday of week 6 of the OSSAA calendar. Jr. High and Jr. Varsity teams may open the season on Monday of week 9. Varsity team may open their season on Thursday of week 8 or week 9. Practice shall not be permitted on Sundays during the pre-season practice period. For the 2017 season, practice without pads may begin on Monday, August 7.
- B. For the 2017 season, practice with pads may begin on Friday, August 11.
- C. Schools must have a minimum of three days of conditioning without pads immediately preceding the beginning of practice with pads.
- D. During the first four days of the pre-season training period, only footballs, shoes, and helmets can be used. No other protective equipment such as pads, guards, etc., and no training devices such as tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices are to be used, nor shall players participate in drills that are designed to cause contact. Training aids such as air and stand-up dummies which are non-attached, tires, ropes, boards, and any other equipment not requiring body contact, may be used.
- E. During the four days of practice without pads, practice must be held on a team's home field or practice field. Practice held after the four days of practice without pads may be on or off the home field or practice field.
- F. **From the start of the limited practice through the close of the season, school teams are limited to a maximum of 90 minutes per week of "full contact" practice.** "Full Contact" is considered "Thud" or "Live Action" drills as defined by USA Football "levels of contact". Those levels of contact consist of the following definitions:
 - 1.) Air- Players run a drill unopposed without contact.
 - 2.) Bags- Drill is run against a bag or another soft-contact surface.
 - 3.) Control- Drill is run at assigned speed until the moment of contact: one player is pre-determined "winner" by the coach. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet.

- 4.) Thud- Drill is run at competitive speed through the moment of contact; no pre-determined “winner”. Contact remains above the waist, players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill.
 - 5.) Live Action - Drill is run in game-like conditions and is the only time that players are taken to the ground.
- G. From the close of the football season until the close of school (local district), member schools and school personnel shall not sponsor camps for their football teams, and shall not hold football practice from the close of the football season until Monday of week 6, except as provided in Articles G and H of this section. Organized practice is defined as school personnel (those people who are designated as coaches or assistant coaches within the school district) or anticipated school personnel, directly or indirectly, giving individual or team instruction concerning fundamentals of football. School personnel may coach their team in summer passing leagues or summer camps (see camp regulations - Section XX).
 - H. Schools are allowed to conduct spring football practice for two hours a day after their students have completed all OSSAA activities for the spring semester. Schools will be allowed 21 calendar days to complete their 10 spring practices beginning the first opportunity the school has to practice. During the 10 days of practice, schools will not be allowed to conduct full-contact (“Thud” or “Live Action”) drills on two consecutive days. Schools will only be allowed six total days where full-contact drills may be conducted. **Spring practice is limited to students in grades 9-11. Students who are currently in the 8th grade are not allowed to participate in spring football practice.** Regulation equipment for full contact drills may be used during spring practice. Interschool scrimmages are **not** allowed and only students who are currently attending the school can participate in spring practice.
 - I. When there is no organized athletic period scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period (same time length as a school day class period and cannot exceed one hour) immediately after the close of the school day. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period and cannot exceed one hour.

IV. GAMES AND SCRIMMAGES

- A. In Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C, senior high varsity teams can play a maximum of ten regular season games.
- B. In Classes 6A and 5A, teams which include only ninth grade students, sophomore teams, and junior varsity teams can play a maximum of nine regular season games. **NOTE:** If a student below the ninth grade is participating on a team, only eight regular season games can be played.
- C. In Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C, any team on which seventh and eighth graders participate can play a maximum of eight regular season games.
- D. In Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C, all teams other than the high school varsity team can play a maximum of eight games. **NOTE:** This includes seventh grade teams, eighth grade teams, ninth grade teams, a junior high team consisting of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, sophomore teams, and junior varsity teams.
- E. Before the opening date of the regular season, member schools and individual students are limited to two inter-school scrimmage dates. No inter-school scrimmages are allowed once the regular season begins. In inter-school scrimmages, there will be no kick-off or return of any kicks. Coaches shall be responsible for the supervision and administration of the scrimmage. All OSSAA rules and regulations, and all National Federation football playing rules apply in scrimmages.
- F. **VIOLATION OF CONTESTS LIMITS**

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:

- a. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
- b. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
- c. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contest in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
- d. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.

V. PARTICIPANT PLAYING LIMITATIONS

A student may participate in a maximum of two football games during a week (Monday thru Sunday). A student in uniform with his/her team shall be considered as having participated.

VI. DISTRICT PLAY AND ADVANCEMENT INTO PLAY-OFF SERIES

- A. District Assignments - The Board of Directors shall determine the number of districts for each classification.
- B. District Schedules - A chairman for each district shall be appointed by the OSSAA. If it is necessary, each chairman shall call a meeting of the representatives of the schools in his/her district to complete district schedules. Games between any two schools of a district will be alternated between their home fields unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. The entire district schedule must be completed before contracts for games with schools outside the district will become binding. Each team is to play all other teams of the assigned district. In district play, games are to be played on Friday unless there is mutual agreement, between both schools involved, to play on another day of the week.
- C. The first, second, third and fourth place finishers in classes from each district shall be eligible to participate in the elimination games.

- D. District Standings - The first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each district shall be determined in percentage of games won and lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:
1. When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. The team that lost to the other tied team will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings.
 2. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
 3. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:
 - a) Total the marginal points each tied team had in all district games only. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than fifteen points in any district game. Example: Winning score, Team A, 21 points; Team B, 18 points; Team A will add three points to its marginal point total and Team B will subtract three points from its marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than one point in any district game that goes into overtime(s). The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points, the teams shall advance in the order as to which team won over the other in district play.
 - b) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria in the paragraph (s) above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The two remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won over the other in district play.
 4. Should it become necessary for a representative to be determined by lot, the OSSAA will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the representative.
 5. If the first, second, third, or fourth place team in any class does not elect to play or is ineligible to play in the elimination games, the Board of Directors shall select the next team in line until a team is found to represent the district in the play-off series.
- E. **OSSAA RANKING PROGRAM**
 The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).
For Football, it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.
 Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

VII. STATE PLAY-OFF SERIES

- A. On week nineteen of the OSSAA calendar, a series of elimination games in all classes shall start and shall be continued by the winning teams playing one game each week until a champion is determined. The first, second, third and fourth place finishers in all classes from each district shall be eligible to participate in the elimination games.

- B. All first and second round games with the exception of possible multi-high school district conflicts will be played on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. of week nineteen on the OSSAA calendar. Game dates and game times of other rounds will be determined by the pre-determined championship brackets and other related criteria. The Activities Association has the authority to alter game times in order to accommodate teams that have excessive travel, for security reasons, and other issues that may develop. Host play-off schools cannot alter assigned game times without OSSAA and visiting school approval. **NOTE:** In a multi-high school district, games may be adjusted between Friday and Saturday by mutual agreement if a field conflict exists. Thursday may be used, if the visiting team agrees to play on Thursday. The district administration of the multi-high school district shall have first priority in determining the first round play-off dates when a conflict exists between the host schools of a multi-school district. If the district administration cannot resolve the conflict(s), the following criteria shall be used to resolve the conflict(s): (1) If two teams are involved, the team that finished highest in its district standings shall have first priority; (2) If district standings will not determine first priority, then regular season head-to-head competition shall determine which team has first priority; (3) If three or more multi-high school district teams have first round home games, the team(s) that finished highest in its district standings shall have priority and regular season head-to-head competition shall determine any additional conflicts; (4) if the criteria in 1, 2, and 3 does not determine which team(s) have priority, the OSSAA shall determine the playing dates.
- C. The home field for all second round games shall be played on the home field of the district winner providing the district winner advances. In the event that they do not advance, the team that did not host a game in the first round shall have the home field unless neither team had a home game in the first round, then the team on the even-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years will host and the teams on the odd-numbered lines of the respective class championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years will host.
- D. Starting the third round for Classes 3A, 2A, 1A and B the home field shall be determined by the following:
 - 1. Check the number of home play-off games each team has played. If one team has played more play-off games at home than the other team, the home field shall be the team with the least number of home play-off games.
 - 2. If both teams have played the same number of play-off home games, the home field shall be determined by the team which did not host a play-off game in the immediate preceding round.
 - 3. If both teams have played the same number of play-off home games and in the event both teams hosted or did not host a play-off game in the immediate preceding round, the home team shall be the team on the even-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years and the team on the odd-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years.
- E. All semi-final games shall be played at neutral sites.
 - 1. In determining sites for semi-finals and finals games in classes 5A & 6A, the following criteria will be used: In an even-numbered calendar year, the best available site on the east side of the state will be selected. In an odd-numbered calendar year, the best available site on the west side will be selected. For games that include schools outside the Tulsa or Oklahoma City areas, the OSSAA will select play-off site. If an adequate facility is not available using this criteria, the OSSAA shall determine the play-off site.
- F. The OSSAA shall select the sites, set the dates and times, and appoint the manager for the semi-final and championship games in each class.
- G. In the semi-final and final rounds of the football championship series, the home team shall be the team on the even-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years, and the team on the odd-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years. **NOTE:** The home team shall wear its dark color jerseys and the visiting team shall wear its light color jerseys. If there is a disagreement regarding jersey colors, the Activities Association will determine which color jersey each team will wear. **NOTE:** Cross-bracketing in the play-offs will begin in the quarter-final round (second round for classes 5A, 4A, C and third round for classes 3A, 2A, 1A, B)

VIII. PLAY-OFF EXPENSES

- A. All teams will participate at their own expense during the football play-offs.
- B. All reimbursements will be made through the Activities Association office using the uniform reimbursement schedule adopted by the Board of Directors.
- C. Local game expense amounts for host schools will be determined by the Board of Directors.
- D. After games expenses have been deducted, the net receipts will go to the Association.
- E. The host school shall have all concession rights.
- F. The expense of the game officials will be paid by the Activities Association.
- G. In games of the state play-off series, the following will apply:
 - 1. When the game is played on the home field of either school, a representative of the home team will serve as the game manager, and he/she will be responsible for completing arrangements for the game and financial accounting.
 - 2. If the game is played on a neutral field, the Activities Association will appoint a game manager, who will be responsible for completing arrangements for the game and financial accounting.
 - 3. A detailed, itemized financial statement provided by the Activities Association shall be completed by the game manager, and a copy shall be sent to each involved school and the Activities Association as soon as possible following the game.
- H. Ticket prices for all games of the state play-off series will be established by the Activities Association. The Activities Association will provide tickets for the games of the state play-off series.
 - 1. In all classes, each round ticket prices will be \$7.00 for students and adults.

NOTE: Host schools may sell reserve seats for an admission price higher than \$7.00. OSSAA permission must be requested in writing and OSSAA tickets must be used. All money received from reserve ticket sales must be reported on the financial form provided by the OSSAA. Reserve seating shall not affect seating for the visiting fans, nor cause them to purchase tickets at an increased price.

- I. Complimentary admissions for the state play-off series will be as follows:
 1. The OSSAA Complimentary Pass for the current school year is the only pass that will admit the holder to a play-off game. A driver's license must be shown with all complimentary passes. The passes are not transferable.
 2. Bands and cheerleaders of competing schools will be admitted, if in uniform. Arrangements for bands out of uniform must be made with the game manager before arrival at the game site.
 3. Any workers who aid in the administration of the game.

IX. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. The following awards will be presented in Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, B, and C:
 1. Championship plaques to each district champion
 2. Championship plaques to each regional champion (second round winners)
 3. Championship plaques to each area champion (semi-final round winners)
 4. Championship trophy to each state champion and 90 individual medals in Class 6A Division I; 80 in Division II; 70 individual medals in Class 5A; 60 individual medals in Class 4A; 36 individual medals in Class B; and 36 individual medals in Class C.
 5. Runner-up trophy to each runner-up state champion and 90 individual medals in Class 6A Division I, 80 in Division II; 70 individual medals in Class 5A; 60 individual medals in Class 4A; 36 individual medals in Class B; and 36 individual medals in Class C.
- B. The following awards will be presented in Classes 3A, 2A and 1A:
 1. Championship plaques to each district champion.
 2. Championship plaques to each bi-district champion (second round winners).
 3. Championship plaques to each regional champion (third round winners).
 4. Championship plaques to each area champion (semi-final round winners).
 5. Championship trophy to each state champion and 60 individual medals in Class 3A, 50 individual medals in Class 2A and 45 individual medals in Class 1A.
 6. Runner-up trophy to each runner-up state champion and 60 individual medals in Classes 3A, 50 individual medals in Class 2A and 45 individual medals in Class 1A.
- C. District, bi-district, regional, and area championship plaques will be sent to the winning schools on the Monday following the appropriate event.
- D. State championship and runner-up trophies will be presented on the field after the conclusion of the championship game. An administrator from each participating school shall be present on the field to aid the OSSAA staff with the presentations.

X. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and Association sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th graders must be enrolled and tested with the Association. The regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th graders. It is strongly recommended that enrolled and tested officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th-12th grades.
In secondary school football games that include participants in grades 9 thru 12, a minimum of four game officials shall be used. In secondary school football games that include participants in grades 7 and 8 only, a minimum of three game officials shall be used. (Oklahoma Adoption)
- B. The game officials in all elimination games shall be selected and assigned by the OSSAA. In elimination games of eleven-man and eight-man football, five officials shall be used. The game fees in elimination games will be determined by the Board of Directors. **NOTE:** Football teams that qualify for the play-offs will be allowed to list a maximum of five officials who they do not want officiating their play-off game(s).
- C. Beginning a game with an official(s) constitutes agreement. The official's decision(s) shall be final. **NOTE:** For additional information on agreement of game officials, refer to OSSAA Rule 11, Section 1 of the 2016-17 OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook in the high school principal's office.
- D. **NOT HONORING A PROTEST (Board Policy XLVIII)** OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

XI. LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY - COACHES CONDUCT

- A. A certified faculty member designated as sponsor or coach shall be in charge of the training and participation of contestants. Any assistance rendered by parties other than a designated sponsor or coach must be with the approval of the administration and will not relieve the designated sponsor or coach of his/her responsibility.
- B. When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the game or contest and there is no other qualified assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation of this section of the rules shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school and the school in violation shall be placed on warning.
- C. Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regular scheduled game, meet, or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and play-off activities. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players, or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team, anytime during the contest including half time. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. The suspended coach must also complete the NFHS "Teaching and Modeling Behavior" course within seven days of the ejection before he/she can be reinstated. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors. **NOTE:** The ejected coach is not to be seated in the press box during the game.
- D. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game or contest shall be forfeited and the school or team automatically placed on probation.

XII. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest meet or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but is not limited to comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

XIII. CONDUCT OF STUDENTS - EJECTIONS

- A. A student who is under discipline or who is suspended from school or an activity shall be ineligible until reinstated by the school principal.
- B. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible **for the remainder of the contest**. A disqualified student shall remain ineligible for at least one additional contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two games or contests that his/her team plays. Fighting is defined, but is not limited to any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities.

It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post-game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc., at the conclusion of a contest. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

Any substitute or team member, who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule will apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during a season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

- C. Students ineligible under (A) or (B) are not eligible until reinstated by the principal after the minimum penalty is enforced.
- D. A disqualified student shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal and a written report of the details of the incident and the action taken has been filed with the Executive Director for review with the Board of Directors.
- E. If a student who is ineligible under (A) or (B) transfers, the principal should notify the principal of the receiving school and the OSSAA Executive Director of the student's eligibility status.
- F. Any student currently suspended from an activity or expelled from school who enrolls in another school will be ineligible for the duration of the original suspension or expulsion or until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

XIV. FORFEITED, CANCELED, OR POSTPONED GAMES

- A. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the regular season is the forfeiture of all contests in which the student participated. For exceptions to this regulation, refer to Board Policy XXXIX in the 2017-18 OSSAA Administrators Handbook.
- B. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the play-offs is the forfeiture of most recently played game. The exception in A above will also apply.
- C. Any team that is unable to play a district football game and forfeits will be eliminated from district contention for a play-off position. The results of previously played district football games that involved the forfeiting team will stand (this will include wins, losses, plus marginal points, and minus marginal points.) For example, if Team A beats the forfeiting team 21-14, this will count as a win for Team A in the district standings and a plus seven marginal points, or if Team B lost to the forfeiting team 28-24, this will count as a loss for Team B in the district standings and a minus four marginal points. The team(s) that the forfeiting team forfeits to will receive a win and plus 15 marginal points. Exceptions to forfeiting a district football game(s) can be appealed to the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- D. In the event a school has to forfeit a game due to an unavoidable circumstance, the home game site the following year should be determined by the schools involved. In the event this cannot be agreed upon, the Board of Directors shall set the site.
- E. A scheduled game that is canceled will be forfeited.
- F. District games which are postponed due to some urgent emergency must be played no later than Monday of the next week if circumstances allow.
- G. A postponed play-off series championship game may be played on a corresponding day of the following week.
- H. Non-district games interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the game with the existing score. Interrupted non-district games should be played no later than Monday of the following work if circumstances allow.

XV. OTHER OSSAA RULES AND POLICIES THAT RELATE TO FOOTBALL

- A. The use of noise makers of an explosive nature are prohibited at an athletic contest. Examples: Shotguns, cannons, fireworks of any nature, etc.
- B. If a host school has a twenty-five second clock on both ends of the playing field and both are operable, they may be used without mutual agreement of the opponent. If a host school has a twenty-five second clock at only one end of the field, the host school must acquire permission from the visiting team before the clock may be used.
- C. During the play-offs, if a host school has a twenty-five second clock on both ends of the playing field and both are operable, they are to be used. If a host school has a twenty-five second clock at only one end of the field, the clock shall not be used. During the semi-final and final round games of the play-offs that are played at neutral sites which have a twenty-five second clock on both ends of the playing field, the clocks will be used if staff is available to operate the clocks. If only one twenty-five second clock is available, it will not be used.
- D. Be it resolved that the representatives of the member schools of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association request all colleges and universities to discontinue the practice of extending invitations to students of Oklahoma high schools to participate in try-outs before they have finished high school and limit invitations for visits to campuses to times when it would not interfere with a student's high school classes or activities.
- E. A team's spirit line is not to extend onto any part of the other team's half of the playing field and area leading up to the playing field. A team's half of the field will be the side on which its team bench is located, with the playing field and area leading up to the playing field being dissected equally down its length. This includes the end zones. No spirit line is to extend over the fifty-yard line. No players, coaches, team attendants, or anyone associated with the opposing team is to enter or interfere with the opponent's spirit line.
- F. In games during the elimination series, played on neutral fields, spirit lines will not be allowed onto the playing field including the end zones.
- G. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site. **NOTE:** The Activities Association will consider approval of practice on an artificial field play-off site if both competing teams have reasonable access to the field, and the management of the artificial field approves. No practice at an artificial field play-off site will be considered without OSSAA approval.
- H. If the referee is notified 30 minutes before game time by the radio station(s) broadcasting the game that they would like radio time-outs during the game, the referee can grant one per quarter. The radio time-out is to be called only after a change-of-possession play. The referee will be the sole judge in determining when the radio time-out will be called during a quarter.
- I. Any paint or cosmetic material worn by players that is considered offensive, unsportsmanlike, or inappropriate by the game officials must be removed before a player may participate in the game.
- J. **NOISE MAKERS**

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contests.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests

K. In all sub-varsity high school and junior high games, the following timing rule will be used:

Starting and Stopping the Clock

Article 1 - The clock shall start for a period:

- a. If a period begins with a free kick when the kick is touched, other than first touching by K.
- b. If a period begins with a snap, when the ball is legally snapped.

Article 2 - The clock shall start with the ready-for-play signal for situations other than a free kick if the clock was stopped:

- a. For an official's time-out.
- b. Because the ball has become dead following any foul provided in either (a) or (b).
 1. There has been no charged time-out during the dead ball interval.
 2. The down is not an extension of a period or a try.
 3. The action which caused the down to end did not also cause the clock to be stopped.
- c. Because of an inadvertent whistle.

Article 3 - The clock shall start with the snap or when any free kick is touched, other than first touching by K, if the clock was stopped because of the following:

- a. The ball goes out-of-bounds.
- b. A fair catch is made.
- c. A fair catch is awarded.
- d. The ball became dead behind the goal line.
- e. A forward pass is incomplete.
- f. A request for a charged or television/radio time-out is granted.
- g. A period ends.
- h. A team attempts to consume time illegally.
- i. The penalty for a delay of game foul is accepted.

L. In eight-man football, a game will conclude when a team leads by 45 points at halftime or anytime during the second half.

XVI. OSSAA STATE RULES MEETINGS

Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. **Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st, all head coaches of winter activities must complete their state rules meeting by December 1st, and all head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st.** The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.

XVII. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS

- A. It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet with the game officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre-game and half-time activities, inclement weather protocol, etc. The game administrator should also record officials' ID numbers. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge should advise the head official as to the location of the game administrator during the contest(s) should a problem arise.
- B. Someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest. This applies to regular season as well as play-off contests.

XVIII. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. General Regulations:
 1. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
 2. Entries received after the entry deadline will not be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will also void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
 3. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile: A = 4; B = 3.000; C = 2.000; D = 1.000. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
 4. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual student's GPA.
 5. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
- B. Three levels of competition for academic awards:
 1. Academic Achievement Certificate: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification to qualify.
 3. State Academic Champion: The team with the highest GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.

C. Team Qualifications:

Football - The roster of academic achievement participants will consist of all team members who were participating in football at the conclusion of the final regular season game. This will include any team member who did not suit up for the final regular season, but is participating in football. The GPA of participants will be based on the grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) Applications must be postmarked no later than **Thursday, November 16, 2017** or may be FAXED **November 17**. **NOTE:** Participants in football at the conclusion of the final regular season game will include ninth graders who were participating with the high school team at the conclusion of the final regular season game. **TEAM TRAINERS, EQUIPMENT MANAGERS, AND OTHER ATTENDANTS ARE NOT TO BE LISTED AS TEAM PARTICIPANTS.**

- D. An application for football Academic Achievement Award can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) under “forms” link.

XIX. HALF-TIME PERIODS

By National Federation Football Rule 3-1 half-time periods may last no longer than 20 minutes and no less than 10 minutes. There will be a three-minute warm-up period following the half-time period. By mutual consent, schools may shorten the half-time period to less than 20 minutes.

XX. COACHES ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports' officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of, and continuing interest in, coaching principals and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedure and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

XXI. PARTICIPATION IN CAMPS, SUMMER PRACTICES, LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

- A. To help prevent participating individuals and school teams from gaining unfair competitive advantages, certain restrictions are placed on camps, summer practices, and summer leagues and tournaments in athletic activities.
Summer time is defined as after the conclusion of the spring semester through the first full week of August, with the exception of football and basketball as outlined in Section B-3, below.
No summer team practices are permitted in football or basketball. Individual wrestlers may practice unattached to any school team during the summer when school is not in session.
- B. In football, school personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches:
 1. **may not** conduct practice for a school team, in a direct or indirect manner, during this summer period as defined above;
 2. **may** coach a team that includes individuals that are members of a school team during this summer period, in a camp, summer league, or summer tournament.
 3. **may not** coach a school team in a league or tournament **before the conclusion of the school year or after July 15**.

An exception to the above limitations may be granted by OSSAA, but approval for such an exception must be requested and granted in writing, in advance.
- C. School personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches are permitted to conduct or provide instruction at individual camps in a particular sport, including camps in which members of the school team in that sport are participating, provided that:
 1. no session of the camp is held before the school year has concluded or after the first week in August (except in football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded on or before July 15).
- D. An individual student who is attending or who is enrolled and planning to attend a member school in grades 7-12:
 1. may participate on a non-school team in a league or tournament, including during this summer period as defined above, (such as in AAU competition), however:
 - (a) school personnel serving as or designated to serve as a coach or assistant coach may coach that team, with the exception that in basketball, a school coach is permitted to coach a team that includes no more than two students who participate or are expected to participate on the same school team;
 2. may participate in individual camps in a particular activity, however:
 - (a) during the school year, a student may only participate if approved or permitted by the school, and the camp is not held at an OSSAA member school.
 - (b) after the school year has been completed, a student may only participate through the first week in August (except in football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded before July 15);

- (c) no fees or expenses for the camp may be paid by the school, or by school personnel, or by any booster club or organization associated with the school, or by any non-family member; any discount or waiver of fees or expenses must be based on financial need, and must be available to all participants based on the same standards;
- 3. may participate in no more than two team camps. **In football, schools are limited to one team camp.**
 - (a) the camp is held after the school year has been completed and before the end of the first week in August (except in football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities schools must be concluded on or before July 15), and
 - (b) the camp takes place during no more than seven days, over no more than two consecutive weeks.

A student may **not** accept any award other than a trophy, plaque, or medal, etc., for participation or achievement on a non-school team or in any type of camp. A student may accept items commemorating participation in a league, tournament or camp which are given to all participants, such as a T-shirt or a certificate, provided that the costs of such items are included in the fees and expenses charged for those events.
- E. A student who participates in a camp in violation of any of these policies shall be ineligible unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors. A coach who violates any of these policies shall not be permitted to engage in any coaching unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors.
- F. Definitions applied under this policy:
 - 1. An individual camp is an instructional event for a particular activity, at which instruction is focused on individual skills and techniques rather than organized team play.
 - 2. A team camp is an instructional event for a particular sport involving a substantial number of school team members from at least three schools participating as a team during instruction, scrimmages, and/or games. All school team members must be enrolled at the school for which they participate during the team camp. **In football, schools are limited to one team camp.** In basketball, if five or more school team members, and in football, if seven or more school team members, are participating as a team in a camp then that camp is considered a team camp and counted toward the total limit of two team camps allowed for that school's team under section D-3 above.
 - 3. A league consists of three or more teams playing games against one another and maintaining standings according to wins and losses, and played over the course of a minimum of three consecutive weeks.
 - 4. A tournament is an event involving six or more participating teams, competing **for no more than three consecutive days. Teams are limited to two summer-time tournaments.**
- G. Restrictions on Schools and Booster Organizations
 - 1. A member school may conduct a camp for a particular activity, or permit a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, after the end of the school year, provided that:
 - (a) the camp is open to students from all member schools in the grade level or grade levels designated for that camp;
 - (b) the camp is concluded prior to the end of the first week in August (except in football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded on or prior to July 15).
 - 2. Fees for camps conducted by the school or allowed to take place on school property and/or in school facilities may be discounted for children of school employees, provided that the same discounts are available to children of all school employees on an equal basis. In addition, a volume discount may be given, based on the number of children from the same household seeking to attend, provided that the volume discount is available for all families on the same basis. Fees also may be discounted for students who are financially unable to pay the fees and expenses of the camp. The student must be able to demonstrate by objective means that financial assistance is needed, and all students must be evaluated for and granted assistance based on the same standards. Johnson-O'Malley funds available to the school may be used to pay or offset expenses associated with camps conducted on school property and/or in school facilities.
 - 3. A member school is not required to obtain OSSAA approval in advance to hold a camp, or to allow others to conduct a camp, on school grounds and/or in school facilities. If, however, approval is not given in advance, then the event is not sanctioned by OSSAA, and participants in the camp will not be covered by any catastrophic injury insurance obtained by OSSAA.
 - 4. A member school may not conduct a camp, or allow a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, which is limited, or which provides preferential treatment to, certain student-athletes or to students from certain schools, or which restricts participation on an "invitation-only" basis.
 - 5. The school, or a booster club or organization associated with the school, may pay fees and expenses of the school team to attend a **team camp**, provided that all members of the school team have been invited to attend, and fees and expenses are paid for team members on an equal basis. Any monies coming from a booster club or organization for this purpose must be contributed to the school, and distributed from a school account to pay these fees and expenses. Neither the school, nor any booster club or organization associated with the school, may pay fees and/or expenses for students to attend an individual camp.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2014- The school may allow school-owned vehicles to be used to transport students enrolled at the school to an individual camp located in Oklahoma or a bordering state, and pay the cost of fuel for those vehicles, but the school otherwise may not pay for transportation expenses for students to attend an individual camp.
 - 6. A member school conducting a camp, or allowing a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, must provide OSSAA, upon request, a list identifying students and personnel participating in the camp.
 - 7. The school and/or school personnel may be penalized for any violations of these policies. If a booster club or organization associated with a school violates any of these policies, then the school may be required to end or restrict the involvement of that club or organization in school activities.

XXII. HIV AND HEPATITIS B RELATED TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

NOTE: Please see your principal or athletic director for precautionary recommendations concerning HIV (AIDS) and Hepatitis B. 2017-18 OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook contains relevant material.

XXIII. CO-OPS

- A. Once the classifications have been established for the next two-year cycle in football, the only co-ops that will be approved will be those whose combined ADMs will not place the co-ops into a higher classification.
- B. All other sections of the OSSAA Co-op Rule 22 will apply.

XXIV. BROADCAST AND TELECAST POLICY

The OSSAA Board of Directors waived the play-off broadcast fees in lieu of radio slots which are to be broadcast state wide by members of the Oklahoma Broadcasters Association. Any play-off telecast that is delayed as much as four hours will be at no cost to the television station except for football and basketball. Those sports must be negotiated with the Executive Director on Monday of the week in which the game is to be played.

XXV. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstances. **NOTE:** Refer to Rule 3 in the 2017-18 OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook for additional scholastic eligibility information.

XXVI. EXTREME HEAT POLICY

The OSSAA recognizes that heat related illness is the leading cause of preventable death in high school students participating in activities. The Board adopted the following policies:

Acclimatization Period: Whenever students are participating in an environment in which the temperature cannot be controlled there should be acclimatization period. The acclimatization period is defined as the first 14 days of participation beginning with the first date of practice in that sport or activity, or the first date a participant begins practice, whichever is later. Any speed, strength, or conditioning programs shall not be considered a part of the acclimatization period. All students participating in athletics or activities, including those who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to follow the guidelines of the first days of the acclimatization period.

- a. Every coach or activity sponsor is required to view *A Guide to Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention* at www.nfhslearn.com, annually. A certificate of completion shall be kept on file for each coach or activity sponsor at the member school.

FOOTBALL (Mandates)

- a. Preseason practice shall be limited to 2 ½ hours per session with a minimum of one hour between practice sessions. No more than 5 hours of practice per 24-hour period will be allowed. There will be no physical activity during the one-hour rest period. Any time a coach is present during football practice, the time will count toward the maximum 5 hours, with the exception of strength training.
- b. If a practice session is interrupted by inclement weather or heat restrictions, it is required the session be divided for the good of the student-athlete's welfare as long as the total practice time does not exceed 2 ½ hours.
- c. When multiple practices are conducted in the same day, it is required that either practice not exceed 2½ hours in length and students not participate in more than five total hours of practice activities, including walk-through sessions. Warm-up, stretching, cool down and conditioning activities are included as part of the practice time. Practices should be separated by at least one hour, where there is no physical activity between the end of the first practice and the beginning of the second practice.
- d. Immediately prior to any practice, coaches are required to use a smart-phone AP, or other mechanism or program to get heat index, such as CoachSmart or the OSHA AP. There are also programs available on the Internet, such as AccuWeather, or Weather.com. These programs are free and can be used on any smart-phone, tablet, or computer. A chart outlining recommendations for making concessions for extreme heat is available on the OSSAA website, as well as a form for schools to record the heat index each practice session. Schools may develop their own form to record the heat index each practice session.
- e. All practices must be held under the supervision of a coach employed by the school.
- f. Practices must always be conducted with an open water policy.
- g. Cooling stations should be made available when possible (buckets of cool water, wet towels, sponges, etc.)
- h. Each program must have a heat related emergency plan on hand at all times.

Guidelines for any activities:

- a. Coaches or activity sponsors should use a smart-phone AP, or other mechanism or program to get heat index, such as CoachSmart or the OSHA app. There are also programs available on the Internet, such as AccuWeather, or Weather.com. These programs are free and can be used on any smart-phone, tablet, or computer. A chart outlining recommendations for making concessions for extreme heat is available on the OSSAA website, as well as a form for schools to record the heat index each practice session. Schools may develop their own form to record the heat index each practice session.

- b. All practices should be held under the supervision of a coach, director, or sponsor employed by the school.
- c. Practices should always be conducted with an open water policy.
- d. Each program should have a heat related emergency plan on hand at all times.
- e. Preseason practice should be avoided if possible between the hours of 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- f. Parents and students should be educated on the importance of hydration during extreme heat conditions.
- g. Cooling stations should be made available when possible (buckets of cool water, wet towels, sponges, etc.)
- h. Equipment should be removed for conditioning.

XXVII. MUSIC AT ATHLETIC EVENTS POLICY

- A. Music groups are an integral part of the total school community. Bands are called upon to perform at numerous athletic events throughout the fall and winter athletic seasons. They can be a vital part to the game and create a wholesome relationship between schools and their students.
- B. It is critical that directors from both schools know what their responsibilities are in preparing for the event and what type of behavior is expected from their band. Any agreement or plan should be in the hands of everyone involved. The home school management should notify the game official of half time, pre-game or post-game activities before the game is started.
 - 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES: National anthem and school alma maters
 - a) Each school should place emphasis on showing respect for the national anthem and school songs. Each school should stress that students remain absolutely quiet and still while these numbers are being presented.
 - 2. Instructional periods
 - 3. The student council may arrange or conduct periods for when to yell, the reflection "booing" brings on the body as a whole, the danger of being placed on probation and the reputation in general that may come to a school when poor sportsmanship is exhibited. Principals of elementary and junior high schools should encourage their students to participate in good sportsmanship and should stress the importance of these guidelines.
- C. ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE PLACE OF THE GAME
 - 1. The home team must furnish adequate protection for the visiting band while in the stands as well as when arriving and leaving the place of the game.

XXVIII. FOOTBALL-SCHOOL BANDS OR MUSICAL GROUPS

- A. It is the responsibility of the host school to contact the principal or band director of the visiting school no later than Monday the week of the game to see if the visiting school is bringing its band and if the band plans to march at half time, pre-game, or post-game. **NOTE:** It is common courtesy for the visiting director to contact the host school's director if the visiting school is bringing their band, and the visiting school's director has not been contacted by the host school's director. Equal time must be allowed for both bands to perform. Both bands must be allowed the opportunity to march at half time if they can perform and clear the field in twenty (20) minutes.
- B. Halftime Length

By National Federation Rule, the length of a football half time is 20 minutes. By mutual agreement of the competing schools, the half time can be as short as 10 minutes, but no less. There will not be any extensions allowed for Homecoming or OSSAA Marching contests. To help facilitate this change, the teams should leave the field at 7:15, and the next 10 minutes can be used for whatever activity the home team deems necessary (whether it be the visiting team marching, homecoming activities, dance or cheerleading routines, etc). The time immediately after the game will also be available for any activities. Marching band directors will need to communicate with their administration, athletic directors and visiting band directors to make sure everyone is on the same page concerning this National Federation rule.

XXIX. DISTRICTS BY CLASS (2016/17 AND 2017/18 SCHOOL YEARS)**CLASS 6A: Division I**

District 1: Edmond Memorial, Broken Arrow, Edmond Santa Fe, Jenks, Norman, Westmoore, U.S. Grant, Yukon
 District 2: Edmond North, Moore, Mustang, Norman North, Owasso, Putnam City North, Southmoore, Union

CLASS 6A: Division II

District 1: Deer Creek-Edmond, Lawton, Midwest City, Choctaw, Stillwater, Putnam City West, Putnam City, Enid
 District 2: Sapulpa, B.T. Washington, Bartlesville, Bixby, Capitol Hill, Muskogee, Ponca City, Sand Springs

CLASS 5A:

District 1: Altus, Ardmore, Del City, Duncan, El Reno, MacArthur, Southeast, Western Heights
 District 2: Bishop McGuinness, Carl Albert, Guthrie, Guymon, N.W. Classen, Piedmont, Eisenhower, Woodward
 District 3: McAlester, Coweta, Durant, East Central, Edison Prep, Glenpool, Noble, Shawnee
 District 4: Bishop Kelley, Collinsville, Claremore, Memorial (Tulsa), Nathan Hale, Pryor, Skiatook, Tahlequah

CLASS 4A:

District 1: Weatherford, Chickasha, Cache, Clinton, Elgin, Elk City, Newcastle, Heritage Hall
 District 2: Ada, Bethany, Blanchard, Central (Tulsa), Cleveland, Harrah, Tecumseh, Tuttle
 District 3: Catoosa, Cascia Hall, Grove, McLain, Miami, Oologah, Vinita, Wagoner
 District 4: Broken Bow, Ft. Gibson, Hilldale, Metro Christian, Poteau, Sallisaw, Stilwell, Will Rogers

CLASS 3A:

District 1: Perkins-Tryon, Blackwell, Chandler, OK Centennial, Kingfisher, Mount St. Mary, OK Christian School
 District 2: Douglass, Bethel, Jones, Little Axe, McLoud, Prague, Star Spencer
 District 3: Purcell, Anadarko, Bridge Creek, John Marshall, Comanche, Lexington, Marlow
 District 4: Pauls Valley, Plainview, Seminole, Dickson, Lone Grove, Madill, Sulphur
 District 5: Daniel Webster, Berryhill, Dewey, Mannford, Sequoyah (Claremore), Verdigris, Sperry
 District 6: Okmulgee, Beggs, Bristow, Checotah, Cushing, Kellyville, Morris
 District 7: Locust Grove, Inola, Jay, Keys (Parkhill), Lincoln Christian, Sequoyah (Tahlequah), Westville
 District 8: Heavener, Eufaula, Idabel, Muldrow, Roland, Stigler

CLASS 2A:

District 1: Chisholm, Alva, Hennessey, Newkirk, Pawhuska, Perry, Tonkawa
 District 2: Luther, Millwood, Meeker, Christian Heritage, Crooked Oak, Northeast, Stroud
 District 3: Walters, Dibble, Frederick, Hobart, Community Christian, Lindsay, Washington
 District 4: Tishomingo, Atoka, Coalgate, Davis, Kingston, Marietta, Stratford
 District 5: Henryetta, Haskell, Holdenville, Okemah, Vian, Wewoka
 District 6: Antlers, Hartshorne, Hugo, Panama, Spiro, Valliant, Wilburton
 District 7: Colcord, Chouteau-Mazie, Holland Hall, Kansas, Ketchum, Salina, Victory Christian
 District 8: Nowata, Adair, Caney Valley, Chelsea, Commerce, OK Union, Wyandotte

CLASS A:

District 1: Mooreland, Beaver, Fairview, Hooker, Okeene, Texhoma, Thomas-Fay-Custer
 District 2: Cordell, Hinton, Hollis, Mangum, Merritt, Sayre, Watonga
 District 3: Velma-Alma, Boone-Apache, Empire, Healdton, Ringling, Rush Springs, Elmore City-Pernell
 District 4: Wayne, Crossings Christian, Konawa, Minco, Ok Christian Academy, Wellston, Wynnewood
 District 5: Cashion, Crescent, Drumright, OK Bible Academy, Morrison, Pawnee, Yale
 District 6: Hominy, Kiefer, Liberty, Mounds, Porter-Consolidated, Summit Christian, Woodland
 District 7: Barnsdall, Foyil, Afton, Fairland, Hulbert, Quapaw, Rejoice Christian
 District 8: Quinton, Central (Sallisaw), Gore, Savanna, Talihina, Pocola, Warner

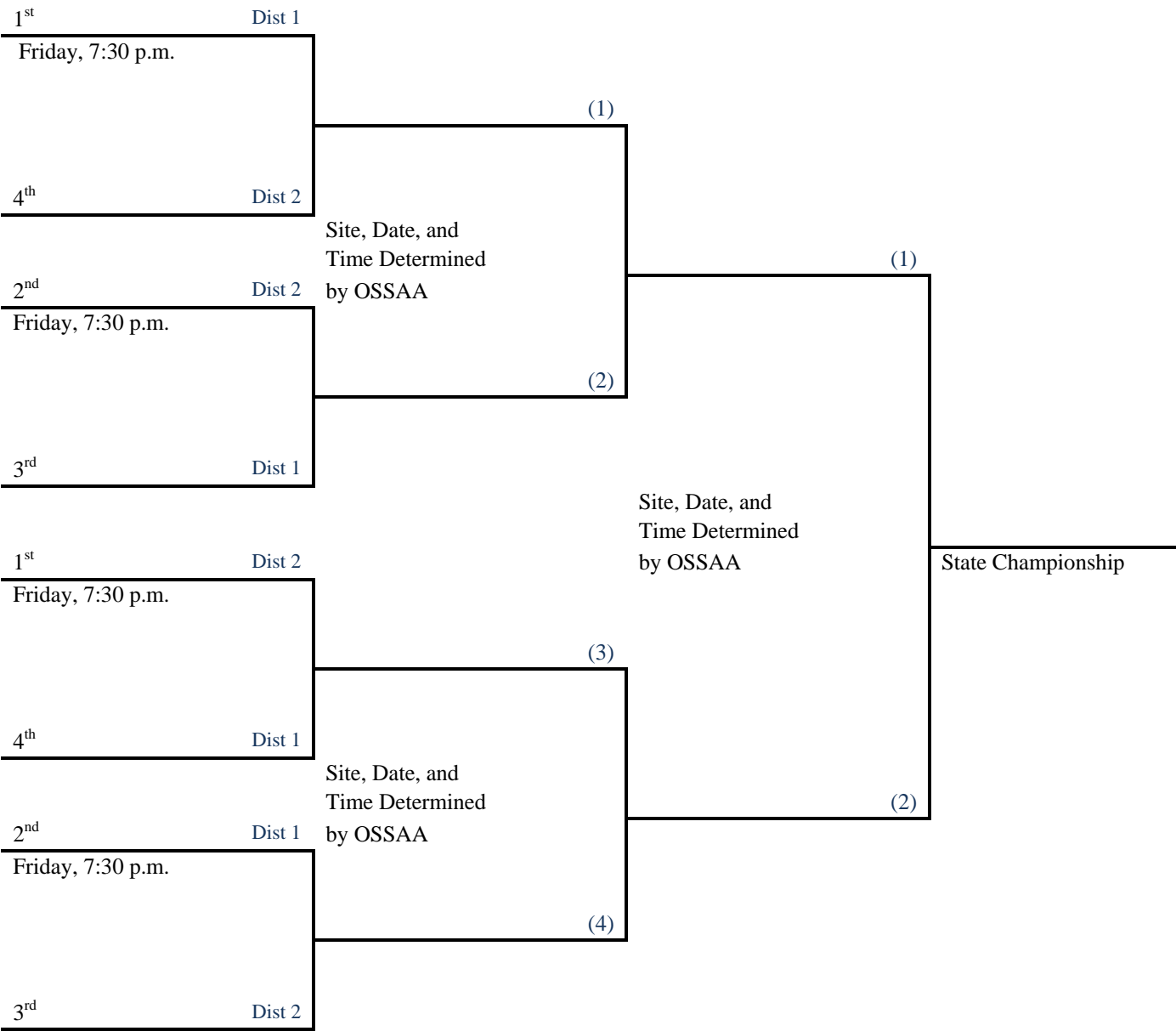
CLASS B:

District 1: Canton, Laverne, Shattuck, Seiling, Turpin
 District 2: Pioneer-Pleasant Vale, Cherokee, Garber, Ringwood, Waukomis
 District 3: Alex, Burns Flat-Dill City, Carnegie, Cyril, Geary, Snyder
 District 4: Bray-Doyle, Central High, Fox, Ryan, Waurika, Wilson
 District 5: Allen, Caddo, Macomb, Maud, Maysville, Strother
 District 6: Canadian, Dewar, Haileyville, Weleetka, Wetumka
 District 7: Davenport, Depew, Oaks, Prue, South Coffeyville
 District 8: Arkoma, Cave Springs, Gans, Keota, Porum, Watts

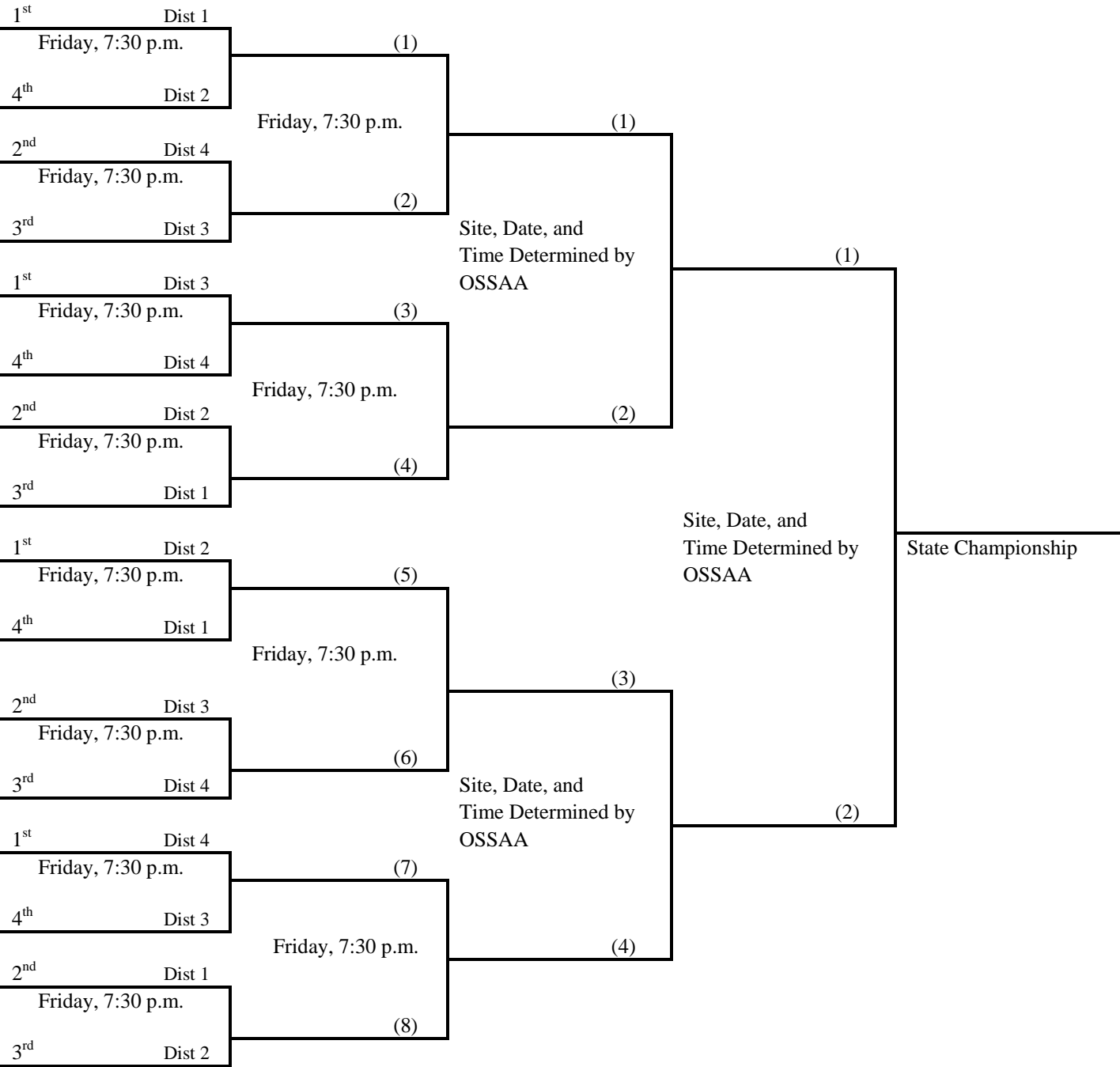
CLASS C:

District 1: Buffalo, Balko, Boise City, Kremlin-Hillsdale, Sharon-Mutual, Timberlake, Tyrone, Waynoka
 District 2: Cement, Mt. View-Gotebo, Corn Bible Academy, Duke, Grandfield, , Southwest Covenant, Temple, Tipton
 District 3: Covington-Douglas, Bluejacket, Copan, Deer Creek-Lamont, Medford, Pond Creek-Hunter, Regent Prep, Welch
 District 4: Sasakwa, Bokoshe, Bowlegs, Coyle, Midway, Paoli, Thackerville, Webbers Falls

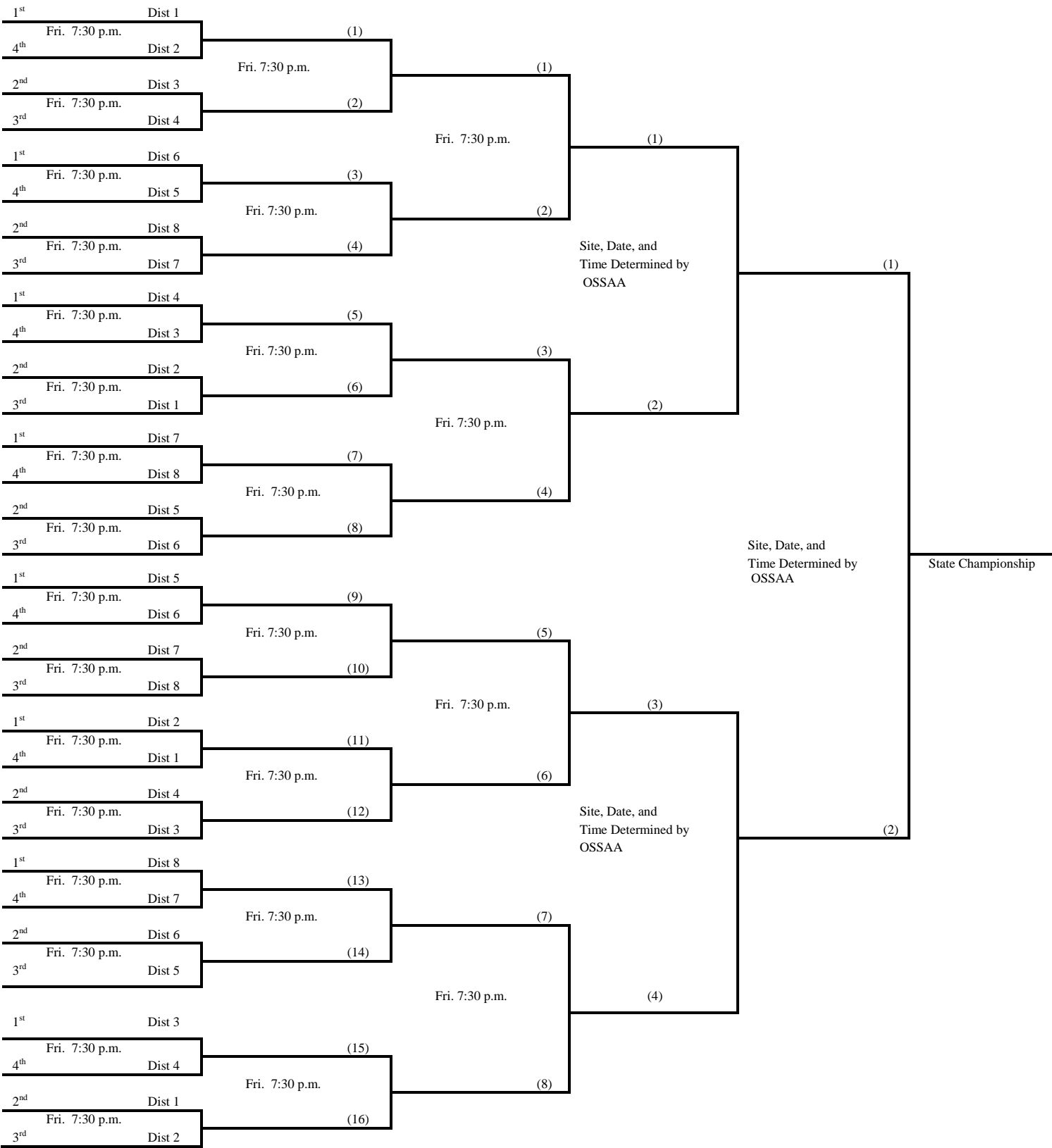
XXX. 2017 FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF BRACKETS CLASS 6A



XXXI. 2017 FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF BRACKETS CLASS 5A, 4A, AND C



XXXII. 2017 FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF BRACKETS CLASSES 3A, 2A, 1A AND B



XXXIII. HISTORY OF STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

	<u>CLASS A:</u>	<u>CLASS B:</u>	<u>CLASS C:</u>
'44	OKC Classen	Garber	Lone Wolf
'45	Duncan	Woodward	Medford
'46	Central (T)	Fairview	Medford
'47	Okmulgee	Dewey	Thomas
'48	Muskogee	Watonga	Grandfield
'49	Capitol Hill	Wynnewood	Medford
'50	Muskogee	Sayre	Thomas
'51	Ada	Waurika	Thomas
'52	Ada	Tonkawa	Tipton

	<u>CLASS 2A:</u>	<u>CLASS A:</u>	<u>CLASS B:</u>	<u>CLASS C:</u>	<u>8-MAN:</u>
'53	Ardmore	Seminole	Tonkawa	Maysville	
'54	No championship due to membership vote of "too much football", had regular season games only, but were reinstated the next year				
'55	-----	Ada	Lindsay	Thomas	
'56	Douglass	Ada	Frederick	Thomas	
'57	Capitol Hill	Ada	Ardmore-Douglass	Thomas	
'58	Capitol Hill	Cushing	Lindsay	Grandfield	
'59	Northwest	Ada	Marlow	Beaver	Carmen-Dacoma
'60	Midwest City	Seminole	Choctaw	Beaver	Tyrone
'61	Norman	Cushing	Douglass	Thomas	Freedom
'62	Lawton	Ada	Lindsay	Beaver	Jet
'63	Lawton	John Marshall	Lindsay	Union	Turpin

	<u>CLASS 3A:</u>	<u>CLASS 2A:</u>	<u>CLASS A:</u>	<u>CLASS B:</u>	<u>CLASS C:</u>	<u>8-MAN:</u>
'64	Enid	Ada	Holdenville	Marlow	Marietta	Marshall
'65	Enid	Ada	Clinton	Wynnewood	Seiling	Balko
'66	Enid	Charles Page	Wewoka	Talihina	Rush Springs	Balko
'67	Washington	Donart (Stillwater)	Clinton	Hobart	Marietta	Balko
'68	Washington	McAlester	Clinton	Hobart	Minco	Jet-Nash
'69	Washington	Okmulgee	Clinton	Stroud	Thomas	Helena

	<u>CLASS 4A:</u>	<u>CLASS 3A:</u>	<u>CLASS 2A:</u>	<u>CLASS A:</u>	<u>CLASS B:</u>	<u>CLASS C:</u>
'70	Lawton	Ada	Nowata	Stroud	Minco	Helena
'71	Washington	Altus	Watonga	Vian	Texhoma	Braman
'72	Nathan Hale	OKC Southeast	Broken Bow	Purcell	Davenport	Turpin
'73	Washington	Shawnee	Broken Bow	Hominy	Davenport	Turpin
'74	Putnam City	Ada/Owasso	Skiatook	Stroud	Davenport	Forgan
'75	Putnam City	Okmulgee	Bristow	Beggs	Fairfax	Turpin
'76	Del City	Douglass	Bristow	Okemah	Fairfax	Waynoka
'77	Putnam City	Duncan	Seminole	Watonga	Fairfax	Cashion
'78	McLain	Duncan	Clinton	Watonga	Fox	Turpin
'79	Nathan Hale	Jenks	Durant	Blanchard	Davis	Cashion
'80	Memorial	Ada	Sallisaw	Hobart	Kingston	Turpin
'81	P.C. West	Kelley	Sallisaw	Stroud	Okeene	Cashion

	<u>CLASS 5A:</u>	<u>CLASS 4A:</u>	<u>CLASS 3A:</u>	<u>CLASS 2A:</u>	<u>CLASS A:</u>	<u>CLASS B:</u>
'82	Jenks	Ardmore	Clinton	Hobart	Hominy	Pernell
'83	Enid	Duncan	Durant	Morris	Hominy	Pernell
'84	Washington	Duncan	Clinton	Chandler	Picher-Cardin	Morrison
'85	Midwest City	Broken Bow	Bristow	Morris	Fox	Pond Creek-Hunter

	<u>CLASS 5A:</u>	<u>CLASS 4A:</u>	<u>CLASS 3A:</u>	<u>CLASS 2A:</u>	<u>CLASS A:</u>	<u>CLASS B:</u>	<u>CLASS C:</u>
'86	Muskogee	McLain	Ada	Davis	Fairfax	Morrison	Lone Wolf
'87	Lawton	McLain	Guymon	Wynnewood	Marietta	Welch	Kremlin-Hillsdale
'88	Midwest City	McAlester	Ada	Wynnewood	Seiling	Morrison	Helena-Goltry
'89	Edmond	Carl Albert	Broken Bow	Cascia Hall	Ringling	Morrison	Temple
'90	Eisenhower L	Ardmore	Millwood	Davis	Crescent	Morrison	Balko
'91	P.C. North	Ada	Weatherford	Wynnewood	Shattuck	Morrison	Grandfield

History of State Football Champions (continued)

	<u>CLASS 6A-I</u>	<u>CLASS 6A-II</u>	<u>CLASS 5A:</u>	<u>CLASS 4A:</u>	<u>CLASS 3A:</u>	<u>CLASS 2A:</u>	<u>CLASS A:</u>	<u>CLASS B:</u>	<u>CLASS C:</u>
'92	Norman		Ardmore	Weatherford	Newcastle	Wynnewood	Ringling	Morrison	Grandfield
'93	Jenks		Carl Albert	Ada	Frederick	Watonga	Velma-Alma	Morrison	Central High
'94	Midwest City		Woodward	Ada	Frederick	Watonga	Velma-Alma	Morrison	Central High
'95	Midwest City		John Marshall	Ada	Frederick	Davis	Turpin	Snyder	Central High
'96	Jenks		Ada	Clinton	Seminole	Frederick	Washington	Pioneer-Pl. Vale	Waynoka
'97	Jenks		Carl Albert	Clinton	Oologah	Hobart	Turpin	Pioneer-Pl. Vale	Tipton
'98	Jenks		Carl Albert	Elk City	Oologah	Heritage Hall	Rush Springs	Garber	Balko
'99	Jenks		Carl Albert	Weatherford	Cascia Hall	Fairview	Tonkawa	Pioneer-Pl. Vale	Medford
'00	Jenks		Carl Albert	Clinton	Deer Creek-Edmond	Millwood	Tonkawa	Pioneer-Pl. Vale	Kremlin-Hillsdale
'01	Jenks		Carl Albert	Clinton	Tuttle	Millwood	Hominy	Pioneer-Pl. Vale	Pond Creek-Hunter
'02	Union		Guthrie	Glenpool	Sulphur	Millwood	Thomas-Fay-Custer	Weleetka	Pond Creek-Hunter
'03	Jenks		Shawnee	Clinton	Kingfisher	Bethany	Ringling	Morrison	Shattuck
'04	Union		Carl Albert	Clinton	Berryhill	Sulphur	Pawnee	Weleetka	Shattuck
'05	Union		East Central	Clinton	Tuttle	Chandler	Tonkawa	Morrison	Shattuck
'06	Jenks		Carl Albert	Bishop McGuinness	Sequoyah (C)	Millwod	Okeene	Morrison	Shattuck
'07	Jenks		Guthrie	Bishop McGuinness	Clinton	Cascia Hall	Okeene	Morrison	Shattuck
'08	Union		B.T. Washington	Glenpool	Cascia Hall	Heritage Hall	Morrison	Garber	Shattuck
'09	Union		Carl Albert	Star-Spencer	Cascia Hall	Lincoln Christian	Tonkawa	Garber	Timberlake
'10	Union		B.T. Washington	Douglass	Heritage Hall	Hennessey	Woodland	Cherokee	Deer Creek-Lamont
'11	Union		Guthrie	Wagoner	Anadarko	Hennessey	Wayne	Caddo	Shattuck
'12	Jenks		Carl Albert	Clinton	Blanchard	OK Christian Sch.	Ringling	Laverne	Tipton
'13	Jenks		Guthrie	Anadarko	Kingfisher	Davis	Hollis	Laverne	Cherokee
'14	Jenks	Bixby	MacArthur	Wagoner	Heritage Hall	Davis	Thomas	Alex	Tipton
'15	Jenks	Bixby	Altus	Wagoner	Heritage Hall	Adair	Stratford	Davenport	Shattuck
'16	Union	Bixby	Carl Albert	Wagoner	Jones	Millwood	Hominy	Laverne	Tipton

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2017-2018 GOLF DATES TO REMEMBER

November	3	Tournament Host Request Due
November	6	Gold Advisory Committee to Assign Sites (4:00 p.m.)
March	1	Season Opens
April	2	Rating Forms and Entry Forms Due (All Classes)
April	10	Release Assignments (All Classes)
April	17	Girls' Qualifying Tournaments (Classes 3A-2A)
April	23	Boys' Qualifying Tournaments (Classes 3A-2A)
April	24	Girls' Regional Tournament
April	25	Boys' and Girls' Academic Applications Postmarked or Faxed No Later than April 26th
April	30	Boys' Regional Tournament
May	2-3	Girls' State Tournament
May	7-8	Boys' State Tournament
May	14	Golf Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting (4:00 pm.)

PLAY-OFF PAIRINGS WILL BE RELEASED ON THE OSSAA WEB SITE BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE APPROPRIATE DATE. THERE WILL BE NOTHING SENT TO THE SCHOOL IN REGULAR MAIL.

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

1. The boys and girls golf manual has been prepared to provide information to coaches and tournament directors and to promote greater consistency in high school golf tournaments throughout the state of Oklahoma.
2. The regulations in the manual shall be considered as official interpretation unless the schools are notified of a change by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

B. Coaches Responsibilities

To instruct student athletes as to the OSSAA rules and golf regulations.

C. Rules Meetings

1. Every head golf coach is required to attend a golf rules meeting sponsored by the OSSAA.
2. There will be two rules meetings one at Westmoore and the other at Union 9th Grade Center. The two high school rules meetings will be on Saturday, **January 20**, at 10:00 a.m. The golf rules meeting is mandatory. If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, the meeting is also available on-line at www.ossaa.com, click on the "sports" link then "golf" for instructions. Proof that you have completed the on-line rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. **All head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.**

II. GOLF CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-18

- A. Tournament Host Request can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).** Must be received in the OSSAA office - **November 3, 2017**.
- B. Golf advisory committee meeting to assign tournament sites - November 6, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.**
- C. Organized practice for Golf, may begin no earlier than December 1st .**

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season for Golf to the start date of December 1st , no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes. Golf season opens (date of first contest) - March 1, 2018

D. Teams and/or individuals are limited to not more than:

1. Nine (9) regular season contests. No more than two contests weekly may require loss of instructional time and no more than seven total loss of instructional days.
2. Four (4) regular season for junior high.
3. A 9th grade student may not participate in more than total of 9 regular season contests if he is participating on both the junior high and high school team.
4. A nine (9) hole event that requires no loss of school time shall not be counted against the maximum number of contest allowed for junior high (4 contest).

E. Golf coaches rating form must be received in the OSSAA office April 2, 2018 for all classes.

F. Girls and Boys Entry Forms can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com). Must be received by **April 2, 2018** for all classes. A team's line-up can be changed, right up to the day of the tournament.

G. Assignments will be released on April 10, 2018 for all classes.

H. Girls and Boys Academic Achievement Award can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com). Entries shall be postmarked no later than - **April 25, 2018** or faxed no later than **April 26, 2018**.

I. Girls qualifying tournament - April 17, 2018

J. Boys qualifying tournament - April 23, 2018

K. Girls regional tournament – April 24, 2018

L. Boys regional tournament – April 30, 2018

M. Girls state tournament – May 2-3, 2018

N. Boys state tournament – May 7-8, 2018

O. Golf advisory committee meeting in the OSSAA office May 14, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

III. GOLF REGULATIONS

A. Classification (Based on ADM)

Boys

- a) 6A-(Largest 32 schools)
- b) 5A-(Next largest 32 schools)
- c) 4A-(Next largest 48 schools)
- d) 3A-(Next largest 60 schools)
- e) 2A-(All remaining schools)

Girls

- a) 6A-(Largest 32 schools)
- b) 5A-(Next largest 32 schools)
- c) 4A-(Next largest 48 schools)
- d) 3A-(Next largest 60 schools)
- e) 2A-(All remaining schools)

B. Entry Form

The golf entry form must be received in the OSSAA office by April 2, 2018 for **all classes**. A team's line-up can be changed, right up to the day of the tournament.

C. Entry Fees

1. It is not necessary to send an entry fee with the entry form as your school should have included the golf fee in the total service fee paid in October.
2. If the entry fee was not included in the total service fee please send the entry fee (\$30.00 per participant) to the OSSAA office before April 2, 2018 for **all classes**.

D. Weekly Eligibility

A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance

E. Team Members

1. A team may have five members but not less than four members. When five members are playing on a team, the best four scores per eighteen holes will be used.
2. Schools with fewer than four players shall compete for the individual championship only.

F. Tournament Qualifiers

1. Qualifying Tournament - (Classes 3A & 2A Boys and 3A & 2A Girls)
 - a) Teams and individuals will be assigned to qualifying tournaments based on geography, facility availability, strength balance, and an equitable number of participants for each tournament when feasible.
 - b) The following participants will advance to the regional tournament from the qualifying tournament:
 - (1) The top six teams and teams tied for sixth place according to score will qualify for the regional tournament.
Example: Team 1 finishes first - Team 2 finishes second - Team 5, 6, and 7 tie for sixth. Answer: Team 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 qualify from the tournament. **If a school qualifies for the regional or state as a team, but unable to compete as a team, team members will be permitted to play as individuals.**
 - (2) The best six individuals and those individuals tied for sixth place according to the score, who are not on teams that have qualified will qualify for the regional tournament.
Example: Player 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 all tie for first place of which none are on a team that has qualified. Answer: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are the six individual qualifiers from the tournament.
2. Regional Tournament
 - a) When there are 4 regionals the top three teams and teams tied for third place according to score will qualify for the state tournament. Individual qualifiers will consist of the top four medalists (regardless of whether they are on a qualifying team) as well as the next three individuals and those tied for third, who are not on a qualifying team. **If a school qualifies for the regional or state as a team, but unable to compete as a team, team members will be permitted to play as individuals.**
 - b) When there are 2 regionals the top six teams and teams tied for sixth place according to score will qualify for the state tournament. Individual qualifiers will consist of the top four medalists (regardless of whether they are on a qualifying team) as well as the next six individuals and those tied for sixth, who are not on a qualifying team

G. Violation of Contest Limits (teams and/or individuals)

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:

- a) The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
- b) The head coach in the activity shall be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for one-half of the regular season the next school year.
- c) The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
- d) The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.

H. Awards

1. Regional Tournament

- a) Medals will be awarded to first, second, third, and fourth place individuals and a trophy will be awarded to first place teams.
- b) In case of a tie, a sudden death play-off will determine who shall receive the award.

2. State Tournament

- a) The tournament medalist will be awarded a plaque and a medal.
- b) Medals will be awarded to the top ten individual winners.
- c) Medals will be awarded to members of the teams winning first, second, and third places.

- d) A championship and runner-up trophy will be awarded to the first and second place teams.
- e) In case of a tie for individual or teams honors, a sudden death play-off will determine who receives the award.
- f) Coaches achievement plaques will be awarded to the coach of the team champion and runner-up.

V. CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF SERIES – 3A-2A BOYS AND 3A-2A GIRLS



A. Qualifying Tournament Format

1. Boys (3A-2A)

- a) **A minimum number of 32 teams in each division must be participating or the qualifier will be cancelled and all athletes will automatically progress to regional play.**
- b) An approximately equal number of teams and individuals will be assigned to qualifying tournaments based on 1) geography and 2) team strength. A team or individual must have played in a minimum of (2) 18 or 36 hole tournaments in order to compete in a qualifier tournament.
- c) Qualifying tournament format: Four (4) 18-hole tournaments beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a coaches meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- d) The tournament manager shall determine the most efficient manner of sending the participants off in threesomes or foursomes.
- e) The manager shall also determine whether to use #1 tee or #10 tee for starting **or may also opt to use a shotgun start.**
- f) The state tournament format is recommended in determining pairings.
- g) Individual participants shall be paired by the qualifying tournament manager.
- h) Final judgment of qualifying pairings shall be the responsibility of the qualifying manager.
- i) Qualifying tournament results are to be faxed to the regional tournament manager and to the OSSAA the morning after the tournament, by the qualifying tournament manager, giving the order of finish of qualifiers for the regional tournament.
- j) It is also suggested that you call the major newspapers immediately following the tournament giving them the tournament results.

2. Girls (Class 3A-2A)

- a) **A minimum number of 32 teams in each division must be participating or the qualifier will be cancelled and all athletes will automatically progress to regional play.**
- b) An approximately equal number of teams and individuals will be assigned to qualifying tournaments based on 1) geography and 2) team strength. A team or individual must have played in a minimum of (2) 18 or 36 hole tournaments in order to compete in a qualifier tournament.
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- 3. Suspension and Resumption of Play – In the event a qualifying tournament cannot be completed on the day scheduled due to hail, storm, lightning, or tornado, a winner will be determined if the boys and girls have completed a minimum of the same nine holes. If play is suspended, a player should mark his/her ball and play should be resumed under the direction of the tournament manager. Weather and course management permitting, every effort should be made to get in the required number of holes to qualify as an official tournament. If weather and/or course management will not allow continued play after the suspension, then the golf course management or tournament director shall contact the OSSAA director of golf to arrive at a scheduled make up date.

B. Regional Tournament Format

1. Boys (6A-5A-3A-2A)

- a) Will consist of two 36-hole tournaments beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be a coaches meeting at 7:30 a.m. A team or individual must have played in a minimum of (2) 18 or 36 hole tournaments in order to compete in a regional tournament.
- b) The regional tournament manager shall determine the most efficient manner of sending the participants off in threesomes or foursomes.
- c) The regional manager shall also determine whether to use #1 tee and #10 tee for starting **or may also opt to use a shotgun start.**

- d) The state tournament format is recommended in determining regional pairings.
 - e) Individual participants shall be paired by the regional tournament manager.
 - f) Final judgment of regional pairings shall be the responsibility of the regional manager.
 - g) Regional tournament results are to be faxed (405-840-9559) to the OSSAA office the morning after the tournament, by the regional tournament manager, giving the order of finish of qualifiers for the state tournament.
 - h) It is also suggested that you call the major newspapers immediately following the tournament giving them the tournament results.
2. Girls (6A-5A-3A-2A)
- a) Will consist of an 18-hole tournaments beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a coaches meeting at 8:30 a.m. A team or individual must have played in a minimum of (2) 18 hole tournaments in order to compete in a regional tournament.
 - b) The regional tournament manager shall determine the most efficient manner of sending the participants off in threesomes or foursomes.
 - c) The regional manager shall also determine whether to use #1 tee and #10 tee for starting **or may also opt to use a shotgun start.**
 - d) The state tournament format is recommended in determining regional pairings.
 - e) Individual participants shall be paired by the regional tournament manager.
 - f) Final judgment of regional pairings shall be the responsibility of the regional manager.
 - g) Regional tournament results are to be faxed (405-840-9559) to the OSSAA office the morning after the tournament, by the tournament manager, giving the order of finish of qualifiers for the state tournament.
 - h) It is also suggested that you call the major newspapers immediately following the tournament giving them the tournament results.
3. Boys Class 4A and Girls Class 4A
- a) Boys will consist of four 36-hole tournaments beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be a coaches meeting at 7:30 a.m. Girls will consist of four 18-hole tournaments beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a coaches meeting at 8:30 a.m.
 - b) The regional tournament manager shall determine the most efficient manner of sending the participants off in threesomes or foursomes.
 - c) The regional manager shall also determine whether to use #1 tee and #10 tee for starting, **and may also use a shotgun start.**
 - d) The state tournament format is recommended in determining regional pairings.
 - e) Individual participants shall be paired by the regional tournament manager.
 - f) Final judgment of regional pairings shall be the responsibility of the regional manager.
 - g) Regional tournament results are to be faxed (405-840-9559) to the OSSAA office the morning after the tournament, by the tournament manager, giving the order of finish of qualifiers for the state tournament.
 - h) It is also suggested that you call the major newspapers immediately following the tournament giving them the tournament results.
4. Suspension and Resumption of Play – In the event a regional tournament cannot be completed on the day scheduled due to hail, storm, lightning, or tornado, a winner will be determined if the boys have completed a minimum of the same eighteen holes, and the girls a minimum of the same nine holes. Twenty-seven holes shall be counted only if everyone has completed the same twenty-seven holes. If play is suspended, a player should mark his/her ball and play should be resumed under the direction of the tournament manager. Weather and course management permitting, every effort should be made to get in the required number of holes to qualify as an official tournament. If weather and/or course management will not allow continued play after the suspension, then the golf course management or tournament director shall contact the OSSAA director of golf to arrive at a scheduled make up date.
- C. State Tournament Format
1. Boys (All classes)
- a) Will consist of a 54 hole, two-day tournament. Thirty-six holes will be played the first day and 18 holes the second day.
 - b) The first day of the tournament #1 and #10 tees may be used for starting.
 - c) The second day, tee times will be determined by tournament management.
 - d) There will be a coaches meeting at 7:30 a.m.
 - e) The tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m.
 - f) Due to weather or other unforeseen problems the OSSAA may adjust tournament format.
 - g) No substitutes may be made in team personnel after the tournament has started. Substitutions may be made between the tournaments.
 - h) **State managers must email dglover@ossaa.com and bjohnson@ossaa.com state results to the OSSAA the morning after the finals.**
2. Girls (All classes)
- a) Will consist of a 36 hole, two-day tournament. Eighteen holes will be played each day.
 - b) The first day of the tournament #1 and #10 tee boxes may be used for starting.
 - c) There will be a coaches meeting at 8:30 a.m.
 - d) The tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m.
 - e) Due to weather or other unforeseen problems the OSSAA may adjust tournament format.
 - f) No substitutes may be made in team personnel after the tournament has started. Substitutions may be made between the tournaments.
 - g) **State managers must email dglover@ossaa.com and bjohnson@ossaa.com state results to the OSSAA the morning after the finals.**

3. Suspension and Resumption of Play – Day (1) and day (2) of the tournament
- In the event that play be suspended, the players are to immediately mark their position and leave the course under the plan of the tournament committee.
 - When play is resumed, the players are to return to their marked positions and proceed.
 - In the (pre-tournament) coaches meeting, all coaches will be informed in advance of the tournament how many holes the course management will allow to be played on the second day.
 - Tournament format if 36 holes are allowed to be played on the second day of the State Tournament**
 - If less than 18 holes are played by all participants, on day one of the tournament, all scores and penalties will be void.
 - If eighteen holes or more are played by all participants, on day one of the tournament, then all scores will count and play will resume on the second day from the point of interruption.
 - If play is halted on the first day, the tournament manager will call a coaches meeting to inform coaches the format for day two. Starting time on day two will be set and all score cards will be picked up from day one.
 - If the second 18 hole round of day one was not completed, it must be finished before the final 18 hole round scheduled for day two can be started.
 - The Head Professional will determine the format for the second day round. The options being tee off on holes 1 and 10 or shotgun. Teams and individuals will be set by first and second round scores for the final round. All participants need to conclude day two by 7:15 p.m. to allow for scores to be posted and playoffs.
 - First day cancelled entirely – The format will be a 36 hole morning 8:00 a.m. and afternoon 1:30 p.m. shotgun. Round one parings will be set by golf manual first day format. Round two parings will be set by round one scores. The Head Professional will determine hole assignments for both rounds.
 - Tournament format if 36 holes are not allowed to be played on the second day of the State Tournament**
 - If less than 9 holes are played by all participants, on day one of the tournament, all scores and penalties will be void.
 - If nine holes or more are played by all participants on day one of the tournament, then all scores will count and play will resume on the second day from that point of interruption. If course management allows for suspended holes of the second day round to be played.
 - No format will allow more than 36 holes in one day.
 - If day one and day two are rained out, the OSSAA and course management will determine how to proceed.
 - If all participants complete 18 holes on day 1, and the next round is suspended, those 18 holes will count toward the 2 day tournament score.

D. Girls and Boys Regional Tournament – 4 regionals

Girls 18 holes and Boys 36 holes

Regional A

Top 3 teams/ties
Top 4 medalists
Next 3 individuals/ties

Regional B

Top 3 teams/ties
Top 4 medalists
Next 3 individuals/ties

Regional C

Top 3 teams/ties
Top 4 medalists
Next 3 individuals/ties

Regional D

Top 3 team/ties
Top 4 medalists
Next 3 individuals/ties

E. Girls and Boys State Tournament Format – 4 regionals

Girls 36 holes and Boys 54 holes

NOTE: On odd number years the east will be Region A in the pairing formula and even number years the west will be Region A

TEE 1				TEE 10			
8:00	Ind.-A1	Ind.-D2	Ind.-C3	Ind.-B1	Ind.-C2	Ind.-A3	
8:08	Ind.-C1	Ind.-B2	Ind.-D3	Ind.-D1	Ind.-A2	Ind.-B3	
8:15	#5			#5			
8:23	#4	Team A-1		#4	Team C-1		
8:30	#3	Team C-2		#3	Team B-2		
8:38	#2	Team D-3		#2	Team A-3		
8:45	#1			#1			
8:53	#5			#5			
9:00	#4	Team D-1		#4	Team B-1		
9:08	#3	Team A-2		#3	Team D-2		
9:15	#2	Team B-3		#2	Team C-3		
9:23	#1			#1			

*Note: Tournament Managers may place individuals from the same school on the same tee box to aide in coaching.

F. Girls and Boys State Tournament – 2 regionals

NOTE: On odd number years the east will be Region A in the pairing formula and even number years the west will be Region A

FIRST DAY

Region A				Region B			
Team 1		Team 4		Team 1		Team 4	
Team 2		Team 5		Team 2		Team 5	
Team 3		Team 6		Team 3		Team 6	
Ind. 1		Ind. 4		Ind. 1		Ind. 4	
Ind. 2		Ind. 5		Ind. 2		Ind. 5	
Ind. 3		Ind. 6		Ind. 3		Ind. 6	

Tee Times and Pairings:

Girls	9:00	Boys	8:00	#1	Ind.-A 1	Ind.-B 3	Ind.-A 5	#10	Ind.-B 2	Ind.-A 4	Ind.-B 6
	9:08		8:08		Ind.-B 1	Ind.-A 3	Ind.-B 5		Ind.-A 2	Ind.-B 4	Ind.-A 6
	9:15		8:15		#5				#5		
	9:23		8:23		#4	Team A-1			#4	Team B-1	
	9:30		8:30		#3	Team B-3			#3	Team A-3	
	9:38		8:38		#2	Team A-5			#2	Team B-5	
	9:45		8:45		#1				#1		
	9:53		8:53		#5				#5		
	10:00		9:00		#4	Team B-2			#4	Team A-2	
	10:08		9:08		#3	Team A-4			#3	Team B-4	
	10:15		9:15		#2	Team B-6			#2	Team A-6	
	10:23		9:23		#1				#1		

G. Day Two of State Tournament for Boys and Girls (All Classes)

TEE 1		TEE 10	
8:00	Ind. #6, Ind. #5, Ind. #4	8:00	Ind. #12, Ind. #11, Ind. #10
8:08	#5	8:08	#5
8:15	#4	8:15	#4
8:23	#3; Teams 6, 5, 4	8:23	#3; Teams 12, 11, 10
8:30	#2	8:30	#2
8:38	#1	8:38	#1
8:45	Ind. #3, Ind. #2, Ind. #1	8:45	Ind. #9, Ind. #8, Ind. #7
8:53	#5	8:53	#5
9:00	#4	9:00	#4
9:08	#3; Teams 3, 2, 1	9:08	#3; Teams 9, 8, 7
9:15	#2	9:15	#2
9:23	#1	9:23	#1

NOTE: Individual qualifier pairings will be determined by OSSAA

*Format subject to change at discretion of course management.

On regional and state tournaments where there is rain delays and tournaments may not be completed the golf pro or tournament director should contact the state director of golf to arrive at when play should end.

1. Ties in team position shall have tee times determined by fifth score for second round, then first round, and then flip of coin.
2. Ties in individual positions shall be determined by matching score cards beginning with the second round with the winner taking the higher seed.
3. The order of play for a given team on the second day can be changed one position. (Example – move from #1 bag to #2 bag). A change of more than one position in the line up will result in a two stroke penalty per player involved in switching line-up position, for the round being played. The penalty will be assessed against the team score.

V. GOLF TOURNAMENT RULES OF PLAY

A. Golf Balls

The one ball rule will not be in effect unless stipulated by the tournament manager.

B. Pace of Play

A player or group of players may be subject to penalty if play is unduly delayed.

- a) Any group falling more than one complete hole behind shall be monitored by an official. Failure to make a valid attempt to remedy the situation shall warrant an official warning. Further failure to remedy the situation shall warrant a penalty of two shots on guilty parties
- b) For playoff tournament play a limit of nine strokes on a hole shall be used and the ball must be picked up after nine strokes and may be declared at any time.
- c) The nine stroke rule is solely used to speed up play. It shall not be used to avoid disqualification.

C. Giving Advice

1. Coaches identification badges must be worn and visible to the rules committee. Each team is permitted to designate one person as the coach who may give advice to members of that team. Such person shall be identified to the tournament committee prior to the start of the competition. The coach must not interfere with the pace of play and the rights of other players.
2. A coach may advise players in putting but is not permitted to go on the green.
3. Violation of Rule
 - a) 1st offense - 2 stroke penalty on player
 - b) 2nd offense - disqualification of player involved
 - c) 3rd offense - disqualification of team

D. Method of Play

1. All competitions are played as stroke play and fall under those rules and regulations.
2. During play of a hole a competitor who is doubtful of his rights or procedure, may without penalty, play a second ball. After the situation which caused the doubt has arisen, the competitor should, before taking further action, announce to his marker or a fellow-competitor his decision to invoke this rule and the ball with which he will score if the rules permit. The competitor shall report the facts to the committee before returning his score card unless he scores the same with both balls; if he fails to do so, he shall be disqualified.

E. Influence on Ball

It is recommended that the ball be played down according to (USGA Rules). However, the site manager (tournament director) may decide the ball be played up within one grip-length everywhere except hazards no closer to the hole. Ball may be lifted, cleaned, and placed within 1 grip-length of its original position – not closer to hole. Ball is in play once it is placed on the course. Ball may be lifted only once. Procedure: Original position of the ball must be marked prior to lifting ball. Ball must be lifted by hand (not with club). Once ball has been replaced, marker may be removed. A player may not move his/her ball from off the putting surface onto the putting surface. Nor may they move their ball while on the putting surface.

F. Automotive Transportation and Caddies

1. Players are required to walk and carry their own golf clubs or use a pull cart.
2. Caddies are not allowed.
3. Golf carts are not allowed (unless prior written permission is granted by the OSSAA).
4. If permission to use a golf cart is granted, the participant must not play beyond the pace of the other players in the group. (The OSSAA will apply the standards of the American with Disabilities Act to determine if conditions exist to allow the use of a golf cart).

G. Sportsmanship and Conduct

Players shall be advised that throwing clubs, damaging a putting surface, the use of profanity or obscene gestures, use of alcohol, or any conduct (ie) bullying, intimidation, etc., that would reflect discredit to the team or school will not be permitted.

- 1) First violation - two stroke penalty
- 2) Second violation - disqualification
- 3) Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is automatic disqualification.

H. Scoring System

1. Every player is to keep the score of every player in the group. Failure to comply could result in disqualification for that round.
2. All scores are to be declared and recorded at the end of each hole before starting the next hole or in the case of the last hole of a stipulated round, before signing the official card.
3. Any correction must be done before starting the next hole or the signing of the card if the correction is on the last hole of a stipulated round.

I. Water Hazards

1. Markings are defined by yellow stakes and/or yellow lines.
2. Stakes and lines are in water hazards.

J. Lateral Water Hazards

1. Markings are defined by red stakes and/or red lines.
2. Stakes and lines are in lateral water hazards.

K. Ground Under Repair

1. Enclosed white lined areas define ground under repair.
2. The white lines are considered ground under repair.

L. Out of Bounds

1. Out of bounds is defined by white stakes and/or lines and all boundaries of the course.
2. A ball is deemed out of bounds when all of it is lying out of bounds.

M. Obstructions

1. Artificially surfaced roads or paths are obstructions.
2. Proceed under the guidelines of Rule 24 of the Rules of Golf.

N. Players will not be allowed the use electronic communication devices during competition. Range Finders or GPS devices to find out distance ONLY will be allowed in all OSSAA sanctioned tournaments. Cell phones cannot be used as a GPS device.

O. Result of the Competition

When all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by the OSSAA tournament committee, the result of the competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced and final.

P. Gallery Guidelines

1. Parents, fans and friends are welcome.
2. Coaches are allowed to communicate and coach their players at all times, provided they do not go onto the green, hold up play or interfere with the other players in the group.
3. All other gallery members are advised to stay on the cart trails and not communicate with the players except at the end of 9 and 18 holes.
4. The gallery is advised to remain a reasonable distance (30-40 yards) behind all players in the group and are urged to use proper golf etiquette and not move or talk while any member of the group hits a shot or putt.
5. Failure to observe this rule may result in stroke penalties or team disqualification's.
6. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION, COACHES ARE ADVISED TO COMMUNICATE THIS MESSAGE TO THEIR PLAYERS AND THE PLAYERS TO THEIR PARENTS, FANS AND FRIENDS.
7. It is recommended that all cell phones be place on "silent" or "vibrate" when carried on the golf course.
8. Violation of Gallery Rule
 - a) 1st offense – warning
 - b) 2nd offense – 2 strokes penalty on player
 - c) 3rd offense – disqualification of player

VI. OSSAA GOLF

A. General Regulations

1. USGA rules will be followed unless modified by the OSSAA.
2. A tournament committee is to be named for each qualifying, regional and state tournament. The tournament manager is to appoint the committee prior to the event and notify the OSSAA and participating schools as to who is on the committee. The committee will consist of three coaches and a course professional at the golf course hosting event.
3. Coaches must be present at the tournament site.
4. In a team competition with or without concurrent individual competition, the committee may in the conditions of the competition (Rule 33-1) permit each team to appoint one person, e.g., team captain or coach, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team. Such person shall be identified to the committee prior to the start of the competition and will wear a visible identification badge.
 - a) One designated coach per school per tournament.
 - b) Must not interfere with pace of play and rights of other players.
 - c) Coaches may advise players in putting, but cannot go on the green.
5. Coaches are not permitted to play on the course at the tournaments.
6. Coaches shall not make decisions for own team or any other team or individual on the course unless he/she is designated as an official by the tournament director.
7. Players are required to carry their own golf clubs or use a manual pull cart. A caddie will not be allowed. Any exception to this rule must be approved by OSSAA Board of Directors in writing.
8. For play-off tournament play a limit of nine strokes on a hole shall be used. Ball must be picked up after ten strokes to maintain pace of play and may be declared at any time.
9. In qualifying, regional and championship play, boys and girls shall participate on separate teams.
10. Substitutions – players who have qualified for play-off tournaments as individuals or members of a team must be listed prior to the beginning of the tournaments. The ten stroke rule is solely used to speed up play and shall not be used to avoid disqualification.
11. Appropriate dress is required at all times. Appropriate dress may be determined by the local course regulations. Tee-shirts, tank shirts, cutoffs, and short shorts will not be permitted. Soft spikes or tennis shoes are required.
12. Players shall be advised that throwing clubs, damaging a putting surface, the use of profanity or obscene gestures, or any conduct (ie) bullying, intimidation, etc., that would reflect discredit to the team or school will not be permitted.
 - a) First violation - two stroke penalty
 - b) Second violation - disqualification's
 - c) Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is automatic disqualification.
13. During play of a hole a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, play a second ball. After the situation which caused the doubt has arisen, the competitor should, before taking further action, announce to his marker or a fellow-competitor his decision to invoke this rule and the ball with which he will score if the rules permit. The competitor shall report the facts to the committee before returning his score card unless he scores the same with both balls; if he fails to do so, he shall be disqualified. Rule 3-3 of the rule book.
14. The OSSAA suggests that players be informed that they have the right to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the committee may not have specifically authorized it by signal.
15. It is required at the playoff tournaments and recommended at all other sanctioned events, that every player will keep the score of all players in the group and all scores will be declared and recorded at the end of each hole. At the completion of the designated round, all players are to sit together with a tournament official to go over all cards. One of the cards will be chosen by the official to be the official scorecard to be signed by all contestants. It is the responsibility of each player to correct any scoring error at the end of each hole.
16. The following format shall be used in breaking team ties. Sudden death - combine low medal scores for any four team members of sudden death hole. If tie is between two teams, the format shall be two foursomes composed of (nos. 5, 4, 3 - 4 - 5) (nos. 2, 1 - nos. 3 - 2 - 1). For determining a winner with more than two teams tied, threesome should be given priority.
17. Playoff order: In the event that there are individual playoffs and team playoffs, all individual playoffs will be played first followed by team playoffs. The team playoff will not begin until the individual playoff is completed.
18. Warm-up before playoff: all contestants will be allowed a reasonable amount of warm-up time before a playoff begins.
19. Outside Agent
 - a) Any rules violation or possible rules violation seen or called by competitors must be done so before starting the next hole or, in the case of the last hole of a stipulated round, before all competitors leave the putting green.
 - b) Any rules decision that need to be made due to the play of a second ball must be brought to the attention of the tournament committee at the end of the nine holes where the provisional ball was played.
 - c) Any rules violation or possible rules violation seen by an outside agent must be brought to the attention of the tournament committee immediately. The outside agent must identify himself to the tournament committee.
20. The ball that is hit off the tee box will remain in play until the ball is holed out or the hole completed unless lost or damaged.
21. All students who are entered must be eligible by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association Rules and Regulations.
22. The Golf Advisory Committee will meet in the OSSAA office November 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of recommending site selections for the play-off tournaments for the 2018 season, to the OSSAA staff.

23. A student is not eligible to participate in any golf tournament in which he or she has used their knowledge or skill for financial gain. Neither can they be a part of a team in which their score counts in competing for money or other monetary compensation. (allowable travel, meals, and lodging expenses may be acceptable) A student may receive trophies, medals, and plaques as awards in tournaments.

24. **RANKING PROGRAM**

The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website, (www.ossaa.com). For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments), and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field, and Tennis, enters the play-offs series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of a play-off contest.

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

VII. PRE-EVENT PLANNING

- A. Securing the Proper Facilities
 1. Have an inclement weather plan.
 2. Tournament scheduler should avoid playing while other golfers are on the course.
- B. Pre-Tournament Sessions
 1. Determine number of teams or players using the course.
 2. Set date and time of event--including rain date.
 3. Set green fees, if applicable or entry fees.
 4. Determine pairing arrangements.
 5. Announce any measures be taken to speed play.
 6. Awards to be given.
- C. Preparation of Tournament Forms
 1. Information sheet to players and coaches--consisting of:
 - a) Pairings.
 - b) Starting time.
 - c) Rules
 - (1) Names of rules committee members.
 - (2) USGA and OSSAA rules.
 - d) How to play hazards.
 - e) Hole out all putts.
 - f) Check before signing scorecards.
 - g) Responsibilities of players
 - (1) When and where to turn in scores.
 - (2) Maintaining less than a hole distance between groups.
 - h) Playing etiquette. There are certain Do's and Don'ts that every contestant should follow so that everyone's game will be made just that much more enjoyable and will promote a smoother pace of play.
 2. Reminder to all Contestants
 - a) Do replace divots and repair ball marks.
 - b) Do keep bags off the green.
 - c) Do delay hitting until you are sure those ahead are well out of range.
 - d) Do play without undue delay. Be prepared to hit when your turn comes.
 - e) Do let the player farthest from the hole play first.
 - f) Do follow the trajectory of balls hit, establishing markers if ball is in rough.
 - g) Do smooth out footprints and club depressions in bunkers, after the ball is out of the bunker.
 - h) Do allow the player having the honor to play first.
 - i) Don't disturb players with unnecessary noises.
 - j) Don't stand in a position that interferes with a putt, a shot, or the concentration of a fellow contestant.
 - k) Don't tally scores on the greens.
 - l) Don't take excessive practice swings that will annoy other players.
 - m) Don't practice putting on the greens or the course during the day of the tournament.
 3. What to do in case of lightning: If you are called off the course, have evacuation procedure to be followed.
 4. Awards--Open immediately upon receipt to check for breakage. Call the OSSAA office if there are any problems.
 5. Name and phone numbers of local restaurants and hotels, if necessary.

6. Scorecards
 - a) It is required at the playoff tournaments and recommended at all other sanctioned events that every player will keep the score of all players in the group and all scores will be declared and recorded at the end of each hole.
 - b) At the completion of the designated round, all players are to sit together with a tournament official to go over all cards. One of the cards will be chosen by the official to be the official scorecard to be signed by all contestants.
7. Other Publicity
Anything you feel appropriate to the smooth running of this event.
8. First Aid (emergency care procedure)

VIII. CONDUCT OF EVENT

- A. Equipment and supplies
- B. Review Rules
By the pro or tournament director five or ten minutes before the start of the meet--all pertinent rules should be discussed with the contestants and an opportunity to be given for questions to be asked. **One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game official.**
- C. Rules Committee
 1. Identify various members so participants know who to bring their questions to.
 2. Probably best to let the local pro be the final arbitrator in any dispute.
- D. Meet Marshals
 1. You may find it advantageous to assign one or two meet marshals (coaches or faculty).
 2. Their job is to patrol the course, keeping players moving at a comfortable pace throughout the course.
- E. Starters
If contestants are going off both one and ten tees--a responsible person (faculty member or coach) should be there to assure that the right contestants are teeing off, and that they introduce themselves and identify the ball they are playing.
- F. Scoreboard
 1. Assign competent people--an adding machine or portable calculator should be used.
 2. Players shall report scores at the end of the round.
- G. Duplicating Procedures
Have a ditto machine available to give scores to players and coaches shortly after the rounds are played or else mail them out the next week.
- H. Awards Presentation

IX. POST-EVENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Cleanup committee
- B. Reports to
 1. OSSAA immediately following your tournament. Fax number – 405-840-9559. Would prefer emailing media@ossaa.com
 2. News media.
 - a) Daily Oklahoman – fax number – 405-475-3315
 - b) Tulsa World – fax number – 918-581-8352
 - c) David Glover dglover@ossaa.com or Brooke Johnson bjohnson@ossaa.com

X. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

XI. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcast event, and comments made in a public forum.

XII. NOT HONORING A PROTEST (BOARD POLICY XLVIII)

- A. OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contest. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

XIII. CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

1. Please refer to Rule 4 in OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook located in the principal or athletic director's office concerning the conduct and fighting rule.
2. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post-game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. At the conclusion of a contest. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

XIV. AIDS AND HEPATITIS B

Please see athletic director or principal for pre-cautionary recommendations concerning AIDS and Hepatitis B.

XIII. BOYS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

1929	Tracy Walcott	Ponca City	1976	4A	Jeff Walser	Putnam City	1996	5A	Charleton Deckert	Enid
1930	Orval Gipson	Bristow		3A	Terry Collier	Ada		4A	Billy Lowry	Ada
1931	Walter Emery	Duncan		2A	Clarke Denny	Weatherford		3A	Kyle Cofer	Poteau
1932	Charles English	Sapulpa	1977	4A	Jeff McMillian	Donart (Stillwater)		2A	Tim Cochran	Atoka
1933	Bernie Rauch	Tulsa Central		3A	Randy Brooks	Ada		A	Nick Hughes	Hennessey
1934	Charles Reasor	Duncan		2A	Jim Sanders	Comanche	1997	5A	Matt Larson	Edmond North
1935	Charles Reasor	Duncan	1978	4A	Jeff McMillian	Donart		4A	Shawn Matthews	Altus
1936	Dee Replogle	Classen (O.C.)		3A	Joe Nick	Okmulgee		3A	Marty McCauley	Cushing
1937	Jimmy Thompson	Central (O.C.)		2A	Mike Wood	Seminole		2A	Dusty Brown	Inola
1938	Jimmy Thompson	Central (O.C.)	1979	4A	Terry Carpenter	Donart (Stillwater)		A	Jeremy Callison	Ketchum
1939	Buster Clary	Central (O.C.)		3A	Gavin Goss	Chickasha	1998	5A	Kyle Willmann	Edmond North
1940	S.B. Anderson	Classen (O.C.)		2A	David Cresup	Vinita		4A	Clint Colbert	Guthrie
1941	Charles Coe	Ardmore	1980	4A	Tracy Phillips	Enid		3A	Marty McCauley	Cushing
1942	Dan Langford	Central (O.C.)		3A	Gary McDonald	Sooner		2A	Blake Martin	Stigler
1943	Sig Harpman	Classen (O.C.)		2A	David Cresup	Vinita		A	Adam Elk City	Walters
1944	Jerry Barnett	Central (Tulsa)	1981	4A	Jim Begwin	Ponca City	1999	5A	Matt Hollerbach	Jenks
1945	Bob McCarthy	Central (Tulsa)		3A	Kevin Whipple	Duncan		4A	Dayton Rose	Carl Albert
1946	Wayne Speegle	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		2A	Rusty Hewes	Seminole		3A	Nick Rennie	Pauls Valley
1947	Bob Meek	Central (Tulsa)	1982	4A	Jim Begwin	Ponca City		2A	Eric Collins	Prague
1948	Elmer Humphreys	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		3A	Kevin Whipple	Duncan		A	Collin Garrett	Walters
1949	Elmer Humphreys	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		2A	Glen Rose	Cushing	2000	5A	Michael Unger	Edmond North
1950	Johnny Johnson	Classen (O.C.)	1983	4A	Shawne Hughes	Charles Page		4A	Chris Noel	Bishop Kelley
1951	Johnny Johnson	Classen (O.C.)		3A	Kevin Whipple	Duncan		3A	Derek Smith	Elk City
1952	Orville Moody	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		2A	Brian Montgomery	Bristow		2A	Ryan Henry	Metro Christian
1953	Leon Moody	El Reno	1984	4A	Ashley Roeder	Bartlesville		A	Collin Garrett	Walters
1954	Bob Richardson	Duncan		3A	Shawne Hutchinson	Western Hts.	2001	6A	Ryan Rainer	Norman North
1955	Billy Dunn	Duncan		2A	Grant Downey	Cushing		5A	Dayton Rose	Carl Albert
1956	Jim Loy	Northwest (O.C.)	1985	4A	Shawne Hughes	Charles Page		4A	Jody Taylor	Sallisaw
	Dick Lowry	Miami		3A	Shane McKenzie	Guthrie		3A	Ryan Henry	Metro Christian
1957	George Hixon	Harding (O.C.)		2A	Grant Downey	Cushing		2A	David Cromwell	Okla. Christian
	Billy Burns	Central (O.C.)	1986	5A	Kevin Youngblood	Broken Arrow	2002	6A	Steven Rist	Jenks
1958	Pete Hatchett	Central (O.C.)		4A	Lance Posey	El Reno		5A	Jon Hart	Woodward
1959	George Hixon	Harding (O.C.)		3A	Todd Murcer	Heritage Hall		4A	Travis Warner	Sallisaw
1960	AA Bob Dickson	Muskogee	1987	5A	Ross Roberts	Enid		3A	Todd Falconer	Stigler
	A Robert Hill	Miami		4A	Lance Posey	El Reno		2A	Chance Tatum	Pawnee
1961	AA Bob Dickson	Muskogee		3A	John Bizik	Grove	2003	6A	Mitch Cohlma	Jenks
	A Hugh Edgmon	Seminole	1988	5A	Mike Phenicie	Memorial		5A	Brad Aycock	Durant
1962	AA Bob Dickson	Muskogee		4A	Jeff McRay	Chickasha		4A	Cooper	Guymon
	A Dick Orr	Okmulgee		3A	Craig Downey	Cushing		3A	Tommy Villani	Casica Hall
1963	AA Phillip Howe	Ponca City		2A	Randy Keck	Lindsay		2A	Derek Brown	Stroud
	A Carl Higgins	Daniel Webster (T)	1989	5A	Chris Edgmon	Edmond	2004	6A	Phillip Bryan	Mustang
1964	AA David Hines	Nathan Hale (T)		4A	Matt Gogee	T. Kelley		5A	Blake Bowman	Pryor
	A Eddie Polk	Harding (O.C.)		3A	Scott Downey	Cushing		4A	Trent Whitekiller	Sallisaw
1965	AA David Hines	Nathan Hale (T)		2A	Tim Hayes	Cascia Hall		3A	Blaine Butner	Seminole
	A Mark Hayes	Northeast (O.C.)	1990	5A	Dax Johnston	Yukon		2A	Kyle Kates	Haworth
1966	AA Doug Tewell	Donart (Stillwater)		4A	Chad Willis	Altus	2005	6A	Ty Sanders	Jenks
	A Ted Goin	Seminole		3A	Bret Matlock	Clinton		5A	Austin Bowman	Pryor
1967	AA Joe Dills	Central Muskogee		2A	Nick Boyd	Tishomingo		4A	Trent Whitekiller	Sallisaw
	A Ted Goin	Seminole	1991	5A	Chris Edgmon	Edmond		3A	Blaine Butner	Seminole
1968	AA Pete Harpster	Memorial (T)		4A	Chad Willis	Altus		2A	Danny Chism	Waurika
	A Ted Goin	Seminole		3A	Bret Matlock	Clinton	2006	6A	Kevin Tway	Edmond North
1969	AA Bob Stephenson	Norman		2A	Nick Boyd	Tishomingo		5A	Draegon Majors	Bixby
	A Danny Edwards	Edmond	1992	5A	Lance Combrink	Enid		4A	Paul Hobbs	Deer Creek-Edm.
1970	4A Joe Dills	Central Muskogee		4A	Shannon Friday	Guthrie		3A	Colby Shrum	Perry
	3A Steve Braley	Guymon		3A	Barry Sewell	Clinton		2A	Logan Herbst	Fairview
1971	4A Robert Fields	Edison (Tulsa)		2A	David Dawley	Chandler	2007	6A	Kevin Tway	Edmond North
	3A Kirk Goss	Chickasha	1993	5A	Teddy Smith	Edmond		5A	Britton Ritter	Ardmore
1972	4A Teddy Mitchell	Northwest		4A	Jason Tannehill	Bishop McGuiness		4A	Jacob Bartel	Sallisaw
	3A Kirk Goss	Chickasha		3A	Brandon Myers	Sallisaw		3A	Bryan Boaz	Metro Christian
1973	4A Tom Jones	Rogers		2A	Jeff Lawrence	Henryetta		2A	Matthew Brooks	Hinton
	3A Harry Turner	Ada	1994	5A	Michael Boyd	Union	2008	6A	Stephen Carney	Union
1974	4A Tim McGraw	Ponca City		4A	McCrae Bruncker	Edmond North		5A	Talor Gooch	Carl Albert
	3A Rod Kimmel	Fox		3A	Cory Smith	Elk City		4A	Daniel Stith	Bishop McGuinness
1975	4A Jim Woodward	John Marshall		2A	Jeff Lawrence	Henryetta		3A	Kyle Lewis	Bethel
	3A Terry Collier	Ada	1995	5A	Grant Genzer	Jenks		2A	Logan Herbst	Fairview
	2A Dennis Lewis	Anadarko		4A	Josh Whitehead	Carl Albert	2009	6A	Nathan Hughes	Bartlesville
				3A	Matt Morgan	Cushing		5A	Karsten Majors	Bixby
				2A	Scott Shepherd	Stigler		4A	Tyler Russell	Elk City
				A	Cody Freeman	Arnett		3A	Charlie Saxon	Cascia Hall
								2A	Logan Herbst	Fairview

BOYS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS (CONTINUED)

2010	6A	Taylor Moore	Edmond Memorial	2015	6A	Jacob Prentice	Edmond Memorial
	5A	Taylor Williams	Chickasha		5A	Garrett McDaniel	Shawnee
	4A	Zac Myers	Idabel		4A	Quade Cummins	Weatherford
	3A	Charlie Saxon	Cascia Hall		3A	Mason Overstreet	Kingfisher
	2A	Jackson Ogle	Okla. Christian		2A	Blake Murray	Mooreland
2011	6A	Taylor Moore	Edmond Memorial	2016	6A	Laken Hinton	Edmond North
	5A	Taylor Williams	Chickasha		5A	David Trimble	Bishop McGuinness
	4A	Trey Farkhouser	Guymon		4A	Matt Braley	Cascia Hall
	3A	Charlie Saxon	Cascia Hall		3A	Logan McAllister	Christian Heritage
	2A	Justin Ary	Quinton		2A	Kason Cook	Hydro-Eakly
2012	6A	Max McGreevy	Edmond Santa Fe	2017	6A	Austin Eckroat	Edmond North
	5A	Jacob Oaks	Ardmore		5A	Dustin Hasley	Piedmont
	4A	Trent Mewbourn	Heritage Hall		4A	Dalton Daniel	Newcastle
	3A	Nick Stauter	Idabel		3A	Logan Mccalister	Christian Heritage
	2A	Justin Strathe	Rejoice Christian		2A	Kolton Baber	Big Pasture
2013	6A	Max McGreavy	Edmond Santa Fe				
	5A	Chris Karlovich	Bishop Kelley				
	4A	Quade Cummins	Weatherford				
	3A	Trae Wilkins	Plainview				
	2A	Mason Overstreet	Laverne				
2014	6A	Austin Eckroat	Edmond North				
	5A	Jake Johnson	Tahlequah				
	4A	Cody Shore	Poteau				
	3A	Zach Schaefer	OK Christian School				
	2A	Brad Dalke	Hobart				

XIV. BOYS TEAM CHAMPIONS

	Two-Ball Team	Four-Ball Team						
1929			1976	4A	College	1995	5A	Edmond North
1930				3A	Ada		4A	Carl Albert
1931	Ponca City			2A	Heritage Hall		3A	Weatherford
1932	Classen (O.C.)		1977	4A	College		2A	Pauls Valley
1933	Shawnee			3A	Ada		A	Comanche
1934	Shawnee			2A	Heritage Hall	1996	5A	Edmond North
1935	Classen (O.C.)	Classen (O.C.)	1978	4A	Donart (Stillwater)		4A	Duncan
1936	Central (O.C.)	Central (O.C.)		3A	Sooner (Bartlesville)		3A	Elk City
1937	Central (O.C.)	Central (O.C.)		2A	Seminole		2A	Seminole
1938	Central (O.C.)	Central (O.C.)	1979	4A	Donart (Stillwater)		A	Heritage Hall
1939	Central (O.C.)	Central (O.C.)		3A	College (Bartlesville)	1997	5A	Jenks
1940	Classen (O.C.)	Classen (O.C.)		2A	Casady		4A	Ardmore
1941	Classen (O.C.)	Guthrie	1980	4A	Enid		3A	Cushing
1942	Central (O.C.)	Central (O.C.)		3A	P.C. North		2A	Inola
1943	Classen (O.C.)	Central (Tulsa)		2A	Seminole		A	Stroud
1944	Central (Tulsa)	Central (Tulsa)	1981	4A	Edmond	1998	5A	Muskogee
1945	Northeast (O.C.)	Central (Tulsa)		3A	Ada		4A	Guthrie
1946	Classen (O.C.)	Classen (O.C.)		2A	Casady		3A	Elk City
1947	Central (Tulsa)	Central (Tulsa)	1982	4A	Enid		2A	Plainview
1948	Capitol Hill (O.C.)	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		3A	Duncan		A	Turpin
1949	Capitol Hill (O.C.)	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		2A	Casady	1999	5A	Jenks
1950	Classen (O.C.)	Central (Tulsa)	1983	4A	Edmond		4A	Ardmore
1951	Capitol Hill (O.C.)	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		3A	Duncan		3A	Elk City
1952	Capitol Hill (O.C.)	Capitol Hill (O.C.)		2A	Seminole		2A	Cascia Hall
1953	Central (Tulsa)	Duncan	1984	4A	Bartlesville		A	Okla. Christian
1954	Duncan	Duncan		3A	Ardmore	2000	5A	Jenks
1955	Duncan	Duncan		2A	Cushing		4A	Ardmore
1956	Enid	Enid	1985	4A	Ponca City		3A	Clinton
	Miami (at Sand Greens)	Miami (at Sand Greens)		3A	Noble		2A	Metro Christian
1957	Enid (at Grass Greens)	Bartlesville (at Grass Greens)		2A	Ada		A	Walters
	Central (O.C.) (at S.G.)	Central (O.C.) (at Sand Greens)	1986	5A	Ponca City	2001	6A	Jenks
1958	Harding (O.C.)	Harding (O.C.)		4A	Bishop Kelley		5A	MacArthur
1959	Duncan	Ponca City		3A	Heritage Hall		4A	Pryor
1960	AA Edison (Tulsa)	Edison (Tulsa)	1987	5A	Edmond		3A	Metro Christian
	A Miami	Northeast (O.C.)		4A	El Reno		2A	Pawnee
1961	AA Muskogee	Muskogee		3A	Heritage Hall	2002	6A	Jenks
	A Northeast (O.C.)	Okmulgee	1988	5A	College Hi (Bart.)		5A	Bishop Kelley
1962	AA Ardmore	Edison (Tulsa)		4A	Tulsa Kelley		4A	Pryor
	A Seminole	Okmulgee		3A	Cushing		3A	Cascia Hall
1963	AA College Hi (Bartlesville)	College Hi (Bartlesville)		2A	Lindsay		2A	Velma-Alma
	A Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)	1989	5A	Edmond	2003	6A	Jenks
1964	AA Central (Tulsa)	Central (Tulsa)		4A	Ardmore		5A	Bixby
	A Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		3A	Ada		4A	Pryor
1965	AA Nathan Hale	Nathan Hale		2A	Lindsay		3A	Cascia Hall
	A Northeast	Donart (Stillwater)	1990	5A	Edmond		2A	Velma-Alma
1966	AA Donart (Stillwater)	Edison (Tulsa)		4A	Ardmore	2004	6A	Jenks
	A Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		3A	Elk City		5A	Bixby
1967	AA Central (Muskogee)	Donart (Stillwater)		2A	Pawnee		4A	Clinton
	A Seminole	Altus	1991	5A	Chickasha		3A	Cascia Hall
1968	AA Central (Muskogee)	Central (Muskogee)		4A	Duncan		2A	Turner
	A Edmond	Seminole		3A	Clinton	2005	6A	Edmond North
1969	AA Northwest (O.C.)	Central (Muskogee)		2A	Pawnee		5A	Ardmore
	A Donart (Stillwater)	Donart (Stillwater)	1992	5A	Edmond		4A	Clinton
1970	4A Central (Muskogee)	Central (Muskogee)		4A	Guthrie		3A	Cascia Hall
	3A Ada	Ada		3A	Seminole		2A	Velma-Alma
1971	4A Edison (Tulsa)	Sooner (Bartlesville)		2A	Plainview	2006	6A	Edmond North
	3A Putnam City	Ada	1993	5A	Edmond		5A	Ardmore
1972	4A	College High (Bartlesville)		4A	Bishop Kelley		4A	Elk City
	3A	Chickasha		3A	Plainview		3A	Perry
1973	4A Edison (Tulsa)			2A	Cascia Hall		2A	Okla. Christian
	3A Ada		1994	5A	Jenks	2007	6A	Edmond North
1974	4A Bartlesville College			4A	Edmond North		5A	Deer Creek-Edm.
	3A Donart (Stillwater)			3A	Plainview		4A	Clinton
1975	4A Putnam City			2A	Okla. Christian		3A	Metro Christian
	3A Donart (Stillwater)						2A	Fairview
	2A Comanche							

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2008	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Ardmore
	4A	Bishop McGuinness
	3A	Heritage Hall
	2A	Washington
2009	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Ardmore
	4A	Ft. Gibson
	3A	Cascia Hall
	2A	Oklahoma Christian School
2010	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Ardmore
	4A	Elk City
	3A	Heritage Hall
	2A	Oklahoma Christian School
2011	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Ardmore
	4A	Guymon
	3A	Tishomingo
	2A	OK Christian School
2012	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Heritage Hall
	3A	OK Christian School
	2A	Rejoice Christian
2013	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Ada
	3A	Plainview
	2A	Rejoice Christian
2014	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Tahlequah
	4A	Heritage Hall
	3A	Plainview
	2A	Laverne
2015	6A	Owasso
	5A	Shawnee
	4A	Heritage Hall
	3A	Plainview
	2A	Mooreland
2016	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Bishop McGuinness
	4A	Cascia Hall
	3A	Christian Heritage
	2A	Mooreland
2017	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Heritage Hall
	3A	OK Christian School
	2A	Laverne

XV. GIRLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

1930	Kathryn Grover	Classen	1997	5A	Stacy Prammanasudh	Enid
1931	Marjorie McKissick	Central (O.C.)		4A	JoAnne Heller	Bishop Kelley
1932	Rozanne Truscott	Shawnee	1998	5A	Stacy Prammanasudh	Enid
1933	Carolyn Bailey	Classen		4A	Jennifer Tannehill	Bishop McGuinness
1934	Jenny Grout	Classen		3A	Bradlea Cox	Plainview
1935	Pat Grant	Cushing	1999	5A	Amy Lee	Putnam City North
1936	Billie Dodge	Nowata		4A	Shelley Farmer	Coweta
1937	Pat Grant	Cushing		3A	Hope Edge	Hobart
1938	Pat Grant	Cushing	2000	5A	Treas Nelson	Eisenhower
1939	Luana Mellon	Lawton		4A	Laura Benedix	Harrah
1940	Dorothy Campbell	Pawhuska		3A	Jamie Kirby	Seminole
1941	Frances Jones	Ponca City	2001	6A	Stephanie Ruiz	Edmond Memorial
1942	Betty Hoch	Northeast		5A	Liz Kester	Bishop Kelley
1943	Betty Hoch	Northeast (O.C.)		4A	Lacey Jones	Idabel
1944	Didn't participate			3A	Jaryn Rainey	Turner
1945	Didn't participate		2002	6A	Michaela Cavener	Ponca City
1946	Margaret Lingenfelter	Classen (O.C.)		5A	Amanda Costner	Claremore
1947	Didn't participate			4A	Lacey Jones	Idabel
1948	Didn't participate			3A	Meagan Hughes	Hennessey
1949	Jeanne McNeill	Northeast (O.C.)	2003	6A	Michaela Cavener	Ponca City
1950	Jeanne McNeill	Northeast (O.C.)		5A	Alex Schulte	Bishop Kelley
1951	Jo Humble	Northeast (O.C.)		4A	Laci Jones	Idabel
1952	Linda Melton	Classen (O.C.)		3A	Megan Hughes	Hennessey
1953	Linda Melton	Classen (O.C.)	2004	6A	Michaela Cavener	Ponca City
1954	Linda Melton	Classen (O.C.)		5A	Alex Schulte	Bishop Kelley
1955	Beth Stone	Muskogee		4A	Lacey Jones	Idabel
1956	Beth Stone	Muskogee		3A	Morgan Chambers	Purcell
1957	Sue Maxwell	Northeast (O.C.)		2A	Lillie West	Davenport
1958	Sue Maxwell	Northeast (O.C.)	2005	6A	Amanda Johnson	Jenks
1959	Sue Maxwell	Northeast (O.C.)		5A	Alex Schulte	Bishop Kelley
1960	Patty David	Central (Tulsa)		4A	Ryanne Elmer	Bishop McGuinness
1961	Suzanne Stephenson	Miami		3A	Christy Carter	Victory Christian
1962	Sherry Taylor	Northeast (O.C.)		2A	Katie Miller	Turpin
1963	1976	Girls didn't participate	2006	6A	Anya Alvarez	Jenks
1977	Patty McGraw	Ponca City		5A	Kelly Fuchik	Bishop Kelley
1978	Linda Brown	Sooner (Bartlesville)		4A	Kamryn Ruffin	Pryor
1979	Janet Goene	Cushing		3A	Morgan Chambers	Purcell
1980	Adele Lukken	Edison		2A	Amanda Arrington	Hinton
1981	Adele Lukken	Edison	2007	6A	Amber Hensley	Jenks
1982	Melissa McNamara	Jenks		5A	Kelly Fuchik	Bishop Kelley
1983	Melissa McNamara	Jenks		4A	Fiamma Felitch	Bishop McGuinness
1984	Melissa McNamara	Jenks		3A	Paige Martin	Plainview
1985	Sheila Luginbuel	Vinita		2A	Amanda Arrington	Hinton
1986	Sherri Atchison	Duncan	2008	6A	Crystal Reeves	Broken Arrow
1987	Julie Rieger	Miami		5A	Kamryn Ruffin	Pryor
1988	Alycyia Rambin	Jenks		4A	Taylor Neidy	Clinton
1989	Alycyia Rambin	Jenks		3A	Emily Leahey	Plainview
1990	Paige Parrott	Miami		2A	Amanda Arrington	Hinton
1991	Heather Bowie	Bishop McGuinness	2009	6A	Aly Seng	Enid
1992	5A Jennifer Hays	Stillwater		5A	Megan Blonien	Altus
	4A Heather Bowie	Bishop McGuinness		4A	Taylor Neidy	Clinton
1993	5A Stacy Rambin	Jenks		3A	Bethany Darrough	Kingfisher
	4A Heather Bowie	Bishop McGuinness		2A	Tressa Brumley	Chouteau-Mazie
1994	5A Stacy Rambin	Jenks	2010	6A	Lauren Michael	Jenks
	4A Jina Wallace	Okmulgee		5A	Megan Blonien	Altus
1995	5A Stacy Prammanasudh	Enid		4A	Caitlin Farris	Bishop McGuinness
	4A Natasha Rowe	Tishomingo		3A	Bethany Darrough	Kingsfisher
1996	5A Wendy Martin	Edmond Santa Fe		2A	Tressa Brumley	Chouteau-Mazie
	4A Natasha Rowe	Tishomingo				

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2011	6A	Alex Koch	Jenks	2016	6A	Yujeong Son	Norman
	5A	Megan Blonier	Altus		5A	Sydney Youngblood	Durant
	4A	Kendra Mann	Harrah		4A	Chloe Black	Newcastle
	3A	Caitlin Swisher	Chandler		3A	Shaebug Scarberry	Purcell
2012	2A	Kailey Campbell	Oktaha	2017	2A	Sierra Holden	Fletcher
	6A	Allison Sell	Edmond North		6A	Kaitlin Milligan	Norman North
	5A	Megan Blonjen	Altus		5A	Mika Ramos	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Hannah Ward	Poteau		4A	Katie Finley	Plainview
	3A	Madelyn Lehr	Idabel		3A	Taylor Towers	Rejoice Christian
2013	2A	Katie Lee Wilso	Rejoice Christian		2A	Megan Brown	Cordell
	6A	Marla Souvannasing	Union				
	5A	Sydney Youngblood	Durant				
	4A	Hannah Ward	Poteau				
	3A	Ali White	Idabel				
2014	2A	Katie-Lee Wilson	Rejoice Christian				
	6A	Alexis Sadeghy	Bishop McGuinness				
	5A	Sydney Youngblood	Durant				
	4A	Hanna Ward	Poteau				
	3A	Ali White	Idabel				
2015	2A	Shelbie Black	Nowata				
	6A	Trudy Allen	Union				
	5A	Sydney Youngblood	Durant				
	4A	Katie Kirkhart	Hilldale				
	3A	Shaebug Scarberry	Purcell				
	2A	Katie Goodwin	Riverfield Co. Day				

XVI. GIRLS TEAM CHAMPIONS

	Two-Ball Team	Four-Ball Team			
1930			1998	5A	Edmond North
1931	Central			4A	Duncan
1932	Central			3A	Sulphur
1933	Classen (O.C.)		1999	5A	Edmond North
1934	Classen (O.C.)			4A	Coweta
1935	Cushing	Classen (O.C.)		3A	Seminole
1936	Classen (O.C.)		2000	5A	Edmond North
1937	Classen (O.C.)			4A	Bishop Kelley
1938	Cushing			3A	Seminole
1939	Guthrie	Guthrie	2001	6A	Edmond North
1940	Guthrie	Guthrie		5A	Bishop Kelley
1941	Didn't participate			4A	Cushing
1942	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		3A	Turpin
1943	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)	2002	6A	Edmond North
1944	1948	Girls didn't participate		5A	Duncan
1949	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		4A	Cushing
1950	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		3A	Cascia Hall
1951	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)	2003	6A	Edmond North
1952	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		5A	Duncan
1953	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		4A	Cushing
1954	Northeast (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)		3A	Turpin
1955	Classen (O.C.)	Northeast (O.C.)	2004	6A	Jenks
1956	Muskogee	Northeast (O.C.)		5A	Altus
1957	Northeast (O.C.)	Harding (O.C.)		4A	Cushing
1958	Ponca City	Northeast (O.C.)		3A	Purcell
1959	Ponca City	Northeast (O.C.)		2A	Mooreland
1960	Duncan	Duncan	2005	6A	Jenks
1961	Miami	Miami		5A	Altus
1962	Northeast (O.C.)	Miami		4A	Elk City
1963	1976	Girls didn't participate		3A	Purcell
				2A	Mooreland
1977	US Grant		2006	6A	Jenks
1978	Tulsa Memorial			5A	Bishop Kelley
1979	Guthrie			4A	Hilldale
1980	Edison			3A	Purcell
1981	Will Rogers			2A	Mooreland
1982	Jenks		2007	6A	Jenks
1983	Jenks			5A	Duncan
1984	Miami			4A	Bishop McGuinness
1985	Broken Arrow			3A	Plainview
1986	Broken Arrow			2A	Mooreland
1987	Jenks		2008	6A	Edmond Memorial
1988	Jenks			5A	Duncan
1989	Miami			4A	Clinton
1990	Miami			3A	Kingfisher
1991	Edmond			2A	Pioneer-PV
1992	5A Edmond		2009	6A	Jenks
	4A Cushing			5A	Duncan
1993	5A Jenks			4A	Clinton
	4A Cascia Hall			3A	Kingfisher
1994	5A Jenks			2A	Oktaha
	4A Cushing		2010	6A	Jenks
1995	5A Jenks			5A	Duncan
	4A Cascia Hall			4A	Bishop McGuinness
1996	5A Jenks			3A	Kingfisher
	4A Bishop Kelley			2A	Oktaha
1997	5A Edmond North		2011	6A	Union
	4A Cascia Hall			5A	Bishop McGuinness
				4A	Tuttle
				3A	Comanche
				2A	Oktaha

GIRLS TEAM CHAMPIONS (CONTINUED)

2012	6A	Union	2016	6A	Owasso
	5A	Duncan		5A	Durant
	4A	Poteau		4A	Ft. Gibson
	3A	Comanche		3A	Purcell
	2A	Hinton		2A	Mooreland
2013	6A	Union	2017	6A	Owasso
	5A	Deer Creek (Edmond)		5A	Duncan
	4A	Hilldale		4A	Plainview
	3A	Eufaula		3A	Marlow
	2A	Hinton		2A	Mooreland
2014	6A	Union			
	5A	Duncan			
	4A	Hilldale			
	3A	Purcell			
	2A	Turner			
2015	6A	Union			
	5A	Duncan			
	4A	Hilldale			
	3A	Purcell			
	2A	Latta			

SEE RULES AND POLICIES IN THE OSSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS HANDBOOK

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The purposes of the OSSAA music contests are to provide statewide music competitions that foster high performance standards, nurtures aesthetic development and reinforces the many functions of music within the society. Although the OSSAA will support individual and group objectives, it is the responsibility of the director to define and meet those goals within the student's educational, socio-cultural environment.
- B. The regulations governing these contests may be changed only by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. A Music Advisory Committee will be appointed to assist in making proposed changes to the Board of Directors. The OSSAA Administrative Assistant responsible for music activities will serve as chairman of the advisory committee. Unless a called meeting is announced, the advisory committee will meet annually.
- C. The Music Advisory Committee is composed of:
 - 1. The three vice-presidents of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association representing the areas of choral, band, and orchestra.
 - 2. The state presidents of the American Choral Directors Association, the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association and the American String Teachers Association.
 - 3. A sufficient number of at-large members appointed to ensure that a majority of the thirteen districts will be represented with as nearly as possible equal representation between vocal and instrumental sections. The Advisory Committee will be appointed in March of each year and serve a period of two years.
- D. The contest manager will be the director of vocal or instrumental music in the school hosting the contest or a person selected to serve as manager of the district, regional or state contest. In addition to assisting in the recommendation of judges he will be responsible for scheduling and conducting the contest.

II. POLICY AND ETHICS

- A. Observance of the Code
The policies and Code of Ethics as outlined in the following sections should be observed by all music contest participants.
- B. School Officials
 - 1. Provide support for students and directors for implementing music contest;
 - 2. Create a climate of professional concern to assure that music contests are carried on with sound educational qualities as the uppermost priority; and
 - 3. Strive to assure that directors are aware of and observe the letter of intent of all OSSAA rules and regulations.
- C. Contest Officials
 - 1. Administer music contests with a spirit of courtesy and cooperation among all participants.
 - 2. See that music contests are conducted with discipline and decorum, maintaining both the spirit and the intent of the rules and regulations for music competition.
- D. Adjudicators
Contest adjudicators should observe the Policy and Ethics Code of the Oklahoma Music Adjudicators Association.
- E. Directors
 - 1. Know and uphold all regulations and rules for music competition as stated in the OSSAA Music Manual (electronically provided to music directors in August each year).
 - 2. Foster a spirit of artistic involvement and aesthetic achievement for all students participating in music contests.
 - 3. Instill, by word and example, the respect for all contest regulations and graceful acceptance of adjudication.
 - 4. Recognize the importance of the total educational process and remain sensitive to each student's needs in terms of his academic pursuits, family life and extra-curricular activities.
 - 5. Maintain a reasonable and proper balance of pre-school and out-of-school rehearsal schedules.
- F. Students
 - 1. Know and respect the rules and regulations pertaining to participation in any OSSAA music competition.
 - 2. Maintain a sense of the educational purpose of participating in music contests, keeping uppermost in mind the two-fold benefit of self-gratification in an artistic activity as well as the representation of one's school community.

III. CONTEST ENTRY MATERIALS

- A. There will be one mail-out from the OSSAA in August.
 - 1. Mail-Out -Greeting Letter and directions to find online version of the *OSSAA Music Regulations Manual*.
 - a) High school music classifications are in this manual, and can be found online. Directors are to consult this for classification.
 - b) New rules from the *Music Advisory Committee* are in this manual. It is the music director's responsibility to read and keep informed of all new music regulations and rules.
 - c) OSSAA Music Regulations Manual will be online and can be printed by directors.
 - d) District, Regional and State Contest Schedule (with entry deadline dates) are in this manual.
 - 2. Confirm Contest Dates Locally
 - a) Directors should confirm with the school principal no later than the 1st or 2nd week in September the OSSAA music contest they are planning to attend for the year and place the dates on the school calendar. Work out possible conflicts in September not in January or February at entry deadline time.
 - b) Directors, after confirming dates with the principal, should post contest dates and entry deadline date on his music calendar for future reference.
 - c) Directors should then prepare a music calendar for the entire school year and publish it and see that their students and parents are aware of the dates of the contests they will be attending.

3. The OSSAA Prescribed Band - Orchestra - Chorus Music List will be updated every three years starting with the 1989-90 school year. The list can be accessed on the Internet, located at the OSSAA Contest Manager website.

IV. ENTRY PROCEDURES

All contest entries are done electronically, and no forms or cards are required to be mailed to the OSSAA, or local contest managers. Entries must be submitted prior to the entry deadline; late entries will not be accepted. Directors should log onto the website www.ossaa.com, then enter the "Non-Athletic Activities" section and click on "Music". Here you will find the link to the CONTEST MANAGER website that will allow you to enter all OSSAA music contests. Schedules and performance times for OSSAA music contests will be published at this same location. A list of contest managers, and contact information is available at this website, as well as email links to all managers, and the OSSAA music administrator.

V. SCHEDULING

The contest manager will be responsible for conducting and scheduling of all OSSAA music contests. The OSSAA recommends the following scheduling guidelines, but the manager is granted the flexibility to meet individual scheduling problems.

VI. SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

A. General Information

1. The manager is to establish a performance schedule as soon as possible after the entry deadline date. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE on this item. The participants and schools involved need to establish transportation schedules; work out conflicts, etc., as soon as they receive the schedule.
2. Honor special requests (time and day, special equipment, etc.) if possible and if they fall within the guidelines of OSSAA regulations and do not conflict with the EFFICIENCY AND FAIRNESS of the contest. A special scheduling request should be considered only if the director makes the request on their electronic entry. A follow-up phone call by the music teacher to the contest manager is also recommended.
It is strongly recommended that the manager not allow a schedule change after the schedule published on the website. All directors are at liberty of "trading times" with other schools within their class, providing they make the site manager aware of these changes (so that the proper adjudication sheets can be transferred to the proper rooms).
3. Emergencies and exceptions may arise but every attempt to solve scheduling problems should be made before the schedule is published.
4. REQUIRED SELECTION: All contest managers are responsible to check the entry to check if the large groups are performing one selection from the OSSAA Prescribed Music List. Directors are responsible for meeting the music requirements for their organization(s).
5. Each school's classification should appear on the schedule. It would also be beneficial if the schedule contained the selections - number of members in large group and the director's name.
6. Large groups may not have their warm-up time scheduled on the performance stage or performance area.
7. The warm-up room should be scheduled to allow for travel time in and out of the room. Warm-up time will be less than the allowed performance time. Example: The instrumental warm-up room schedule should match the performance schedule of seven (7) minutes to get on and off the stage. (This will help keep the contest running on time.)

B. Scheduling Large Groups (Bands, Orchestra, Choruses, Jazz Bands)

1. Scheduling By Classification
 - a) It is strongly recommended that managers schedule small, middle, junior high schools first, i.e., Classes 9-2A, 8-2A, 8-3A, 8-4A, 7-2A, 7-3A, 7-4A., 7-5A, 7-6A, 9-3A, 9-4A, THEN schedule high school Classes 2A, 3A, THEN 8-5A, 8-6A, 9-5A, 9-6A, THEN high school Classes 4A, 5A, 6A. Group like choruses together (within reason), Treble Chorus, Tenor-Bass Chorus, and Mixed Chorus. The special requests may not make this possible.
 - b) One classification in the morning and another classification in the afternoon is permissible but every attempt needs to be made to avoid mixing classifications unless it can be done without placing other organization(s) or participant(s) at a disadvantage. If exceptions have to be made and a group has to be scheduled out of classification, schedule in early morning, right before lunch, or at the end of the day. FAIRNESS AND EFFICIENCY is the key in scheduling.
2. Scheduling Within Classifications
 - a) Staggered scheduling is recommended for groups from the same school. Two warm-up rooms will be needed if it is necessary to schedule choruses from the same school back-to-back.
 - b) When possible it is recommended that like vocal groups in the same classification be scheduled together starting with Mixed Groups, Treble Groups and Tenor-Bass groups.
 - c) All of the following systems or combination of systems are recommended and the system(s) used should be stated by contest manager. (This may vary from year to year.)
 - (1) Special Requests
 - (2) Distance
 - (3) Size of group
 - (4) Lottery
 - d) Scheduling by size of group provides added efficiency in set-up. As much as possible, schedule schools traveling the greatest distance in the middle of the day and schools traveling the shortest distance in the morning and/or late afternoon.

C. Scheduling Solos and Ensembles

1. Attempt to schedule all events that are alike together. When possible specialized judges should be assigned to the instrument or voice where they have special training and experience.
2. Schedule solos and ensembles from one school either in the morning or afternoon. This helps eliminate many lunchtime or dead time disciplinary and vandalism problems.

3. Attempt to avoid scheduling entries from the same school at the same time. (Director and/or accompanist problems.)
4. Attempt to avoid scheduling too many from one school with the same adjudicator.
5. Separate junior high school and senior high school entries when possible.
6. Attempt to schedule a school with only a few entries with consecutive time slots.
7. Schedule first:
 - a) Special request problems.
 - b) Schools with large number of entries
 - c) Close schools at the beginning and ending of the day.
- D. Contest Schedule:
Contest schedules will be found on the contest website as soon as the site contest manager publishes it. It is the responsibility of the director to retrieve their schedule. After the schedule has been "published" on the web, the contest manager is under no obligation to make changes. All directors are at liberty of "trading times" with other schools, providing they make the site manager aware of these changes (so that the proper adjudication sheets can be transferred to the proper rooms).

VII. GENERAL REGULATIONS

A. Eligibility

1. Member schools and associate member schools will be eligible by complying with the Constitution and Rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association governing non-athletic activities. Schools participating in any of the competitive music programs will be assessed a \$40.00 fee in addition to regular membership service fee. One fee covers all vocal, instrumental and orchestra participation for one school year.
2. A student can only represent the school in which he is legally enrolled. No combination of 2 or more senior high or junior high schools is permitted.
3. A junior high school is not eligible to enter any contest in high school competition; however, junior high school students may participate in and be a part of senior high school organizations.
4. Grade Limits. No student in grades six (6) and below may participate in OSSAA music competition. Exception: A sixth grade student who qualifies for membership in its school's concert band, chorus or orchestra shall be able to participate in OSSAA organizational events in High School classes 2A-3A-4A & all junior high and middle school classes.
5. Senior high schools may participate in any of the following special events: (a) concert band; (b) jazz band; (c) marching band; (d) orchestra; (e) mixed chorus; (f) treble chorus; (g) tenor-bass chorus; (g) vocal and instrumental solo and ensemble. Junior high schools may participate in (a) concert band; (b) marching band; (c) orchestra; (d) mixed chorus; (e) treble chorus; (f) tenor-bass chorus; (g) vocal and instrumental solo and ensemble. NOTE: High school and junior high school concert bands, orchestras, treble, tenor-bass and mixed choruses are required to participate in Sight-Reading contests. Failure to do so will result in the withholding of all other ratings.
6. Schools will be assigned to recommended districts according to the OEA Districts of 1967. Schools in the greater Oklahoma City area and the greater Tulsa city area are assigned to the Oklahoma City District and the Tulsa District. Schools may be asked to attend a different district to resolve scheduling conflicts or to equalize the contest size. The districts are recommended, directors may choose any district contest they wish to attend.

District 1	Panhandle	- Beaver, Cimarron, Texas
District 2	Northwest	- Alfalfa, Ellis, Harper, Major, Woods, Woodward
District 3	Southwest	- Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Custer, Dewey, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Roger Mills, Tilman, Washita
District 4	Northern	- Garfield, Grant, Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Payne
District 5	Central	- Creek, Kingfisher, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma
District 6	South Central	- Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, McClain, Stephens
District 7	East Central	- Coal, Garvin, Hughes, Johnston, Murray, Okfuskee, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Seminole
District 8	Southern	- Comanche, Cotton, Jefferson, City of Duncan
District 9	Northeast	- Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, Washington
District 10	Eastern	- Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, LeFlore, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah, Wagoner
District 11	Southeast	- Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Latimer, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Pittsburg, Pushmataha
District 12	Okla. City Area	
District 13	Tulsa Area	
District 14	Statewide	JH and MS Orchestra
7. A band, orchestra, chorus, ensemble or soloist may attend only one district, regional or state contest.
8. Dates and sites of all contests will be set by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association Board of Directors.
9. Regulation Penalty: Violation of any of the music regulations may result in the participant being penalized one division unless otherwise designated.
10. A director or certified teacher (or administrator) from that school district must be present at the contest site during the contest. The certified teacher does not have to be in charge of the training of the participants. If a director or certified teacher from the school district is not present, the students will not be allowed to perform. If the students have already performed, the ratings will be withheld and the students disqualified, and may not advance to the next level of competition.

11. Fees for all contests will be mailed to the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association office, not to the local contest manager. No refunds will be made after entries have been submitted electronically. All fees are due within 30 days of the completion of the contest. The OSSAA reserves the right to charge up to 10% additional fees for each month the bill goes unpaid, if they so choose.

VIII. COPYRIGHT REGULATION

- A. Reproduced Copies of Music: Reproduced judges copies of the published, copyrighted music scores will not be accepted in any OSSAA competition. The only exception to this rule is if the director can provide a letter or documentation from the actual publishing company who holds the copyright (or a music store) showing they have received permission to reproduce the copyrighted material, or proof the music has been ordered, is non-refundable, and not yet delivered. If such proof of permission to reproduce the music is not available to the Contest Manager, the students will not be allowed to perform. It will be the director's responsibility to provide this proof of permission to the contest manager if asked. It will also be the director's responsibility to see that the following conditions are also met:
 1. Certification that reproduced scores will be destroyed immediately following contest use.
 2. Individuals or schools whose groups perform copyrighted and/or music requiring royalty are responsible for conforming to copyrighted music.
 3. The reproduction shows the notice of copyright.

IX. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Senior High
 1. Senior high schools will be placed in one of the following classifications every year according to their numerical order based on grades 9, 10, 11, 12 A.D.M. as compiled from the records sent to the State Department of Education of the previous year. Class 6A - 32 largest schools; Class 5A - next 32 largest schools; Class 4A - next 64 largest schools; Class 3A - next 128 largest schools; Class 2A - all remaining schools. (Class E - all second groups; Class EE - all third groups; Class EEE - all 4th groups; Class EEEE - all fourth groups; etc). Class MH - Mid highs will be treated as class 4A (grades 9-10.)
 2. By a written request made by the principal or superintendent before September 10th a school may petition to compete in a higher classification. A school that petitions up must remain in that class for the entire school year. This would include the school's Band program, or Choral program, or Orchestral program or a combination of the three programs. A school may not compete in a class below their regular classification.
 3. A second large group may be entered in Class E (or the same class as the parent group) provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups (exception-jazz combos). NOTE: (instrumental only) It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument. A third large group may be entered in Class EE provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music.
- B. Junior High and Middle Schools
 1. Junior high and middle schools will be placed in one of the following classifications based on current enrollment as of October 15, using the enrollment formula below (B4). Confirmation of enrollment should be made at the time of entry. Enrollment numbers should reflect enrollment shown on the state accreditation report.
 2. By a written request made by the principal or superintendent before September 10th a school may petition to compete in a higher classification. A school that petitions up must remain in that class for the entire school year. This would include the school's Band program, or Choral program, or Orchestral program or a combination of the three programs. A school may not compete in a class below their regular classification.
 3. A second large group may be entered in Class E provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. Note: (instrumental only) It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument.
 4. Formula: Classification is determined by the AVERAGE OF THE TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT of all grades used in the group. Thus an enrollment of 400 in grade 8 and 350 in grade 7 gives 750, divided by 2 (the number of grades used in the group) = 375. The group would then be classified as 8-6A since 8 is the highest grade used in the group. Classification number (7-8-9) is determined by the highest grade used in the group. (9-8-7 indicates 9th, 8th, or 7th grade as oldest member of the group)

Class 9-6A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 334 or more
Class 9-5A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 150-333
Class 9-4A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 84-149
Class 9-3A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 34-83
Class 9-2A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 33 or less

Class 8-6A junior high (or middle schools)
AVERAGE of 334 or more
Class 8-5A junior high (or middle schools)
AVERAGE of 150-333
Class 8-4A junior high (or middle schools)
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Class 7-6A junior high (or middle schools)
AVERAGE of 334 or more
Class 7-5A junior high (or middle schools)
AVERAGE of 150-333
Class 7-4A junior high (or middle schools)
AVERAGE of 84-149
Class 7-3A junior high (or middle schools)
AVERAGE of 34-83
Class 7-2A junior high (or middle schools)
AVERAGE of 33 or less

C. Definition of Groups

1. Second Groups: (Class E) Second groups may participate in OSSAA music competition under the following provisions:
 - a) A first group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete in music competition.

- b) There can be no duplication of personnel or music from the parent group. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. NOTE: It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as saxophones; Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets; or any keyboard instruments (example. marimba, xylophone).
 - c) Third groups will be considered Class EE; fourth Groups will be considered class EEE. The same rules of personnel and instrumentation will apply to all EE and EEE Groups.
- 2. Mid-High: When students from grades 9 and 10 are added together to form a competing high school unit the resulting group is known as a Mid-High group. Mid high bands, choruses and orchestras do not qualify at district but go directly to state are treated as a class 4A group.
- 3. Composite High School Group: When students from grades 6, 7 and 8 are added to high school students to form a competing high school unit the resulting group is known as a composite high school group.
- 4. Composite Middle School Group: When students from the sixth grade are added to form a competing middle school unit the resulting group is known as a composite middle school group.
- 5. Co-op Group: When students from one school are added to students from another school to form a competing unit, the resulting group is known as a co-op group.
- 6. Combined Group: When students within the same school district from a high school or junior high are added to students from another high school or junior high to form a competing unit the resulting group is known as a combined group.
- D. General Regulations
 - 1. The following statements shall govern the use of composite, combined and co-op groups.
 - a) Composite high school bands, jazz bands, orchestras, and choruses are permitted in all classes. Students may take part in the high school or junior high large group, but not both (Example: a student can't be in the HS concert band AND the Middle School Concert band, but could be in the high school Marching Band, and the Middle School Concert band). Composite Class E jazz bands are not allowed from any classification.
 - b) Composite middle school groups are permitted.
 - c) Combined Groups. Combined groups may exist under only one condition. Students on ninth grade campuses who receive their music instruction as part of the total high school program may be combined with students in grades 10-11 or 12 for the purpose of OSSAA music competition. They may take part in the high school or junior high group, but not both. Exception: A student may participate in both groups provided there is no duplication of personnel or music and the group meets the General Regulation for the use of composite, combined and co-op groups. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. NOTE: It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophone, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument.
 - d) Co-op groups are permitted only under the provisions of Rule 21 of the OSSAA Constitution.
 - e) No student may be permitted to perform in a class lower than his school classification.
 - f) The addition of students resulting from the use of composite groups as provided for in this section will not affect classification in any way. Exception: Composite middle school groups will use the junior high and middle school classification formula.
 - g) Only one award may be presented to a composite or co-op group.

X. CONTEST REGULATIONS

- A. Concert Band Contest - Entry Code: (CB). Note: Classes 2A, 3A, 4A bands must qualify at a district contest with a Superior rating before they can enter the state contest. Classes 5A, 6A, MH and their E groups will compete only in the state contest. There is no state contest for junior high school contestants.
 - 1. All bands are required to play at least two selections, by different composers, one of which must appear on the current OSSAA Prescribed Music List, and they must also sightread. REPETITION: An organization may NOT repeat a contest selection within a three-year period. EXCEPTION: Where this affects an organization with one, or two grades – they may NOT repeat a selection within a two-year period. In the event that an organization does perform without conforming to the OSSAA music requirement for their classification, that organization will not be eligible to receive either an award or a rating in concert or sight-reading competition. (DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING MUSIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION(S). The suitability of the selections may be a factor in the final rating.
 - 2. Selections chosen from the *OSSAA Prescribed Music List* must fulfill the following requirements:
 - 3. High School
 - a) High School Class 6A select from Class 6A;
 - b) High School Class 5A select from Class 5A or above;
 - c) High School Class 4A or MH (Mid High) select from Class 4A or above;
 - d) High School Class 3A select from Class 3A or above;
 - e) High School Class 2A select from Class 2A or above;
 - f) High School Class E select from two classes lower than parent group (or higher).
 - 4. Junior High and Middle School
 - a) Junior high Classes 9-6A and 9-5A select from Class 4A or above;
 - b) Middle school and junior high Classes 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A select from Class 3A or above;
 - c) Middle school and junior high Classes 9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, & 7-2A select from Class 2A or above.
 - d) Middle school and junior high Class E select from two classes lower than parent group (or higher).
 - 5. Time Limits
 - a) The time limit for Classes 5A and 6A high school band performances is a maximum of 23 minutes of music with seven (7) minutes allotted to get on and off the stage.

- b) The time limit for high school Classes E, 2A, 3A, 4A and Mid High, and Classes 9-6A, 9-5A, 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A, middle school and junior high band performances is a maximum of 18 minutes of music with seven (7) minutes allotted to get on and off the stage.
- c) The time limit for Classes 9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A and 7-2A middle school and junior high school band performances is a maximum of 13 minutes of music with seven (7) minutes allotted to get on and off the stage.
- d) Timing will begin with the first note of music and end with the last, including breaks between movements or selections.
- e) Bands exceeding the time limit will be notified to stop playing but not penalized unless they continue to play.
- f) It is not necessary for the director to wait for a signal from the judge before beginning a second number or movement.
- 6. One score of each selection with measures numbered must be provided for each judge. Judges are directed to delay the performance until such scores have been supplied. See Section VII - Copyright Regulation. The contest chairman would then schedule a new performance time if a performance time is available. (Judges are only allowed to mark lightly on the score in pencil and the remarks are to be brief.)
- 7. A second band may be entered in Class E or the same classification as the parent group provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. NOTE: It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument. Third bands may be entered as class EE, fourth bands as class EEE.
- 8. Junior high students, grades 7, 8 or 9, may participate either in senior high bands or junior high bands but not in both. Junior high school bands must be composed entirely of students from the sixth, seventh, eighth and/or ninth grades.
- B. Regional Marching Band Contest -Event Code: (MB)
 - 1. Junior high and high school classes 2A, 3A, 4A, and Mid Highs will be assigned to four regional contest sites (Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, Southeast)
 - 2. High school classes 5A and 6A will be assigned to two regional contest sites. (East and West)
 - 3. Weather: The contest is to go on as scheduled unless the weather and field conditions are deplorable and dangerous to the safety of the participants on the day of the contest. (If the weather is questionable the band director should call the contest manager before he loads his bus and leaves for the site the day of the contest.)
 - 4. Performance Areas: The performance will be adjudicated within three general areas - Playing, Marching, Maneuvering and General Effect. Each judge is to evaluate all three areas. Judging will be based on the overall performance of the band with special emphasis on the suitability and precision of the style of marching and playing, whether pageantry or drill.
 - 5. Performance Regulations
 - a) Performance Time - The time limit for the entire performance is a maximum of eleven minutes, with a minimum of five (5) minutes for high school bands and a minimum of four (4) minutes for junior high bands. Timing will begin when the band executes the first step-off or of the first note of the music following SET-UP. (Set-up is that portion of time which includes field positioning and/or music warm-up.) The drum major should salute the judges after the set-up indicating the bands readiness to begin. At this time the band will be announced to begin its performance for the OSSAA Marching Contest. The drum major WILL SALUTE after the final selection of music to indicate the conclusion of the show and an end to timing. If no salute is given then the last note of music at the obvious conclusion of the show will end the timing. Exit time from the field after the salute or the obvious conclusion of the show will not be counted as movement time. Note: A performance that fails to meet any time requirement will be penalized one division by the contest management.
 - b) Minimum Movement Time: The performance must include at least the minimum amount of marching maneuvers or movement by the playing members of the band as stated: Classes 6A and 5A--4 1/2 minutes; Mid Highs and Class 4A--4 minutes; Class 3A--3 1/2 minutes; Class 2A--3 minutes. All pauses or stops in movement will be timed with a separate watch and subtracted from the overall performance time. A pause or a stop in movement will begin when the last playing member comes to a stop or marks time and ends when the first playing member steps off. Marking time WILL NOT BE counted as movement. Dance steps will be accepted under this interpretation and will be judged on precision, musical performance, originality and entertainment value and appropriateness. Note: A performance that fails to meet the moving time requirement will be penalized one division by the contest management.
 - c) Time Schedule: Bands will be scheduled with a total of three minutes for set-up, pre-set, and exit from the field and a maximum of fifteen minutes per band.
 - (1) Bands may use two minutes prior to their performance in any way they deem appropriate in order to assume their set-up and pre-set position to prepare for the beginning of their show. Activities may include warm-up and/or cadence.
 - (2) Each band will be announced at the end of one minute. The beginning of their announcement will indicate that the performance time must begin within 60 seconds. The announcer will ask "Are the judges ready?" "Drum Major(s) is your band ready?" You may now begin your performance for the (name of the regional) Regional Marching Contest.
 - (3) The band must be clear of the field (outside the sidelines or end lines) at the end of thirteen (13) minutes. Any further sound, whether generated by instruments or verbal cadence is discouraged.
 - (4) A band should not leave equipment or instruments on the sideline in such a manner that these items impede the movement of the next band into its starting position.
 - d) Movement to Field Position: The contest manager will determine the ready position each band will assume prior to entering the field of competition. The position must provide efficient and prompt access to the football field without interfering with other bands as they perform. This location will be clearly described in the marching contest packet.
 - e) Disqualification: Failure to comply with local ground rules and regulations may result in disqualification.
 - f) Vehicle Prohibition: Motorized vehicles and/or carts of any sort will not be permitted on the marching field.

- g) Electronic Equipment: The director of an organization wishing to use electronic equipment is directly responsible for arranging for electrical power. All electronically produced music must be played in “real time” by a student. All other (prerecorded/sequenced) music whether instrumental or vocal may not be used. Sounds other than music, such as narration or sound effects, may be prerecorded and used without penalty. Any prerecorded sounds used that are copyrighted must have permission obtained for their use. Electronic units are allowed both on and off the field of competition.
- h) Fireworks, pyrotechnics, open flames and live animals are not allowed at regional marching contest.
- i) It is recommended that all marching band personnel have appropriate footwear for their performance.
- 6. Street Parades: - All street parade contests are to be eliminated from OSSAA marching contests and no awards are to be made for street parade activities.
- 7. Solo - Ensemble - Color Guard Contest
 - a) All solo contestants and members of ensembles must be members of a band, currently eligible to compete. Exception: Where there is no organized band in the school, students may enter provided they are certified by the principal and the music membership fee has been paid. A certified teacher must be present at the contest.
 - b) Color Guard solo and ensemble/twirling competition will only be available at the 2A, 3A and 4A regional contests (solos and ensembles in class 5A and 6A may enter at one of these locations). All contestants will compete for ratings (unless they are entered as “comments only” by their director prior to the performance). The judge’s decisions will be based on demand, technique and quality of performance, variety, and musicality and production. Performance time shall be a minimum of 1 1/2 minutes but shall not exceed 3 minutes. After 3 minutes, the contestant shall be stopped but not penalized.
 - c) Limitations: A student may enter a maximum of three events and not more than one solo unless the music and equipment are different.
 - d) It will be the individual schools responsibility to provide any electronic equipment need to play the music needed by the solos or ensembles. Music with “explicate lyrics” cannot be used, and the solo or ensemble can be disqualified by the adjudicator and given no rating if the judged feels the lyrics are not appropriate for the competition.
 - e) The use of band members to play the music “live” for solos and ensembles is not permitted.
 - f) Fireworks, pyrotechnics, open flames and live animals are not allowed at regional solo and ensemble contest.
- C. Orchestra Contest - Event Codes: Full Orchestra - (FO); String Orchestra - (SO).
 - 1. At least two selections, by different composers, and at least one of which must appear on the current OSSAA Prescribed Music List; or an overture, tone-poem, one movement from a symphony (except a minuetto) by Beethoven, Berlioz, Brahms, Dvorak, Hanson, Harris, Haydn, Ives, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Rossini, Schubert, Sibelius, Tchaikovsky, Von Weber, or Wagner. (Any standard non-simplified, unabridged edition may be used). The suitability of the selections may be a factor in the final rating.
 - a) REPETITION: An organization may NOT repeat a contest selection within a three-year period. EXCEPTION: Where this affects an organization with one, or two grades – they may NOT repeat a selection within a two-year period.
 - b) The string orchestra selection can be a minimum of two contrasting movements from an original (unabridged) concerto grosso by Bach, Corelli, Geminiani, Handel, Tartini Torelli, Vitali, or Vivaldi.
 - c) For Full Orchestra Contest (State Orchestra Contest) at least one of the two selections must actually be for full orchestra. EXCEPTION: Full orchestra is optional for middle schools and junior highs.
 - d) In the event that an organization does perform without conforming to the OSSAA music requirement for their classification, that organization will not be eligible to receive either an award or a rating in concert or sight-reading. (Directors are responsible for meeting music requirements for their organization(s)).
 - e) Selections chosen from the *OSSAA Prescribed Music List* must fulfill the following requirements:
 - 2. High School
 - a) High School Class 6A select from Class 6A;
 - b) High School Class 5A select from Class 5A or above;
 - c) High School Class 4A or MH (Mid High) select from Class 4A or above;
 - d) High School Class 3A select from Class 3A or above;
 - e) High School Class 2A select from Class 2A or above;
 - f) High School Class E select from two classes lower than parent group (or higher).
 - 3. Junior High and Middle School
 - a) Junior high Classes 9-6A and 9-5A select from Class 4A or above;
 - b) Middle school and junior high Classes 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A select from Class 3A or above;
 - c) Middle school and junior high Classes 9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, & 7-2A select from Class 2A or above.
 - d) Middle school and junior high Class E select from two classes lower than parent group (or higher).
 - 4. One score of each selection with measures numbered must be provided for each judge. Judges are directed to delay the performance until such scores have been supplied. See Section VII - Copyright Regulation. The contest chairman would then schedule a new performance time if a performance time is available. (Judges are only allowed to mark lightly on the score in pencil and the remarks must be brief).
 - 5. Time Limits
 - a) The time limit for high school orchestra performances is a maximum of 23 minutes of music with seven (7) minutes allotted to get on and off the stage.
 - b) The time limit for Classes 9-6A, 9-5A, 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A, middle school and junior high orchestra performances is a maximum of 18 minutes of music with seven (7) minutes allotted to get on and off the stage.
 - c) The time limit for Classes 9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A and 7-2A middle school and junior high school orchestra performances is a maximum of 13 minutes of music with seven (7) minutes allotted to get on and off the

- stage.
- d) Timing will begin with the first note of music and end with the last, including breaks between movements or selections.
 - e) Orchestras exceeding the time limit will be notified to stop playing but not penalized unless they continue to play.
 - f) It is not necessary for the director to wait for a signal from the judge before beginning a second number or movement.
6. The pianist must be a senior high school or junior high school student.
 7. A full orchestra must have at least 19 string players on stage during the performance. An orchestra with 19 or fewer string players may be entered but the rating will be lowered one division.
 8. A second orchestra may be entered in Class E or the same classification as the parent group provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. NOTE: It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument. High school class E orchestras may enter as a string orchestra. High school Class E orchestras will attend contest the same day as the 9th grade orchestra and will not be eligible for a sweepstakes unless they are a full orchestra. Junior high, Mid-high, and High School Class E string orchestras will perform on their assigned day and be eligible for the outstanding achievement award.
 9. Junior high or Middle School, grades 6, 7, or 8 may participate either in senior high or junior high marching bands, concert bands, stage bands, orchestras, or choruses, in high school class's 2A-3A-4A but not both. Ninth grade students may participate either in senior high or junior high marching band, concert bands, jazz band, orchestras, or choruses, in all high school classes if they meet the regulation under Section IX Letter D. General Regulations composite, combined and co-op groups. Exception: A student may participate in both groups provided there is no duplication of personnel or music and the group meets the General Regulation for the use of composite, combined and co-op groups. (Section IX Letter D) Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. NOTE: It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophone, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument. Junior high or middle school bands, orchestras, and choruses must be composed entirely of students from the seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grades. Exception: Sixth Grade: See Section VII., General Regulations, Letter A., Eligibility, number 4.
- D. Jazz Band Contest - Event Code: (JB) and Jazz Combo (JC)
1. The time limit for the entire appearance, including getting on and off stage is 25 minutes. Continuing to play after being notified that time has expired will reduce the rating one division.
 2. Each jazz band may have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25 instrumentalists/vocalists. A jazz band must have an equal number (or greater number) of wind players to non-wind players. A jazz combo may have between 3-9 members, of any instrument or voice combination.
 - a. Doubling of parts (recommendation)
Doubling of parts beyond instrumentation called for in a specific arrangement is discouraged. Exceptions: third or fourth trumpet parts, lead trumpet at the octave, third or fourth trombone parts, guitar doing piano changes, and auxiliary percussion when it is stylistic appropriate. More than five saxophones can be used but it is recommended you use only five at a time.
 3. Any standard orchestration or special arrangement may be used. The program should show planned continuity, variety, musicianship, and may feature any outstanding instrumentalist or vocalist. The director may direct but cannot play an instrument or sing.
 4. A second jazz band may be entered in Class E or the same classification as the parent group provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. NOTE: It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets; marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument; guitar, bass, and banjo. Jazz combos will be grouped into an "Open Class" (all schools together) and no class "E" jazz combos will be allowed. The maximum number of jazz combos any student can participate is 3. A student will be allowed to duplicate instrumentation between combos, as long as exact duplication of personnel between any two jazz combos does not occur. (*Example-Student A,B and C can be in one combo and can play the same instruments in a 2nd jazz combo as long as another student or students are added Student A,B,C, and D*). Directors will not be allowed to play any instruments or sing with the student ensemble. All members of jazz bands and jazz combos must be legal students, currently enrolled in the school they are representing.
 5. Ratings and rank will be based on musicianship, selection of program material and manner of presentation. If a jazz band or jazz combo desires, they may enter the category of "Rating Only", allowing a band to receive a rating without a ranking. Bands or combos wishing to do this must inform the contest manager or the OSSAA music chairman so that the band or combo may be introduced in this manner.
 6. In case of tie in total points, drop the high and low score to determine the placing (Olympic scoring). If a tie still exists, use judge's preference to break the tie. If a tie still exists after total points, Olympic scoring, and judge's preference, the OSSAA will award co-winners.
 7. At all ranking contests, the director will have the option of checking their score sheets for tabulation errors prior to leaving the tabulation room. Directors are encouraged to double-check the adjudication totals. If a scoring error is found, it must be reported to the contest manager or OSSAA music chairman prior to the sheets leaving the tabulation area. Once the score sheets have left the tabulation area, no changes will be made to the scores.

- E. Chorus Contest: Event Codes: Treble Chorus: (TC), Tenor-Bass Chorus: (TBC), Mixed Chorus: (MC). Classes 2A, 3A, 4A choruses must qualify at a district contest with a Superior rating in concert before they can enter the state contest. Classes 5A, 6A, MH and their E groups will go directly to the state contest. There is no state contest for junior high contestants.
1. All groups are required to sing at least two selections, by different composers/arrangers, one of which must appear on the current OSSAA Prescribed Music List, and must also sightread.
 - a) At least one selection must be performed A Capella, and unaccompanied. (Vocal unaccompanied chorus) Unaccompanied selections will be disqualified unless so conceived by the composer. The suitability of the selections may be a factor in the final rating.
 - b) A choir may perform a selection from a larger classification but not a smaller.
 - c) Accompaniment for choruses must be performed live. Unaccompanied selections will be disqualified unless so conceived by the composer.
 - d) A selection may be sung by a Treble, Tenor-Bass or a Mixed Group. Example: A Tenor-Bass Chorus may sing from the Treble Chorus List (exact selection) within the same classification or larger. If a song, not listed, has the same title, composer/arranger and publisher, but a different voicing, it may be used, but the director must get prior approval from the OSSAA.
 - e) In the event that an organization does perform without conforming to the above requirements, that organization will not be eligible to receive either an award or a rating in concert or sight-reading.
 - (1) (Directors are responsible for meeting music requirements for their organization (s).)
 - (2) REPETITION - An organization may NOT repeat a contest selection within a three-year period. EXCEPTION: Where this affects an organization with one, or two grades - they may NOT repeat a number within a two-year period.
 - f) Selections chosen from the *OSSAA Prescribed Music List* must fulfill the following requirements:
 2. High School
 - a) High school Class 6A select from Class 6A;
 - b) High school Class 5A select from Class 5A or above;
 - c) High school Class 4A or MH (Mid High) select from Class 4A or above;
 - d) High school Class 3A select from Class 3A or above;
 - e) High school Class 2A select from Class 2A or above;
 - f) High school Class E select two classes lower than parent group (or higher).
 3. Junior High and Middle School
 - a) Junior high classes 9-6A and 9-5A select from Class 4A or above;
 - b) Middle school and junior high Classes 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A, select from Class 3A or above;
 - c) Middle school and junior high Classes 9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, 7-2A select from Class 2A or above;
 - d) Middle school and junior high Class E select from two classes lower than parent group (or above).
 4. One score of each selection with measures numbered must be provided for each judge. Judges are directed to delay the performance until such scores have been supplied. See Section VII - Copyright Regulations. The contest chairman would then schedule a new performance time if a time is available. (Judges are only allowed to mark lightly on the score in pencil and the remarks must be brief.)
 5. The time limit for the entire appearance, including moving on and off the stage is 10 minutes.
 6. A chorus must have at least 13 members present during the performance. Any organization with less than 13 members present on stage may perform but the rating will be lowered one division.
 7. A second chorus may be entered in Class E or the same classification as the parent group provided a parent group of the same kind (MC,TC,TBC) has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music in the same choir type (MC,TC,TBC) will result in disqualification of both groups.
 8. Choruses must perform their selections from memory.
 9. Junior high students, grades 7, 8 or 9, may participate either in senior high choruses or junior high choruses but not in both. Junior high school choruses must be composed entirely of students from the seventh, eighth and/or ninth grades.

XI. SIGHT READING CONTEST - EVENT CODE: (SR)

1. General Regulations

- a) Sight-Reading is required of all senior high, mid high, junior high and middle school concert bands, full orchestras, and choruses and ratings mandatory (no rating will be entered for "Comments Only", but groups entered for "Comments Only" are required to also participate in sight-reading). The ratings received will be published as a separate contest and will not affect the ratings in the concert performance, however all ratings will be withheld if a school's large organizations fail to sight-read.
- b) Middle school and junior high full and string orchestras may sight read as a string orchestra.
- c) Vocal groups are required to read all the voice parts of the music designed for their classification. Exception: Mixed groups may read SAB or leave out the tenor line if both their concert selections performed were SAB and no specific piece is written for SAB. (In class E, 2A, 3A, or 4A only).
- d) All members of the concert organization who participated on stage are required to participate in the Sight-Reading contest for the organization.
- e) All Sight-Reading music will be supplied by the OSSAA.
- f) Directors or students are not allowed to write on the Sight-Reading music.
- g) No visitors are permitted in the Sight-Reading room (school administrators will be permitted). An assistant director may be present but only one director may instruct or direct.
- h) Violation of any regulation under Sight-Reading may result in the participant being penalized one division unless otherwise specified.
- i) The instrumental sight reading music will be issued in a closed folder and the director and students will open the music at the same time.
- j) A Metronome is not to be used by the director or judge(s).
- k) E groups will sight-read down 2 levels (or higher) from the parent group at both district and state contests. EE groups read down 3 levels from the parent organization (when possible).

A. VOCAL GROUPS

Preparations and Instructions

1. An instruction sheet to be read aloud at the Vocal Sight Reading Contest.
2. Hand out the music face down instructing the students and director not to look at the music until instructed to do so. After the music has been distributed say to the students and director; *"Does Everyone Have Music?"*. If yes, then proceed with the following statement. *"Please listen so that we may review the sight reading contest procedures. There are four steps to the contest. The first is a practice period of three minutes for chorus and director; the second is a reading without the text; the third is a two-minute practice period; the fourth will be the final reading and sung with the text. The only exception is 7th and 8th grade concert choirs who can make the text optional during the final reading. The director may assist and call out any instructions while the choir is studying or singing during any of the four parts of the contest. The only restriction is that the director may refer to melodic intervals or patterns by letter name, interval name, number or syllables, but may not sing during any of the four parts of the contest."*

B. "We are now ready to start."

1. *"When the clock is started, you will have three minutes to look at the music during your first practice period. Solfeggio is strongly recommended, but you may use numbers or neutral syllables. To the director - Key or starting pitch may be established only once at your discretion during the three minute practice period."*
2. *Choir open your music to the song _____.....Ready? Begin!"* (start clock) When three minute period has elapsed -----
3. *"Time!"* (Establish pitch one last time with either chord progression or scale, (but not both) then give starting pitches) CHOIR READS FIRST time through music without the text (when they finish) say:
4. *"You Now Have An Additional Two Minutes To Practice The Music Again. When time is called you will perform your complete reading with text and music (The only exception is 7th and 8th grade concert choirs who can make the text optional during the final reading.) Ready? Begin!"* (start clock for the two minute period) At the end of the two minutes -
5. *"Time!"* (Give starting pitches only for this reading, choir will then sing completed performance.)
6. (Collect all copies of the music before the choir leaves the area!!!!)

C. Sight Reading Regulations for Pianist

1. Three minutes - the choir practices (they are allowed to sing during this time). Pitches or key established one time when the teacher asks.
2. First reading - Choir sings for the judge. Key established and pitches given.
3. Two minutes - Choir rehearses the song with words. Nothing is played.
4. Second reading - Choir sings the song with the words for the judge. Pitches only!!
Note: At any time the director may ask for less to be played.
The director may ask for the key established and pitches in a different key.

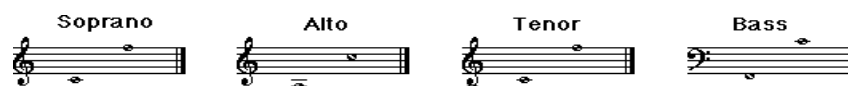
D. Performance Regulations

1. The director may refer to melodic intervals or patterns by letter name, interval name, number or syllables, but may not sing any intervals.
2. The key or starting pitches may be given only once during the three minute practice period at the discretion of the director. Prior to the first reading the key will be established and beginning pitches given. Only the starting pitches will be given for

- the second reading.
3. When singing the first and second reading for the judge(s), it will be a rule violation if the choir stops and restarts.
- E. The key will be established by one of the following methods:
1. The I, IV, V, V7, I progression or a scale in the key of the material may be played on the piano;
 2. The choir may arpeggiate the I, IV, V, V7, chords using syllables, numbers of neutral syllables. Other than the key establishment, only the starting pitches may be given on the piano. The pianist will be provided by the contest chairman.
- F. The choir is at liberty to break into smaller groups to practice the song, and singing is allowed during these study periods. These groups, if utilized, are for all to actively participate and may chant or sing words, syllables, or numbers rhythmically or melodically. The use of a few strong singers to "teach" the voice parts to other members of the groups is discouraged. Should this practice be abused it may be sufficient cause to lower the rating one division.
- G. Ratings will be based primarily on two performances, the first time it is strongly recommended that the performance be sung using Numbers (1, 2, and 3) or solfeggio syllables, (do, re, mi). Exception: la or lu may be used but it is discouraged. After the first performance, the director will be allowed two minutes for additional remarks about the music. It will be a rule violation if the second reading is not sung with ALL students singing the printed text; the director may call out instructions while the group is singing but may not sing. All Sight-Reading performances are to be without accompaniment. Any technique or method the director wishes to use which is not in violation of the above rules will be acceptable.
- H. Vocal Sight Reading Specifications and Levels those Classifications are to Sight Read.
- I. High School District
1. Level II Class 2A: Treble SA; Tenor-Bass TB; Mixed SAB (Optional SATB at director's discretion)
Class 3A: Treble SA; Tenor-Bass TB; Mixed SATB (Optional SAB if SAB was performed on stage)
 2. Level III Class 4A: Treble SSA; Tenor-Bass TBB; Mixed SATB-(if both numbers on stage were sung SAB, the director may choose to omit the Tenor line if they wish);
 3. High school Class E-read two levels lower than parent group for District. EE will read down 3 levels from the parent organization (when possible).
- J. High School State
1. Level 2A- Class 2A: Treble SA; Tenor-Bass TB; Mixed SAB (Optional SATB at director's discretion)
Level 3A- Class 3A: Treble SA; Tenor-Bass TB; Mixed SATB (Optional SAB if SAB was performed on stage)
 2. Level 4A- Classes 4A-MH: Treble SSA; Tenor-Bass TBB; Mixed SATB -(Only exception if both numbers on stage were sung SAB, you may do SAB option).
 3. Level 5A-Classe 5A: Treble SSA; Tenor-Bass TBB; Mixed SATB
 4. Level 6A- Class 6A: Treble SSA; Tenor-Bass TBB; Mixed SATB
- High school Class E - read two levels lower than parent group for State. EE will read down 3 levels from the parent organization (when possible).
- K. Junior High and Middle School District
1. Level I 9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, 7-2A
 - a) Treble will read unison. Tenor-Bass will read unison. Mixed will read unison, having the option of reading two-part, Upper Voice-Treble/Soprano or Cambiata, Lower voice-Treble/Alto or Bass/Baritone. (Optional part will be written in Treble and Bass Clef.) It will be the responsibility of the director to choose the appropriate part distribution for each choir as described above.
 2. Level II 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A,
 - a) Treble will read two-part - Treble clef.
 - b) Tenor-Bass will read two part - Upper voice - Treble Clef and Bass Clef
Lower voice - Bass Clef
 - c) Mixed will read three-part SAB - Upper voice-Treble Clef, Middle voice-Treble Clef, Lower voice-Bass Clef,
 3. Level III 9-6A, 9-5A
 - a) Treble will read three-part - Treble Clef.
 - b) Tenor-Bass will read two-part - Upper Voice-Treble Clef, Lower Voice Bass Clef.
 - c) Mixed will read four-part - SATB (May sight-read SAB if both concert selections were SAB by omitting the tenor line).
- Junior High school Class E - read two levels lower than parent group for district. (when possible).
- L. The following sight-reading specifications apply to all JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS and all HIGH SCHOOLS. The composition guidelines given below are guides for the composer. Every attempt is made to stay within the given guidelines. Musical necessity may cause some deviations from the guidelines.

M. High School

1. Length - 16-32 measures.
2. Style - Chorale
3. Keys - Major
4. Time Signature - (Four-four) (Three-four) (Two-four)
5. Time Changes - Quarter note remains the same.
6. Accidentals - Limited-Avoid accidentals in more than one part at a time. (Use only two (2) or three (3) per part.) Approach and depart chromatically. Do not accidentalize ("do") or first scale step.
7. Voicings - No cross voicing
8. Use logical chord progressions with a reasonable amount of intervals per part.
9. Lyrics - Appropriate for age.
10. Ranges: Typical Sightreading Ranges



Typical Vocal Sight Reading Rhythms

Level I



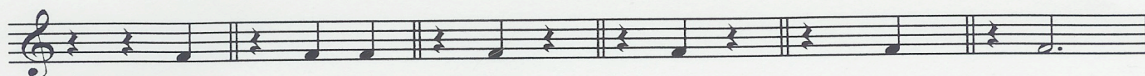
Level II

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Level III

In addition to all of levels 1 and 2

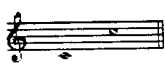




N. Junior High and Middle Schools

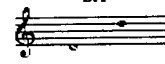


1. All meters are simple time in 2, 3, or 4.
2. Keys are major mode, C, F, or G.
3. Ranges, clefs, possible keys, possible accidentals, and approximate length are set by the advisory committee.
4. Pitch transposition by the director to adjust ranges is allowed for all numbers.
5. Any sex may sing any line appropriate to the student's range and/or tessitura, but he/she should sing the line in the octave written; however, changing voices may change octaves to accommodate the physical limitations of the voice. (Example: An unchanged male voice in a mixed chorus may sing the upper or middle part, but not the lower (baritone) line an octave higher than other baritones. Nor should a baritone sing the upper (soprano) line an octave lower. The changing voice baritone should sing the lower line and may change octaves if the notes are unreachable. The student should return to the written notes as soon as the music returns to his/her appropriate range.)
6. All tempos are moderate to slow -- none is fast. Suggested metronome markings are provided.
7. Level I numbers contain no accidentals. Other levels may contain one accidental.
8. Simple changes of dynamic level are indicated for some numbers.
9. Voicing's - No cross voicing
10. Use logical chord progressions with a reasonable amount of intervals per part.
11. Class E-read two levels lower than parent group for District.

12. Ranges: Typical Sightreading Ranges





Level I
Classes 9-1A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 8-1A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, 7-2A, 7-1A

Girls	Boys	Mixed
		

Level II
Classes 9-3A, 9-2A, 8-5A, 8-4A

Girls SA	Boys TB	Mixed SAB
		

Level III
Classes 9-5A, 9-4A

Girls SA	Boys TB	Mixed SAB	Mixed SATB
			

B. INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS

1. **PREPARATION PRIOR TO PLAYING:** Before the instructions are read (see letter b below) the percussion folders should be reviewed with a designated contest official to determine that all needed instruments are available. It is recommended that parts be assigned and the tympani tuned. Upon entering the room, strings may have the option of re-tuning their instrument while the music is being passed out, prior to the instruction period. At High School State Orchestra contest, full orchestras will have the option to read either as a full orchestra or a string only group.
2. **THE READING OF INSTRUCTIONS:** (The following is to be read aloud by a designated contest official after the folders have been distributed.

"Does everyone have a folder?" Now, ask Conductor and students to remove their music from the folder. Check to see that everyone has the correct part. Ask the students to turn their music over. (For state contests only – read the following) *"Has this group read, rehearsed, or performed this selection, sight reading piece at any time prior to this contest?"* (If not, then proceed with the following.)

"Please listen so that we may review the sight reading contest procedures. There are two parts to the contest. The first is the study or preparation time which is _____ minutes. The second is the actual performance of the music. During the study time, students and/or conductor may count aloud, tap, sing or clap the rhythms. You are permitted to use a verbalized counting system, air-play or shadow bow while fingering and counting the notes. The Only Restriction Is That No Playing Is Allowed. A one-minute warning will be announced by the timer. When the minute preparation time has expired, the director may ask the band/orchestra to sound a tuning (or warm-up) note, after which the playing is to begin immediately. The director may use a verbal preparation to begin the selection. During the performance, the director may call out the rehearsal markings (Example, "Letter B" or "Circle 28", etc.) but should not offer any other verbal or audible assistance."

After completing the above instructions say: *"You may begin."*

(Collect all folders before the group leaves the area.)

3. Performance Regulations

- a. High school Classes 6A and 5A bands and Classes 6A and 5A orchestras are allowed a ten (10) minute study period. All other instrumental groups are allowed an eight (8) minute study period. The study period is to be used at the discretion of the director. He may use all of the allotted time with his group in any manner he chooses. During the study period, the director may sing, tap or clap rhythms, or give any verbal guidance he chooses. No playing will be permitted, but the director is encouraged to have the group use a verbalized counting system, (1 Ta 2 Ta, or 1 & 2 &, or down up, etc.) while fingering and counting the notes. A clear signal to begin the performance will be given by the adjudicator or timer in charge and the group will begin immediately after the conclusion of the study period. Exception: The group may play any warm-up note or chord

of the director's choice before the performance begins, but not further instruction can be given during this time. The rating will be based primarily on the performance; accuracy of reading, flexibility in following the director, and adherence to the style, interpretation and musicianship, but some consideration will be given to group discipline and students attention to the director's remarks. The director may use a verbal preparation count to start the selection and may call out rehearsal numbers during the performance. No other talking or audible assistance will be permitted during the performance. Example: (A director may not count off aloud after a fermata or tempo change after they have started the selection).

- b. District Band Sight Reading Specifications and Levels that Classifications are to sight-read.
The sight-reading contest is considered a test of performance fundamentals with emphasis on rhythm and recovery from errors, improvement of performance of reiterated rhythms and phrases, and realization of dynamic markings. A polished performance is not an expectation of the sight-reading contest at the district level. The music is designed as a test and is written according to published specifications. The district sight-reading for junior highs and middle schools is a final contest and the groups are working for the outstanding achievement award.
- c. Senior High
 - a) Level II - Class 2A
 - b) Level III - Class 3A
 - c) Level IV - Class 4A
 - d) Class E - read two levels lower than parent group. **IF POSSIBLE AND LEVELS EXIST** Class EE reads down 3 levels from parent group, Class EEE reads down 4 levels from parent group. If this is not possible, the group will read the lowest level available.
- d. Middle School and Junior High
 - a) Level I - Classes 9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, 7-2A
 - b) Level II - Classes 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A,
 - c) Level III - Classes 9-6A and 9-5A
 - d) Class E - read two levels lower than parent group. **IF POSSIBLE AND LEVELS EXIST** Class EE reads down 3 levels from parent group, Class EEE reads down 4 levels from parent group. If this is not possible, the group will read the lowest level available.

DISTRICT sightreading levels for Concert bands by Class

E Bands will read down 2 levels lower than parent group IF POSSIBLE AND THE LEVEL EXISTS

Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
4A	3A, 9-6A, 9-5A	2A, 9-4A, 9-3A, 8-6A, 8-5A	9-2A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 8-2A, 7-6A, 7-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, 7-2A

STATE Sightreading levels for Concert Band by Class

E Bands will read down 2 levels lower than parent group IF POSSIBLE AND THE LEVEL EXISTS

Level 6	Level 5	Off the Shelf	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2
6A	5A	4A, MH	6A-E, 3A	6A-EE, 5A-E, 2A	6A-EEE, 5A-EE, 4A-E, MH-E

4. Sight Reading Guidelines for District and State Band contest

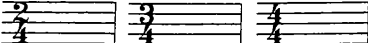
The following sight-reading guidelines apply to all Junior High Schools and High Schools. The composition guidelines that follow are guides for the composer. Every attempt is made to stay within the given guidelines. Musical necessity may cause some deviations from the guidelines.

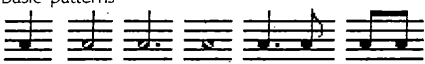
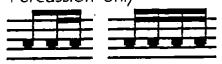
CRITERIA FOR BAND SIGHTREADING MUSIC

No Solos for any Level

LEVEL I

KEY: Concert F, Bb, Eb. Maximum of one key change.

METER:  Maximum of one meter change.

RHYTHM: Basic patterns  Percussion only 

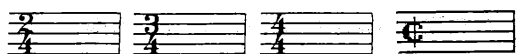
LENGTH: Two and one-half (2 1/2) minutes or less.

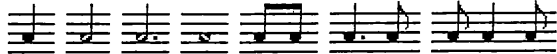
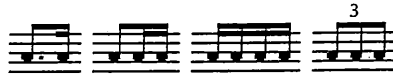
LEVEL II

Same criteria as Level I EXCEPT KEY: Maximum of two (2) keys with a maximum of two (2) key changes.

LEVEL III

KEY: Concert F, Bb, Eb. Maximum of two (2) keys with a maximum of two (2) key changes.

METER:  Maximum of two (2) meters with a maximum of two (2) meter changes.

RHYTHM: Basic patterns  Percussion only 

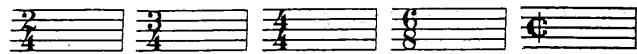
LENGTH: Three (3) minutes or less.


LEVEL IV

Same criteria as Level III EXCEPT KEY: Add Ab, and RHYTHMS: All sixteenths can be used for percussion AND wind players.

LEVEL V

KEY: Concert F, Bb, Eb, Ab. Maximum of two (2) key changes.

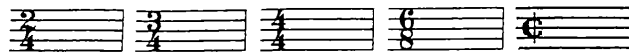
METER:  Maximum of two (2) meter changes.

RHYTHM: Basic Patterns 

LENGTH: Four (4) minutes or less.

LEVEL VI

KEY: Concert F, Bb, Eb, Ab. Maximum of three (3) key changes.

METER:  Maximum of three (3) meter changes.

RHYTHM: Same as basic patterns for Level V.

LENGTH: Four and one-half (4 1/2) minutes or less.

Sight reading levels for State Orchestra, District Orchestra and State Band

State orchestra, district orchestra and state band may sometimes use published music for the sight-reading contest. Class 6A reads "Class 6A" (Level VI) selection and other classes are adjusted accordingly. Class E - read two levels lower than parent group. Class EE reads down 3 levels from parent group. Class EEE reads down 4 levels from parent group. If this is not possible, the group will read the lowest level available. Each additional "E" will read down an additional level IF POSSIBLE AND LEVELS EXIST.

XII. Solo-Ensemble Events

1. Pianos - It is recommended that you use digital pianos when acoustic pianos are not available or if it is most cost effective to use a digital piano.
Specifications (set the volume at 75 to 80 %)
 - a) 88 keys
 - b) Full weighted hammer action
 - c) Stereo sampling
 - d) Sustain - damper pedal
 - e) Built-in amplification
2. Eligibility
 Any soloist-ensemble which meets the eligibility requirements outlined in the OSSAA General Rules for Non-Athletic Activities, and complies with the specific regulations of this section, may be entered in the solo-ensemble competition. The student's schools must also pay the "Music Participation" fee associated with the activity prior to the student being eligible to compete. All solo-ensembles must be enrolled in grades 7 through 12 and will compete for ratings (unless "Comments Only" option is used) in a single classification for senior high school and a single classification for junior high school. Senior high school solo-ensemble contestants must qualify at a district contest with a Superior rating before they can enter the state contest. Ninth grade students may enter either junior high or high school competition, but not in both. They must qualify in high school competition to be eligible to participate in the state contest. There is no state contest for junior high school entries.
3. Changing Times and Cancellations:
 Cancellations should be reported to the contest manager by email or phone before the date of the contest. In cases of cancellations the day of the contest, the contest manager should be notified, before the scheduled performance time. All directors are at liberty of "trading times" with other schools, providing they make the site manager aware of these changes (so that the proper adjudication sheets can be transferred to the proper rooms).
4. Emergency Substitution
 In emergency situations, the director may substitute another eligible student for an ensemble member after the entry has been submitted provided the substitute meets other OSSAA rules and regulations.
5. Limitations:
 - a) All solo contestants and members of ensembles must be members of a band, in order to participate in band solo/ensemble contest. All solo contestants and members of ensembles must be members of an orchestra in order to participate in orchestra solo/ensemble contest. All solo contestants and members of ensembles must be members of a choir in order to participate in choir solo/ensemble contest. Instrumental contestants must be entered by the instrumental director and vocal contestants must be entered by the vocal director. EXCEPTION: 1) Students only participating in Music Theory competition. 2) Students in a block schedule, enrolled first semester, and not the second semester, may still participate. 3) Classical Guitar entries may be entered by a Certified Music Teacher employed by the school to teach classical guitar. This teacher must be present with his/her students at all OSSAA contests entered.
 - b) Where there is no organized band, orchestra or vocal organization in the school, students may be entered into solo/ensemble competition (provided they are certified) by the principal. The music membership fee must be paid by the school prior to students being entered.
 - c) Senior high school ensemble membership is limited to not more than one half from junior high school. Junior high school ensemble membership must be from grades 7, 8 and 9. Sixth grade students may not compete as soloists or as members of ensembles. Ninth grade students may be entered in either junior high or high school competition.
 - d) A vocal contestant may enter once as a soloist. There can be no duplication of music or personnel in like ensembles with like number of members.
 - e) An instrumental contestant may enter in more than one solo event on a different instrument provided the instruments are not related. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, A, Bb, Eb soprano clarinet, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument (exception: 2 mallet percussion keyboard solos are considered different from 4 or 6 mallet solos).
 - f) Duets are approved as an ensemble only for all junior high competition and for high school vocal and high school string competition.
 - g) Directors are encouraged to limit the number of events one pianist may accompany. Recommend 20; do not recommend more than 40.
 - h) Instrumental ensemble maximum size is 18 members.
 - i) Vocal ensemble maximum size is 12 members.
6. Selection of Music:
 - a) One selection of the contestant's choice is required; however, the suitability of the selection may be a factor in the final rating. Directors not familiar with the level and type of music normally performed by high school students may use the OSSAA High School Recommended List as a guide (available from the OSSAA Music Administrator upon request).
 - b) Unaccompanied solos and ensembles will be disqualified unless so conceived by the composer. The student must provide verification of no accompaniment, if the solo or ensemble does not have an accompaniment. It is not necessary that the accompanist be a high school student. Taped or electronically reproduced (MIDI) accompaniments will be acceptable for instrumental and vocal solos and ensembles. They are not acceptable for instrumental or vocal concert groups. The responsibility of providing the equipment for playback of the accompaniment falls on the individual director, not the contest manager.
 - c) Piano accompaniment for vocal ensembles: If the music states "for rehearsal only" or (any statement indicating the selection is to be sung unaccompanied) the selection must be sung unaccompanied.
 - d) When two like instrumental ensembles are entered from the same school there can be no duplication of personnel or

music. Note: It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in two ensembles on unrelated instrument. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, or any keyboard instrument (Example- marimba, xylophone, etc.)

- e) Vocal solo-ensemble music may be transposed to a different key at the option of the director or teacher.
 - f) A soloist shall not replay or sing any selection he/she has used at district or state the previous year.
 - g) An ensemble member shall not replay or sing any selection he/she has used a district or state the previous year.
 - h) Music for a solo or ensemble may be an original composition, but original arrangements are not allowed unless permission has been given (proof required) from the copyright holder. Music can be legally purchased and printed from the internet, however because it is difficult to tell the difference between music that was Xeroxed and music legally purchased through the internet; it is required that the student/director have the receipt and be able to provide the website address where it was purchased if the copyright requirement is disputed.
7. Performance Regulations:
- a) District Contest: Performance time for instrumental solo-ensembles shall not exceed six minutes. Vocal solo-ensembles are permitted a maximum of five minutes. Instrumental soloists should plan to play the entire selection. Cadenzas and repeats are optional if their inclusion would exceed the allotted time for performance, extended accompaniment interludes or introductions may be shortened. Selections should begin at measure 1. Instrumental solos in grades 9-12 should be a minimum of 2 minutes (EXCEPTION: string and percussion solos). This rule does not apply to Ensembles. If the selection is longer than the allotted time for the contest, the judge will ask the student to stop before the end of the selection.
 - b) State Contest: Performance time for instrumental solo-ensembles shall not exceed eight minutes. Vocal solo-ensembles are permitted a maximum of six minutes. Cadenzas and repeats are optional if their inclusion would exceed the allotted time for performance, extended accompaniment interludes or introductions may be shortened. Selections should begin at measure 1. Instrumental solos in grades 9-12 should be a minimum of 2 minutes (EXCEPTION: string and percussion solos). This rule does not apply to Ensembles. If the selection is longer than the allotted time for the contest, the judge will ask the student to stop before the end of the selection.
 - c) Each soloist and a member of, or the director of, an ensemble shall supply the judge with a conductor's score with the measures numbered. The judge is instructed not to permit performance to begin until he/she has received such a score. See Section VII-Copyright Regulation in the OSSAA Manual. The contest chairman would then schedule a new performance time if a performance time is available. (Judges are only allowed to "mark" lightly on the score in pencil and the marks must be brief).
 - d) Instrumental solos do not have to be performed at the district level from memory. However, high school students (grade 9-12) who wish to be considered for advancement to State Contest must play from memory at District unless their selection is either listed on the Advanced Repertoire List, or falls under the multi-movement rule. An instrumental soloist may use their music on "multi-movement" works, provided all movements are prepared, and the adjudicator will select the movement or movements to be performed. For a selection to be considered multi-movement, it must have three or more movements, and be printed in the visual form of a typical multi-movement work. Each section must be separate, titled, and performable alone. Any questions regarding whether a work is an accepted multi-movement work should be referred to the OSSAA music administrator prior to the contest. "Theme and variations" form is not considered multi-movement. The movement(s) selected should be a minimum of 2 minutes, and not longer than the time allowed by the contest for a solo. If a student chooses to play one or more movements of a multi-movement work from memory, the student shall play the movement(s) of his/her choice. Judges are obligated to reduce the final rating of a soloist one division if the selection has not been memorized if it is not on the Advanced Repertoire List and fails to qualify under the multi-movement rule (Exception: a solos who does not want to be considered for advancement to State Solo Contest).
 - e) All vocal ensembles must be performed from memory. Judges are obligated to reduce the final rating of a soloist one division if the selection has not been memorized.
 - f) All instrumental ensembles may be performed with the music.
 - g) Vocal ensembles are not to be directed by the teacher. A student may direct providing he/she is a performing member of the group and direct from within rather than in front of the group. Judges are obligated to reduce the final rating of an ensemble one division if this rule is violated.
 - h) Judges should NOT ask a student to replay or re-sing a passage, minimal conversation with the performers should be observed. Judges should not try to conduct 'mini-lessons' during the adjudication time.
8. Refund Policy
No refunds will be made for the withdrawal of any entry.
9. Audience Rights
All OSSAA solo-ensemble and concert events are open to the public. It is not appropriate to ask that any performance room be cleared prior to or during a performance.
10. Solos and ensembles may choose to enter for "Comments Only". See rule XIII, C-8 for details.

Large Group Event Codes

CB	Concert Band;	MB	Marching Band;
FO	Full Orchestra;	SO	String Orchestra;
JB	Jazz Band; MC		Mixed Chorus
TC	Treble Chorus	TBC	Tenor-Bass Chorus

Solos must be memorized or the final rating will be lowered one division.

(Exceptions: Solos from the current OSSAA Instrumental Advanced Repertoire List; a solo that qualifies under the Instrumental Multi-movement Rule; or any instrumental soloist who does not want to be considered for advancement to the State Solo Contest)

Underlined Events must perform Music from the OSSAA Recommended List, which is available upon request from the OSSAA.
All solo's MUST appear on this list, or it is considered an illegal entry!

Approved INSTRUMENTAL and VOCAL Solo Events/Codes

Event Code	BRASS		Event Code	WOODWIND		Event Code	STRINGS
101	Cornet Or Trumpet		201	Flute		301	Violin
102	Trombone		202	Piccolo		302	Viola
104	French Horn		203	Bb Clarinet		303	Cello
105	Tuba Eb and Bb		204	Eb Clarinet		304	String Bass
107	Euphonium		205	Bb Bass Clarinet		307	Harp
116	Misc. Brass		206	Bb Contra Bass Clar.		<u>308</u>	Classical Guitar
			207	Oboe			
	PERCUSSION		208	English Horn			
500	Snare Drum		209	Bassoon			
501	Marimba And Xylophone		210	Alto Saxophone			
502	Vibraphone		211	Baritone Saxophone			VOCAL
503	Timpani		212	Tenor Saxophone		401	Soprano
504	Drum Set		213	Soprano Sax		402	Alto
505	Multiple Percussion		214	Eb Alto Clarinet		404	Tenor
516	Misc. Percussion Solo		215	Eb Contra-Alto Clar.		405	Baritone or Bass
			216	Misc. Woodwind		407	Boy's Unchanged or Changing Voice

ENSEMBLE EVENT CODES

Note: Vocal Ensembles are not to be directed and must be memorized.

All ensembles MUST appear on this list, or it is considered an illegal entry!

	BRASS		MIXED WIND & PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE		STRINGS
		774	Mixed (5 to 18 members)		
630	Trumpet Trio			820	Two Like Strings
631	Trombone Trio			823.1	Violin and Viola
632	Brass Trio			823.2	Violin and Cello
640	Trumpet Quartet			823.3	Violin and Bass
641	Trombone Quartet			823.4	Viola and Cello
642	French Horn Quartet		VOCAL	823.5	Cello and Bass
643	Brass Quartet		Two Part	830	String Trio
650	Brass Quintet		2 to 12 voices	831	Any Three Other Strings
650.1	Tuba and Euphonium	920	SS, SA, or AA	832	String Trio (Violin and Cello)
	Quartet				
660	Brass Sextet	922	ST, SB, AT, AB		
661	Brass Choir (5 to 18)				
	No Percussion	924	TT, TB, BB		
661.1	Tuba and Euphonium Choir			833	String Mixed Trio (Any Two Other Strings)
	(7 to 18 members)		Three Part		
662	Brass Choir with		3 to 12 voices	840	Two Violins, Viola and Cello
	Percussion (5 to 18)	930	SSA	841	Any Other Four Strings
670	Misc. Brass Ensemble			842	String Quartet (Violin, Viola and Cello)
	(3 to 6 members)	931	SAB, ATB, STB, SAT		
	(No Percussion)			843	String-Mixed Quartet (Any Four Strings)
671	Misc. Brass Ensembles	932	TTB, TBB		
	(7 to 18 members)			850	String-Quintet
	(No Percussion)		Four or More Parts		(Any 5 like or unlike strings unaccompanied)
	(Like instruments only)		4 to 12 voices		
		940	SSAA	860	String Sextet (Any 6 like or unlike strings unaccompanied)
	PERCUSSION	941	TTBB		
530	Drum Trio			861	String Choir
531	Keyboard Mallet Ensem.	942	SATB	870	Misc. String Duet, Trio, Quartet
540	Drum Quartet			871	Misc. String Ensemble
561	Misc. Percussion Ensem.	943	Barbershop Quartet/4 part		5 to 18 members
	(3 to 18 members)		(4 voices)		
	WOODWINDS		No Exceptions		Guitar
		944	Barbershop Quartet/4 part	861.5	Guitar Choir
730	Flute Trio		(Treble Voices) (4 voices)	870.5	Misc. Guitar Duet, Trio, Quartet
731	Bb Clarinet Trio		No Exceptions	871.5	Misc. Guitar Ensemble
732	Woodwind Trio	950	Madrigal Group/4 or more		5 to 18 members
740	Flute Quartet		part (7 to 12 voices)		
741	Bb Clarinet Quartet				
742	Mixed Clarinet Quartet				
743	Saxophone Quartet				
744	Woodwind Quartet				
750	Woodwind Quintet				
761	Clarinet Choir				
770	Misc. Woodwind Trios and ensembles (3 to 6)				
771	Misc. Woodwind Ensembles				
	(7 to 18 members)				
772	Flute Choir				
773	Saxophone Choir				

WIND AND PERCUSSION DUET EVENTS
Allowed only in Junior High and Middle School Entries

	BRASS			PERCUSSION			WOODWINDS
620	Trumpet Duet		520	Drum Duet		720	Flute Duet
621	Trumpet-Trombone Duet,		521	Keyboard Mallet Duet		721	Bb Soprano Clarinet Duet
	Euphonium Duet		561	Misc. Percussion Ens		722	Saxophone Duet
	or Euphonium-Trombone			(2 to 18 members)		723	Flute-Clarinet Duet
622	Trombone Duet					770	Misc. Woodwind Duets, Trios, & Quartets
	Euphonium Duet						(2 to 6 members)
	or Euphonium-Trombone						
623	French Horn Duet						
670	Misc. Brass Ensemble						
	2 to 6 performers						
	(No Percussion)						

Advanced Repertoire List 2016-2019

The following instrumental solos may be performed with music on the specific instrument listed without penalty. All others must be memorized (exceptions: solos that fall under the multi-movement rule, or students who do not wish to be considered for advancement to State Solo Contest). Selections should begin at measure 1 unless otherwise noted under “Additional Information”.

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Composer</i>	<i>Selection</i>	<i>Additional Information</i>
Violin	Chausson	<i>POEME</i>	
Violin	Enesco	<i>First Rumanian Rhapsody</i>	
Violin	Enesco	<i>Three Preludes</i>	
Violin	Kresler	<i>Tambourin Chinois</i>	
Violin	Ravel	<i>Tzigane</i>	
Violin	Saint Saens	<i>Havanaise</i>	
Violin	Saint Saens	<i>Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso</i>	
Violin	Sarasate	<i>Carmen Fantasy</i>	
Violin	Sarasate	<i>Introduction and Tarantella</i>	
Violin	Sarasate	<i>Zigeunerweisen</i>	
Violin	Wieniawski	<i>Polonaise in A Major</i>	
Violin	Wieniawski	<i>Scherzo Trantella</i>	
Viola	Gardner	<i>Rhapsody</i>	
Viola	Jevtic	<i>Vers Byzanie...</i>	3rd movement
Viola	Kupkovic	<i>Scherzo</i>	
Viola	Mozart	<i>Concerto in A major</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Viola	Reverdy	<i>Recontres</i>	(unaccompanied)
Viola	Zelter	<i>Concerto pour Viola et Orchestra</i>	1st movement
Cello	Beethoven	<i>Variations in E flat Major</i>	
Cello	Beethoven	<i>Variations in F Major</i>	
Cello	Beethoven	<i>Variations in G Major</i>	
Cello	Cassado	<i>Requiebros</i>	
Cello	Chopin	<i>Introduction and Polanaise Brillante</i>	
Cello	Dvorak	<i>Rondo in G Minor</i>	
Cello	Foss	<i>Capriccio</i>	
Cello	Martinu	<i>Variations on a Slovakian Theme</i>	
Cello	Martinu	<i>Variations on a Theme of Rossini</i>	
Cello	Popper	<i>Polanaise de Concert</i>	
Cello	Popper	<i>Tarantella</i>	
String Bass	Gliere	<i>Intermezzo</i>	
String Bass	Gliere	<i>Prelude</i>	
String Bass	Gliere	<i>Scherzo</i>	
String Bass	Gliere	<i>Tarantella</i>	
String Bass	Paganini/Sankey	<i>Moses Fantasy</i>	
String Bass	Sankey	<i>Carmen Fantasy</i>	
Flute	Adler	<i>Sonata</i>	1st movement
Flute	Bach, J.S.	<i>Sonata #1 in B Minor</i>	1 st movement
Flute	Borne	<i>Carmen Fantasie</i>	
Flute	Busser	<i>Prelude and Scherzo</i>	
Flute	Campbell	<i>Pastorale for Flute and Piano</i>	

Flute	Casella	<i>Sicilienne and Burlesque</i>	
Flute	Chaminade	<i>Concertino</i>	
Flute	Chopin	<i>Grand Duo (on themes from Meyerbeer's Robert le kiable</i>	
Flute	Clarke	<i>The Great Train Race</i>	(unaccomp-play all)
Flute	Dahl	<i>Variations on a Swedish Folktune</i>	(unaccomp-play all)
Flute	Delaney	<i>"...and the strange unknown flowers..."</i>	unaccompanied
Flute	Devienne	<i>Sonata #1 in E Minor</i>	1 st movement
Flute	Doppler	<i>Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise</i>	
Flute	Dick	<i>Lookout</i>	
Flute	Dutilleux	<i>Sonatine</i>	
Flute	Enescu	<i>Cantabile et Presto</i>	
Flute	Faure	<i>Fantasie</i>	
Flute	Faure	<i>Sonate op 13</i>	1st movement
Flute	Gaubert	<i>Fantasy</i>	
Flute	Ganne	<i>Andante et Scherzo</i>	
Flute	Gaubert	<i>Nocturne et Allegro</i>	
Flute	Gaubert	<i>Scherzando</i>	
Flute	Gordelli	<i>Concerto</i>	
Flute	Griffes	<i>Poem</i>	
Flute	Hoffmeister	<i>Konzert</i>	1st movement
Flute	Hue	<i>Fantasie</i>	
Flute	Ibert	<i>Concerto</i>	3rd movement
Flute	Ibert	<i>Jeux</i>	
Flute	Jolivet	<i>Chant de Linos</i>	
Flute	Jolivet	<i>Fantaisie-Caprice</i>	
Flute	Karg-Elert	<i>Sonata (Appassionata) in F# Minor</i>	Unaccompanied
Flute	Lieberman	<i>Soliloquy</i>	Unaccompanied
Flute	Martin	<i>Ballade</i>	
Flute	McCaskill/Gilliam	<i>Diversions on a Bach Prelude</i>	
Flute	McLary	<i>Excursions on a Billings Tune</i>	
Flute	Mozart	<i>Concerto in G Major</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Flute	Muczynski	<i>3 Preludes</i>	(unacc. - play all three)
Flute	Piazzolla	<i>Tango Etudes</i>	1, 2, 3, or 6
Flute	Poulenc	<i>Sonata pour Flute et Piano</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Flute	Prokofiev	<i>Sonata Op. 94</i>	1 st , 2 nd , or 4 th movement
Flute	Quantz	<i>Concerto in G Major</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Flute	Schocker	<i>Regrets and Resolutions</i>	
Flute	Stewart	<i>Life Slices</i>	
Flute	Taffanel	<i>Andante Patorale et Scherzettino</i>	
Flute	Tulou	<i>Grand Solo #3</i>	
Flute	Tulou	<i>Grand Solo #5</i>	
Flute	Tulou	<i>Grand Solo #13</i>	
Flute	Varese	<i>Density 21.5</i>	Unaccompanied
Oboe	Andriessen	<i>To Pauline O</i>	
Oboe	Daelli	<i>Fantasy on Themes from Verdi's 'Rigoletto'</i>	
Oboe	Haydn	<i>Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra in C Major</i>	1st movement
Oboe	Rosetti	<i>Concerto in C</i>	1st movement
Oboe	Rosetti	<i>Konzert in F</i>	1st movement
Oboe	Strauss, R	<i>Concerto for Oboe</i>	1st movement

Oboe	Tull	<i>Fantasy on L'Home arme</i>	
Bassoon	Bach, J.C.	<i>Concerto in B Flat Major</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Bassoon	Bozza	<i>Recit., Sicillienne and Rondo</i>	play all
Bassoon	David	<i>Concertino</i>	play all
Bassoon	Farago	<i>Theme and Variations on a Theme by Paganini</i>	
Bassoon	Fasch	<i>Concerto in C</i>	1st movement
Bassoon	Genzmer	<i>Introduktion und Allegro</i>	
Bassoon	Hindemith	<i>Sonate</i>	2nd movement (pastorale-Marsch-Coda)
Bassoon	Hummel	<i>Grand Concerto in F Major</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Bassoon	Mozart	<i>Concerto in B flat</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Bassoon	Osborne	<i>Rhapsody</i>	
Bassoon	Osborne	<i>Rhapsody for Solo Bassoon</i>	play all
Bassoon	Reicha	<i>Sonata in B flat Major</i>	1st movement
Bassoon	Rossini	<i>Cavatina from 'The Thieving Magpie'</i>	
Bassoon	Saint Saens	<i>Sonata</i>	2nd movement
Bassoon	Tansman	<i>Sonatina</i>	
Bassoon	Tansman	<i>Suite</i>	play all
Bassoon	Telemann	<i>Sonate in f minor</i>	1st or 2nd movement
Bassoon	Vivaldi	<i>Concerto in d minor</i>	1st movement
Bassoon	Vivaldi	<i>Concerto in e minor</i>	1st movement
Bassoon	Weber	<i>Andante e Rondo</i>	
Bassoon	Weber	<i>Concerto in F op 75</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Bassoon	Weber	<i>Hungarian Fantasy and Rondo op 35</i>	
Clarinet	Arnold	<i>Fantasy for Clarinet</i>	unaccompanied
Clarinet	Baermann	<i>Konzert</i>	1st movement
Clarinet	Bowen	<i>Sonata op 109</i>	any movement
Clarinet	Bozza	<i>Claribel for Clarinet</i>	
Clarinet	Brahms	<i>Sonata No. 1 in F Minor</i>	1 st or 4 th movement
Clarinet	Brahms	<i>Sonata No. 2 in Eb Major</i>	1 st or 4 th movement
Clarinet	Busoni	<i>Concertino</i>	
Clarinet	Crusell	<i>Concerto in Bb, Op 11</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Clarinet	Debussy	<i>Premiere Rhapsody</i>	
Clarinet	Guilhand	<i>Premiere Concertino</i>	
Clarinet	Hindemith	<i>Sonata for Clarinet</i>	any two movements
Clarinet	JeanJean	<i>Arabesques</i>	
Clarinet	Lefebvre	<i>Fantasie Caprice</i>	
Clarinet	Marty	<i>First Fantaisie</i>	
Clarinet	Messenger	<i>Solo de concours</i>	
Clarinet	Mozart	<i>Concerto</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Clarinet	Osborne	<i>Rhapsody for Clarinet</i>	
Clarinet	Paul	<i>Estilian Caprise</i>	
Clarinet	Poulenc	<i>Sonata</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Clarinet	Rabaud	<i>Solo de Concours</i>	
Clarinet	Rheinberger	<i>Sonate op 106A</i>	1st movement
Clarinet	Rossini	<i>Introduction, Theme and Variations</i>	
Clarinet	Saint Saens	<i>Sonate op 167</i>	4th movement
Clarinet	Spohr	<i>Fantasy and Variations</i>	
Clarinet	Stravinsky	<i>Three Pieces</i>	Unaccompanied

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Clarinet	Tcerepnin	<i>Sonata in one movement</i>	
Clarinet	Weber	<i>Concertino op 26</i>	
Clarinet	Weber	<i>Concerto #1</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Clarinet	Weber	<i>Concerto #2 op 74</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Clarinet	Weber	<i>Grande duo Concertante</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Clarinet	Weber	<i>Variations op 33</i>	
Bass Clarinet	Bennett	<i>Deepwood</i>	
Alto Sax	Bazzini	<i>La Ronde Des Lutins</i>	
Alto Sax	Bialosky	<i>Fantasy Scherzo</i>	
Alto Sax	Carpenter	<i>Sonata</i>	3rd movement
Alto Sax	Creston	<i>Concerto</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Alto Sax	Creston	<i>Sonata</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Alto Sax	Denisov	<i>Sonate</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Alto Sax	Desplj	<i>Concerto</i>	3rd movement
Alto Sax	Finney	<i>Concerto</i>	1st movement
Alto Sax	Heiden	<i>Solo for Alto Sax</i>	Play all
Alto Sax	Glazounov	<i>Concerto en E flat</i>	
Alto Sax	Heiden	<i>Sonata</i>	3rd movement
Alto Sax	Husa	<i>Elegie et Rondeau</i>	play Rondeau
Alto Sax	Margoni	<i>Promenades Romaines</i>	
Alto Sax	Pieper	<i>Concerto</i>	1st movement
Trumpet	Arban	<i>Carnival of Venice</i>	
Trumpet	Arban	<i>La Cenerentola</i>	
Trumpet	Arnold	<i>Fantasie for Bb Trumpet op 100</i>	Unaccompanied
Trumpet	Arutunian	<i>Concerto</i>	play all
Trumpet	Balay	<i>Andante et Allegro</i>	
Trumpet	Barat	<i>Andante et Scherzo</i>	
Trumpet	Bellstedt	<i>Napoli</i>	
Trumpet	Bohme	<i>Concerto in F minor</i>	1st movement
Trumpet	Bozza	<i>Rustiques</i>	
Trumpet	Bozza	<i>Rhapsodie</i>	
Trumpet	Bozza	<i>Caprice</i>	
Trumpet	Brandt	<i>Concertpiece #1</i>	
Trumpet	Clarke	<i>Bride of the Waves</i>	
Trumpet	Clarke	<i>Carnival of Venice</i>	
Trumpet	Clarke	<i>Stars in a Velvety Sky</i>	
Trumpet	DeLuca	<i>Beautiful Colorado</i>	
Trumpet	Goedicke	<i>Concert Etude</i>	
Trumpet	Hindemith	<i>Sonate</i>	1 st movement
Trumpet	Hummel	<i>Trumpet Concerto</i>	1st movement
Trumpet	Tomasi	<i>Concerto</i>	1st movement
Horn	Beckel, J	<i>The Glass Bead Game</i>	
Horn	Bozza	<i>En Forest</i>	
Horn	Dukas	<i>Villanelle</i>	
Horn	Gliere	<i>Concerto</i>	Any movement
Horn	Hindemith	<i>Sonata</i>	1st movement
Horn	Jacob	<i>Concerto for Horn and Strings</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Horn	Rossini	<i>Prelude, Theme and Vairation</i>	
Horn	Saint Saens	<i>Concertpiece op 94</i>	

Horn	Strauss, F	<i>Concerto #8</i>	
Horn	Strauss, R	<i>Concerto #1</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Horn	Strauss, R	<i>Concerto #2</i>	play Allegro/Andante or Rondo
Horn	Vinter	<i>Hunter's Moon</i>	
Trombone	Casterede	<i>Sonatine</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Trombone	Creston	<i>Fantasy for Trombone and Orchestra</i>	
Trombone	David	<i>Concertino for Trombone</i>	play all
Trombone	Dutilleux	<i>Chorale, Cadence et Fugato</i>	
Trombone	Graefe	<i>Concerto</i>	play all
Trombone	Gregson	<i>Trombone Concerto</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Trombone	Jacob	<i>Concertino</i>	
Trombone	Jacob	<i>Trombone Concerto</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Trombone	Jones	<i>Sonatina</i>	1 st movement
Trombone	Larsen	<i>Concertino</i>	3 rd movement
Trombone	Martin	<i>Ballade</i>	
Trombone	Milhaud	<i>Concertino d'Hiver</i>	play all
Trombone	Piaslee	<i>Arrows of Time</i>	Any movement
Trombone	Pryor	<i>Blue Bells of Scotland</i>	
Trombone	Pugh	<i>Concerto for Trombone</i>	1 st or 3 rd movement
Trombone	Rimsky-Korsakov	<i>Concerto</i>	play All
Trombone	Rossini	<i>Introduction, Theme et Variations</i>	play all
Trombone	Rota	<i>Concerto</i>	3rd movement
Trombone	Serocki	<i>Sonatina</i>	play all
Trombone	Sulek	<i>Sonata (Vox Gabrieli)</i>	
Bass Trombone	Ewazen	<i>Ballade for Bass Trombone</i>	
Bass Trombone	Lantier	<i>Introduction, Romance and Allegro</i>	
Bass Trombone	Lieb	<i>Concertino Basso</i>	
Euphonium	Arban	<i>Carnival of Venice</i>	
Euphonium	Bellstedt	<i>Napoli</i>	
Euphonium	Casterede	<i>Fantasie Concentante</i>	
Euphonium	Clarke	<i>Carnival of Venice</i>	
Euphonium	Jacob	<i>Fantasia for Euphonium and Band</i>	
Euphonium	Kapuzzi	<i>Concerto for Euphonium (Phillip Catelinet edition)</i>	3rd movement
Euphonium	Mantia	<i>Believe me, if all Those Endearing Young Charms</i>	
Euphonium	White	<i>Lyric Suite for Euphonium</i>	4th movement
Tuba	Arnold	<i>Fantasy for Tuba</i>	Unaccompanied
Tuba	Busser	<i>Recit et Theme Varie</i>	
Tuba	Capuzzi	<i>Andante and Rondo</i>	play all
Tuba	Frackenpohl	<i>Sonata for Tuba and Piano</i>	Any two movements
Tuba	Hindemith	<i>Sonate</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Tuba	Muczynski	<i>Impromptus</i>	Unaccompanied
Tuba	Vaughan Williams	<i>Concerto for Bass Tuba</i>	1st or 3rd movement
Timpani	Cahn	<i>Raga #1</i>	
Timpani	Williams	<i>Variations for solo Kettledrums</i>	play all
Multi-Percussion	Hollinden	<i>Cold Pressed</i>	
Multi-Percussion	Ishii	<i>Thirteen Drums</i>	
Multi-Percussion	Milhaud	<i>Concerto Pour Batterie</i>	

XIII. ADJUDICATION

A. General Regulations

1. Each district contest committee, contest manager or teacher has the authority to recommend judges for all contests. The judges selected will be contacted and assigned by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.
2. One judge will be used to judge:
 - a) All solo and ensemble competition
 - b) Sight reading at district contest
3. Three judges will be used to judge:
 - a) Concert band, orchestra, and choruses
 - b) Marching band
 - c) State jazz band
 - d) Sight-Reading at state contest
4. Posting of final ratings: It is recommended that only the FINAL RATING be posted at all OSSAA Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Contest. The OSSAA will post all final results on the OSSAA web page.
5. It is permissible for judge's comments to be recorded at all contests at the option of the contest manager. The cost of the recorders and recordings will be borne by the performing organization.
6. Persons who judge at a district contest may not judge at the state contest the same year unless he is judging a different category of events.
7. Judges Decisions: The decision of the judge or judges shall be final, and no protest based upon the judges rating shall be considered. The rating cannot be altered after the contest management has collected the comment sheet and posted the rating. Exception: The only exception would be a clerical or regulation error made by the adjudicator or contest management. Note: At all ranking contests, the director will have the option of checking their score sheets for tabulation errors prior to leaving the tabulation room. Directors are encouraged to double-check the adjudication totals. If a scoring error is found, it must be reported to the contest manager or OSSAA music chairman prior to the sheets leaving the tabulation area. Once the score sheets have left the tabulation area, no changes will be made to the scores.
8. If there is a discrepancy between the terminology and the rating, every effort should be made by the contest manager to resolve this discrepancy by conferring with the judge (if possible), if the discrepancy can't be resolved the Roman numeral or number rating shall be the rating recorded.
9. The contest manager is required to schedule an adjudicator's orientation meeting prior to the first performance of the day for instructions for the day and familiarize the judges with the rules and regulations of the contest.
10. Recruiting will not be permitted. Report any violation of this policy to the OSSAA office.
11. Only senior high school soloists, ensembles and large groups (bands and choruses 2A-3A-4A) who receive a Superior (I) rating at the district contest will qualify to advance to the state contest. There is not a state contest for junior high schools.
12. All marching bands and solo-ensemble twirling and color guards do not need to qualify at a district contest, but go directly to the Regional Marching Contest. Senior high and Mid High school bands that receive a Superior (I) rating at a regional marching contest do not advance to another contest. A Superior (I) rating qualifies the band for one-third of their requirements for the state sweepstakes award. There is not a state contest for marching bands.
13. Classes 5A-6A-MH and their E groups; and all jazz bands do not need to qualify at a regional or district contest; but go directly to State.

B. Responsibilities of Adjudicators

1. Adjudicators are required to attend an adjudicator's orientation meeting prior to the first performance of the day.
2. All adjudicators are expected to know and uphold the Policies and Ethics Code of the Oklahoma Music Adjudicators Association.
3. Adjudicators are to read and study the Music Manual and should have a working knowledge of the Music Regulations of the event they are adjudicating.
4. Where three judges are used, they are NOT TO CONFER before the ratings are placed on the adjudication sheets. Ratings should be made immediately following each performance. Exception: Two or three sheets may be held within each classification. (Each judge should not confer but arrive at his/her own decision.)
5. Since all ratings are officially recorded as I, II, III, IV or V, or CO judges SHOULD NOT use a plus or minus in their rating of any event.
6. Judges are to write out the word "(Superior), (Excellent, or Above Average), (Good or Average), (Fair or Below Average), (Poor)," along with their ratings of any event. Use the same terminology for each rating. (Example: Use the term Excellent or Above Average, but not both for the duration of the contest.)
7. If there is a discrepancy between the terminology and the rating, the Roman numeral or number rating shall be the rating. Every effort should be made by the contest manager to resolve this conflict by talking to the judge first, if not resolution can be achieved, then the Roman Numeral or number shall be the final rating.
8. As the contest progresses, the judge should see that he/she has the correct rating and comment sheet.
9. The judge is to analyze the performance of each contestant and prescribe a means for improvement. All comments should be sympathetic in tone, constructive in nature and specific rather than general. Care should be exercised in wording of comments in order that they may be helpful and detailed enough to qualify the rating given. Avoid the use of sarcastic remarks.
10. Judges are only allowed to mark lightly on the score in pencil and the remarks must be brief.
11. Before turning in your rating sheets to the contest manager, the judge should observe the following:

- a) Check your sheet to ensure accuracy in ratings and reasonable clarity in wording your comments.
 - b) The rating along with the word "(Superior), (Excellent or Above Average), (Good or Average), (Fair or Below Average), or (Poor)" should be on the sheet by the rating.
 - c) The comment sheet is signed with your signature.
12. The judge is to pay strict attention to all contestants. Avoid talking or moving around during a performance. NOTE: This is especially important in the sight-reading contest where three judges are used and the director is giving instructions to his students.
 13. Judges are obligated to reduce the final rating of a soloist one division if the selection has not been memorized (Exceptions: Solos from the current OSSAA Instrumental Advanced Repertoire List; a solo that qualifies under the Instrumental Multi-movement Rule; or any instrumental soloist who does not want to be considered for advancement to the State Solo Contest).
 14. The judge(s) is/are to be supplied a conductor's score with measures numbered. The judge(s) is/are instructed not to permit performance to begin until he/she has received such a score. See Section VII -- Copyright Regulation. The Contest Chairman would then schedule a new performance time if a performance time is available. (Judges are only allowed to mark lightly on the score in pencil and remarks must be brief.)
 15. Irregularity: The judge shall call to the attention of the contest manager any irregularities of performance or procedure on the part of the participant. The rating and comment sheet of the contestant who fails to follow established procedures will be held in the office until the contest manager rules on the infringement. Example: Choruses with less than 13 members present on the stage may perform but the contest manager is to lower the rating one division.
 16. Discourteous Conduct: Judges shall report any act of discourtesy by a participant or music director to the contest manager who shall forward the report to the OSSAA office.
- C. Judging Standards and Comments Only:
1. The judge or judges shall indicate on the official rating sheet a division rating for each contestant, which shall be the estimate of the quality of performance by comparison with the best amateur standards for the level, (district-regional-or state) the event, (solo-ensemble-band-orchestra-chorus-jazz band) and the class of school represented. The concept of district qualification implies that greater perfection in performance will be expected at state. Marching Bands, Concert Bands, Orchestras and Concert Choruses are to be judged and rated on their performance, not what they have programmed.
 2. Ratings:
 - a) Use the same terminology for each rating. (Example: Use the term Excellent or Above Average but not both for the duration of the contest.)
 3. Division I (Superior)
 - a) A first rate performance for the event and the class of participants being judged. A top performance, with few technical errors exemplifying a truly musical expression. Worthy of the distinction of being recognized as being among the best.
 4. Division II (Excellent or Above Average)
 - a) An unusual performance in many respects but not worthy of the highest rating due to minor defects in performance or ineffective interpretation. A commendable performance showing a high standard of musical accomplishment.
 5. Division III (Good or Average)
 - a) An average performance lacking in many essentials, balance, tone, intonation, precision, etc. The performance shows accomplishment and marked promise. Right notes and right rhythms.
 6. Division IV (Fair or Below Average)
 - a) Below AVERAGE performance and not worthy of a higher rating because of basic weakness in most of the fundamental factors. Performances suggest lack of training or rehearsal time and a need for greater emphasis on fundamentals.
 7. Division V -- (Poor)
 - a) An ineffective performance indicating major deficiencies in tone quality, intonation, balance, blends, and musical expression. The fundamentals of a good performance need careful attention. The director or student should check his methods, instrumentation, etc. with those of a more mature organization. This performance has major problems and has much room for improvement.
 8. Comments Only-- (CO) Any OSSAA music event (including solos and ensembles) may be entered for "comments only" if the director so chooses. The decision to perform for "CO" can be made any time prior to the performance (large groups must declare it prior to the concert performance). It will be the responsibility of the contest manager and director to see that the soloist or group is announced to the adjudicator(s) as "Comments Only" immediately prior to the performance. A group cannot choose to perform for comments only for just one part of their performance (Concert and Sight-reading) at any district or state level contest.

9. The Olympic System will be used to determine the final rating when three (3) judges are used. (Drop the highest and lowest rating.

Chart for computing the ratings of three judges:

I RATING			II RATING			III RATING			IV RATING			V RATING		
drop	Final	drop	drop	Final	drop	drop	Final	drop	drop	Final	drop	drop	Final	drop
1	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	4	4	1	5	5
1	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	4	1	4	5	2	5	5
1	1	3	1	2	4	1	3	5	2	4	4	3	5	5
1	1	4	1	2	5	2	3	3	2	4	5	4	5	5
1	1	5	2	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	4	5	5	5
			2	2	3	2	3	5	3	4	5			
			2	2	4	3	3	3	4	4	4			
			2	2	5	3	3	4	4	4	5			
						3	3	5						

XIV. AWARDS

A. Medals

1. Medals will be awarded to all soloists and to each member of an ensemble that receives a superior rating at district, regional or state contests.

B. Certificates

1. It is suggested that local manager NOT fill out the certificate at the time of presentation for solo-ensemble certificates. Schools appreciate the opportunity of choosing the type of lettering to be used on the awards earned by their students.
NOTE: The OSSAA will provide only one ensemble certificate per ensemble, but the director may request a certificate for each member when he/she picks up results and awards from the contest headquarters.
2. Certificates will be awarded to bands, orchestras, choruses, ensembles and solos that receive a Superior rating at district contests.
3. Certificates will be awarded to solos and ensembles that receive Superior and Excellent ratings at the state contest.
4. Certificates will be awarded to bands, choruses and orchestras that receive an Excellent rating at regional and state contest.
5. Certificates will be awarded to all jazz bands that receive an Excellent rating at the state jazz band contest.

C. High School Plaques

1. Plaques will be awarded to high school bands, orchestras and choruses that receive a superior rating in state level competition in concert performance.
2. Plaques will be awarded to high school bands, orchestras and choruses that receive a superior rating in state level competition in Sight-Reading performance.
3. Plaques will be awarded to all bands receiving a superior rating in regional marching contests.
4. Plaques will be awarded to the outstanding jazz band and to the two runners-up in each class. A Superior Rating Plaque will be given to all other bands receiving a Superior Rating at the State Jazz Band Contest.

D. Junior High and Middle School Plaques

1. Plaques will be awarded to junior high and middle school bands, orchestras, and choruses that receive a superior rating in district competition in concert performance.
2. Plaques will be awarded to junior high and middle school bands, orchestras and choruses that receive a superior rating in district level competition in sight-reading performance.
3. An "outstanding achievement award" will be presented to any junior high or middle school band, orchestra, or choral group that receives a Superior in concert and sight-reading at the district contest in addition to the concert and sight-reading plaques.
 - a) Note: Junior High and Middle School Plaques are to be ordered by each school from Midwest Trophy Company, Inc. on an official order form supplied by the district contest manager and the OSSAA.

E. Outstanding Achievement Award (High Schools)

High School Bands, Choruses and Orchestras that earn one of the following and does not qualify for the Sweepstakes will receive an "Outstanding Achievement Award" in addition to the concert and sight-reading plaques. In order for any group to be considered for the Outstanding Achievement Award, they must have made a Superior rating in concert at State!

1. Bands

(a) I Rating - State Concert	II Rating - Regional Marching	I Rating - State Sight-Reading
(b) I Rating - State Concert	I Rating - Regional Marching	II Rating - State Sight-Reading

2. Orchestras (Both Full and String Orchestra)

(a) I Rating State Concert	II Rating - State Sight Reading	I Rating - State Ensemble
		I Rating - State Ensemble
(b) I Rating State Concert	I Rating - State Sight Reading	I Rating - State Ensemble

		II Rating – State Ensemble
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3. Choruses Class E, MH, 4A, 5A, 6A

(a) I Rating - State Concert	I Rating State Sight Reading, plus
(b) I Rating - State Concert	II Rating - State Sight Reading

4. Choruses Class 2A, 3A

(a) I Rating - State Concert	I Rating State Sight Reading
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Note: Groups that make lower than a II will not be considered for the Outstanding Achievement award. The "Outstanding Achievement Plaques" are to be ordered by each school from Midwest Trophy Company, Inc. on an official order form supplied by the state contest manager and the OSSAA.

5. Sweepstakes Plaques -- In addition to the concert and sight-reading plaques, a sweepstakes plaque will be awarded to a school earning:

- At least two choral organizations, that earn a superior rating in both concert and Sight-Reading at the state contest. All entries must be in the same classification.
- A band that earns a superior rating in the regional marching contest and a superior rating in concert and Sight-Reading at the state contest. All entries must be in the same classification.
- A full orchestra that earns a superior rating at the string orchestra contest as well as the state contest in Concert, and Sight-Reading. All entries must be in the same classification. Class E high school string orchestra that earns a superior rating in concert and Sight-Reading will receive the outstanding achievement award. High school class E string orchestras are not eligible for sweepstakes. High school class E Full Orchestras are eligible to win a sweepstakes award.
- Class E bands receiving a superior in concert and Sight-Reading at the state level and a superior in marching as members of a parent organization.

Sweepstakes Accent Award—An additional award will be given to any school that goes “above and beyond” the normal sweepstakes criteria, this award will be known as the *Sweepstakes Accent Award*. This award will be a coin that is added to the normal sweepstakes award. Criteria for this award are as follows:

- Bands that receive a sweepstakes and also makes a superior rating at state jazz band contest
- Orchestras that receive a sweepstakes award and have two string ensembles make a superior rating at State Solos and Ensemble Contest, one of which must be a string quartet or string choir.
- Choirs who receive a sweepstakes award and have an additional group in the same class who make a superior rating in both concert and sight-reading at State contest (Total of 3 groups, rather than 2).

6. Scholastic Awards for High Schools and Mid Highs. See OSSAA Entry Forms/Applications Booklet in the principal's or athletic director's office. The OSSAA will recognize entire departments (instrumental, vocal, orchestral) of high school music schools that excel in academic achievement and also participate in OSSAA contest designated for that particular large group.

7. Two levels of Awards:

- Academic Achievement Certificate-Music Large Groups with over-all G.P.A. of 3.25 (Based on 4 point grading system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile)
- Distinguished Academic Plaque-Music Large Groups with over-all G.P.A. of 3.5--4.0 (Based on 4 point grading system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile.)

8. Entry by local school is optional (Application is found online at www.ossaa.com).

9. Group Qualifications: 85% of the total membership of the entire music department (instrumental, vocal, orchestral) that entered OSSAA competition.

10. Award Presentations: Certificates and Plaques will be given to the school to be presented during a school function (assembly, school board meeting, banquet, etc.).

XV. CONTEST SCHEDULES

Note: Directors have the option of attending ANY district contest of their choice if the recommended district is not on a desirable date.

2018 DISTRICT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONTEST SCHEDULE

DIST.	SITE	CONTEST SITE	DEADLINE	CONCERT	SOLO/ENS
Dist 1	Site 7	Guymon High School	Jan. 23	Feb. 28	
	Site 8	Panhandle State University (Goodwell)	Jan. 23		Feb. 28
Dist 2	Site 9	Northwestern Univ. (Alva)	Jan. 23	Feb. 28	
	Site 10	Northwestern Univ. (Alva)	Jan. 23		Feb. 28
Dist 3	Site 11	Elk City High School	Jan. 23	Mar. 7	
	Site 12	Southwestern Univ. (Weatherford)	Jan. 23		Feb. 17
Dist 4	Site 13	Cushing High School	Jan. 23	Mar. 6-7	
	Site 14	Northern Okla. Coll. (Tonkawa)	Jan. 23		Mar. 3
Dist 5	Site 15A	Edmond Santa Fe High School (HS only)	Jan. 23	Mar. 1	
	Site 15B	Edmond Santa Fe High School (JH and MS only)	Jan. 23	Mar. 2	
	Site 16	Edmond Santa Fe High School	Jan. 23		Mar. 3
Dist 6	Site 17	Mustang High School	Jan. 23	Mar. 6	
	Site 18	Mustang High School	Jan. 23		Mar. 3
	Site 19	Norman High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 24
	Site 21	Southmoore High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 17
Dist 7	Site 20	Ada High School	Jan. 23	Feb. 27-28	
	Site 22	Shawnee Middle School	Jan. 23		Feb. 24
Dist 8	Site 23	Duncan High School	Jan. 23	Feb. 27-28	
	Site 24	MacArthur High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 17
Dist 9	Site 25A	Bartlesville High School (HS only)	Jan. 23	Mar. 6	
	Site 25B	Bartlesville High School (JH and MS only)	Jan. 23	Mar. 7	
	Site 26	Skiatook High School	Jan. 23		Mar. 3
Dist 10	Site 27	Tahlequah High School	Jan. 23	Mar. 1-2	
	Site 28	Tahlequah High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 24
Dist 11	Site 29	Southeastern OK. State University	Jan. 23	Mar. 7	
	Site 30	Southeastern OK. State University	Jan. 23		Feb. 28
Dist 12	Site 33	Putnam City West (Sr. S/E only)	Jan. 23		Feb. 24
	Site 34	Putnam City North (JH and MS only)	Jan. 23	Mar. 6	
	Site 35	Hefner MS (Jr. S/E only)	Jan. 23		Mar. 31
Dist 13	Site 36	Sapulpa HS (Sr. S/E only)	Jan. 23		Mar. 3
	Site 37	Owasso High School (JH and MS only)	Jan. 23	Mar. 15	
	Site 38	Jenks High School (Jr. S/E)	Jan. 23		Feb. 17

STATE and DISTRICT 14 ORCHESTRA CONTEST

Site 89	Edmond Santa Fe H S-String Orchestra	JH,MH,High school- All Classes	Nov. 14-15 2017	(Entry Deadline Oct. 19, 2017)
Site 39A	Bartlesville HS- Dist 14 MS/JR Orch	Classes 7-2A-6A, 8- 2A - 6A, 9-2A-6A	March 8, 2018	(Entry Deadline Jan. 23, 2018)
Site 39B	Edmond Santa Fe H S – Dist 14 MS/JR Orch	Classes 7-2A-6A, 8- 2A - 6A, 9-2A-6A	Feb. 27-28, 2018	(Entry Deadline Jan. 23, 2018)
Site 40	Edmond Santa Fe H S– State Orchestra	HS All Classes and MH	Feb. 14-15, 2017	(Entry Deadline Jan. 23, 2018)

STATE 5A-6A-MH-E BAND CONTEST

Site 85	Owasso High School	East Class E	April 10	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 86	Edmond North High School	West Class E	April 11	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 87	Edmond Santa Fe High School	West EE, EEE, EEEE	April 9	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 41	Jenks High School	East Classes 5A & MH	April 10	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 42	Western Heights High School	West Classes 5A & MH	April 11	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 43	Putnam City North	West Class 6A	April 12	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 44	Jenks High School	East Class 6A	April 13	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)

STATE JAZZ BAND/COMBO CONTEST

Site 47	Tulsa Community College	Classes 2A & 3A	April 24	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 48	Tulsa Community College	Class 4A	April 24	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 49	Tulsa Community College	Classes 5A & E	April 25	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 50	Tulsa Community College	Classes 6A	April 25	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 50C	Tulsa Community College	Jazz Combos	April 24-25	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)

STATE 2A-3A-4A BAND CONTEST
AND INSTRUMENTAL SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST FOR ALL CLASSES

Site 45	East Central University			
	Concert Bands	2A-Bands	March 27, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
		3A Bands	March 27-28, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
		4A Bands	March 28-29, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)

Site 46	Oklahoma State University			
	Instrumental Solos & Ensembles and Music Theory	All Classes	April 17-19, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)

REGIONAL MARCHING AND COLOR GUARD

CLASSES 2A-3A-4A & MH

Site 1 Northwest – October 11, 2017
Enid High School

Site 2 Southwest – October 10, 2017
Cameron University, Lawton

Site 3 Northeast - October 17, 2017
Skiatook High School

Site 4 Southeast - October 18, 2017
McAlester High School

REGIONAL MARCHING

CLASSES 5A-6A

Site 5 West - 5A-6A October 24, 2017
Yukon HS

Site 6 East 5A-6A – October 25, 2017
Northeastern State University, Tahlequah

REGIONAL MARCHING ENTRY DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Note: Directors have the option of attending ANY district contest of their choice if the recommended district is not on a desirable date.

2018 DISTRICT VOCAL MUSIC CONTEST SCHEDULE

DIST	SITE	CONTEST SITE	DEADLINE	CONCERT	SOLO/ENS
Dist 1	Site 51	Panhandle State University	Jan. 23	Feb. 20	
	Site 52	Panhandle State University	Jan. 23		Feb. 20
Dist 2	Site 53	Northwestern State University	Jan. 23	Mar. 6	
	Site 54	Northwestern State University	Jan. 23		Mar. 6
Dist 3	Site 55	Elk City High School	Jan. 23	Mar. 6	
	Site 56	Southwestern State University	Jan. 23		Feb. 10
Dist 4	Site 57	Northern Oklahoma College	Jan. 23	Mar. 1	
	Site 58	Northern Oklahoma College	Jan. 23		Mar. 3
Dist 5	Site 59	Western Heights High School	Jan. 23	Feb. 20	
	Site 60	Western Heights High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 24
Dist 6	Site 61	Mustang High School	Jan. 23	Mar. 1	
	Site 62	Mustang High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 17
Dist 7	Site 63	East Central University (Ada)	Jan. 23	Feb. 20	
	Site 64	East Central University (Ada)	Jan. 23		Feb. 21
Dist 8	Site 65	MacArthur High School	Jan. 23	Mar. 6	
	Site 66	Lawton High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 23
Dist 9	Site 67	Pryor High School	Jan. 23	Feb. 22	
	Site 68	Jay High School	Jan. 23		Feb. 17
Dist 10	Site 69	Northeastern Univ. (Tahlequah)	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	
	Site 70	Northeastern Univ. (Tahlequah)	Jan. 23		Feb. 17
Dist 11	Site 71	Southeastern Univ. (Durant)	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	
	Site 72	Southeastern Univ. (Durant)	Jan. 23		Feb. 17
Dist 12	Site 73	Southern Nazarene Univ. (Sr.)	Jan. 23		Mar. 3
	Site 74	John Marshall High School (Jr.) Choirs	Jan. 23	Feb. 23	
	Site 75	John Marshall High School (Jr.) S/E	Jan. 23		Feb. 24
Dist 13	Site 76	Claremore HS (JH and Sr.) S/E	Jan. 23		Feb. 24
	Site 77	Union High School (Jr.) Choirs	Jan. 23	Feb. 21	

STATE 5A-6A-MH-E CHORUS CONTEST

Site 79	Oklahoma University	MH-5A	April 3, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 80	Union High School	MH-5A	April 4, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 81	Oklahoma University	6A	April 4, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 82	Union High School	6A-6A-E	April 5, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 88	Norman North High School	5A-E, 6A-E	March 28, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)

STATE 2A-3A-4A CHORUS CONTEST - -VOCAL SOLO & ENSEMBLES FOR ALL CLASSES

Site 83	Oklahoma Baptist University	2A-Some 3A Large Groups	March 29, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
		Some 3A-All 4A Large Groups	March 30, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)
Site 84	Oklahoma Baptist University			
	Vocal Solo & Ensemble and Music Theory	All Classes	April 19-20, 2018	(Entry Deadline March 7, 2018)

FOUR YEAR CALENDAR

REGIONAL AND STATE CONTESTS

SCHOOL YEAR	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020*	2020-2021
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REGIONAL MARCHING

CLASSES 2A-3A-4A-MH (Week 15-16 or 16-17)

NW Regional	October 11	October 17	October 16	October 23
SW Regional	October 10	October 16	October 15	October 22
NE Regional	October 17	October 09	October 22	October 15
SE Regional	October 18	October 10	October 23	October 16

CLASSES 5A-6A (Week 17 or 18)

West Regional	October 24	October 23	October 29	October 27
East Regional	October 25	October 24	October 30	October 28

REGIONAL STRING ORCHESTRA (Week 20)

All Classes	November 14-15	November 13-14	November 19-20	November 17-18
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STATE ORCHESTRA (Week 33)

Classes 5A-6A-MH-E	February 14-15	February 13-14	February 19-20	February 24-25
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STATE 5A-6A-MH-E CHORUSES (Week 39 and 40)

All 5A-E, 6A-E Choirs	March 28	March 27	April 1	March 31
West 5A-MH	April 3	April 2	April 7	April 6
East 5A-MH	April 4	April 3	April 8	April 7
West 6A	April 4	April 3	April 8	April 7
East 6A	April 5	April 4	April 9	April 8

STATE 5A-6A-MH-E BANDS (Week 41)

East E Bands	April 10	April 9	April 14	April 13
West E Bands	April 11	April 10	April 15	April 14
East 5A-MH Bands	April 10	April 9	April 14	April 13
West 5A-MH Bands	April 11	April 10	April 15	April 14
East 6A Bands	April 13	April 12	April 17	April 16
West 6A Bands	April 12	April 11	April 16	April 15

STATE 2A-3A-4A BANDS & HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL SOLO-ENSEMBLES ALL CLASSES (Week 42)

State 2A- Bands	March 27	March 26	March 31	March 30
State 3A-4A Bands	March 27-28	March 26-27	March 31-April 1	March 30-31
State 4A Bands	March 28-29	March 27-28	April 1-2	March 31-April 1
State Inst. Solo/Ens	April 17-19	April 16-18	April 21-23	April 20-22

STATE 2A-3A-4A 4A-E CHORUSES & HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL SOLO-ENSEMBLES ALL CLASSES (Week 42)

State 2A-3A Choruses	March 29	March 28	April 2	April 1
State 4A, 4A-E Choruses	March 30	March 29	April 3	April 2
State Vocal Solo/Ens	April 19-20	April 18-19	April 23-24	April 22-23

STATE JAZZ BAND & JAZZ COMBO ALL CLASSES (Week 43)

State 2A & 3A Jazz	April 24	April 23	April 28	April 27
State 4A Jazz	April 24	April 23	April 28	April 27
State 5A & E Jazz	April 25	April 24	April 29	April 28
State 6A Jazz	April 25	April 24	April 29	April 28

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSIFICATION 2017-2018**(*JUNIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS NEED TO REFER TO PAGE MU4)**ALL MID-HIGH SCHOOLS ARE CLASSIFIED AS CLASS 4A**NOTE: MUSIC CLASSIFICATION MIGHT BE DIFFERENT THAN SPORTS CLASSIFICATION*

REFER TO LATEST ADM NUMBERS ON THE OSSAA WEBSITE FOR CURRENT CLASSIFICATIONS.

A. Senior High

1. Senior high schools will be placed in one of the following classifications every year according to their numerical order based on grades 9, 10, 11, 12 A.D.M. as compiled from the records sent to the State Department of Education of the previous year. Class 6A - 32 largest schools; Class 5A - next 32 largest schools; Class 4A - next 64 largest schools; Class 3A - next 128 largest schools; Class 2A - all remaining schools. (Class E - all second groups; Class EE – all third groups; Class EEE –all 4th groups; Class EEEE – all fourth groups;etc). Class MH - Mid highs will be treated as class 4A (grades 9-10.)
2. By a written request made by the principal or superintendent before September 10th a school may petition to compete in a higher classification. A school that petitions up must remain in that class for the entire school year. This would include the school's Band program, or Choral program, or Orchestral program or a combination of the three programs. A school may not compete in a class below their regular classification.
3. A second large group may be entered in Class E (or the same class as the parent group) provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups (exception-Jazz combos). NOTE: (instrumental only) It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument. A third large group may be entered in Class EE provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music.

B. Junior High and Middle Schools

1. Junior high and middle schools will be placed in one of the following classifications based on current enrollment as of October 15, using the enrollment formula below (B4). Confirmation of enrollment should be made at the time of entry. Enrollment numbers should reflect enrollment shown on the state accreditation report.
2. By a written request made by the principal or superintendent before September 10th a school may petition to compete in a higher classification. A school that petitions up must remain in that class for the entire school year. This would include the school's Band program, or Choral program, or Orchestral program or a combination of the three programs. A school may not compete in a class below their regular classification.
3. A second large group may be entered in Class E (or the same class as the parent group) provided a parent group of the same kind has been entered and is eligible to compete, and provided there is no duplication of personnel or music. Duplication of personnel or music will result in disqualification of both groups. Note: (instrumental only) It is not considered a duplication of personnel if a student participates in both organizations on unrelated instruments. Related instruments are defined as: saxophones, Bb, A and Eb soprano clarinets, marimba, xylophone, or any keyboard instrument.
4. Formula: Classification is determined by the AVERAGE OF THE TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT of all grades in the group. Thus an enrollment of 400 in grade 8 and 350 in grade 7 gives 750, divided by 2 (the number of grades used in the group) = 375. The group would then be classified as 8-6A since 8 is the highest grade used in the group. Classification number (7-8-9) is determined by the highest grade used in the group. (9-8-7 indicates 9th, 8th, or 7th grade as oldest member of the group)

Class 9-6A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 334 or moreClass 9-5A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 150-333Class 9-4A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 84-149Class 9-3A junior high (or middle school)
AVERAGE of 34-83Class 9-2A junior high (or middle school)
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AVERAGE of 33 or less

(See the OSSAA Rules & Regulations Handbook in the Principal's office to view all board policies and OSSAA rules.)

BOARD POLICY XLVI

One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgments of the part of the game official or judge.

XVI. MUSIC AT ATHLETIC EVENTS POLICY

Music groups are an integral part of the total school community. Bands are called upon to perform at numerous athletic events throughout the fall and winter athletic seasons. They can be a vital part to the game and create a wholesome relationship between schools and their students.

It is critical that directors from both schools know what their responsibilities are in preparing for the event and what type of behavior is expected from their band. Any agreement or plan should be in the hands of everyone involved. The home school management should notify the game official of half time, pre-game and post game activities before the game is started.

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. National anthem and school alma maters
Each school should place emphasis on showing respect for the national anthem and school songs. Each school should stress that students remain absolutely quiet and still while these numbers are being presented.
2. The student council may arrange or conduct periods of time for yelling. "Booing" brings on a negative reflection of the student body as a whole. It also can put the school in danger of being placed on probation. Nothing positive comes from a school or student body when poor sportsmanship is exhibited.
3. Principals of elementary and junior high schools should encourage their students to participate in good sportsmanship and should stress the importance of these guidelines.
4. Arriving and leaving the place of the game - The home team must furnish adequate protection for the visiting band while in the stands as well as when arriving and leaving the place of the game.

B. FOOTBALL - School bands or musical groups. According to National Federation Rule, a standard halftime length will be 20 minutes. By mutual consent of the 2 teams, the halftime may be shortened to as little as 10 minutes, but no less.

It is the responsibility of the host school to contact the principal or band director of the visiting school no later than Monday the week of the game to see if the visiting school is bringing its band and if the band plans to march at half time, pre game or post game. NOTE: It is common courtesy for the visiting director to contact the host school's director, if the visiting school is bringing their band, and the visiting school's director has not been contacted by the host school's director. Equal time must be allowed for both bands to perform. Both bands must be allowed the opportunity to march at half time if they can perform and clear the field in twenty (20) minutes. The only exception is if the half time is being used for homecoming activities; or both bands cannot perform and clear the field in twenty (20) minutes. In this case, the visiting band must then be given the opportunity to perform at pre game or post game. The host school will need to find out the size of the visiting band and the length of the show if the band plans to march at half time, pre game or post game. The school band, large or small, should show respect for players on the field. The band members should also respect the performances of the other band.

PENALTY: Bands failing to follow time limits will be reported to the OSSAA and the OSSAA will notify the principal that their band might not be allowed to perform at half time, pre game, or post game at the next game. The band will not be allowed to perform at half time, pre game, or post game of the first game of the next football season if the violation occurs when there is not another game during the current season. Game officials can call a "Delay of Game" penalty against the band if guidelines are not followed.

1. Football playoffs
Both bands will be allowed to perform at half time. Ten minutes for each band (total field time including getting on and off the field).
2. General
 - a) A policeman may need to be assigned by the host school to the visiting band and pep group for their protection.
 - b) All uniformed student groups (bands, drill teams and cheerleaders) shall be admitted free whether or not they perform on the field.
 - c) Pre game and post game band performances are permissible. Teams shall have three (3) minutes to reassemble before the start of the second half.
 - d) Noise makers should be used only after scores and as teams come on the field before the game and at half time.
 - e) Playing during the Game: Play at time outs and quarters.
Injured Player: Bands are not to play when there is an injured player on the field and time has been called.
Playing When the Time Clock is On: Drums should not play all through the game but only with cheerleader yells and kick-offs. The bands may play when the clock is running but the playing must not interfere with the team being able to call plays in the huddle or the team being able to hear the quarterback at the line of scrimmage. The referee will determine if the band is interfering with the playing of the game. A penalty should not be called against a band unless it is a continued violation of the rule.

C. BASKETBALL - School bands or musical groups-regular season

1. Bands are instructed to play only before the game, half time, between games, time outs and quarters. Bands are not to play when the time clock is on or when there is an injured player on the court and time has been called. Exception: The band may accompany the cheerleaders with yells. Drums should not play all through the game but only with cheerleader yells. Noisemakers are prohibited at OSSAA athletic events held in field houses and/or gymnasiums.
- School bands or musical groups-Playoffs/State Tournament
2. During the basketball playoffs, bands are not allowed during the state tournament without special permission from the OSSAA.

XVII. MUSIC AND SPEECH PENALTIES

A. PENALTIES: Penalties are defined as follows:

Depending on the severity of the violation of rules or regulations either mandatory or prohibitory, the school and/or its representative (Music: band/orchestra/stage band/choruses/ all solo/ensembles/ honor groups/ etc./Speech: speech/debate/one-act plays/ etc.) shall be subjective to one of the following penalties. NOTE: The board reserves the right to add to or take away from any of the following penalties.

1. **WARNING: Private or Public Reprimand:** A private reprimand may be oral or in writing in which the penalty(ies) shall be published in the OSSAA Newsletter.
Penalty(ies)
Rating Contest: (I, II, III, IV, V) the rating earned by its band, orchestra, jazz band, choruses, all solo/ensembles, speech, debate, one-act play, etc. will be lowered one division. Any further violation during the warning period shall subject the school, or individual, to a more severe penalty. The school or individual may compete for a rating or award during this period.
Ranking Contest: A school or individual shall forfeit all rankings (band, orchestra, jazz band, Choruses, all solo/ensembles, honor groups, speech, debate, one-act play, etc. The school or individual may compete for a ranking or award during this period.
2. **PROBATION ...Public reprimands:** A public reprimand shall be in writing and the penalty published in the OSSAA Newsletter.
Penalty(ies)
A school or individual shall forfeit all ratings, rankings or awards received during the period of violation. The school or individual may not compete for ratings, ranking and awards during the PROBATION period until the school has taken action to show the OSSAA correction measures have been taken. Any further violation during the probation period shall subject the school or individual to a more severe penalty.
3. **SUSPENSION:** A school or individual shall forfeit all ratings, rankings, and awards during the period of violation. The school may not participate in OSSAA sponsored activities such as qualifying district, regional or state and/or invitational festivals and contests during the suspension period, not to exceed one year.

B. REPORTING VIOLATIONS

1. Any authorized representative of a member school may file a complaint against any school for violation of the rules and regulations of the Association. Such complaint shall be filed with the OSSAA officer responsible for non-athletics/or Executive Director of the OSSAA.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the OSSAA shall make an investigation of the charges contained in the complaint within a reasonable time. The penalty will be less severe if a school reports itself and/or the violation is found to be unintentional in nature. A more severe penalty will be issued if the violation was intentional.

C. LATE ENTRIES

1. Any director missing the contest entry deadline will be subject to a late fee of \$100. This fee will in some cases be split with the contest manager who has to do the additional work to enter the late entries.
2. **POLICY ON NON-PAYMENT OF SPEECH AND MUSIC ENTRY FEE -** Non-payment of Speech and Music Entry Fee. Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (Entry Fee/Drop Fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in OSSAA Speech and Music Events the following year until bills are cleared.

XVIII. OSSAA MUSIC & SPEECH SANCTION & PARTICIPATION POLICY

A. OSSAA Sponsored Speech and Debate Contests

1. Regional one act play
2. State one act play
3. Qualifying speech and debate (co-sponsor)
4. Regional speech and debate
5. State speech and debate

B. OSSAA Sponsored Music Contests

1. Vocal
 - a) District solo and ensemble contests
 - b) State solo and ensemble contests
 - c) District concert contests
 - d) State concert contest

2. Instrumental
 - a) Regional marching/Regional String Orchestra contests
 - b) District solo and ensemble contests
 - c) State solo and ensemble contests
 - d) District concert contests
 - e) State concert contest
 - f) State jazz band contest
 - g) State orchestra contest
- C. Scheduling OSSAA Sponsored Music Events (The rationale for scheduling OSSAA sponsored contests is as follows:
 1. Facilities- It may not be possible to secure the needed facilities on a non-school day.
 2. Scheduling of Events- The essential activities involved in the event may require more than one day's duration.
 3. Number of participants- There may be more participants scheduled to compete than can be accommodated in one day.
 4. Staffing -A sufficient quantity of qualified officials, judges, etc. might not be available for the event on a non-school day. (Example) There would not be enough judges if all the district contests were scheduled on the same day.
 5. Finances -The cost of officials, guest conductors, judges, etc. may be prohibitive to involve only non-school days.
 6. State wide event may require the use of the same panel of judges for consistency of judging standards so the event can be used to evaluate both the marching, concert and Sight-Reading abilities of school music groups and to encourage musically well- balanced programs.
 7. Finding dates - It may be necessary to use dates that do not conflict with other statewide OSSAA sponsored events.
 8. Events that have been postponed due to weather conditions or unavoidable circumstances may need to be re-scheduled on a school day.
- D. SANCTIONING OF NON-OSSAA SPONSORED CONTEST & EVENTS

The following is the sanctioning policy of the OSSAA Rule 20, Section 3: Non-Athletics, Music, Speech and Debate and One-Act Plays.

Recognizing that school music and speech programs have a community commitment that extends beyond the confines of strictly school events, and recognizing also there are events that extend beyond the desire or intent of the OSSAA to administer, the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, acting under the authority granted in the constitution, sets forth the following regulations and recommendations for governing the participation of its member schools in events sponsored by agencies or schools other than this association during the academic year. NOTE: Sanctioning does not imply the event is free from conflict of dates with other sanctioned events. Music events should not conflict with music, speech should not conflict with speech, etc.

NOTE: It is imperative that you check closely any music or speech competition that is sponsored by any agency, school, or university other than the OSSAA Office. The OSSAA Rules may or may not apply for events that are not sanctioned by the OSSAA.

 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS
 - a. Competitive music and speech events (contest, festival, championship, honor groups, etc.) originating in Oklahoma should have the event sanctioned. All schools and participants must abide with OSSAA Rules to be sanctioned.
 - b. Application for approval shall be submitted to the OSSAA no later than 30 days prior to the first event.
 - c. Activities scheduled on the OSSAA activities calendar should be given priority in relation to programs sponsored by outside agencies.
 - d. If the activity is not sponsored by the OSSAA, the legal matters will be the responsibility of the member school, non-public school hosts, or any non-school individual hosts.
 - e. Programs must be open to all students, regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin.
 - f. Whenever possible, non-OSSAA competitions should be held on non-school time (weekends, vacation, etc.).
 - g. Multi-day events must make use of at least one day of the weekend.
 - h. Member schools and students representing member schools should not compete for cash prizes. Schools may accept cash for large groups (bands, orchestras, and choruses) to offset the expense of preparing for the event and transportation, meals, and other similar expense. Awards shall be appropriate in number, kind and value. Equipment awards relating to the student's skills are acceptable. Scholarships are always recommended.
 2. SANCTIONING EVENTS
 - a. Non-athletics: Intrastate events: Music, One-Act Play, Speech and Debate

All non- athletic events in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the Association sponsors a contest at a qualifying, district, regional or state level should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school individual host.

Students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned by the OSSAA. Catastrophic insurance covers grades 7-12 only, regardless if the event is sanctioned or not. Schools will be required to buy individual policies to cover other grades.

All member schools, non-public school hosts, or any non-school individual hosts, should apply for OSSAA Sanction when three or more schools participate. Only events which are competitive in nature and where recognition, ratings or awards are given or winners determined qualify. NOTE: OSSAA cannot sanction any co-curricular activity unless all schools are abiding by OSSAA Rules. Agreement: It is agreed to include on the entry form a statement to be signed by the Principal or Superintendent that all students entered are eligible to represent the school according to the Rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Application for Approval should be at least 30 days before the event. The application form is in this manual.
 - b. Non-Athletics-Interstate events: Music, One-Act Play, Speech and Debate Interstate events should be sanctioned through the OSSAA and the Host State Activities Association. Note: Some out-of-state schools will not allow their schools to participate unless the event is sanctioned by the OSSAA. All in-state schools must abide with OSSAA

Rules and the invited states must abide by their high school association's rules. Out-of-State Agreement: It is agreed to include on the out-of-state entry form a statement to be signed by the Principal or Superintendent that all students entered are eligible to represent the school according to the Rules of invited state's Activities Association or governing body. In-State-Agreement: It is agreed to include on the in-state entry form a statement to be signed by the Principal or Superintendent that all students entered are eligible to represent the school according to the Rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Application forms are provided by the OSSAA or the out-of-state high school's association.

Students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned by the host state and/or the OSSAA. Catastrophic insurance covers grades 7-12 only, regardless if the event is sanctioned or not. Schools will be required to buy individual policies to cover other grades.

3. OUT-OF-STATE EVENTS

a. Non-Athletics-Out-Of-State Event/Trip-- Music, One-Act Play, Speech and Debate

Local school boards and administration are responsible for approving out of state events for their school.

Events sponsored by non-educational agencies should be scrutinized with extreme care. Sponsoring agencies should submit, upon request, a financial accounting to a member school to demonstrate that they do not profit unreasonably from such sponsorship.

The OSSAA may sanction the event for Oklahoma member schools for Out-of-State Associations through the interstate sanction form sent to them from the Out-of-State Association, but it is the responsibility of the member school to approve the event for their school.

4. OMEA STATE CONVENTION

The OMEA State Convention will be sanctioned by the OSSAA with the following provisions:

- a. All schools and participants are abiding by OSSAA Rules. Legal matters will be the responsibility of the member school, non-public school hosts, or any non-school individual hosts.
- b. Auditions for the OMEA Honor Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Stage Band must occur when it will not cause a loss of school time. (Exceptions must be approved by the OSSAA)
- c. Scholastic eligibility is required to audition and to participate in rehearsals and performance.
- d. Sanction forms must be sent in each year by the OMEA Executive Director.

New Rules for 2017-2018

Music Advisory Committee Minutes

The Music Advisory Committee met May 2, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the OSSAA office. Present were: Mark Cain, Ruiel Doonkeen, Amber Mash, Kim Duerksen, Randy Hurst, Chris Barber, Jacob Hofer, Levi Dobrinski, Annie Dugan and Mike Plunkett represented the OSSAA.

1. Motion to update rule XII,7b; to add “Instrumental solos in grades 9-12 should be a minimum of 2 minutes (EXCEPTION: string and percussion solos). This rule does not apply to Ensembles.”

Motion by Randy Hurst, second by Jacob Hofer. Motion passed 9-0

2. Motion to update rule XII,7a; to add “Cadenzas and repeats are optional if their inclusion would exceed the allotted time for performance, extended accompaniment interludes or introductions may be shortened.”

Motion by Jacob Hofer, second by Ruiel Doonkeen. Motion passed 9-0

3. Motion to raise adjudicator pay for non-certified judges to \$170 per day (from \$161), OMAA certified judges to \$200 per day (from \$188) and Regional and State judge to \$230 per day (from \$196).

Motion made by Mark Cain, Second by Amber Mash. Motion passed 8-0

4. Motion to add to Rule XIV D2, E and E5 the language “in addition to the concert and sight-reading plaques” to clarify what awards will be given to large groups.

Motion by Chris Barber, second by Levi Dobrinski. Motion passed 8-0

5. Motion to increase the entry fee for vocal groups to \$60 for District level contests (from \$40) and \$75 for State level contests (from \$50), and instrumental large groups for District level to \$100 (from \$70) and \$150 for Regional and State level contests ((from \$100) to help facilitate the adjudicator pay raise.

Motion made by Amber Mash, Second by Mark Cain. Motion passed 8-0

6. Motion to add to rule XXVII C- LATE ENTRIES, the language “Any director missing the contest entry deadline will be subject to a late fee of \$100. This fee will in some cases be split with the contest manager who has to do the additional work to enter the late entries.”

Motion made by Levi Dobrinski, Second by Kim Duerksen. Motion passed 8-0

History of Oklahoma Music Contests
 More than 2,000 years ago the Greeks held music contests.
 The National Eisteddfod of Wales has its origin in the seventh century.
 The European sanengerfests date back hundreds of years.

Before the Civil War, Welsh miners brought their love of music and their Eisteddfod to the Midwestern United States. Emporia, Kansas, became the location of an Eisteddfod festival. The Welsh population of Emporia held some singing contests in Emporia from about 1865 to 1890.

- 1914 The year of the first music competition for public schools in Kansas was held at the State Teacher's College in Emporia. That event signaled the beginning of a movement of state-wide music contests in Kansas which literally exploded in number over the next two decades. Frank A. Beach, chairman of the music department, began to develop the idea of a springtime competition/festival for school musicians around 1913. In 1914, a festival was held on April 28-29 with Beach directing the All-Emporia Chorus of 250 voices and the forty-piece Normal School Orchestra in performances of Gounod's oratorio, "The Redemption."
- 1929 Frank Beach improved and standardized the ratings and evaluation forms and abandoned the ranking system in favor of ratings. He coined the motto, "Not to win a prize nor to defeat an opponent, but to pace each other on the road to excellence."

Early Oklahoma Music Contests

- 1901 There was a music contest held at the 1901 teacher's convention.
- 1906 A vocal contest was held in Kingfisher at a Chautauqua. Chautauquas were started in New York in 1874.
- 1913 The first state-wide music contest was held at the University of Oklahoma, managed by Fredrik Holmberg.
- 1915 The second state-wide music contest was established at Oklahoma A&M College, managed by Bohumil Makovsky. (This became a qualifying contest for the national band contest.)

Invitational Music Contests Hosted by Colleges Became District Contests

- 1910 Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant managed by P. E. Laird
- 1913 Southwestern State Normal School (now SWOSU)
- 1915 East Central Normal School (ECSU)
- 1917 Northwestern Fine Arts Contest at Northwestern Normal School (NWSU)
- 1921 Contest held at a track and field meet by the University Preparatory School, which became Tonkawa Junior College in 1922
- 1924 Northeastern State Normal School and University of Tulsa (created interest for the 1931 National Band Contest)
- 1927 Oklahoma City University

National Band Contests

- 1923 The first national band contest was held in Chicago.
 a. It was called the "School Band Contest of America".
 b. The judge was William Santelmann, U. S. Marine Band Conductor (only one judge).
 c. Thirty bands from 13 states attended the contest.
 d. Floyd Russel, Oklahoma City High School band director took his band by train. The band, which had been organized for four years, had thirty boy members.
- 1926 The first (official) national band contest was held at Fostoria, Ohio.
- 1931 The national band contest came to Tulsa. Tulsa was the last national event where contestants were awarded prizes according to a ranking system.

Origination Date of Some Invitational Contests in Oklahoma Today

- 1932 Tri State (managed by Russel Wiley)
- 1972 Lawton Superior (started at Kingfisher)
- 1980 Oklahoma Bandmasters Marching Contest

Oklahoma State Wide System

- 1931 A reorganization committee was selected by Oklahoma music teachers.
 a. The committee established eight district elimination competitions leading to one state contest.
 b. The vocal contest was to be held one year at OSU and the next at OU.
 c. The instrumental contest was to be held one year at OU and the next at OSU.
 d. The Board of Control was organized to administer the new contest plan.
- 1934 Sight reading was added to the concert contests; A marching and drum major proficiency contest was added to the marching contest.
- 1936 Junior high schools were included in all contests. Junior high chorus sight reading (Grades 7-9) was optional. A ninth district contest was added.
- 1937 The current rating system replaced the older tournament style ranking system; Oklahoma City hosted the first national competition/festival for region VI, which included Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.
- 1941 Oklahoma became the only state in the union to have its state contest designated as a national regional competition/festival. State groups had been attending at Chicago since 1923. Tulsa hosted in 1931.
- 1942 The Oklahoma Music Educators Association was formed and assumed sponsorship of the State Music Contest; During World War II music contests were canceled (1941 to 1945).
- 1945 In the spring of 1945 a district meet was held at Tonkawa, and in 1946 a full contest schedule was resumed.
- 1949 The marching band events were moved from the spring to the fall.
- 1951 The single State Marching Contest was eliminated and replaced with several district competitions located in different regions of the state.

OSSAA Music Contests

- 1960 The question of changing the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations to a National Federation of Activities Association was raised and was placed on the agenda for future consideration. Half of the state associations sponsored and regulated competition in activities other than athletics.
- 1961 On Thursday, October 26, 1961, at 2:30 P.M. at the Central High School Auditorium in Tulsa, Oklahoma, legislation was presented at the Oklahoma Athletic Association Annual Meeting to encompass non-athletic events in the Oklahoma Athletic Association. Amendments to the Constitution and regulations needed to administer each activity was to be presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma High School Athletic Association in 1962, to become effective July 1, 1963. It was also decided that the name would be changed to the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. (The Oklahoma Athletic Association had been founded in 1911. The first statewide playoff that led to a state championship was boy's basketball in 1918. A state championship for girls was established in 1919.)
- 1963 Rule 11 (LATER NAMED RULE 21) of the OSSAA was added: All scheduled events where representatives of three or more schools participate shall be approved by the OSSAA Board of Directors. Interpretation: Only events which are competitive in nature where recognition, ratings, or awards given or winners determined are required to have approval from the association.
- 1964 Ivan Evans was assigned by the OSSAA to supervise all Oklahoma non-athletic contests.
- 1967 Oklahoma District, Regional, and State Music Contests were moved from the jurisdiction of OMEA to the new Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association; The number of spring elimination contests was increased to the present 13 districts. Non-athletic rules were separate from athletic rules.
- 1968 The Vocal Sweepstakes required that two vocal groups make a division one in sight reading and concert and that one of those groups be a mixed chorus. The mixed chorus requirement was dropped in 1977, and any two groups in the same classification became the requirement.
- 1969 Music and speech regulations were included in the OSSAA 1968-69 Yearbook.
- 1970 Floyd Moyer was hired as the first OSSAA music specialist and was primarily responsible for administration of the state-wide music contests. He was also responsible for publications and golf.
- 1971 The OSSAA hired and assigned all judges. The OSSAA continued hiring out-of-state judges for some regional marching contests and hiring all out-of-state judges for state-level contests. The OSSAA started using more public school teachers as judges and public schools as contest sites; Only two classes of solos and ensembles were put into the OSSAA music regulations (Junior High and High School). This was common practice before 1971 but was put in the OSSAA regulations for clarification; Glee clubs were required to have a minimum of 13 members, and mixed chorus was required to have a minimum of 24 members. This was changed in 1981 for all to have a minimum membership of 13 members; It became permissible for judges' comments to be taped at all contests at the option of the contest manager except State Contest. The cost of the tapes was to be borne by the performing organization; The first State Stage Band Contest was added to OSSAA events. This was preceded by the first invitational contest in 1967 at Bethany High School (13 bands attended). In 1968 it was held at Del City High School, and in 1969 and 1970 it was held at Mustang High School.
- 1973 The present classification was established. The largest 32 schools were class 5A; the next 32, class 4A; the next 64, class 3A; the next 128, class 2A; and all others, class 1A.
- 1974 The music requirement for bands, orchestras, and choruses changed from three selections to a specified time allotment for each classification. (Most switched to performing only two selections.)
- 1975 Taped accompaniment was allowed for instrumental solos. (Vocal solos were allowed taped accompaniment in 1992.)
- 1977 A timing judge was added to the Regional Marching Contest to verify minimum movement time and maximum show time; All large groups were required to sight read (junior high and high school). Only high school had been required to up to this date. Junior high choruses were allowed an option; All bands and orchestras were required to perform one selection from the UIL prescribed list; Three judges were required for all state-level sight reading.
- 1980 The inspection contest was dropped from the Regional Marching Contest.
- 1981 A full orchestra was required to have at least 20 string players on stage during the performance. An orchestra with 19 or fewer string players could be entered as a chamber orchestra; A glee club or mixed chorus was required to have 13 members present during the performance. Any organization with less than 13 members present on stage could perform, but the rating would be lowered one division.
- 1983 The Oklahoma Music Adjudicators Association was started (OMAA).
- 1984 The District Large Group Contest was eliminated, and 5A-6A schools could go straight to state. The same panel of judges was used for all classes; Computer scheduling was used at the Instrumental State Solo and Ensemble Contest; Duets were allowed only for junior high wind and percussion and not for high school wind and percussion; The marching band show was increased from 10 to 12 minutes; C. W. Simmons Jr. was hired as the second OSSAA music specialist to supervise state-wide music and speech activities after the retirement of Floyd Moyer; A new classification system was added to adjust for schools organizing as middle schools rather than junior high schools. The new system allowed the 9-8-7 to indicate the oldest member of the group, and the 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, A indicated the classification.
- 1985 A new regulation indicated that a plus or minus was not to be used with the final rating; Awards were given for middle school and junior high school bands, choruses, and orchestras that received a superior rating at District because this was the only OSSAA contest they could attend.
- 1986 A copyright regulation was added; The current OSSAA prescribed list for bands and orchestras was organized.
- 1987 The full orchestra requirement was dropped for middle and junior high schools. The OSSAA speech and music regulations were published in separate manuals; The Regional Marching Contest was organized into four Regionals for classes 2A, 3A, and 4A and two Regionals for classes 5A and 6A. The marching bands were judged by three panels of judges--one panel for the NW and SW, one panel for the NE and SE, and one panel for the W and E; Judges were required to write the word Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor by the final rating; A policy and ethics regulation was added to the music manual; Mail-out information and information informing the directors they should set their school calendar for the date(s) the contest(s) they would be attending; Entry procedures were added to the manual; Scheduling guidelines were added to the manual; Contest dates for District, Regional, and State and a specific day for a school and classification of solos and ensembles to attend the state contest were added to the manual; Non-athletic rules were included in the athletic rules. Rules that did not apply to athletics were designated by the words "Does Not Apply."
- 1989 Entry and sanction forms were added to the manual; A common entry deadline was set to be the Tuesday before the OMEA Convention, and late entries were to be assessed a double-the-entry-fee penalty of up to \$100; Choruses were required to perform at least one selection from the OSSAA prescribed list; A script to be read to groups before they sight read was added to the manual; District vocal/band and state vocal sight reading guidelines were added to the manual.
- 1990 A District 14 for middle school and junior high orchestras was added to allow orchestras to be judged by orchestra judges. The same judges that judged the State High School Orchestra Contest would be asked to come in one day early to judge District 14; A philosophy about values of music competition was added to the manual; Scholastic Awards for high school bands, choruses, and orchestras was established; A four year calendar was added to the manual.
- 1991 Prior to 1990 the rating scale was:
In 1990 the rating scale was changed to:
The numbers were dropped from the definition in 1991.
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| I=95-100 | II=88-94 | III=80-87 | IV=69-79 | V=78-0 |
| I=95-100 | II=84-94 | III=75-84 | IV=65-74 | V=64-0 |
- 1991 A definition of groups was added to the manual. This included composite and co-op large groups in both high school and junior high bands, choirs, and orchestras; Level V sight reading music was added to vocal sight reading for class 6A; A sight reading music guideline for high school bands

- competing at State was added to the manual; An Outstanding Achievement Award for bands, choruses, and orchestras that do not qualify for the sweepstakes award was established, as well as a Director's Plaque to be given to band, orchestra, and chorus directors that receive a sweepstakes award.
- 1992 An OSSAA music and speech sanction and a participation policy for bands, choruses, and orchestras was added to the manual. These groups could now attend only three non-OSSAA contests in which there was a loss of school time. This policy also regulated honor group participation and sanctioning; It was decided that the Roman numeral or number rating would be the rating, if there was a discrepancy between the terminology and the rating; A music at athletic events policy was added to the manual; A music and speech penalty policy was added to the manual; An out-of-state approval form for the school administration to send to the OSSAA in order for the OSSAA to record the three non-OSSAA contests they would attend with a loss of school time was added to the manual.
- 1993 Contest managers are told to post only the final rating in band, orchestra, and chorus contests; Academic Achievement Awards were added for all high school team events. It was made a board policy; the list of OMAA judges were added to the manual; Managers and directors were encouraged to use FileMaker Pro to computer and schedule District Instrumental Contest. FileMaker Pro was suggested because it is cross-platformed for Mac and PC; An entry supply form was added to the manual; An OSSAA half-time extension form was added to the manual.
- 1995 The OSSAA deleted the General Rules and Athletic Board Policies from the music manual; Event codes for computer scheduling were added to the manual.
- 1997 The one-minute study period for directors in the chorus sight reading contest was removed.
Regulation allowing digital pianos to be used when acoustic pianos are not available or if it is more cost effective to use digital pianos.
Added to instrumental sight reading instructions the following: The director is encouraged to have the group use a verbalized counting system (1 Ta 2 Ta or 1 & 2 & or Down Up etc.) while fingering and counting the notes.
Went to the five rating plan for the State Jazz Band contest and awarded plaques for Superior Ratings for E bands who made a Superior Rating but was not named Outstanding, First Runner Up or Second Runner Up.
Marching Band Committee was established to study the possibility of a State Marching Band Contest.
- 1998 An OSSAA high School Recommended Solo/Ensemble List was added. State Instrumental Solo/Ensemble time increased from 7 to 8 minutes.
Audience rights added. Added Drum Set and Classical Guitar Solos, and Brass, Woodwind and String Sonatas.
New regulation to allow junior high full orchestras to sight-read as a string orchestra. A chamber or string orchestra or band must have at least 19 members on stage during the performance. Any organization with less than 19 members on stage may perform, but the rating will be lowered one division. Marching band show length adjusted from 12 minutes to 10 minutes. Set district contest schedule starting with small schools, junior high schools and middle schools, then small 2A-3A, then large school junior high and then Class 4A high schools.
- 1999 Appointed a 5-member solo/ensemble committee. Clarified the event codes and the selection codes. New regulation: A student may not enter more than four string ensembles. Also, recommended to limit the number of events that one pianist may accompany, recommend 20 DO NOT RECOMMEND MORE THAN 40. Added the criteria for suggested solo/ensemble list to the OSSAA Music Manual. Recommended Level II Middle School/Junior High Tenor-Bass Chorus Sight Reading music be written in 2 part bass clef and 2 part tenor clef and bass clef.
- 2001 Mike Plunkett was hired as the third OSSAA music specialist to supervise state-wide music and speech activities after the retirement of C.W. Simmons, Jr. Class "E" High school orchestras may enter as a string orchestra. Unaccompanied solos and ensembles will be disqualified unless so conceived by the composer. It was suggested to use the OSSAA web page to post music events, calendars, important notices, change of site information, and all state contest ratings. Required list for sol/ensemble was tabled, and then dropped.
- 2002 Elimination of the "Late Entry Option", late entries will not be accepted after the deadline. Committee was formed to write rhythmic guidelines for vocal sight-reading levels. Vocal "E" groups will read down two levels from the parent group, making choirs consistent with bands. OSSAA decides to offer for sale, the previous 10 years of district and state sight-reading vocal music as practice material for schools. String Orchestra contest added in week 20 of school year. Adjudicator pay raise approved.
- 2003 Multi-movement option for instrumental soloists added. *Modified Music Academic Achievement* awards to include entire departments of instrumental, vocal or orchestral. Consolidated color guard contest to 4 marching band sites (down from 6). Assigned chairmen to update prescribed music list for 2004-2006 book, voted to update, edit and expanded "sonata list" for instrumental soloists. State vocal solo/ensemble contest time to be increased from 5 to 6 minutes.
- 2004 "Comments Only" option added for all OSSAA contests. Prescribed Music List updated for 2004-2007 and voted to send it in CD format for the first time. String Orchestra contest in week 20 voted to become a permanent part of OSSAA contest schedule.
- 2005 Create a separate "E" choir competition (similar to the instrumental contest). Formed a committee to update the "Sonata List" for the 2007 school year. Adopted the "Electronic Entry Procedures" for all OSSAA music contests, replacing the longstanding "entry forms and cards".
- 2006 Made rules consistent for all "E" band and choir requirements for sight-reading and PML leveling-down 2 levels from parent group (or above). Created "Sweepstakes Accent Award" for all HS music groups, clarified penalties for marching bands who do not comply with time requirements.
- 2007 Entered into a 2-year experiment to allow instrumental soloists to use music at the district level if they did not want to be considered for advancement to State Solo contest. Adopted new Prescribed Music List. Replaced "Sonata List" with expanded "Advanced Repertoire List". Removed the minimum number of performers on stage in Concert Band and String Orchestra. Soprano Saxophone added to solo instruments. An Orchestra must be a Full Orchestra in order to be eligible for the sweepstakes award.
- 2008 Renamed music classifications from 1A-5A to 2A-6A. Removed "Sonata Duets" as a possible event. Add category of "rating only" to state jazz band contest. Allowed "Text Optional" for all 7th and 8th grade choirs on final performance of sight-reading.
- 2009 Music Theory added as a solo event at state contest. Voted to make 2007 instrumental solo memorization rule a permanent change.
- 2010 Updated PML and Advanced Repertoire Lists, changed Orchestra Sweepstakes criteria. Redesigned all trophies and plaques for 2011.
- 2011 Removed the maximum number of ensembles a student may participate in solo and ensemble contest.
- 2012 Electronic Accompaniment is allowed for ensembles as well as solos. Added Jazz Combos as an option of the State Jazz Band Contest as pilot program. Changed Classifications from a 2-year cycle to every year. Removed registration of Out-Of-State trips with the OSSAA office, but sanctioning still required. OSSAA commissioned concert band and concert choir piece to celebrate OSSAA Centennial.
- 2013 Raised fees of solos and ensembles to provide additional monies for OMAA certified judges at district. Copies of music commissioned by OSSAA for its centennial celebration included inside a time capsule to be opened on the 150 year anniversary of the OSSAA in 2061. Updated PML and Advanced Repertoire Lists.
- 2014 Updated the sightreading guidelines for district and state band contest. Full orchestras will have the option of sight-reading as a string group or full orchestra at State contest. Voted to officially add jazz combos as part of the State Jazz Band contest. Changed the minimum time for instrumental solos from 3 minutes to 2 minutes.
- 2015 Changed the maximum time for marching bands to perform to 11 minutes, Removed the required literature list for Classical Guitar and Drum Set, Recommended to use 1 adjudicator for jazz combo contest and allow adjudicator to clinic groups, 2 Minute Instrumental solo minimum time requirement was waived for String and Percussion.
- 2016 Updated PML and Advanced Rep. lists, removed "Parade Snare" from list of solos, Allowed "composite Groups" to be legal in all classifications, moved 2A-4A State band and Choir contests to week 42 from week 39
- 2017 Raised entry fees for large groups to allow increase in adjudicator pay, reinstated "Late Fee" for entries.

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Research Sources: OSSAA Annual Bulletins and Yearbooks, Doctoral Dissertation by George McDow, Norman, Oklahoma, 1989, "A History of Instrumental Music In The Public Schools of Oklahoma Through 1945.

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NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED

I. SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL DATES TO REMEMBER

- A. January 26, 2018 - Enrollment and Site Request Form Due
- B. March 1, 2018 - Season Opens
- C. April 6, 2018 - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A District Pairings Released
- D. April 9-11, 2018 - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A District Meeting
- E. April 13, 2018 - Class 6A Regional Pairings Released
- F. April 16-18, 2018 - Class 6A Regional Meeting
- G. April 21, 2018 - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A District Tournaments to be completed
- H. April 23, 2018 - Academic Applications must be postmarked April 24 or faxed no later than April 25 - **Form found on the Slow-Pitch Softball link at www.ossaa.com.**
- I. April 23, 2018 - Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A Regional Pairings Released
- J. April 26, 2018 - Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A Regional Tournaments
- K. May 1-2, 2018 - State Tournament - All Classes
- L. Rules Meetings: All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Rules meetings are mandatory for head coaches and must be completed by March 1st. If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, the meeting is available online at www.ossaa.com, click on the Sports link, then Slow-Pitch Softball. Written verification of completion must be sent to the OSSAA for online meetings.
 1. January 24, 2018 – Union High School
 2. February 3, 2018 – Mangum High School at 9:00am
 3. February 7, 2018 – McAlester High School
 4. February 14, 2018 – Westmoore High School

II. SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

High schools that plan to participate in 2018 Girls Slow-Pitch Softball should complete the Spring Slow-Pitch Softball Entry Form and return it to the OSSAA on or before January 26, 2018 (**form found on forms link at www.ossaa.com**).

III. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Enrolled schools will be divided into six classifications based on the A.D.M. of each high school. The classifications will be based on the A.D.M. sheets from the 2016-2017 school year. Schools adding or dropping slow-pitch softball after the date when the classifications are released will not affect any classifications.
 1. **6A – Top 24 playing schools**
 2. 5A - next 48 largest slow-pitch softball playing schools
 3. 4A - next 48 largest slow-pitch softball playing schools
 4. 3A - next 48 largest slow-pitch softball playing schools
 5. 2A and A - all remaining slow-pitch softball playing schools divided approximately equally

IV. BEGINNING OF SEASON, ALLOWED SCHEDULE, PLAY-OFF DATES, BAT TESTING AND RANKING PROGRAM

- A. Scrimmage dates:
 1. Classes 4A, 3A and 2A and A - February 5, 2018
 2. Classes 6A and 5A - February 12, 2018
- B. Teams may start playing scheduled games March 1, 2018.
- C. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored championship tournament series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. This regulation shall apply separately to fall and spring baseball and/or softball seasons.

Organized practice for slow-pitch softball may begin no earlier than December 1.

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season for slow-pitch to the start date of December 1 no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes.

Outside of tournament games, each game played shall be counted as a match game.

For the 2018 softball season, teams shall be limited to not more than 22 match games plus 3 tournaments or 25 match games plus 2 tournaments. Junior high teams are limited to 14 match games plus 2 tournaments. Junior high teams may play a third tournament if the regular season schedule is reduced by 3 games.

In a pool play tournament, if there is an opportunity to play two or more games after the conclusion of pool play, then all pool play games shall count against the regular season limitation. A 9th grade student is eligible to participate on both the junior high and senior high team, but is limited to the total number of tournaments in which the high school team participates.

No team shall be permitted to scrimmage another school in softball after the state basketball tournament for that particular class without being charged a game for each scrimmage. No instructional time will be lost because of travel to a scrimmage or because of the scrimmage itself. A scrimmage is defined as competition against another school without keeping records, such as scores, etc.

- D. Teams may play in any number of festivals. A softball festival is defined as any number of teams that come together to play at predetermined times against predetermined opponents. Each game played in a festival will count as one of the twenty-two allowed regular season games. No trophies, plaques, medals, or awards of any kind can be awarded during festival play. Schools are encouraged to play festivals on non-school days in order to reduce loss of school time and if played on a school day, games cannot begin before 10:00 a.m. In the event one game of a regular season scheduled tournament is completed, and the remainder of the tournament is cancelled (not postponed) due to inclement weather or any other act of nature, a school may submit a written request to the OSSAA Staff seeking permission to schedule one additional regular season game. This contest must be played prior to the beginning of the playoffs series.
- E. There will be no play of regular season or tournament games on Wednesday, if school is in session. Weekend tournaments, defined as tournaments scheduled Thursday through Saturday, may not begin prior to 10:00 a.m. and no game shall be scheduled to begin later than 9 p.m. Tournaments scheduled to be played Monday through Friday, (excluding Wednesday, if school is in session) may not be scheduled to begin prior to 4:00 p.m. and no game shall be scheduled to begin later than 9 p.m. No more than 5 days shall be missed with any part of a day to be counted toward the total of five days. If there is an athletic hour at the end of the regular school day, missing that hour shall not count against the total of five days. OSSAA play-off games will be excluded from the five (5) day total.
- F. All bats will be tested prior to the beginning of the season and at the regional tournament, and at the State Tournament site. Every bat to be used in the regular season, regional or state tournament MUST be tested prior to the first game for each respective team.

Bats will be tested prior to the season beginning at all rules meetings. Coaches will be required to go to the site prior to the Regional tournament to have the teams bats tested. Bats will be tested prior to the Regional Tournament must be re-tested at the Regional Tournament designated site. A different sticker than the one used during the regular season will be used at the Regional Tournament.

Bats that have been tested prior to the State Tournament must be re-tested at the State Tournament site. A different sticker than the one used during the regular season or at the Regional tournaments will be used at the State Tournament.

Any batter entering the batter's box with an untested bat will be automatically out, and the coach from that team will be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the contest.

- G. No student shall play on two different teams in the same tournament.
- H. Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A district tournaments are to be completed by April 21, 2018.
- I. Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A regional tournaments shall be played on April 26, 2018.
- J. Class 6A regional tournaments are to be completed by April 26, 2018.
- K. State championships for Classes 4A, 5A, and 6A will be May 1 and May 2 for Classes A, 2A, and 3A.
- L. Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
 1. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 2. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 3. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 4. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.
- M. The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).

For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments) and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the

season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field, and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

V. SLOW PITCH RANKING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ROC)

Coaches will be required to rank each week according to the ranking schedule posted on each school's respective ranking page at OSSAARankings.com. Coaches will rank 16 teams each week, the high and the low ranking will be dropped. Rankings will open at NOON on Friday of each week and close on Monday at NOON.

A. Rationale

- a. The Rankings Oversight Committee (ROC) is designed to ensure the legitimacy of the ranking system currently utilized for Slow Pitch Softball in Oklahoma.

B. Implementation

- a. 2018 Slow Pitch Season

C. Committee Structure

- a. R.O.C. Chairman
 - i. President of the Coaches' Association
- b. 24 Committee Members representing 4 Quadrants / Geographical Areas
 - i. Quadrants:
 1. NW – North of Interstate 40 & West of I-35
 2. NE – North of Interstate 40 & East of I-35
 3. SW – South of Interstate 40 & West of I-35
 4. SE – South of Interstate 40 & East of I-35
 - ii. Committee Members
 1. Each classification (6A-A) will have an ROC member in each quadrant.
 2. Length of termS—2 years

D. Oversight Process

- a. After the rankings are released on a respective Monday at 4:00 p.m., a current head coach will have the opportunity to lodge a complaint / investigation regarding how another coach ranked their team.
- b. **Complaints / investigations should only be made if a significant variance or drop in rankings has occurred.**
- c. This investigation request will be made to the ROC member representing your classification within your quadrant.
- d. This request **must be made within 24 hours (i.e., by Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. following the release of rankings for that week).**
- e. The ROC member receiving the investigation request will then begin an investigatory process.
- f. The ROC member will then contact the coach against whom the complaint has been lodged to gather evidence or justification for his or her rankings that week.
- g. The ROC member receiving the complaint will then contact the other 3 committee members representing the same class from the other quadrants to discuss the evidence / justification. A vote will be then taken among those members (with the ROC member from the quadrant representing the coach against whom the complaint was lodged abstaining. If 2 of the 3 ROC members believe the rankings in question are justified, the complaint is closed and not further action is required. If 2 of the 3 ROC members believe the rankings in question are not justified, the ROC will contact the ROC Chairman who will notify the OSSAA and the respective coach whose rankings were questioned to begin proceedings to void that respective coaches' rankings for the week and recalculate that week's rankings. **This investigation and decision shall be made by Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.**
- h. The decision of the ROC may be appealed to the Chairman of the ROC, but must be done prior to 4 p.m. on the Wednesday the decision was made by the committee.
- i. If a respective coach's rankings are voided, those ranking will be removed from the rankings calculation that week and their team will be penalized 16 points in rankings calculation for that week. In addition, the voided rankings will count as though the coach did not vote that respective week.
- j. If a coach fails to vote 2 of the first 3 weeks, or has their respective rankings voided 2 of the first three weeks that respective coach will be locked out or prohibited from ranking the remainder of the season.

E. Complaint Form

- a. If a coach chooses to lodge a complaint / request an investigation, a form is available on the OSSAA rankings site.
- b. The coach shall complete the form and forward to their respective ROC member by the respective deadline that week (Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.). If a request is received after the deadline it will not be investigated.

VI. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

VII. PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASS 6A

- A. There are no districts. There will be eight double elimination regional tournaments. The regional tournament shall be played in one day. The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the state championship tournament.
- B. Four teams will be assigned to each of the eight regional tournaments. The regional tournament sites will be assigned by the OSSAA. **Note:** An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all the schools assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval. When determining playing sites for OSSAA assigned play-off tournaments, fields must have lights and that have scraped (dirt) infields will be given first priority, if possible. Please notify the OSSAA of any changes.
- C. Regional tournament assignments will be released April 13, 2018 to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. All information regarding regional tournaments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail. The assigned chairman of each regional should schedule a regional tournament meeting no earlier than April 16, 2018 and no later than April 18, 2018.
- D. The regional tournament is to be completed by April 26, 2018.
- E. At the regional tournament meeting the following should be decided:
 1. The host school shall furnish the balls and umpires should be agreed upon. Two umpires are to be used in each game. The umpires should be certified OSSAA softball umpires (have paid enrollment fee and passed the current season National Federation Slow-Pitch Softball Test).
 2. Draw the tournament bracket. The regional tournament will be a true double elimination tournament. **NOTE:** For additional bracket information, refer to Part VI.
 3. Plan, in general, for the tournament.
- F. **When the regional tournament is completed, regional winners should immediately call the OSSAA and give their team's won-lost record.**

VIII. BRACKETING FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS - CLASS 6A

- A. For seeding purposes, teams use the coaches' rankings from OSSAA rankings program. The top 16 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. A minimum of fifteen games played will be required for seeding purposes. The OSSAA may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season. **NOTE:** If a participating coach cannot be present at the seeding meeting, the absent coach's team record should be called into the tournament chairman. If necessary, the majority of the coaches present should make the absent coach's selection.
- B. The following criteria will be used in all athletic contests that are OSSAA play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn on the local level:
 1. Four team regionals - Rate and seed two teams using the coaches' rankings from OSSAA rankings program. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. The third best record shall choose either line #2 or line #3 of the bracket, which automatically places the fourth team by record on the opposite line.
 2. Three Teams - Rate and seed the teams using ratings from OSSAA rankings program. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. The team with the highest ranking will be placed on the top of the bracket. The team with the second highest ranking will be placed on the bottom of the bracket. The team with the highest ranking receives the bye, placing #2 against #3.

Team A will be the team with the highest ranking and they will receive the bye.

Team B will be the team with the second highest ranking.

Team C will be the team with the third highest ranking.

Game 1-Team B plays Team C

Game 2-Loser game 1 plays Team A

Game 3-Winner game 1 plays Team A

Game 4-If one team has one loss and one team has no losses, they play

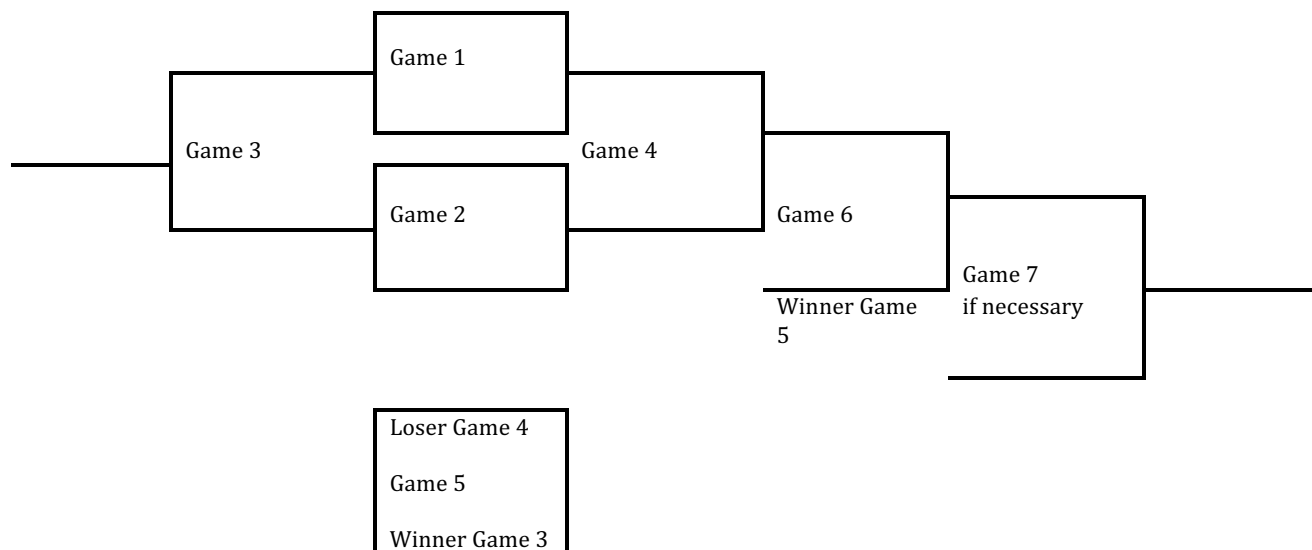
Game 5-If necessary

or

Game 4-If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C

Game 5-Winner Game 4 plays Team A
- C. A copy of each regional tournament bracket and records of all teams should be mailed or faxed to the OSSAA. The chairman should supply teams with brackets. **NOTE:** The OSSAA FAX number is (405) 840-9559.

IX. BRACKET FOR CLASS 6A REGIONALS



X. STATE TOURNAMENT - CLASS 6A

- A. The OSSAA will draw the bracket and select the sites for the State Championship Tournament. The state championship is single elimination and will be played in a one day format on May 1, 2018.
- B. The assignment criteria will be as follows:
 1. The state tournament teams will be seeded one through eight. The two highest seeded teams shall be cross-bracketed with the two lowest seeded teams, and the two second highest seeded teams will be cross-bracketed with the two second lowest seeded teams. **NOTE:** The seeding and bracketing for the Class 6A state tournaments will be done by the OSSAA.
 2. All seeds will be based on ratings from the coaches' ratings from OSSAA rankings program. (See XIV - Assignments and Seeding of Play-off Tournaments)

XI. DISTRICT PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A AND A

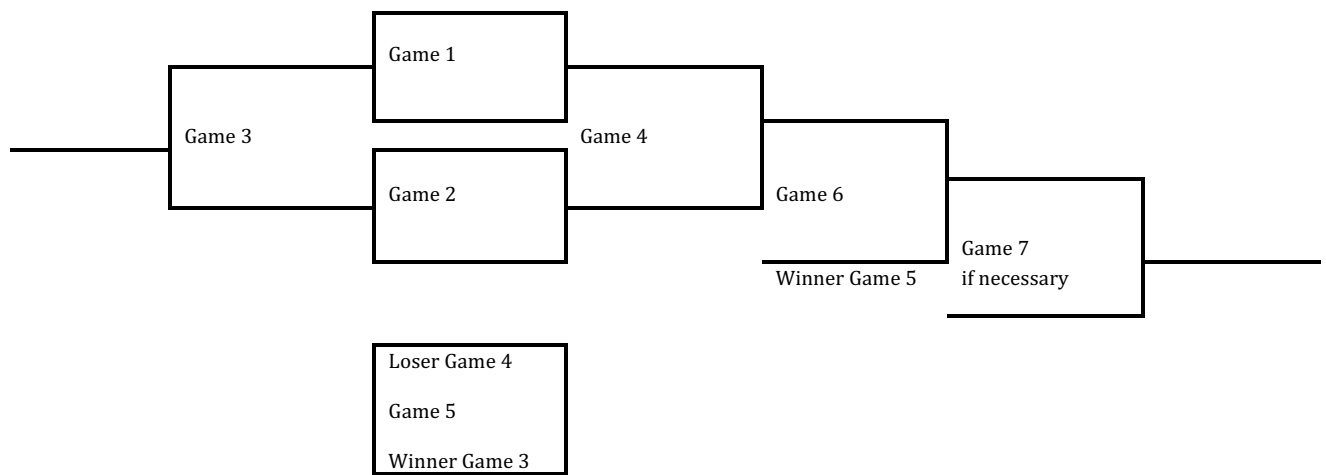
- A. Each respective class will have sixteen double elimination district tournaments. The district tournament shall be played in one day (Exception: Five-team districts in Classes 2A and A may be played in two days.). The winner of each district tournament will advance to one of four regional tournaments.
- B. District tournament assignments will be released April 6, 2018 to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. All information regarding district tournaments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail. The assigned chairman of each district should schedule a district tournament meeting no earlier than April 9, 2018 and no later than April 11, 2018. The district tournament is to be completed by April 21, 2018.
- C. At the district tournament meeting the following should be decided:
 1. The district tournament site will be assigned by the OSSAA.
 2. Umpires should be agreed upon. Two umpires are to be used in each game. The umpires should be enrolled OSSAA softball umpires (paid enrollment fee and passed the current season National Federation Slow-Pitch Softball Test).
 3. Draw the tournament bracket. **NOTE:** For additional bracket information, refer to Part X.
 4. Plan, in general, for the tournament.
- D. **When the district tournament is completed, district winners should immediately call the OSSAA and give their team's won-lost record.**

XII. BRACKETING FOR DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS - CLASSES 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A AND A

- A. For seeding purposes, teams will use rankings posted at OSSAA rankings program. The top 15 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. Tied percentage records shall be decided by a coin toss. A minimum of fifteen games played will be required for seeding purposes. The OSSAA may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season. **NOTE:** If a participating coach cannot be present at the seeding meeting, the absent coach's team record should be called into the tournament chairman. If necessary, the majority of the coaches present should make the absent coach's selection.
- B. The following criteria will be used in all athletic contests that are OSSAA play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn on the local level:

1. Three Teams – Rate and seed the teams using ratings from OSSAA rankings program. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. The team with the highest ranking will be placed on the top of the bracket. The team with the second highest ranking will be placed on the bottom of the bracket. The team with the highest ranking receives the bye, placing #2 against #3.
 - Team A will be the team with the highest ranking and they will receive the bye.
 - Team B will be the team with the second highest ranking.
 - Team C will be the team with the third highest ranking.
 - Game 1-Team B plays Team C
 - Game 2-Loser game 1 plays Team A
 - Game 3-Winner game 1 plays Team A
 - Game 4-If one team has one loss and one team has no losses, they play
 - Game 5-If necessary
 - or**
 - Game 4-If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C
 - Game 5-Winner Game 4 plays Team A
2. Four Teams - Rate and seed two teams on using ratings from OSSAA rankings program which are to be placed on the top and bottom of the bracket, respectively, by rating. The third best ranking shall choose either line #2 or line #3 of the bracket, which automatically places the fourth team by record on the opposite line.

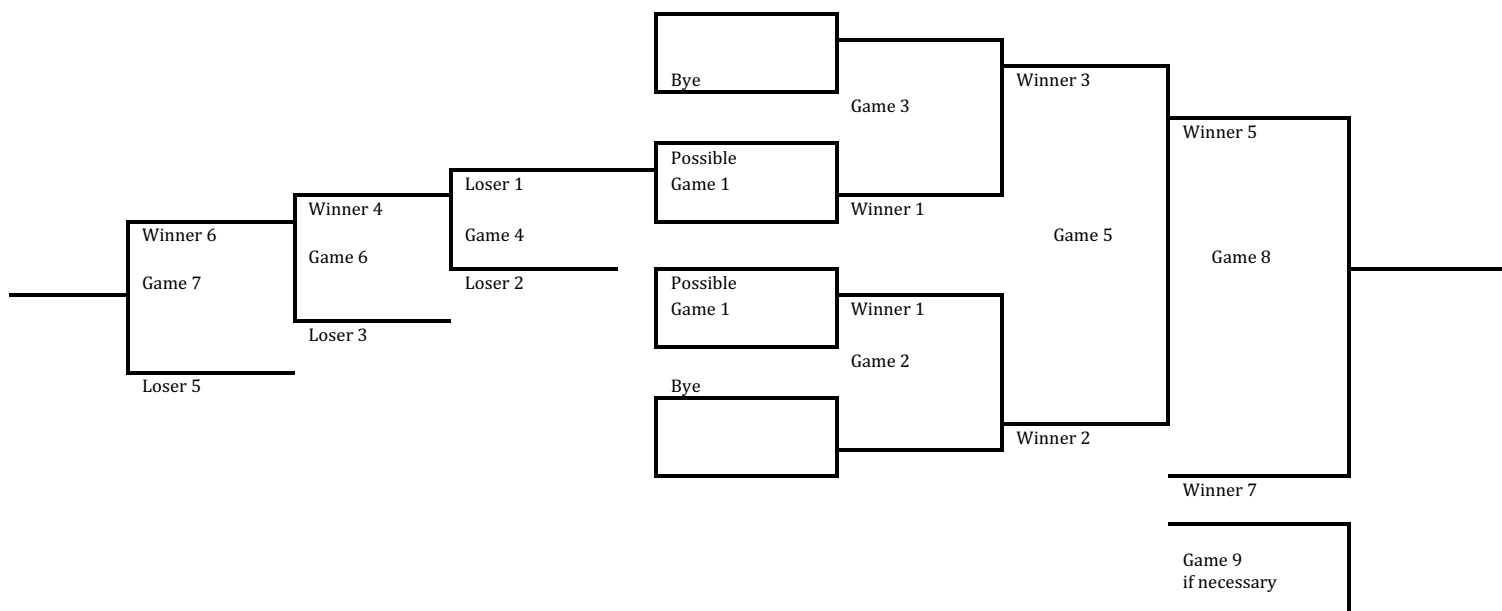
FOUR TEAM BRACKET



3. Five Teams - An eight point bracket shall be used. Rate and seed two teams on a percentage record of games won and lost which are to be placed on the top and bottom of the bracket, respectively, by record. The third best record shall choose either line #4 in the top half or line #5 in the bottom half of the bracket, which automatically places the fourth team by record in the opposite half of the bracket. The fifth best record shall choose either line #3 in the top or line #6 in the bottom of the bracket.

NOTE: All byes will be placed in the first round of tournament competition. When there is more than one bye on the bracket, the two seeded teams with the best record shall receive byes. Any remaining bye will be placed in the opposite bracket after the team with the fifth best record has made its choice. If the tournament chairman is notified after the district tournament bracket has been established that one or more of the teams will not participate and this would cause a bye in the second round, a new bracket should be drawn. Otherwise, the bracket is to remain as originally drawn.

FIVE TEAM BRACKET



- C. A copy of each district tournament bracket and records of all teams should be mailed or faxed to the OSSAA. The chairman should supply teams with brackets. **NOTE:** The OSSAA FAX number is (405) 840-9559.

XIII. REGIONAL PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A AND A

- A. Each respective class will have four double elimination regional tournaments. The winner and the runner-up of each regional tournament will advance to the state tournament.
- B. Four teams will be assigned to each of the four regional tournaments. The district in which a team has played will not determine the regional tournament to which it will be assigned.
- C. The four teams assigned to each of the four double elimination regional tournaments will be seeded one through four. On the tournament bracket, the number one seeded team will play the number four seeded team, and the number two seeded team will play the number three seeded team.
- D. In regional play, the site and the bracket shall be set by the OSSAA. The host school shall furnish the balls and umpires after recommendations are made from competing schools on such umpires. **NOTE:** An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all the schools assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval. When determining playing sites for OSSAA assigned play-off tournaments, fields that have scraped (dirt) infields will be given first priority, if possible. Please notify the OSSAA of any changes.
- E. Regional tournament assignments will be released April 23, 2018 to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. All information regarding regional tournaments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail. The regional tournament shall be played on April 26, 2018.

XIV. BRACKET FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS FOR CLASSES 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A AND A



XV. STATE TOURNAMENT FOR CLASSES 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A AND A

- A. The OSSAA will draw the bracket and select the sites for the state championship tournament. The state championships are single elimination and will be played in a one day format on May 2, 2018 for Classes A, 2A, and 3A and May 1, 2018 for Classes 4A, 5A and 6A.
- B. Assignment criteria
 - 1. The two highest seeded winners bracket teams shall be cross bracketed with the two lowest seeded losers bracket teams. **NOTE:** Teams that advance out of the same regional tournament competition will not play each other in the first round of the state tournament.
 - 2. The two second highest seeded winners bracket teams will be cross bracketed with the two second lowest seeded losers bracket teams. **NOTE:** Teams that advance out of the same regional tournament competition will not play each other in the first round of the state tournament.
 - 3. On the state tournament bracket the regional winners seeded one and four will be placed on one half of the bracket and the regional winners seeded two and three will be placed on the other half of the bracket.
 - 4. If the criteria in 1 and 2 is not feasible, the tournament teams will be seeded one through eight. The two highest seeded teams shall be cross bracketed with the two lowest seeded teams and the two second highest seeded teams will be cross bracketed with the two second lowest seeded teams. **NOTE:** The seeding and bracketing for Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A state tournaments will be done by the OSSAA.
 - 5. All seeds will be based on each team's won-lost percentage and ratings from the OSSAA rankings program (See XIV - Assignments and Seeding of Play-off Tournaments).

XVI. ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING OF PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS

- A. In determining the strengths of teams within each class of Girls Slow-Pitch Softball, the OSSAA will work closely with the coaches ranking (top 15 teams) from [www.OSSAA rankings program](http://www.OSSAArankingsprogram.com). Information received from these rankings will be used to aid in assigning and seeding teams within the play-off structure.
- B. The OSSAA will make the final decision on all play-off assignments and seeding.
 - 1. Assignment criteria for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A district tournaments will be as follows:
 - a) Geographical location of each team will be the primary factor.
 - b) If possible, stronger teams within a geographical area will be separated.
 - c) If possible, teams that have had sportsmanship problems with each other will be separated.
 - 2. When assigning Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and A regional tournaments, geographics will continue to be of consideration, but additional travel will be considered in an attempt to balance strengths of each regional tournament.

XVII. ADDITIONAL PLAY-OFF INFORMATION

- A. For the OSSAA play-off tournaments, no more than 22 players will be permitted to participate or be in uniform.
- B. All play-off games will be regulation seven inning games unless the run rule is in effect. The run rule will be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings in effect throughout the play-off series.
- C. Speed-up rules may be used in the play-off series and regular season.
- D. The OSSAA has adopted the extra player as in Rule 3-1-1 of the National Federation Softball Rule Book.
- E. Plaques will be awarded to the champions of each district and regional tournaments and the regional runners-up in Classes A-5A. Trophies will be awarded to champions and runners-up of the state tournament. Also, medals will be awarded to 22 team members of the championship and runner-up teams along with a coach's achievement plaque to the head coach at the state tournament. **NOTE:** Plaques, trophies, and medals will be furnished by the OSSAA.
- F. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.
- G. In Classes 5A-4A-3A-2A-A district tournament play, the OSSAA will reimburse the host school 50% of losses considering only the expenses of umpires and balls, if gate receipts are not sufficient to defray such expenses. In Classes 6A-1-6A-2-5A-4A-3A-2A-A regional play, the OSSAA will reimburse the host school 75% of losses considering only the expenses of umpires and balls, if gate receipts are not sufficient to defray such expenses.
- H. In Classes 5A-4A-3A-2A-A district tournament play, the host school will use their own tickets and should charge an admission to defray expenses. The OSSAA recommends \$5.00 for adults and students. A record of tournament tickets sold and expenses should be kept. A financial report will be required by the OSSAA if a deficit is reported concerning umpires and ball expenses.
- I. In Classes 6A-5A-4A-3A-2A-A regional tournament play, the OSSAA will send tickets to the host schools. Admission prices will be \$5.00 for adults and for students.
- J. The host district and regional tournament sites will pay the umpires from tournament gate receipts.
- K. The OSSAA will assign and pay the umpires for the state championship tournament.
- L. Graduations, proms, banquets, etc., should not be scheduled to conflict with the play-offs. All state tournament qualifiers should send the OSSAA office an end of school calendar detailing proms, banquets, graduations, senior trips, etc. All conflicts may not be avoided, but every effort will be made to accommodate as many schools as possible when the state tournament is delayed because of inclement weather.
- M. Schools participating in the State Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament will be reimbursed at a rate set by the OSSAA Board of Directors at their annual June meeting.
- N. The Wilson WTALL 124NB (.44 COR) optic yellow leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the playoffs.

- O. Suspended game: If weather, darkness, or other circumstances interfere with play so that a play-off tournament game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: (a) five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension. State tournament games will be completed.
- P. Teams may be added to a district due to late entries or a school deciding not to participate. If teams withdrawing from playoff tournaments create byes in the second round of the tournament, the tournament shall be re-drawn.
- Q. Designated Media Area - National Federation Softball Rules require the home team or game management to designate a lined area for the media. This area shall be considered a dead ball area. This rule also prohibits media from being in a live ball area. (Rules 1-1-7)
- R. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.

XVIII. RULES

- A. The rules of play will be those of the 2018 National Federation Softball Rule Book. **NOTE:** It is the responsibility of each participating coach to be familiar with these rules.
- B. All classes will use a 12" white or optic yellow softball and the coefficient of restitution (COR) shall not exceed .44 during the regular season.
- C. Safety of players is the most important part of any activity. The National Federation Softball Rule Book is very clear about the following:
 - 1. By rule, batting helmets bearing the NOCSAE stamp and exterior warning label is mandatory for each batter, on deck batter, player/students in the coaches' boxes and runners. These helmets should have extended ear flaps which cover both ears and temples.
 - 2. The catcher shall wear a head protector and protective mask with a throat protector that is part of or attached to the mask. The catcher's helmet and mask combination shall meet the NOCSAE standard and have full ear protection (dual ear flaps). A throat protector that is part of the mask shall extend far enough to adequately protect the throat. An attached throat protector shall be commercially manufactured, properly attached, unaltered, and worn properly. This would also include any non-adult warming up a pitcher at any time or location within the confines of the field. A catcher shall also wear a body protector and baseball/softball protective shin guards.
- D. Please see the Athletic Director or Principal for precautionary recommendations regarding AIDS and Hepatitis B.
- E. The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

XIX. CONDUCT OF COACHES AND PLAYERS

- A. When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the contest and there is no other designated assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation of this paragraph shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school, and the school or team in violation shall be placed on warning.

Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regularly scheduled game, meet or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and play-off activities. In addition any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior Course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team anytime during the contest. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time, nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

B. Fighting Rule:

A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible. The student shall remain ineligible for at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays. Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent, biting an opponent, or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

C. Public Criticism Policy:

Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

XX. NOT HONORING A PROTEST

A. OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

XXI. APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTESTS

- A. Invitational tournament games and festivals played on school days cannot start earlier than 10:00 a.m.
- B. No member school shall compete in athletics in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations including the National Federation, if required.
- C. All athletic events where three or more schools participate in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the OSSAA sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the OSSAA for endorsement and approval.
- D. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the Association office for approval.

XXII. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the OSSAA provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and OSSAA sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the OSSAA and passed Part I of the National Federation rules examination for that sport.
 - 1. These regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, **softball**, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades. It is strongly recommended that certified officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th-12th grades.
 - 2. ATTENTION: In all OSSAA sanctioned tournaments, certified officials should be used.
- B. One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The OSSAA Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game officials.

XXIII. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. The twenty-two (22) players or the lesser number suited up for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and A district tournaments and Class 6A regional tournaments may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards. Grades are based on the first semester GPA. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.)
- B. Awards will be given for each class based on 4.0 grading system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. If you have a weighted grading system, you must still use the 4.0 system for computing qualifications for this award.
 - 1. Academic Achievement Certificate - Teams must have a minimum of a 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque - Teams must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - 3. State Slow-Pitch Softball Academic Champion Trophy - The team with the highest qualifying GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.
- C. Awards presentations will be as follows:
 - 1. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship tournament.
 - 2. The state championship trophy for each class will be presented to the winning teams at the girls slow-pitch state championship tournament.
- D. It is your responsibility to complete the academic achievement application and return it to the OSSAA postmarked no later than April 24, 2017 or faxed no later than April 25 (**form found on the Slow-Pitch Softball link at www.ossaa.com**).
- E. Schools may submit an academic application for **both** fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball.

XXIV. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

XXV. HISTORY OF SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

	<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>2A</u>	<u>A</u>
2016	Southmoore	Chandler	Dale	Wister	Davenport	Red Oak
2015	Broken Arrow	Valliant	Washington	Tushka	Davenport	Arnett
2014	Southmoore	Bethel	Washington	Hinton	Rock Creek	Shattuck
2013	Union	Cache	Tushka	Rattan	Barnsdall	Leedey
2012	Westmoore	Sequoyah (T)	Dale	Rattan	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton	Red Oak
2011	Jenks	Purcell	Washington	Rattan	Binger-Oney	Leedey
2010	Union	Bethel	Konawa	Dewar	Sentinel	Moss
2009	Muskogee	Bethel	Washington	Wilson	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton	Moss
2008	Moore	Lexington	Okemah	Preston	Davenport	Leedey
2007	Westmoore	Prague	Pocola	Cameron	Keota	Leedey
2006	Tahlequah	Blanchard	Washington	Rock Creek	Davenport	Tupelo
2005	Moore	Bethel	Washington	Wayne	Davenport	Moss
2004	Tahlequah	Valliant	Washington	Rock Creek	Davenport	Geronimo
2003	Westmoore	Bethel	Konawa	Wilson	Davenport	Leedey
2002	Westmoore	Bethel	Washington	Cameron	Davenport	Leedey
2001	Westmoore	Bethel	Washington	Clayton	Davenport	Leedey
2000	Muskogee	Lindsay	Washington	Wayne	Davenport	Braggs
1999	Ft. Gibson	Lindsay	Washington	Preston	Cheyenne	Bokoshe
1998	Muskogee	Hilldale	Hennessey	Davenport	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton	Taloga
1997		Westmoore	Seminole	Heritage Hall	Ft. Cobb-Broxtton	Moss
1996		Westmoore	Seminole	Cameron	Davenport	Taloga
1995		Westmoore	Seminole	Washington	Leedey	
1994		Moore	Pocola	Davenport	Moss	
1993		Moore	Preston	Taloga		
1992		Westmoore	Wilson	Red Oak		
1991		Westmoore	Wister	Moss		
1990		Moore	Wilson	Taloga		
1989		Muldrow	Haskell	Taloga		
1988		Bethel	Little Axe	Braggs		

ONE CLASS

1987	Moore
1986	Moore
1985	Moore
1984	Moore
1983	Muskogee

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- A. December 1, 2017- Organized practice may begin
- B. February 14, 2018 – First scrimmage date
- C. March 1, 2018 - Regular season opens
- D. April 20, 2018 - All district matches shall be completed
- E. April 20, 2018 - Coaches Preferential Officials List due to OSSAA
- F. April 27, 2018 – Class 4A First round of play-offs
- G. April 30, 2018 - Academic Application must be postmarked or faxed no later than May 1 - **Form found on the Soccer link at www.ossaa.com.**
- H. May 1, 2018 - First round of play-offs in classes 5A and 6A; Second round of play-offs Class 4A
- I. May 4, 2018 - Second round of play-offs in classes 5A and 6A; Third round of play-offs Class 4A
- J. May 8, 2018 - Semi-final round of play-offs
- K. May 11, 2018 - State championship
- L. May 12, 2018 - State championship
- M. Rules meetings: Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
 - 1. January 17, 2018- Jenks High School
 - 2. January 24, 2018 – Del City High School

II. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Girls - Teams will participate in three classes of competition. Class 6A will consist of the first 32 soccer playing schools on the A.D.M. sheet. Class 5A will consist of the next 32 soccer playing schools, and Class 4A all remaining soccer playing schools.
- B. Boys - Teams will participate in three classes of competition. Class 6A will consist of the first 32 soccer playing schools on the A.D.M. sheet. Class 5A will consist of the next 32 soccer playing schools, and Class 4A all remaining soccer playing schools.

III. PARTICIPATION AND DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Schools participating in soccer will be determined by those that indicate participation on their 2017-2018 OSSAA Membership and Entry Fee Form. **NOTE:** OSSAA Membership and Entry Fee Forms were sent in August to principals.
- B. Girls – There will be 8 Districts in Class 4A. There will be four districts in Class 5A and 6A. Teams assigned to a district will play each district opponent one district match.
- C. Boys - There will be 8 Districts in Class 4A. There will be four districts in Class 5A and 6A Teams assigned to a district will play each district opponent one district match.
- D. District assignments will be released on a two year cycle. The 2017-2018 school year is the first year of the current two year cycle. **NOTE:** The Soccer coaches will select a realignment committee that will have a boys and girls representative from each class and from each side of the state. The committee will meet with the representative of the OSSAA to aid in establishing district assignments.

IV. SEASON

- A. Organized practice shall begin no sooner than December 1, 2017. Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport. From the close of the season to the start date for that sport in the following school year, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day. If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching to students during that additional one hour period.
- B. The first scrimmage date is February 14, 2018.
- C. The regular season shall open on March 1 and close with the State Championships.

- D. The State Championships will be played May 11 and 12. Classes will alternate dates each year.
- E. From the first day of school until the state championship finals, school personnel or anticipated school personnel (coaches, lay coaches, trainers, etc.) will not be permitted to coach, train, or have any contact with the school's team members or potential school's team members (grades 9-12) on a non-school team. **NOTE:** Boys' coaches may coach girls on a non-school team and girls' coaches may coach boys on a non-school team.

V. SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, AND TOURNAMENTS

- A. Each team is allowed three scrimmage dates with the first scrimmage date to be no earlier than February 14, 2018. Anytime there is participation against a school team by an amateur team that consists of any player(s) not currently enrolled in your school will be considered a scrimmage. No team shall be allowed to scrimmage in Soccer after March 1. There will be no loss of instructional time for scrimmages.
- B. Definition of a scrimmage tournament: No individual medal or team awards given, a reduced time of thirty minute halves (maximum) except for the championship finals, the maximum number of teams allowed is eight, **and each team is allowed to participate in no more than one scrimmage tournament.** There will be no loss of instructional time for scrimmage tournaments.
- C. A scrimmage date does not have a limit on how many matches a team may scrimmage on that date.
- D. Each day of a scrimmage tournament will count as one scrimmage date. Example: A two day scrimmage tournament will count as two scrimmage dates.
- E. Each team is allowed twelve regular season matches and one regular season tournament with a maximum of three games. This total shall include all conference and conference play-off matches, and all district matches. **Junior High teams are allowed eight regular season matches and one regular season tournament with a maximum of three games.**
- F. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored Championship Tournament Series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of matches games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- G. Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
 1. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 2. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 3. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 4. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.

VI. DISTRICT PLAY AND ADVANCEMENT INTO PLAY-OFF SERIES

- A. **All district matches shall be completed by Friday, April 20, 2018.**
- B. **The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).**
For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments) and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field, and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.
Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.
- C. In Class 4A, 5A, and 6A, the first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each district shall advance into the play-off series.
- D. In Classes 4A, 5A and 6A team finishers shall be determined in percentage of games won and lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:

1. When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. The team that lost to the other tied team will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings.
2. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
3. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:
 - a) Total the marginal points each tied team had in all district games unless one or more teams received a forfeit (see Forfeit Policy, XIII). Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than four points in any district game. (Example: Winning score, Team A, 4 points; Team B, 1 point; Team A will add three points to its marginal point total and Team B will subtract three points from its marginal point total.) No team will add more nor subtract more than one point in any district game that goes into overtime. The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points, the teams shall advance in the order as to which team won over the other in district play.
 - b) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria in the paragraph(s) above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The two remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won over the other in district play.
4. Should it become necessary for a representative to be determined by lot, the chairman of the district will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the representative.
5. If the first, second, third, or fourth place team does not elect to play or is ineligible to play in the elimination games, the Board of Directors shall select the next team in line which will represent the district in the play-off series.
- E. The OSSAA recommends the host school provide ball shaggers in all district and play-off matches to eliminate wasted time.
- F. In Class 4A the 32 team bracket, and in Classes 5A and 6A the 16 team bracket for the play-off series has been predetermined. Teams will be bracketed accordingly. A copy of the brackets can be found in the OSSAA Soccer Manual, on the soccer page of the www.ossaa.com website.
- G. Throughout the play-off series, no contest may be started or (resumed) after 3 hours from the original scheduled start time. (Unless mutually agreed upon prior to the game). For example, a game is **scheduled to start** at 6:00p.m. if interrupted and not resumed by 9:00p.m. it shall be considered a complete game if 60 minutes have been played or it shall be suspended for that day. (This creates a 3 hour window from the start of the **scheduled kick-off**).
- H. In the play-off series, all matches will not be considered complete until at least 60 minutes have been played.
- I. Teams may suit up a maximum of 22 squad members for the play-off series.
- J. **Class 4A Play-Off Information**
 1. The first round of the Class 4A play-offs shall be played on April 27, 2018 on the home field of the district winners and runners up.
 2. The second round of the Class 4A play-offs shall be played on May 1, 2018. The games shall be played on the home field of the district winner providing the district winner advances. In the event they do not advance, the team that did not host a game in the first round shall have the home field unless neither team had a home game in the first round, then the team on the even-numbered line of the respective championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years will host and the teams on the odd-numbered lines of the respective championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years will host.

3. The third round of the Class 4A play-offs shall be played on May 4, 2018. The home games shall be played on the home field of the district winner providing the district winner advances. In the event they do not advance, the team that did not host a game in the second round shall have the home field unless neither team had a home game in the second round, then the team on the even-numbered line of the respective championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years will host and the teams on the odd-numbered lines of the respective championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years will host. If both District champions advance, the home team will be determined by the odd-even line system.
4. The semi-final round of the Class 4A play-offs shall be played on May 8, 2018. The home field shall be determined by:
 - A. Total the number of home play-off matches each team has played. If one team has played more matches at home than the other team, the home field shall be the team with the least number of home matches.
 - B. If both teams have played the same number of home matches, the home field shall be determined by the team which did not host a home match in the immediate preceding round.
 - C. If both teams have played the same number of home matches and in the event both teams hosted or did not host a match in the immediate preceding round, the home field shall be determined by the team representing the odd-numbered lines in the odd-numbered calendar years and the even-numbered lines in the even-numbered calendar years.

K. Class 5A & 6A Play-Off Information

1. The first round of the Class 5A and 6A play-offs shall be played on May 1, 2018 on the home field of the district winners and runners up.
 2. The second round of the Class 5A and 6A play-offs shall be played on May 4, 2018. The home field for all second round games shall be played on the home field of the district winner providing the district winner advances. In the event they do not advance, the team that did not host a game in the first round shall have the home field unless neither team had a home game in the first round, then the team on the even-numbered line of the respective championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years will host and the teams on the odd-numbered lines of the respective championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years will host.
 3. The semi-final round of the Class 5A and 6A play-offs shall be played on May 8, 2018. The home field shall be determined by:
 - A. Total the number of home play-off matches each team has played. If one team has played more matches at home than the other team, the home field shall be the team with the least number of home matches.
 - B. If both teams have played the same number of home matches, the home field shall be determined by the team which did not host a home match in the immediate preceding round.
 - C. If both teams have played the same number of home matches and in the event both teams hosted or did not host a match in the immediate preceding round, the home field shall be determined by the team representing the odd-numbered lines in the odd-numbered calendar years and the even-numbered lines in the even-numbered calendar years.
- L. **In the play-offs series, unless mutually agreed upon by the participating schools, game times shall be 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm for sites hosting two play-off games, and 7:00 pm for sites hosting one game only.**
- M. The OSSAA may adjust play-off dates due to head coaching conflicts or any other unforeseen circumstances.
- N. By mutual agreement between schools, either home field or a mutual field may be selected for the play-off site. In the event this occurs, the school that was scheduled to host will be charged the home game.
- O. A representative of the home school shall serve as the play-off match manager. If the match is to be played on a neutral field, a school official shall be mutually agreed upon to serve as match manager. The match manager shall be responsible for all match arrangements.
- P. Delayed telecasts must be approved by the principals of both schools and the OSSAA office. **NOTE:** There will be no radio broadcast fee for any OSSAA sponsored championship series.
- Q. The price for all rounds of the State Tournament will be \$7.00 for adults and students.

- R. Complimentary admissions for the play-offs will be as follows:
 - 1. The OSSAA complimentary pass is the only pass that will admit the holder to a play-off event. A driver's license must be shown with all complimentary passes. These passes are not transferable.
 - 2. Bands and cheerleaders of competing schools.
 - 3. Any workers that aid in the administration of the match.
- S. The match officials will be selected and contracted by the two schools involved in all first, and second rounds of the play-offs. Officials should be selected from within a reasonable distance. The OSSAA will select and pay the officials for the semi-final and state championship matches. A three-person officials' crew will be used in all play-off matches.
If an official has to be replaced after mutual agreement has been reached, the host school should notify the visiting school.
- T. All other expenses incurred in handling the play-off matches shall be borne by the team designated as the home team. The home team shall have all concession rights. The home school shall furnish a new ball or an acceptable used ball for the match.
- U. In the championship matches, the OSSAA will only reimburse the traveling teams at a rate set by the OSSAA Board of Directors at their annual June meeting.
- V. Schools should notify the OSSAA in advance of the play-offs of potential prom or end-of-school conflicts. The OSSAA will cooperate with all member schools to aid in avoiding end-of-school conflicts.
- W. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.

VII. TIES IN REGULAR SEASON AND PLAY-OFF MATCHES

- A. Regular Season Matches - If the match is tied at the end of regulation time, teams will go directly to the penalty kick tie-breaking procedure (see #2 below). The penalty kick procedure will apply only to high school varsity games.
- B. District and Play-off Matches - When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.
 - 1. There shall be two **ten**-minute sudden victory overtime periods. The team who scores the first goal will be declared the winner and the match will be terminated.
 - a. At the end of the first sudden victory period, teams shall change ends.
 - b. There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.
 - 2. If the score remains tied, all coaches, officials, and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the penalty kick procedure as outlined below:
PENALTY KICK PROCEDURE:
 - a. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty line shall be taken.
 - b. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, at the conclusion of sudden victory overtime periods, (or in regular season games at the end of regulation) with the exception of those that may have been disqualified or players out due to a concussion, to take the kicks.
 - c. A coin toss shall be held as in 5-2-2 (e). The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
 - d. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
 - e. The defending team may change the goal keeper prior to each penalty kick.
 - f. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
 - g. Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory.
 - 3. If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:
 - a. Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
 - b. If the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 3-a.
- C. Misconduct Procedures
 - 1. Cautioned Players
 - a. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned after he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick again until one complete set of five kicks has been completed beyond the set of kicks in which the caution was issued.
 - b. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned before he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks must take the cautioned player's original turn.

- c. When a goalkeeper is issued a caution during any set of five kicks, he/she cannot re-enter until the next opponent completes his/her kick. A substitution is permitted for the cautioned goalkeeper.
2. Disqualified Players
- a. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified may not participate any further. If his/her kick is not already completed, a substitute is permitted.
- Examples:
- Player "X" is one of the first five kickers, and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player "X" is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 11th kick.
- b. Player "X" is one of the second set of five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player "X" is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.
 - c. Player "X" is a kicker in any set of five kickers and is cautioned before taking his/her kick. Player "X" is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Player "x's" kick in the set of five in which he/she was cautioned must be taken by another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks.

VIII. OFFICIALS FOR NON-DISTRICT AND DISTRICT MATCHES

- A. Three certified OSSAA soccer officials (have paid enrollment fee and passed the current season National Federation Soccer Test) should be used in all varsity high school soccer matches. **NOTE:** This includes both non-district and district matches.
- B. If an official fails to arrive for a scheduled match and a replacement official is needed, the coaches will attempt to find an enrolled OSSAA soccer official to officiate the match. If an additional official cannot be found, the match may be played by using the dual system of officiating.
- C. It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet the game officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre-game and half-time activities, foul weather protocol, etc. The game administrator should also record the official's identification numbers. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge should advise the head official as to the location where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise. Also, someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest. **NOTE:** This applies to regular season as well as play-off contests.
- D. Schools may experiment with the three whistle system of officiating during scrimmage matches and scrimmage tournaments only.

IX. RULES

The National Federation soccer rules shall be the official rules for soccer along with any modification or exceptions as designated by the OSSAA.

X. YELLOW CARDS, RED CARDS, AND PLAYER EJECTION RULES

- A. Yellow card – by National Federation Rule: A cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Should the team with the cautioned player elect to play shorthanded, the cautioned player may not re-enter nor be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity. **Any player receiving 3 yellow cards in a season must sit out the next contest at the same level of play. Coaches shall report yellow cards to Morgan Liebel, mliebel@ossaa.com. Game officials will report all cards issued in a contest to the accumulator. (District chairpersons will be designated by the OSSAA.) District chairpersons will be listed first in the Districts. A violation of this rule may result in a penalty imposed on the coach and/or team by the OSSAA Yellow cards will reset to zero at the conclusion of the regular season unless a player receives a 3rd card in the last regular season match. A player receiving the 3rd yellow in the last regular season match must sit out the first play-off match.**
- B. Any player ejected must miss the next regularly scheduled match on the same level of competition and any other games in between. This will include all red card situations with no exceptions. This rule applies to scrimmages, regular season and play-off matches.
- C. Any player disqualified (red card) during the course of the game, for whatever reason, cannot be replaced.
- D. Any player whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a match official will be automatically suspended from participating in the next THREE regularly scheduled matches on the same level of competition that his/her team plays and any other games in between. This rule applies to pre-season, regular season, and play-off matches.
- E. Any player ejected for spitting at an opposing player or official shall be suspended from participating in the next THREE regularly scheduled matches on the same level of competition that his/her team plays and any other games in between.
- F. Any team receiving three red cards during the soccer season will be placed on warning for one year and any additional red cards issued during that season could result in additional penalties.

- G. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal. A disqualified student shall forfeit the right to participate in at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal (exception: soccer). A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays (exception: soccer). Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; biting an opponent or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.
- Any substitute or team member, who leaves the team bench and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individual/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season. Yellow card combinations would not count toward this rule for ending an athletic season.
- H. All red cards issued to underclassmen will be carried over to the next season if the athlete has not sat out his/her required number of matches. Matches must be at the same level of competition and any other games in between and will begin with the regular season on March 1. An athlete may participate during the pre-season.
- I. It is the coach's/school's responsibility to make sure a player or coach sits out the next match or matches when he/she has been red carded regardless of whether or not the school has received the official's report.
- J. If a fight between players occurs after a soccer match, both teams could be subject to probation and any other appropriate penalties by the OSSAA.

XI. GENERAL REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

- A. From the first day of school until the state championship finals, school personnel or anticipated school personnel (coaches, lay coaches, trainers, etc.) will not be permitted to coach, train, or have any contact with the school's team members or potential school's team members (grades 9-12) on a non-school team. **NOTE:** Boys' coaches may coach girls on a non-school team and girls' coaches may coach boys on a non-school team.
- B. Anytime during a match when the score differential reaches ten, the match will be over.
- C. A preferential list of officials form will be used by coaches for their input on selecting soccer officials for the state championship finals (**form is located in OSSAA Soccer Manual**).
- D. Teams and fans shall be placed on opposite sides of the playing field unless facilities would prohibit it.
- E. It is mandatory for all head coaches or a designated school representative to attend one of the OSSAA state rules meetings for soccer. Penalty for failure to attend will result in penalties against the team and/or coach.
- F. Junior Varsity games will not be counted towards an individual limit of twelve matches.
- G. When there is not organized physical education class scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day, not to exceed in length that of a regular school hour (60 minutes), for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes, not to exceed in length that of a regular class period, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified school coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period.
- H. A designated sponsor or coach shall be in charge of the training and participation of contestants. Any voluntary assistance rendered by parties other than a designated sponsor or coach must be with the approval of the administration and will not relieve the designated sponsor or coach of his responsibility.

1. When an official has banished a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the contest and there is not other designated assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited.
2. Any school in violation of this section of the rules shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school, and the school or team in violation shall be placed on warning.
3. Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regularly scheduled game, meet or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and playoff activities. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team anytime during the contest. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time, nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- I. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game shall be forfeited and the school automatically placed on probation.
- J. Only the team, coaches, trainers, managers, school personnel, etc., shall be permitted on the sideline during a contest.
- K. If junior varsity matches are played on separate nights from varsity matches, junior varsity teams may have the option of playing 40 minute halves. If junior varsity matches are played on the same nights of varsity matches, halves will be limited to 30 minutes.
- L. Junior high teams will play 30-minute halves.
- M. Rosters shall be presented to the opposing coach and center official before each contest (form is located in OSSAA Soccer Manual).
- N. Any time one team is competing against another, they may film without the consent of the other team.
- O. A team will not be allowed to play any home matches unless its soccer goals meet National Federation soccer regulations. **NOTE:** Refer to the 2017-2018 National Federation Soccer Rules Book.
- P. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site, after the site has been announced, in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.
- Q. The OSSAA disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to anger, bait, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin.
- R. At the State Tournament, the teams must stay on the field for the completion of the awards ceremony or the school could be subject to penalty.
- S. Please see your athletic director or principal for precautionary recommendations concerning AIDS and Hepatitis B.

XII. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

XIII. FORFEIT POLICY AND SUSPENDED GAME

- A. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the regular season is the forfeiture of all contests involved in with the following exception: Refer to Forfeiture For Use of Ineligible Athlete Policy in the 2017-2018 OSSAA Administrators Handbook.
- B. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the play-offs is the forfeiture of most recently played game. The exception in A above will also apply.
- C. Any high school team that is unable to play a district soccer match and forfeits, will be eliminated from the OSSAA play-off system.
- D. Due to the four point marginal point system used to determine tie breakers for the first, second, third, and fourth place finishers, any previously forfeited or remaining matches played by a team that is unable to play a district match will not count in the district standings.
- E. Suspended game: By National Federation Rule, in the event a district or play-off game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one-half of the game has been played, or if the game is tied, the

suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day including all yellow or red cards that were issued.

XIV. SANCTIONING RULE

- A. No member school shall compete in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested State Associations including the National Federation, if required.
- B. All athletic events where three or more schools participate in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the OSSAA sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school, or any non-school individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned.
- C. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the OSSAA for endorsement and approval.

XV. AWARDS

- A. Quarter final round – Team plaques will be awarded to winners of quarter final matches.
- B. Semi-final round - Team plaques will be presented to winners of semi final matches.
- C. State - Team trophies will be presented to the state champions and runner-ups. Individual medals will be given to 22 team members of the state champions and runners-up along with a coach's achievement plaque to the head coach.
- D. The OSSAA will send the appropriate trophies, plaques, and medals to the play-off sites.

XVI. POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- A. When available, the official time should be kept on a field clock. If a field clock is not available, the time shall be kept by the head referee.
 1. Before the match starts, the head referee should notify the head coaches of where the official time will be kept.
- B. The jurisdiction of the officials begins when they enter the field of play. The officials' jurisdiction ends through the completion of any required reports or correspondence in response to any action occurring while the officials have jurisdiction.
 1. Officials should be receptive to administrative input concerning inclement weather. Remember, at all times, the safety of the players is top priority.
- C. Officials Jersey - In the event of a color conflict between the officials and either team, the officials shall change to a jersey of a color distinct from both teams.
- D. Legal goals and field markings should be used. Refer to the 2017-2018 National Federation Soccer Rules Book.
 1. Coaches and officials should notify the OSSAA of any problems related to goals and field markings.
- E. Schools must provide a safe field and environment for teams to play within. An administrator from the home team should be present to monitor crowd control. Fans are not to be allowed on the sidelines or in the team box.

XVII. OFFICIALS AND PROTEST

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and OSSAA sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the OSSAA and have passed Part I of the current National Federation rules examination for that sport.
 1. These regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, **soccer**, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades. It is strongly recommended that certified officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th-12th grades.
- B. NOT HONORING A PROTEST

OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.
- C. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails

to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

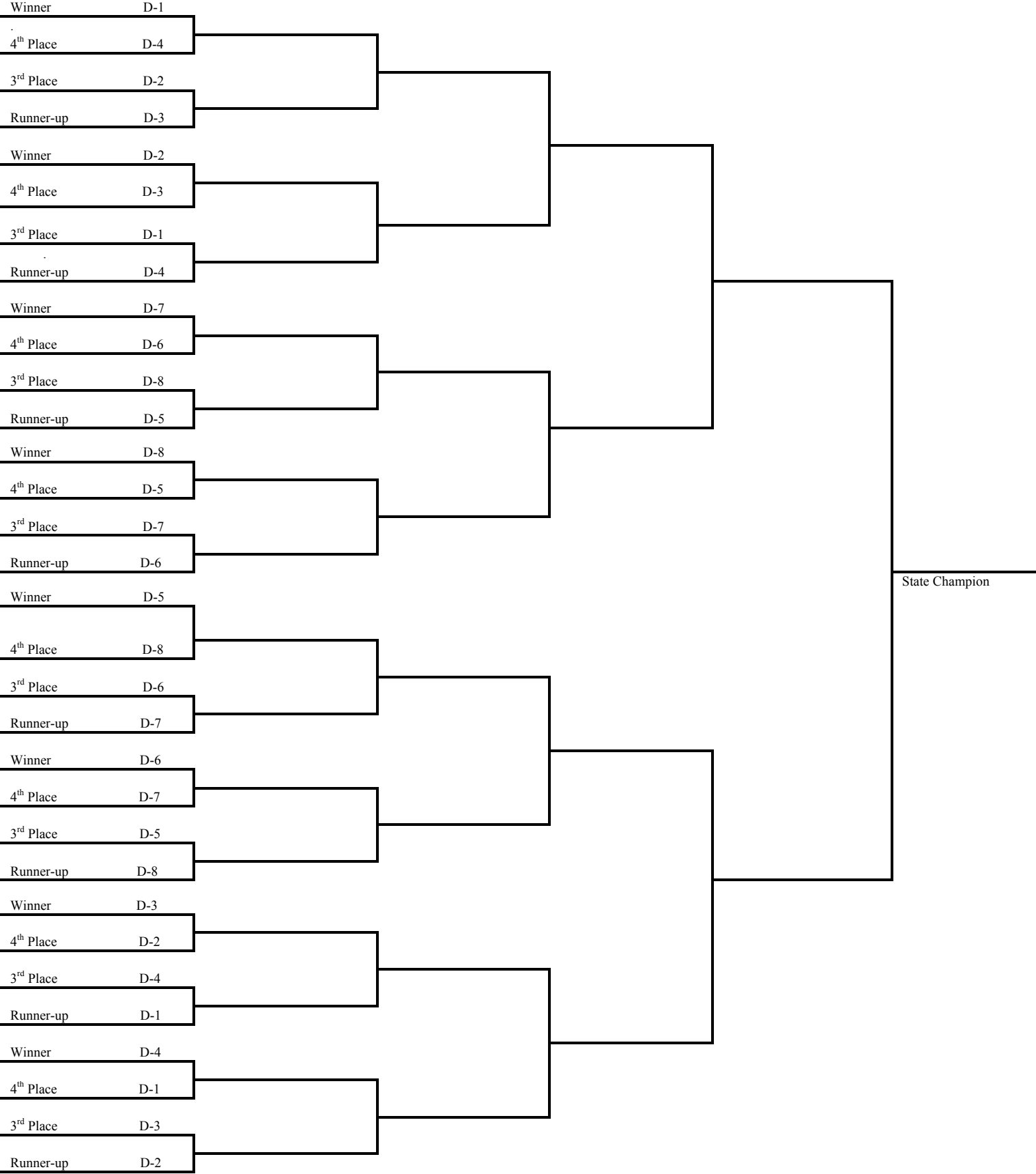
XVIII. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. Each class of boys and girls soccer teams may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards. Grades are based on the first semester GPA. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.)
The 22 players (all players suiting up if less than 22) who suit up for the last district game.
- B. Awards will be given for each class based on 4.0 grading system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. If you have a weighted grading system, you must still use the 4.0 system for computing qualifications for this award.
 1. Academic Achievement Certificate - Teams must have a minimum of a 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque - Teams must have a minimum of a 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 3. State Soccer Academic Champion Trophy - The team with the highest qualifying GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.
- C. Awards presentations will be as follows:
 1. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship tournament.
 2. The state championship trophy for each class will be presented to the winning teams at the state soccer championship tournament.
- D. It is your responsibility to complete the academic achievement application and return it to the OSSAA postmarked no later than April 30, 2018 or faxed no later than May 1, 2018 (**form found on the Soccer link at www.ossaa.com**).

XIX. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course prior to their participation as a coach in an OSSAA regular season contest.
- B. All coaches in grades 7-12 are required to complete the online Concussion Management video and the Heat Illness video at www.nfhslearn.com. Schools are responsible for implementing a system to make sure their coaches are in compliance with the regulation.
- C. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules.
- D. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- E. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- F. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- G. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- H. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- I. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- J. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- K. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- L. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- M. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- N. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- O. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- P. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- Q. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

XX. OSSAA CLASS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF BRACKET



XXI. OSSAA CLASS 5A-6A CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF BRACKET



XXII. HISTORY OF BOYS' SOCCER CHAMPIONS

2017	6A	Broken Arrow
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Ft. Gibson
2016	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Heritage Hall
	4A	Verdigris
2015	6A	Norman North
	5A	Deer Creek
	4A	Santa Fe South
2014	6A	Norman North
	5A	Heritage Hall
	4A	Santa Fe South
2013	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Heritage Hall
	4A	Poteau
2012	6A	Norman North
	5A	Northwest Classen
	4A	Mt. Saint Mary
2011	6A	Broken Arrow
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2010	6A	Norman North
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2009	6A	Edmond Santa Fe
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Santa Fe South
2008	6A	Edmond Memorial
	5A	Booker T. Washington
	4A	Cascia Hall
2007	6A	Union
	5A	Bishop McGuinness
	4A	Cascia Hall
2006	6A	Jenks
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2005	5A	Union
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2004	5A	Edmond North
	4A	Catoosa
2003	5A	Norman North
	4A	Bishop McGuinness
2002	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Chickasha
2001	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Booker T. Washington
2000	5A	Norman North
	4A	Booker T. Washington
1999	5A	Norman
	4A	Chickasha
1998	5A	Union
	4A	Booker T. Washington
1997	5A	Norman
	4A	Booker T. Washington
1996	5A	Edmond Santa Fe
	4A	Chickasha
1995	5A	Tulsa Union
	4A	Chickasha
1994	5A	Edmond Memorial
	4A	Tulsa Edison
1993	5A	Norman
	4A	Tulsa Edison
1992	5A	Booker T. Washington
	4A	Tulsa Edison
1991	5A	Jenks
1990	5A	Jenks
1989	5A	Jenks
1988	5A	Tulsa Edison
1987	5A	Jenks
1986	5A	Norman
1985	5A	Booker T. Washington

HISTORY OF GIRLS' SOCCER CHAMPIONS

2017	6A	Union
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Clinton
2016	6A	Union
	5A	Claremore
	4A	Harrah
2015	6A	Union
	5A	Deer Creek
	4A	Glenpool
2014	6A	Norman North
	5A	Deer Creek (Edmond)
	4A	Verdigris
2013	6A	Bishop Kelley
	5A	Deer Creek (E)
	4A	Verdigris
2012	6A	Bishop Kelley
	5A	Deer Creek (Edmond)
	4A	Verdigris
2011	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Verdigris
2010	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Vacated
2009	6A	Jenks
	5A	Deer Creek
	4A	Vacated
2008	6A	Union
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Bishop McGuinness
2007	6A	Union
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2006	6A	Jenks
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2005	5A	Norman
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2004	5A	Norman
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2003	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2002	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2001	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2000	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
1999	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
1998	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Chickasha
1997	5A	Norman
	4A	Pryor
1996	5A	Norman
	4A	Catoosa
1995	5A	Norman
	4A	Deer Creek-Edmond
1994	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Edmond North
1993	5A	Jenks
1992	5A	Norman
1991	5A	Norman
1990	5A	Edmond Memorial
1989	5A	Broken Arrow
1988	5A	Jenks
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NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Purpose: The purpose of the OSSAA speech contests is to provide statewide speech competitions that foster high performance standards, nurture aesthetic development and reinforce the many functions of speech within the society. Although the OSSAA will support individual and group objectives, it is the responsibility of the director/coach to define and meet these goals within the students' educational, socio-cultural environment.
- B. Legislative Procedure: Like all OSSAA regulations, the speech competition regulations have been formulated by the OSSAA Board of Directors and can be changed only by that group. These regulations, however, are under constant study and the Speech Advisory Committee may make recommended changes to the OSSAA Board of Directors.

II. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. The Speech Advisory Committee is composed of two representatives from each speech classification. A coach who participates in more than one classification is eligible to represent only the larger classification.
 1. Classes 5A and 6A: One member from each classification shall be from schools in the Greater Oklahoma City Area and schools assigned to the West 5A-6A Regional Speech and Debate Tournament and one member from each classification shall be from schools in the Greater Tulsa Area and schools assigned to the East 5A-6A Regional Speech and Debate Tournament.
 2. Classes 3A and 4A: One member from each classification shall be from the NW or SW quadrants and one member from each classification shall be from the NE or SE quadrants. Each quadrant shall be comprised of the OSSAA Board of Directors zones NW, NE, SW, and SE with a distribution of member schools as equal as permitted of approximately nineteen or twenty counties per quadrant.
 3. Each quadrant shall comprise the following counties:
 - a) NW QUADRANT: Alfalfa, Beaver, Blaine, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant, Harper, Kay, Kingfisher, Logan, Major, Oklahoma, Roger Mills, Texas, Woods, and Woodward.
 - b) NE QUADRANT: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Lincoln, Mayes, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington.
 - c) SW QUADRANT: Beckham, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Comanche, Cotton, Garvin, Grady, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Love, McClain, Murray, Stephens, Tillman, and Washita.
 - d) SE QUADRANT: Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Cleveland, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Marshall, McCurtain, McIntosh, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottowatomie, Pushmataha, Seminole, and Sequoyah.
- B. ELECTIONS: One member from classes 3A and 4A and one member from classes 5A and 6A will be elected by all member speech schools each year. Nominations shall be made by primary ballot from members of the school classification they represent. The names of the two nominees having the highest number of votes in the primary election shall appear on a ballot to be submitted to all speech member schools.
- C. VACANCIES: Not more than two new members will be elected each year. Cases of death, resignation, removal, or disqualification from office will result in appointment by the Advisory Committee at least 7 days prior to the next scheduled speech advisory committee meeting to fulfill the remainder of the term.
- D. TERM OF OFFICE: A regular term of office is four years and may be extended to avoid electing more than two new members in one year. A member is not limited to the number of terms he or she may serve if elected.
- E. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: The OSSAA Speech Director will serve as chairman of the Speech Advisory Committee. Unless a special meeting is called, the committee will meet annually in May.
- F. SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
 1. To work in the tab room at the state tournament for the duration of the contest.
 2. To work in the tab room at the regional tournament.
 3. To set up and break down the state and regional speech tournament as requested by the OSSAA.
 4. To attend the Fall Coaches Meeting.
 5. To attend all OSSAA Speech Committee meetings for their duration as set by the OSSAA office.
 6. To contact in writing the schools represented.
 7. To represent the best interests of all students and schools in one's class by collecting information concerning the activity throughout the year.
 8. To serve in an advisory capacity to the OSSAA Director of Speech Activities.

ELECTION CYCLES - SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 2019	East	6A	East	3A
September 2020	East	5A	West	4A
September 2017	West	6A	West	3A
September 2018	West	5A	East	4A

SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
6A East	Kelly McCracken	August 2019
6A West	Martin Glendinning	August 2021
5A East	Jennifer Denslow	August 2020
5A West	Michael Patterson	August 2018
4A East	Brenda Neal	August 2018
4A West	Paula McConnell	August 2020
3A East	Jody Batie	August 2019
3A West	Jason Paris	August 2021

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**A. Eligibility**

1. Member schools and associate member schools shall be eligible by complying with the constitution and rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Schools participating in the competitive speech program will be assessed a \$40 fee in addition to the regular service fee.
2. All students shall comply with the eligibility rules governing non-athletic activities as outlined in the Speech and Debate Manual of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.
3. Student(s) participating at a qualifying, regional or state tournament must be accompanied by a certified teacher employed by that school district for a minimum of one class period daily or an administrator employed by that school district. For schools using the A-B Block, the teacher must be employed for a minimum of one class period per A-B cycle. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of all students from that school at that tournament. Appropriate drop fees will be charged. Exception: medical emergencies arising during tournament.
- *4. Any student found using tobacco and/or destroying property on the grounds of the tournament shall be disqualified and expelled from the tournament.
5. A team roster using first and last names must be submitted to the OSSAA before a school is eligible to compete in qualifying tournaments. Rosters must be amended to reflect any new competitors.
6. The OSSAA Rule Affidavit must be submitted by the coach(es) before a school is eligible to compete in qualifying tournaments.
7. Any qualifications earned prior to submitting a roster and Rule Affidavit to OSSAA will be nullified and the next student moved up to the qualifying slot.
8. A student who has previously qualified for regionals and/or state competition loses those qualifications upon changing schools. This loss of qualification will not result in moving up another contestant from those previous tournaments.

B. New Rules For the 2017-2018 Season

1. Regional One-Act plays to be 1 week later in 2018-19.
2. 5A/6A Speech Regionals to be moved up 1 week to March 9-10 for the 2017-2018 calendar. 3A/4A will remain on March 16-17.
3. Increase entry fees for regional and state speech competition to \$6 for group 1 events and \$12 for group 2 events.
4. Add to rule IX, E "All judges are required to keep time".
5. Amend rule IX C-9 changing the last three sentences to "Final speaker order will be determined by random draw. Schools will not be separated."
6. Add to rule VII C, after the word "photocopy," insert "electronic scans, photos or other direct facsimiles of the original cutting."
7. Insert "properties" after "sound effects" on rule XI H-4.
8. Add to rule VII A-6: "When identifying additional qualifiers created by previously qualified students, additional qualifiers must have competed in finals."
9. Add 3A/4A public forum as a pilot program for the 2017-2018 school year. The students may place, qualify for regionals and state, but not receive sweepstakes points.
10. Add the following to rule B 21 on page SPE 13: In 5A/6A individual events, when a disparity of more than eight regional entries that actually compete exists in a specific event, the smaller region will be guaranteed eight qualifications to state and the larger region will get eight qualifications to state plus additional qualifications at a rate of one to four ratio of whole numbers with no rounding for fractions up to a maximum of 24 total entries to state in that particular event. When the number of entry disparity between the two regions is eight or less, the original state qualification formula will be applied.

IV. ENTRY PROCEDURES

A. Qualifying Tournament

1. Entry Form - Enter by invitation only. Call or write the tournament director for an invitation and entry form.
2. Entry Deadline - Determined by qualifying tournament director.
3. Entry Fee - Entry fees for OSSAA qualifying contest will be a maximum of \$3 per individual event and \$6 per duet, \$5 per Lincoln-Douglas debater and \$10 per cross examination debate team and public forum team.
4. Fee/Cancellation - Entry fees will be assessed based on the entry on Monday prior to the tournament. Entry fees are owed as of that time regardless of the participation of the school or the individual student. Exception for weather: The school principal or superintendent must notify the host tournament director to cancel their participation if the weather is deplorable and dangerous to the safety of the participants to travel on the day of the tournament. A 25% levy against the entry fee or \$30, whichever is lower, must be paid by all schools entered if the tournament is cancelled because of weather and cannot be rescheduled.
5. The tournament director may set a drop and add fee of \$5 maximum for each event dropped or added after 4 PM on Tuesday prior to the contest. CX-LD-PF drop fees: \$25 after 9 AM the day of the tournament; \$50 drops at registration, no shows, or forfeits. IE drop fee: \$20, if reported at registration; \$25, if not. In debate events, all students unable to return to scheduled competition on Saturday must notify the tournament director before registration. Changes made after registration will be counted as "Drop at Registration" and fees will be assessed by the tournament director. Students marked as "Not Returning" will not be reinstated after Round 1 has begun.
6. Judging Requirement - A school must provide one coach or a person who meets the qualifications for judging to serve as a judge for each twelve (12) individual event entries or portion thereof; 1 CX judge per two (2) cross-examination teams or portion thereof; 1 judge per four (4) public forum teams and 1 LD judge per four (4) Lincoln-Douglas entries or portion thereof. Failure to provide said judges will result in an additional flat fee of \$25 per missing IE judge and \$25 per missing debate judge per day that debate rounds are held. Fees will be assessed for a missing judge in each area (i.e., LD, CX, PF). Pro-rata fees may be charged for judges not available for all rounds. **Coaches will be expected to judge. Tournament directors may charge coaches up to \$10 per missed round.**
7. Penalty - Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (entry fees/drop fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in OSSAA speech events the following year until bills are cleared.

B. Regional Tournament

1. Entry Form - Electronic entry form must be submitted by the deadline date.
2. Entry Deadline - The entry deadline is stated on the Qualifying Tournament Schedule and the Regional Entry Form.
3. Entry Fee - Entry fees for the regional contest will be \$6 for each individual or Lincoln-Douglas entry and \$12 for each cross-examination, public forum or duet entry. **A copy of the invoice must accompany each check.**
4. Fee Refund - Entry fees are not refundable.
5. Fee/Cancellation - A fee of \$5 will be charged for each individual event dropped or changed after 9 AM on the Monday prior to the tournament. A fee of \$25 will be charged for cross-examination/Lincoln-Douglas/public forum entries dropped or changed after 9 AM on the Monday prior to the tournament. A \$50 drop fee will be charged for debate drops at registration or no shows/forfeits. A \$20 drop fee will be charged for individual events dropped at registration. A \$50 drop fee will be charged for individual event no shows. The school principal or superintendent must notify the host tournament director to cancel their participation if the weather is deplorable and dangerous to the safety of the participants to travel on the day of the tournament. In debate events, all students unable to return to scheduled competition on Saturday must notify the tournament director before registration. Changes made after registration will be counted as "Drop at Registration" and fees will be assessed by the tournament director. Students marked as "Not Returning" will not be reinstated after Round 1 has begun.
6. Judging Requirement - A school must provide one coach or a person who meets the qualification for judging to serve as a judge for each five (5) individual event entries or portion thereof; 1 CX judge per one (1) cross-examination team; 1 judge per two (2) public forum teams and 1 LD judge per two (2) Lincoln-Douglas entries or portion thereof. Failure to provide said judges will result in an additional fee of \$50 per missing judge. Fees will be assessed for a missing judge in each area (i.e., CX, LD, PF). Note: Judging responsibilities in Section VIII, Subpoint D, #6 and 7. **Coaches will be expected to judge. Required judges must be available 75% of all rounds.**

7. Penalty - Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (entry fees/drop fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in the OSSAA speech events the following year until bills are cleared.
- C. State Tournament
1. Entry Form - Electronic entry form must be submitted by the deadline date.
 2. Entry Deadline - The entry deadline is stated on the Qualifying Tournament Schedule and the Regional Entry Form.
 3. Entry Fee - Entry fees for the state contest will be \$6 for each individual or Lincoln-Douglas entry and \$12 for each cross-examination team, public forum or duet entry. **A copy of the invoice must accompany each check.**
 4. Fee Refund - Entry fees are not refundable.
 5. Fee/Cancellation - Coaches must notify immediately the state tournament director of drops so that the next regional participant may be moved up. Any drop after 9 AM on Monday will result in a \$25 drop fee. A \$50 drop fee will be charged for drops at registration, no shows, or forfeits.
 6. Judging Requirement - A school must provide one coach or a person who meets the qualification for judging to serve as a judge for each five (5) individual event entries or portion thereof; one (1) CX judge per one (1) cross-examination team; one judge per two (2) public forum teams, and one (1) LD judge per two (2) Lincoln-Douglas entries or portion thereof. Failure to provide said judges will result in an additional fee of \$100 per missing judge. Fees will be assessed for a missing judge in each area (i.e., CX, LD, PF). Note: Judging Responsibilities in Section VIII, Subpoint D, # 6 and 7. **Coaches will be expected to judge. Required judges must be available 75% of all rounds.**
 7. Penalty - Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (entry fees/drop fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in OSSAA speech events the following year until bills are cleared.
- D. Regional One-Act Play
1. Entry Form - Electronic entry form must be submitted by the deadline date.
 2. Entry Deadline - The entry deadline is stated on the Qualifying Tournament Schedule and the Regional One-Act Entry Form.
 3. Entry Fee - **A copy of the invoice must accompany each check.** Fees should be paid prior to participation.
 4. Fee Refund - Entry fees are not refundable.
 5. Fee/Cancellation - A \$50 fee will be imposed for any play that drops prior to 9 a.m. the Monday of the contest. After 9:00 a.m. Monday, the drop fee becomes \$100.
 6. Penalty - Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (entry fees/drop fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in OSSAA speech events the following year until bills are cleared.
 7. OSSAA will only fund the contest day of the regional and state competition. All other cost for rehearsal time will be assumed by the participating school.
- E. State One-Act Play
1. Entry Form - Electronic entry form must be submitted by the deadline date.
 2. Entry Deadline - The entry deadline is stated on the Qualifying Tournament Schedule and the State One-Act Entry Form.
 3. Entry Fee - **A copy of the invoice must accompany each check.**
 4. Fee Refund - Entry fees are not refundable.
 5. Fee/Cancellation - A \$50 fee will be imposed for any play that drops prior to 9 a.m. the Monday of the contest. After 9:00 a.m. Monday, the drop fee becomes \$100.
 6. Penalty - Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (entry fees/drop fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in OSSAA speech events the following year until bills are cleared.

V. CLASSIFICATION

A. Senior High

1. High schools will be placed in one of four classes every year according to their ADM of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 as compiled from the records sent to the State Department of Education of the previous year of re-classification.

2. Class 6A, ADM of 1150 and above; Class 5A, ADM of 550 to 1149.99; Class 4A, ADM of 255-549.99; Class 3A, all schools with ADM 254.99 and below.
 3. A school may petition to compete in a higher classification by indicating that on their roster at the beginning of each school year. A school that petitions up must remain in that class for the entire school year. A school may not compete in a class below their regular classification.
 4. Schools will be placed in three classes for one-act plays after entries are received in the OSSAA office. The top one-third according to the ADM of grades 9,10,11, and 12 as compiled from the records sent to the State Department of Education of the year used for speech reclassification will be 6A; the next one-third Class 5A; and the remaining one-third Class 4A.
- B. Ninth Grade
1. Ninth graders may be classed independently according to the ADM of the ninth grade pool from which these competitors may be drawn. **This must be reflected by a separate team roster for that squad.** ADMs between 62.4 and below will compete in 3A; 62.5-129.9 will compete in 4A; 130-287.4 will compete in 5A; and 287.5 and above will compete in 6A.
 2. Students below the ninth grade may not participate in qualifying, regional, or state tournaments or one-act play competition.
 3. A ninth grade student may represent either a high school or ninth grade squad, but his/her submission on the team roster will determine the classification he will represent for the entire year.
 4. Junior High Schools competing in One Act Play competition (9th graders only) will be placed in Class 5A.

VI. EVENTS

- A. Group I Events
1. Original Oratory
 2. Standard Oratory
 3. Prose
 4. Dramatic or Humorous Interpretation
 5. Foreign or Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking
 6. Monologue
 7. Lincoln-Douglas Debate
 8. Poetry
- B. Group II Events
1. Cross-Examination Debate
 2. Humorous or Dramatic Duet
 3. Public Forum Debate (open 3A/4A open 5A/6A)

VII. PARTICIPATION

- A. Limitations
1. A school is limited to a total of eight (8) qualifying tournaments.
 2. No student may enter more than eight (8) qualifying tournaments during a school year. Exception: A student changing schools may enter up to eight (8) qualifying tournaments representing the new school.
 3. No student may enter more than three different events (including group events) in any tournament. A student may not enter both divisions of extemp or two or more divisions of debate in the same tournament. A student may not enter an event more than once at the same tournament.
 4. In all events (except cross-examination debate, public forum debate, extemporaneous speaking and Lincoln-Douglas debate) a student who qualifies for a regional tournament may not enter the same event at any subsequent qualifying tournament prior to regionals. However, this does not prevent the student from entering some other event at a subsequent tournament. Materials used in qualifying tournaments may be changed for regional and state competition.
 5. In Class 6A only, a tournament director may require previously qualified students in debate and extemp to enter the championship division providing the fees are no more than the qualifying division. The tournament director must indicate this requirement in the tournament invitation.
 6. When identifying additional qualifiers created by previously qualified students, additional qualifiers must have competed in finals.
- B. Substitution
1. In case of an emergency situation, a school will be allowed to substitute one team member at the regional and/or state level if the substitution is approved by the Association. A substitution cannot be made at any tournament after competition begins. Substitution will be considered but not limited to illness, death, ineligibility, transfer or removal from the speech program. Substitution will be considered only for individuals who are not present at the competition.

2. At least one of the originally qualified members of the team must remain at all levels of competition.
- C. Material
1. Material used by a student in a state or NFL national tournament from a previous year may not be used again by that student in any event as long as he/she participates in high school activity. Material shall be defined as "title and author."
 2. Published material shall be defined as any material which is published and available to the general public. This excludes any home high school publications (ex: literary anthology, newspaper, school website). Scripts from the Internet are acceptable if they include proof of the source. Blogs are unacceptable sources. If protested: schools are responsible for providing proof of legitimacy which is defined as being under the control of the original artist or producer. The decision of the tournament director and adjudication panel shall be final.
 3. After a protest has been filed with the tournament director, upon notification the coach shall make available a photocopy, electronic scans, photos, or other direct facsimiles of the original script that is in question to the tournament director within 30 minutes.
 - *4. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Hate speech can be defined as speech that is derogatory to a person or group based on race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference, or disability. Use of these may result in lowered ranking by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.
 - *5. All performances must remain faithful to the author's intent.
 6. Original scripts are not allowed except in Original Oratory.
 7. Transcriptions of audio and video performances are not allowed unless provided by the original artist or producer.
- D. Scouting
1. Notes or flow sheets may be taken by students and coaches during any event.
 2. No audio or video recorders will be allowed at any time.
- E. Violation - A violation is an infraction for which the following penalties will be enforced:
1. In individual events, the offender shall be treated as if he/she had never entered the event. His/her name will be stricken from the list of entries and will, therefore, be deprived of any ranking or rating.
 2. In team events the entire team will be treated as if it had not entered the tournament and will, therefore, be deprived of any ranking or rating.
 3. No final rounds will be rerun as a result of disqualification.
 4. In those individual and team events in which participants are ranked 1, 2, 3, etc., the next highest participant will be moved up to fill the vacancy. The rankings of other contestants in the event will be adjusted to reflect the disqualification at both the Regional and State tournaments.
 5. A student who enters a qualifying tournament in an event in which he/she has previously qualified will lose regional qualification in that event for the year (except in debate and extemp).
 6. A student who intentionally harasses or disrupts a contestant during presentation will cause his/her school to be disqualified in all events when reported to the tournament director by the judge.
 7. In addition to the penalties above, cases of plagiarism or evidence falsification will be reported to the OSSAA Administrative Assistant in charge of Speech Activities for further action. Further action could include forfeiting of medal, barring from competition, and barring from judging.
 8. Plagiarism or falsification of evidence in oratory, extemp, or debate shall result in suspension in that event for one calendar year.
 9. Plagiarism is defined as claiming, indicating, or implying that the ideas, sentences, or words of another writer are your own. It includes copying the work of another and presenting it as your own, failing to get away from the language of the original text when paraphrasing, failing to identify the source of a quotation or paraphrase, and following the work of another as a guide to ideas and expression that are then presented as your own.
- F. Protest Procedure
1. Protests must be filed with tournament director within two (2) hours after the conclusion of the round in question or until the start of the awards assembly. (Exception: Original oratory plagiarism and evidence falsification must be reported by May 1st of that school year.)
 2. A protest may be filed by a coach or a judge citing the specific violation(s) in writing. The name of the person filing the protest will not be disclosed.
 3. There is a 30 minute time limit for producing a script and/or articles once the coach has been notified of a protest.
 4. At qualifying tournaments, a protest will be handled in the following way:
 - a. The tournament director will bring together the judge(s), the coach, and an adjudication panel made up of two impartial coaches and the tournament director.
 - b. After review, the tournament director and the two coach panel will render a decision and the tournament director will announce the decision to the coach.

5. At regionals the regional committee will investigate and the tournament director will announce the decision to the coach. At state the state committee will investigate, render a decision, and the tournament director will announce the decision to the coach.
 6. Applicable penalties will be imposed.
 7. Plagiarism, falsification of evidence and egregious violations involving obscenity, profanity, vulgarity, nudity, or hate speech are subject to further action by the OSSAA. **Protests involving a Report for Improper Performance must complete Speech Form N and file with protest.**
 8. All protests at a tournament shall be forwarded to the OSSAA on Speech Form N.
 9. One-Act Play (see Section XIII, Subpoint E., 7)
- G. Breaking Ties
1. Penalty for time violations will be the first criterion for breaking ties. (See Section IX, D.)
 2. Two-way ties will be broken by judges' preference. Based on the ranks given to the two contestants, each judge ranked one of the contestants more favorably than the other. One contestant is always preferred over the other by two judges.
 3. Three-way ties will be broken by converting rank score to percentages with places being awarded by highest percentages. Example: First 100%, second 50%, third 33 1/3%, fourth 25%, fifth 20%, sixth 16 2/3%, seventh 14 1/4%, eighth 12 1/2 %. If two (2) contestants are still tied by percentage, then judges preference will be used.
 4. For samples of using judges preference, see E., 3 under One-Act Play.
- H. Audible pagers and cellular phones are not allowed in any round.
- I. Correction of Errors: Clerical and tab room errors may be corrected up to 9 a.m. Monday morning after the conclusion of the contest or tournament unless another time period is specified in advance by the contest manager/tournament director and the OSSAA.
- J. Qualifying, Regional, and State tournament directors and the state committee are ethically obligated to act upon known rules violations absent a protest. Violations brought to the attention of the tournament director and/or committee members must be in the form of a protest.

VIII. JUDGING

- A. Qualifications - A person serving as a judge in a qualifying, regional, or state tournament should be a speech, debate, or drama teacher; a college student who is majoring in the field of speech, debate, or drama; a lay person who has had experience in speech activities, or a classroom teacher whose cognate field or practical experience qualifies him/her as a competent judge. High school students may not be used to judge in qualifying division.
- B. Number of Judges
1. Quarter-final, semi-final and final rounds of qualifying and regional tournaments will have three judges. Exceptions must be approved by the OSSAA. At qualifying tournaments in debate events, one judge may be used in semis & finals if all participants will qualify for regionals.
 2. In final rounds, should two judges of a three judge panel report a judge incapacitation, the tournament director, regional committee, or state committee shall determine the appropriate course of action which may include re-running the round or determining placement based on the remaining judges ballots. In preliminary rounds at regionals and state, should two judges of a three judge panel or one judge of a two judge panel report a judge incapacitation, the round must be re-run.
- C. School Judging Requirement
1. Qualifying Tournament - A school must provide one coach or a person who meets the qualifications for judging to serve as a judge for each twelve (12) individual event entries or portion thereof; 1 CX judge per two (2) cross-examination teams or portion thereof, 1 judge per every four (4) public forum teams or portion thereof, and 1 LD judge per four (4) Lincoln-Douglas entries or portion thereof. Failure to provide said judges will result in an additional flat fee of \$25 per missing IE judge and \$25 per missing debate judge per day that debate rounds are held. Fees will be assessed for a missing judge in each area (i.e., CX, LD, PF). Note: Judging Responsibilities in Section VIII, Subpoint D, #6 and 7. **Coaches will be expected to judge. Pro-rata fees may be charged for judges not available for all rounds. Tournament directors may charge coaches up to \$10 per missed round.**
 2. Regional Tournament - A school must provide one coach or a person who meets the qualification for judging to serve as a judge for each five (5) individual event entries or portion thereof; 1 CX judge per one (1) cross-examination team; 1 judge per two (2) public forum teams; and 1 LD judge per two (2) Lincoln-Douglas entries or portion thereof. Failure to provide said judges will result in an additional fee of \$50 per missing judge. Fees will be assessed for a missing judge in each area (i.e., CX, LD, PF). Note: Judging Responsibilities in Section VIII, Subpoint D, # 6 and 7. Coaches will be expected to judge all rounds. Judges must meet the judging criteria and be present at least 75% of the rounds to be counted as a judge.

3. State Tournament - A school must provide one coach or a person who meets the qualification for judging to serve as a judge for each five (5) individual event entries or portion thereof; 1 CX judge per one (1) cross-examination team; 1 judge per two (2) public forum teams; and 1 LD judge per two (2) Lincoln-Douglas entries or portion thereof. Failure to provide said judges will result in an additional fee of \$100 per missing judge. Fees will be assessed for a missing judge in each area (i.e., CX, LD, PF). Note: Judging responsibilities in Section VIII, Subpoint D, # 6 and 7. Coaches will be expected to judge all rounds. Judges must meet the judging criteria and be present at least 75% of the rounds to be counted as a judge.
- D. Responsibilities of Judges
1. The judges shall not confer among themselves until all ballots are marked and sealed.
 2. The decision of the judge or judges in all rounds is final. Any pressure or harassment may result in the disqualification of teams and/or individuals of the protesting school.
 3. The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association office will send to the tournament director judging instructions and critique sheets in order that the tournament director will make available to all judges a copy to be studied by the judge in ample time before the start of the tournament.
 4. A coach or other individuals shall not request the tournament director to make a change in judging assignment. Judges shall not exchange ballots without permission from the tournament director.
 5. No smoking will be allowed in the rooms designated for use in competition.
 6. Judges are required to judge one round past their school's elimination. This applies both to elimination rounds of debate and final rounds of individual events. Coaches who do not pick up assigned ballots without prior approval of the tournament director risk disqualification of their team(s).
 7. Coaches and judges are responsible for ballots assigned by the tournament director throughout the tournament. This may necessitate coaches and judges judging in time slots and events in which their students are not competing.
 8. All decisions are to be rendered to the tab room within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the round.
 9. Oral critiques are discouraged. If an oral critique is rendered, it should be constructive in nature, devoid of profanity, and brief.
 10. An entry from a school may be disqualified if a coach interferes with a judging panel.
 11. Debate judges must remain to hear the whole round, including cross-examination and prep time. Additional assessments will be made for infractions.
 12. It is an ethical obligation of coaches, judges connected with a school, and any independent judges not connected with a school to maintain the highest level of integrity and professionalism to give their undivided attention to the judging of the students in the round and not to be engaged on lap tops and/or cell phones playing games, instant messaging, texting, participating in Facebook viewing or conversations or any other distracting activities.

IX. TIMING

- A. Time will not begin until the first word is spoken or character movement made.
- B. A ten (10) second grace period will be allowed in all events.
- C. Penalty for overtime (beyond 10 second grace period) will be loss of one ranking point per judge administered in the tab room. Penalty will be assessed when it is verified that a stop watch or a digital timing device was used by the judge(s). All judges are required to keep time.
- D. In tabulating time penalties, when dropping rank(s) creates a tie, the contestant who performs within the time limits will rank/advance ahead of the contestant who fails to perform within the time limits.
- E. Excessive overtime, thirty (30) seconds overtime in any event, will result in disqualification. (Exception: in final rounds at regionals and state, excessive overtime will result in a rank of last and no sweepstakes points for the offender.)

X. TOURNAMENTS

- A. Qualifying Tournament
 1. Qualifying tournaments shall be invitational tournaments sponsored by any college or high school and approved by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Tournaments sanctioned by the OSSAA for the current school year will be required to have three (3) Oklahoma schools actually compete in a class to be sanctioned again for that class for the following school year. Exceptions may be made by the OSSAA Administrator for Speech Activities. It is recommended that qualifying tournaments be on Saturday and no tournament begin before 2 PM Friday, and no round begin after 9 PM on Friday. If a coach fails to check the eligible schools list and allows an ineligible school to compete at their tournament, the coach will be put on probation. If the same coach fails to check the eligible schools list and allows an ineligible school to compete at their tournament a second year, the coach will not be allowed to host a tournament for one (1) year.
 2. All events must be offered.

3. When three Oklahoma schools are represented in a particular classification at a tournament, the following formula will be used to determine the number of students qualifying for regionals in each event in that classification: 32 students or fewer who actually compete, 3 qualify; 33-45 who actually compete, 4 qualify; 46-60 who actually compete, 5 qualify; 61-75 who actually compete, 6 qualify; 76-90 who actually compete, 7 qualify; 91-105 who actually compete, 8 qualify; 106-120 who actually compete, 9 qualify; 121 or more who actually compete, 10 qualify. When fewer than three Oklahoma schools are represented in a particular classification, only 1 will qualify in each event for regionals in that classification. Tournament directors must notify participating schools by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday if three (3) schools have not entered a qualifying division. Disqualifications will not affect the numbers advancing to the next level of competition. In team events: PF, HD, DD, and CX, the qualifications will be based on the number of students that compete not the number of entries. In all debate events where a championship division is not offered, at time of entry and not to be changed, participants may be declared as non-qualifying, which means they cannot advance to elimination debate, place or be awarded sweepstakes points. Wins will be recorded as wins and losses will be recorded as losses. (No sweepstakes points will be awarded in 3A/4A public forum debate during the 2017-2018 pilot year.)
 4. The names of all qualifiers are to be listed, with their rank on the proper form, and sent to the Association office.
 5. Entry fees - See Section IV, Subpoint A, 3.
 6. If an event has more than four sections, the next round must be semi-finals with at least two contestants advanced from each section. No section is to exceed eight (8) contestants at any time. If an event has more than twelve (12) sections, 96 competitors, the next round must be quarter-finals with one (1) judge. A semi-finals with three (3) judges must follow.
 7. Judges are to rank all contestants in preliminaries and final rounds.
 8. Fee/Cancellation - See Section IV, Subpoint A, 4.
 9. All tournaments will follow the sweepstakes rules outlined in the OSSAA Speech Regulations. Note: No event is to be deleted. Sweepstakes awards for qualifying tournaments will be determined by the following point system: **Cross-examination debate** -- First place, nine (9) points; Second place, eight (8) points; third place, seven (7) points; fourth place, six (6) points. All teams not placing first, second, third or fourth, but in the quarter-finals, four (4) points; octa-finalists two (2) points. When quarter-finals do not occur, (4) points will be awarded to 5th through 8th place. **Lincoln-Douglas debate** - First place, seven (7) points; second place, six (6) points; third place, five (5) points; fourth place, four (4) points. All quarter finalists not placing first, second, third, or fourth, two (2) points; octa-finalists one (1) point. When quarter-finals do not occur, (2) points will be awarded to 5th through 8th place. **Public Forum debate** – First place, six (6) points; second place, five (5) points; third place, four (4) points; fourth place, three (3) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third, or fourth, two (2) points. **Duets** - First place, six (6) points; second place, five (5) points; third place, four (4) points; fourth place, three (3) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third, or fourth, two (2) points. **Individual events** - First place, five (5) points; second place, four (4) points; third place, three (3) points; fourth place, two (2) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third, or fourth, one (1) point.
 10. No out-of-state schools may participate in qualifying division of competition.
 11. Violation of OSSAA rules or failure to return results within one week of the tournament may result in forfeiture of hosting an OSSAA sanctioned speech event.
 12. Drop Fee - See Section IV, Subpoint A, 5.
- B. Regional Tournament
1. Regional tournament sites will be determined by the Board of Directors of the OSSAA.
 2. Classes 6A and 5A will have two (2) regionals with a minimum of eight (8) students or teams qualifying for state in each event. See Rule #21 for specific formula.
 3. Classes 4A and 3A will have four (4) regionals with four (4) students or teams qualifying for state in each event. See Rule #21 for specific formula.
 4. A regional committee will be appointed by the OSSAA Office. The tournament director will be included plus a representative from each class and an alternate from each class.
 5. Duties of the committee will be the following:
 - a) To preside over decisions concerning rules violations and/or interpretations.
 - b) To assist tournament director in bracketing, sectioning, and securing of judges.
 - c) To tabulate results.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Northwest Committee	Nick Bradt, Tournament Director 4A Chris Eckhardt, Alva 3A Ginny Dobrinski, Okeene	Kimberly Weast, Site Coordinator Linda Soudek, Hennessey Rebecca Owen, Shattuck
Southwest Committee	Lyn Westmoreland, Tournament Director 4A Paula McConnell, Marlow	Robin Jones, Site Coordinator Paul Baker, Bethany

	3A Bill Flesher, Hollis	Brandi Waldroop, Navajo
Northeast Committee	Jody Batie, Tournament Director 4A Jessica Mathews, Keys 3A Robert Odle, Mounds	Brenda Neal, Site Coordinator Amanda Ray, Tahlequah (Sequoyah) TBA
Southeast Committee	Davida Smith, Tournament Director 4A Cherie Serre, Prague 3A Charlotte Fitzgerald, Tahlihana	John Bolander, Seminole State Amy White, Muldrow David Wright, Riverfield
West Committee	Martin Glendinning, Tournament Director 6A Robin Robinson, Edmond Santa Fe 5A Mike Patterson, Guymon	Jana Harrison, Edmond North Brett Young, Putnam City North Ryan Swartz, Bishop McGuinness
East Committee	Jennifer Denslow, Tournament Director 6A Kelly McCracken, Booker T. Washington 5A Keith Denslow, Skiatook	Betty Fisher-Stanton, Site Coordinator Christian Jones, Union David Galoob, Cascia Hall

6. Regional tournament assignments and contest sites may be found on Schedule B. If a school is not listed, the coach should contact the OSSAA office by Oct. 1 to be assigned. Schools may be asked to attend a different regional to equalize the contest size. Schools may be required to attend a different regional due to a change in school classification.
7. The names of all finalists are to be listed with their rank on the proper form, and sent to the Association office. Four alternates in each event, listed in order, should also be sent to the Association office.
8. No student may enter more than three different events (including group events) at the regional tournament.
9. Sweepstakes awards for regional tournaments will be determined by the following point system: **Cross-examination debate** - First place, nine (9) points; second place, eight (8) points; third place, seven (7) points; fourth place, six (6) points. All teams not placing first, second, third or fourth but in the quarter finals - four (4) points; octa-finals - two (2) points. When quarter-finals do not occur, 4 points will be awarded to 5th - 8th place. **Lincoln-Douglas debate** - First place, seven (7) points; second place, six (6) points; third place, five (5) points; fourth place, four (4) points. Debaters who reach quarter finals, two (2) points; octa-finals, one (1) point. When quarter-finals do not occur, 2 points will be awarded to 5th - 8th place. When quarter-final rounds are held in debate, no shows will not be awarded sweeps points. Exception: When teams from the same school meet themselves. **Public Forum debate** - First place, six (6) points; second place, five (5) points; third place, four (4) points; fourth place, three (3) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third, or fourth, one (2) points. **Duets** - First place, six (6) points; second place, five (5) points; third place, four (4) points; fourth place, three (3) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third, or fourth, two (2) points. **Individual events**: First place, five (5) points; second place, four (4) points; third place, three (3) points; fourth place, two (2) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third or fourth, one (1) point. Sweepstakes ties will not be broken. Note: No event is to be deleted (no sweepstakes points will be awarded in 3A/4A public forum debate during the 2017-2018 pilot year.)
10. Entry Fee - Drop Fees - See Section IV, Subpoint B 3, 4, 5
11. All individual events will be conducted so that each contestant will perform in two (2) preset preliminary rounds before two or three judges in each round. In events with uneven numbers of contestants in sections, students in the long section(s) shall have their ranks adjusted so that no one receives a ranking lower than the last place ranking in the shortest section unless the shortest section contains fewer than four (4) contestants, in which case the adjusted ranking will not be a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in that round. At the conclusion of the two (2) preliminary rounds, the top six (6) will be advanced to finals. If there is a tie for the sixth ranked position, all ties will advance to the finals providing the number in the finals does not exceed eight (8). When advancing ties, if the number requires more than eight (8) in the final section, the tournament director will break the tie by the percentage system listed under Section VII, Subpoint G. If a tie exists after this procedure, adjusted ranks will be returned to their original ranking. If a tie exists after this procedure the tournament director, in the presence of two (2) coaches will draw by lot to determine who will compete.
12. The tournament director must determine the number of judges that will be used in preliminary rounds. The number of judges shall be kept consistent in all preliminary events.
13. The tournament director must make available to coaches the results of the preliminary rounds and ballots prior to final rounds. Results of final rounds and ballots must be made available at the conclusion of the tournament.
14. Finals will occur in all individual events with all participants present.

15. In Classes 5A/6A: When 24 or more compete in CX, PF or LD debate, a minimum of five preliminary rounds will occur to determine the quarter-finalists, no more than 2 of which may be pre-set. Each subsequent round to be power-matched (power against power). Power matching is encouraged to be based on results of rounds up to that point, but regional directors are allowed to match based on the round previous to the most recent round (for example, round 3 may be based on the results from round 1.)
16. In Classes 3A-4A: When 10 or more compete in CX or LD debate, the double elimination bracket will be used.
17. When eight or fewer teams are entered, the round-robin system will be used. Two-way ties will be broken by head-to-head meeting. Three-way ties will be broken on head-to-head meeting first, rankings next, and ratings last.
18. In regional tournaments, with nine teams entered, the four teams with the best records from preliminary rounds will qualify for bracketing. When ten or more teams are entered, eight teams will qualify for bracketing.
19. Speaker points for byes will be awarded on average of speaker points of other rounds debated. A team who forfeits receives 0 speaker rates and speaker ranks of 3 and 4. A team who is forfeited to receives an average of their speaker ratings and ranks of 1 and 2.
20. In a single elimination bracket, debaters/teams from the same school should not be paired against each other in the first elimination round. The minimum amount of bracket movement to achieve this criterion must be used. No brackets shall be broken after the first elimination round has occurred. When moving debaters/teams to break the bracket, move the lower seeded debater/team.
21. Number that qualify at regionals for state (Disqualifications will not affect the numbers advancing to the next level of competition.)

3A-4A

when 16 to 20 compete, take 5
 when 21 to 29 compete, take 6
 when 30 or more compete, take 7

5A-6A

when 25 to 31 compete, take 9
 when 32 to 39 compete, take 10
 when 40 to 47 compete, take 11
 when 48 or more compete, take 12

CX debate will be determined after finalizing entries.

In 5A/6A individual events, when a disparity of more than eight regional entries that actually compete exists in a specific event, the smaller region will be guaranteed eight qualifications to state and the larger region will get eight qualifications to state plus additional qualifications at a rate of one to four ratio of whole numbers with no rounding for fractions up to a maximum of 24 total entries to state in that particular event. When the number of entry disparity between the two regions is eight or less, the original state qualification formula will be applied.

C. State Tournament

1. The date and place of the state tournament will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.
2. Separate contests will be held for classes 6A, 5A, 4A and 3A. There will be no run-off between classes.
3. A list of contestants qualifying for state competition will be sent to the OSSAA office by the regional tournament directors.
4. A student or students qualifying for state must be accompanied by a certified teacher from that school district.
5. No one student may enter more than three different events (including group events) at the state tournament.
6. Sweepstakes awards for state tournament will be determined by the following point system: **Cross-examination debate** - First place, nine (9) points; second place, eight (8) points; third place, seven (7) points; fourth place, six (6) points. All teams not placing first, second, third or fourth but are in the quarter finals - four (4) points. **Lincoln-Douglas debate** - First place, seven (7) points; second place, six (6) points; third place, five (5) points; fourth place, four (4) points. Debaters who reach quarter finals, two (2) points. **Public Forum debate** - First place, six (6) points; second place, five (5) points; third place, four (4) points; fourth place, three (3) points. All finalist not placing first, second, third, or fourth, two (2) points. **Duets** - First place, six (6) points; second place, five (5) points; third place, four (4) points; fourth place, three (3) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third or fourth, two (2) points.- **Individual events**: First place, five (5) points; second place, four (4) points; third place, three (3) points; fourth place, two (2) points. All finalists not placing first, second, third or fourth, one (1) point. Sweepstakes ties will not be broken. (No sweepstakes points will be awarded in 3A/4A public forum debate during the 2017-2018 pilot year.)
7. Entry Fee - Drop Fees - See Section IV, Subpoint C, 3, 4, and 5.
8. All individual events will be conducted so that each contestant will perform in three (3) preliminary rounds before three (3) judges. High and low ranks will be dropped from the nine (9) judges before the cumulative tally. If judging pool is not large enough, 2 judges will be used in each round and the low rank dropped. In events with uneven numbers of contestants in sections, students in the long section(s) shall have their ranks adjusted so that no one receives a ranking lower than the last place ranking in the shortest section unless the shortest section contains fewer than four (4) contestants, in which case the adjusted ranking will not be a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in that round. At the conclusion of the three (3) preliminary rounds, the top six (6) will be advanced to finals. If there is a tie for the last position all ties will advance provided that the number does not exceed eight (8). If the number requires more than eight (8) in the final section, the tournament director will break the tie by the percentage system listed under Section VII, Subpoint G. If a tie exists after this procedure high and low ranks will be tallied to break the tie of the involved contestants. If a tie exists after this procedure, adjusted ranks will be returned to their original ranking.
If a tie exists after this procedure the tournament director, in the presence of two (2) coaches will draw by lot to determine who will compete. There are to be at least four preliminary rounds of debate before one or more judges.
9. To determine final placement the ranks from the three final round judges shall be added to the cumulative preliminary ranking. The lowest resulting cumulative total shall be the state champion with subsequent placement also determined by the lowest cumulative rank. In case of ties, the placement shall be determined by the competitor's position as determined by the three final round judges' rankings. Should a tie still exist, that will be broken by using judges' preference in the case of a two way tie and percentages/reciprocal fractions in the case of a tie between more than two competitors. Should a tie still exist, the dropped ranks from prelims shall be counted only for tie breaking purposes. Final speaker order will be determined by random draw. Schools will not be separated.
10. At the State Tournament, contestants guilty of excessive overtime time will not be eliminated from the tournament but will instead receive ranks of 8 from each judge in that round, with no adjustment for size of the section. Such entries may continue to compete in subsequent preliminary rounds. Entries ranked below the offending entry will be moved up. Ranks in other rounds will not be adjusted. A rank of 8 may not be dropped for final tabulation.
11. The results of the three (3) preliminary rounds will be made available to coaches for inspection prior to the beginning of the final round. All final round results will be available to coaches at the conclusion of the tournament. Results of the sweepstakes tabulation will be made available by the tournament director to coaches at the conclusion of the tournament.
12. Single elimination will be used in all divisions of debate.
13. Final results and debate ballots will be released at the tournament director's discretion.
14. It is unethical for a student to attend the state tournament with no intention of completing all rounds at the tournament. A letter of reprimand will be sent to the principal from the OSSAA.

XI. REGULATIONS GOVERNING EACH EVENT

All violations of rules marked with an * are subject to the protest process which leads to disqualification.

A. Original Oratory

- *1. The original oration is a speech that may be on any subject the student chooses. It must be written by the student, although the teacher may offer suggestions as to organization, content, style, etc., and must be memorized. Use of script is not permissible.
- *2. No more than 150 words may be quoted directly. Extensive paraphrasing violates the spirit of the event. Plagiarism is defined as claiming, indicating, or implying that the ideas, sentences, or words of another writer are your own. It includes copying the work of another and presenting it as your own, failing to get away from the language of the original text when paraphrasing, failing to identify the source of a quotation or paraphrase, and following the work of another as a guide to ideas and expression that are then presented as your own.
3. The maximum time is not to exceed ten (10) minutes.
- *4. Original work from previous years' state or nationals may not be repeated by that student.
- *5. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.
- *6. Verbal prompting from the audience is not allowed.
- *7. A typed, double-spaced copy of the oration delivered must be available. Quoted words must be highlighted and counted; paraphrases must also be highlighted. At State, a correctly formatted copy of the oratory must be submitted in a sealed envelope at registration.

B. Standard Oratory

- *1. This event is limited to students in grades nine and ten.
- *2. For the purpose of this contest, a standard oration is defined as a speech, editorial or essay written by a person other than the speaker and must be memorized. Use of a script is prohibited. Plays, poetry, and fictional monologues are unacceptable.
3. Each participant is to precede his selection by a short introduction in which s/he acquaints the audience with the author, and the reason why this particular material was chosen for delivery, i.e., why it is worth giving.
4. The maximum time including the introduction is not to exceed ten (10) minutes.
- *5. Verbal prompting from the audience is not allowed.
- *6. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.

C. Prose

- *1. This event is limited to students in grades nine and ten.
2. The purpose of this contest is to stimulate the student to find the meaning of printed prose and to communicate the meaning orally to his listeners. Participation in the contest should also assist a student to develop critical techniques in the evaluation of prose to convey subtleties of meaning and feeling through vocal control.
3. Gestures are allowed, but the interpreter is to get his effect primarily through vocal changes and changes in facial expressions. Character voices are acceptable. Eye contact should be directed toward the audience. Significant movement (ie, walking, pacing) is not allowed.
- *4. Prose for the purpose of this contest is defined as any published material of literary merit (novel, short story, or essay), except poetry or drama. For this contest, the competitor may use a single work or a collection of shorter works by the same author or a collection of shorter works that are thematically related. A copy from the original published script must be available. This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed.
5. The reader may edit or cut his material as he sees fit.
- *6. The book or manuscript must be in the hands of the reader.
7. The time limit, including the introduction, is eight (8) minutes.
- *8. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.

D. Poetry

- *1. This event is limited to students in grades 11 and 12.
2. Each contestant is to give an introduction to his program. The purpose of the introduction is: (a) to arouse and stimulate the interest of the audience in what is to follow; (b) to reflect adequate understanding by the reader of the author and his works, particularly in the selection read; (c) to make the audience feel that the reader appreciates an opportunity to read to them, and that the interpreter has a real, lively, and enthusiastic interest in the selection.
3. Gestures are allowed but the interpreter is to get his effect primarily through vocal changes and changes in facial expressions. Character voices are acceptable. Eye contact should be directed toward the audience. Significant movement (i.e.: walking, pacing) is not allowed.
- *4. Material used in the performance must be all published poetry. A copy from the original published script must be available. This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed.

5. The reader may edit or cut his material as he sees fit. For this contest, the competitor may use one poem or a collection of poems by the same author or a collection of poems thematically related.
 - *6. The book or manuscript must be in the hands of the reader.
 7. The time limit including the introduction is eight (8) minutes.
 - *8. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.
- E. Monologue
- *1. Monologue is to be defined for purposes of this contest as material from published worthwhile literature in which only one character speaks. Lines performed must be taken from one (1) character's speech(es) and not those of several characters spliced together. Material taken from a recording will not be accepted.
 - *2. The monologue performance will consist of two (2) contrasting pieces, one humorous and one serious. These selections may or may not center on one theme. Actor versatility and believability within the author's intent will be of prime importance.
 - *3. Original wording shall be used only for the introduction. A brief introduction shall be presented at the beginning of the program. It shall be designed to prepare the audience favorably for the contrasting materials.
 - *4. There shall be no spoken transition or conclusion.
 5. Maximum time is not to exceed six (6) minutes.
 - *6. Properties allowed shall be limited to one chair. Blocking appropriate to the scene is to be allowed.
 - *7. The cutting must be presented without scenery, special lighting, costuming or sound effects.
 - *8. A copy from the original published script must be available. This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed.
 - *9. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.
 - *10. Verbal prompting from the audience is not allowed.
 - *11. This is a memorized event. Use of script is prohibited.
- F. Humorous and Dramatic Interpretation
- *1. Dramatic and humorous interpretation are to be defined as a monologue or material in which persons or characters other than, or in addition to, the author speak throughout. The material should have sufficient merit to justify careful study and preparation by the student.
 - *2. Material must be from a single work of published worthwhile literature using the same diction that the author has used in the original manuscript. Materials taken from a recording will not be accepted.
 - *3. Additional wording may be added only for the purpose of introduction, transition, and conclusion. Transitions must be a vehicle for time or location change only. Total time of introduction, conclusion, and all transitions may not exceed two (2) minutes. Authors' wording may not be altered except to delete vulgarities and offensive language.
 4. The performance should include an introduction designed to prepare the audience favorably for the material to be presented.
 5. The maximum time including the introduction is not to exceed ten (10) minutes.
 - *6. Properties shall not be used.
 - *7. Examples of movement PERMITTED: Kneeling on one or both knees, squatting, jumping, walking. Examples NOT PERMITTED: sitting or lying down.
 - *8. This is a memorized event. Use of a script is prohibited.
 - *9. A copy from the original published script must be available. This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed. A typed copy of all transitions must also be available. Each separate transition must be numbered with the correct corresponding number placed in the script at the appropriate location. Penalty for failure to have available or follow proper form is disqualification.
 - *10. Verbal prompting from the audience is not allowed.
 - *11. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director on Speech Form N.
- G. Extemporaneous Speaking (Foreign and Domestic)
1. Contestants will be expected to prepare on all significant topics (within the areas of international or national) that have received emphasis in the major magazines and newspapers since September 1st of the current school year. Topics will be selected by or under the supervision of the respective tournament director and phrased in the form of a question specific enough for the judges to determine whether the speech is relevant to the topic drawn.

- *2. Speakers will draw at seven minute intervals and have thirty minutes for preparation. Students will be allowed to draw five (5) topics, from which one must be selected within a few minutes and reported to the person supervising the drawing; the topic chosen must be recorded. Speakers must remain in the extemp prep until dismissed by extemp officials. Extemp speeches, handbooks, briefs, and outline are prohibited from the extemp prep room.
- *3. Students are not to consult with coaches or others after the topic has been drawn.
- 4. The student must hand the question to his/her judge(s) before s/he speaks; failure to do so shall be reported to the tab room. As part of the introduction of the speech, the contestant is to state the topic in the exact words.
- *5. At the end of 30 minutes, the student will deliver his speech on the recorded topic drawn. He may use no more than 50 words of notes. Numbers, symbols, and abbreviations will count as words. The judge must give card in question to the tournament director.
- 6. The participant is to speak not more than seven (7) minutes. Time signals will be given. No student will be penalized if time signal is not given by the timekeeper. The penalty for speaking 11 to 30 seconds over will be the loss of one ranking point per judge administered in the tab room. The penalty for over 30 seconds is disqualification.
- 7. The speech may be followed by a questioning period during which each judge or panel of judges may ask one (1) relevant question (per judge) designed to secure verification, clarification, or amplification.
- *8. A student may not compete in both divisions of extemporaneous speaking at any one tournament including regional and state.
- *9. The use of laptop computers in extemporaneous speaking is permitted.
 - a. Extemporaneous speaking contestants may make use of electronic retrieval devices to **store** and to **retrieve** their subject files.
 - b. Students can retrieve extemporaneous files to read, but cannot write speeches or organize their thoughts on the computers.
 - c. This rule in no way prevents students from still utilizing traditional paper copy files to enable the competitor to successfully compete in extemporaneous speaking. The OSSAA takes no position on which form of file storage is preferable for use at tournaments.
 - d. Texting while in the preparation room is grounds for disqualification. Electronic retrieval devices are defined as laptop computers, netbooks, ipads, tablets, or other portable electronic devices. Cell phones or smart phones are prohibited from being used while preparing or before speaking at tournaments.
 - e. Source Materials: Students may consult published books, periodical articles, newspaper articles, think tank articles, government reports or journal articles saved on their electronic retrieval device or present in hard copy form provided:
 - 1. There are no notations made within or on the saved article other than citation information and subject index.
 - 2. Bolding, italicizing, or any other manipulation of the original text of sources (other than highlighting or underlining as previously stipulated) is prohibited.
 - f. Power Source: Power plugs or outlets may not be used in the prep room at any time. All computers used in the prep room must be battery operated at all times. Competitors are responsible for making certain their electronic retrieval devices are fully charged at the start of each competition day and for proper power management ensuring that their device remains functional throughout the competition day. Contestants may not use external power sources in the prep room, such as wall outlets and/or extension cords.
 - g. Internet: Extemporaneous speaking contestants shall not access the Internet or communicate electronically with any other individual while in the prep room at any time.
 - h. All computers must comply with the following provisions:
 - 1. Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disengage the equipment.
 - 2. Computers with built-in wireless capability may be used only if the wireless capability is disabled. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disable the equipment.
 - 3. Wired connections (Ethernet or phone) during rounds of competition are not permitted. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any source (coaches or assistants included) inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs.
 - 4. Internet access, use of email, instant messaging, or other means of receiving information from sources inside or outside of the competition room are prohibited.
 - i. Liability: Extemporaneous speaking competitors accept full responsibility for the safety and security of their electronic retrieval devices throughout the entire course of any tournament.
 - 1. The tournament host may put stickers and/or tape on computers to ensure they are not opened or used, or to ensure appropriate owners take their own machines.
 - 2. The OSSAA does not assume any liability for the computers.

3. Students are welcome to use Kensington locks or other such devices to secure their computers in the prep room.
 4. Students, parents, and coaches should be aware that the students are bringing and using the computers at their own risk.
 5. The OSSAA is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken computers. It is the coaches' affirmative duty to make sure that students have on file a liability waiver before bringing electronic equipment to a tournament.
 - j. File Monitoring: The OSSAA and/or the tournament officials retain the right to view and search any electronic retrieval devices to ensure compliance with any and all rules at any tournament.
 - k. Devices should be muted in the prep room. Contestants should not play games or engage in other distracting activities on their electronic devices in the prep room. Tournament officials may ask a student to power-off the device if it becomes distracting.
 - l. Students from the same school may share computers during preparation.
 - *10.No one is allowed in the extemp draw except the contestants and tournament officials.
 - *11.Directly cited articles must be available upon request by the tournament director.
 - *12.All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.
- H. Humorous and Dramatic Duet
1. This event will be divided into two (2) divisions - Humorous Duet and Dramatic Duet.
 - *2. Duet teams must qualify together as a team. In all events (except cross-examination debate, public forum debate, extemporaneous speaking, and Lincoln-Douglas debate) a student who qualifies for regionals may not enter the same event at any subsequent qualifying tournament prior to regionals. In case of an emergency situation, a school will be allowed to substitute one (1) team member if the substitution is approved by the Association (See Rule VII, Section B). No substitutions will be allowed after the contest begins.
 - *3. The event shall consist of a cutting from a single work of published, worthwhile literature containing two or more characters using the same diction the author has used in the original manuscript. Materials taken from a recording will not be accepted. In no case may a school use more than two (2) students to interpret all characters and perform all these functions. Additional wording may be added only for the purpose of introduction, transition, and conclusion. Transitions must be used as a vehicle for time or location change only. Total time of introduction, conclusion, and all transitions may not exceed two (2) minutes. Authors' wording may not be altered except to delete vulgarities and offensive language.
 - *4. The cutting must be presented without scenery, special lighting, costume and adjustment of clothing, make-up, sound effects, properties, or furniture (other than two simple chairs furnished by the student or host school and the chairs may be used as props). The use of chairs is optional.
 5. Maximum time of ten (10) minutes includes all expositions.
 - *6. This is a memorized event. Use of script is not permissible.
 - *7. A copy from the original published script must be available. This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed. A typed copy of all transitions must also be available. Each separate transition must be numbered with the correct corresponding number placed in the script at the appropriate location. Penalty for failure to have available or follow proper form is disqualification.
 - *8. Verbal prompting from the audience is not allowed.
 - *9. All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of these may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director.
- I. Cross-examination Debate
- *1. Debate teams must qualify together as a team and two debaters must participate in every round by giving a constructive speech, a rebuttal speech, and asking and answering questions during cross-examination. When a three-person team qualifies, any two of those team members will be considered qualified for regionals. In case of an emergency, a school will be allowed to substitute one (1) team member if the substitution is approved by the Association. No partner substitutions will be allowed after the debate competition begins. In team debate, no debater may qualify for regionals more than three separate times. Any subsequent qualification will be invalid for that debater and his/her partner(s).
 2. The following order and times shall be observed and the timekeeper shall say stop at the end of regulation time for each speech:

a) First Affirmative Constructive	8 minutes
b) Cross-examination	3 minutes
c) First Negative Constructive	8 minutes
d) Cross-examination	3 minutes
e) Second Affirmative Constructive	8 minutes

- f) Cross-examination 3 minutes
 - g) Second Negative Constructive 8 minutes
 - h) Cross-examination 3 minutes
 - i) First Negative Rebuttal 5 minutes
 - j) First Affirmative Rebuttal 5 minutes
 - k) Second Negative Rebuttal 5 minutes
 - l) Second Affirmative Rebuttal 5 minutes
 - m) Preparation time will not exceed eight (8) minutes per team. Data transfer between teams must occur during this time. No additional prep time will be given.
3. Each judge will award the decision to the affirmative or negative team; will rank each debater 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th (no ties); and will award speaker points on a six (6) point scale.
 4. All debaters shall have available during each round complete citations for each piece of evidence introduced to include the name of the author, qualifications, complete source title, complete date and page number. Lack of a full citation shall void any effect of that piece of evidence in the round. Should two or more quotations be used from the same source, the complete citation need be given only for the first piece of evidence used from that source. Either no internal ellipsis (Ellipses occur after the first word of the quotation and before the final word) may be used in evidence cited on a card, or ellipses may be shown on cards, if the original source or a copy is present. The evidence may be read in ellipse form, but the entirety of the evidence must be available in one of the two ways cited. Personal letters or telegrams shall not be admissible as evidence.
 5. Judges may read evidence after the round for a period of time not to exceed five (5) minutes.
 - *6. Proof of falsification of evidence will result in removal from the competition. (See Section VII, Subpoint E, 2) Proof of falsification is not subject to the two (2) hours protest filing rule.
 - *7. The use of profanity and vulgarities is forbidden and may result in a speaker rating of 0 or disqualification and a protest being filed with the tournament director.
 8. Verbal prompting other than calling time is considered a violation of ethics and will result in a speaker rating of 0.
 9. The debate question will be chosen by the NUEA Committee and made available through the office of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.
 10. The semi-final losers shall debate for third place if necessary to determine qualification.
 - *11. A debate team may consist of two (2) or three (3) members. Each team member must debate at that contest. Only two (2) members of the team may participate in any way during the round. On a three (3) member team, team members will be designated by the coach for each round at the time of entry.
 12. Forfeiting a round to gain an advantage for the school will be a violation except in elimination rounds.
 13. After teams have debated 4 rounds, qualifying for the placement on the bracket will be based on the following criteria: (1) win-loss record; (2) total speaker points; (3) (only used to break a two-way tie) head-to-head meeting; (4) total speaker ranks; (5) opponents' win-loss records; (6) opponents' speaker ranks; and (7) opponents' speaker points. In all divisions of debate, when only 3 rounds occur, all winning records must advance.
 - a) Placing teams on a 16 point bracket will be in this manner: See bracket on page SPE26.
 - b) Placing teams on an eight-point bracket from preliminary rounds will be in the following manner: SPE29.
 14. In qualifying tournaments the round-robin or bracket system is optional and will be determined by the tournament director. At least three (3) preliminary rounds must occur to result in regional qualification. If sixteen (16) or more compete, eight (8) must be advanced to elimination rounds. If thirty-two (32) or more compete, at least sixteen (16) must be advanced to elimination rounds. If sixty-four (64) or more compete, at least thirty-two (32) must be advanced to elimination rounds. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, to avoid the elimination from competition of debaters with exact win-loss records, partial-elimination brackets will be allowed, giving sufficient byes to the higher seeded contestants to fill the bracket. Partial-brackets will not be broken.
 15. In regional and state tournaments when eight (8) or fewer teams are entered. The round-robin system will be used. Two-way ties will be broken by head-to-head meeting. Three-way ties will be broken on head-to-head meeting first, rankings next and ratings last.
 16. In regional tournaments that use double elimination, when nine (9) teams are entered, the four (4) teams with the best records from the preliminary rounds will qualify for bracketing. When ten (10) or more teams are entered, eight (8) teams will qualify for bracketing.
 17. Speaker points for byes will be awarded on average of speaker points of other rounds debated. A team who forfeits receives 0 speaker ratings and speaker ranks of 3 and 4. A team who is forfeited to receives an average of their speaker ratings and ranks of 1 and 2.
 18. Teams from the same school should not be paired against each other in the first elimination round. The minimum amount of bracket movement must be used. No brackets shall be broken after the first elimination round has occurred. When moving teams to break the bracket, move the lower seeded team. Partial elimination rounds are not considered the first elimination round for the purpose of breaking brackets.

19. At all double elimination tournaments, brackets will not be broken to prevent two teams from the same school from meeting.
- *20. The use of electronic retrieval systems during the rounds are not allowed for contestants. This includes, but is not limited to computers, cell phones, MPs, and pagers. (See exceptions in #23)
21. When mixed classes debate in qualifying divisions, wins will be recorded as wins; losses will be recorded as losses, and elimination rounds must be separated by class.
22. In all debate events, all students unable to return to scheduled competition on Saturday must notify the tournament director before registration. Changes made after registration will be counted as a "Drop at Registration": and fees will be assessed by the tournament director. Students marked as "not returning" will not be reinstated after round 1 has begun.
23. The use of laptop computers by competitors in cross-examination, public forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate rounds are permissible for flowing and/or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress.
 - a) Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disengage equipment.
 - b) Computers with built-in wireless capability may be used only if the wireless capability is disabled. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disable the equipment.
 - c) Wired connections (Ethernet or phone) during rounds of competition are not permitted.
 - d) Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any sources (coaches or assistants included) inside or outside the room in which the competition occurs. Internet access, use of email, instant messaging, or other means of receiving information from sources inside or outside the competition room are prohibited. (This does not prohibit non-electronic communication between debate partners during prep time.)
 - e) Sanction: Contestants found to have violated provisions a-c above shall forfeit the round of competition and receive zero points. Contestants found to have violated provision d above shall be disqualified from the tournament and shall forfeit all rounds. Contest directors shall be empowered with the final decision concerning disqualification.
 - f) Availability of Evidence: Contestants electing to use computers shall have the responsibility to promptly/immediately provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence may be printed in the round but must be provided in a format readable by the opposing team and the judge.
 - g) Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords and all other necessary accessories. Tournament hosts shall not be responsible for providing computers, printers, software, paper or extension cords for contestants.
 - h) Contestants choosing to use laptop computers accept the risk of equipment failure. No special consideration or accommodations, including no additional prep time or speech time, will be given by judges, contest directors or tournament hosts should equipment failure occur. By choosing to use laptop computers in the round, debaters are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their files. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use computers in the round.

J. Lincoln-Douglas Debate

1. Only two (2) speakers are involved: one fulfilling the affirmative case responsibilities and the other, the negative. The following format is used:
 - a) First Affirmative Constructive 6 minutes
 - b) Cross examination 3 minutes
 - c) First Negative Constructive 7 minutes
 - d) Cross examination 3 minutes
 - e) First Affirmative Rebuttal 4 minutes
 - f) First Negative Rebuttal 6 minutes
 - g) Second Affirmative Rebuttal 3 minutes
 - h) Each debater will be allowed a total of four (4) minutes preparation time during the course of the debate.
2. The national topic from the NFL *Rostrum* will be used for competition. The topic designated for March and April will be used for regionals and state. The OSSAA will notify the schools of the topic.
3. Each judge will award the decision to the affirmative or negative and will award speaker points on a six (6) point scale.
4. Judges may read evidence after the round for a period of time not to exceed five (5) minutes.
- *5. Proof of falsification of evidence will result in removal from the competition. (See Section VII, Subpoint E, 2) Proof of falsification is not subject to the two (2) hours protest filing rule.
- *6. The use of profanity and vulgarities is forbidden and may result in 0 speaker points or disqualification and a protest being filed with the tournament director.
7. After debaters have debated four preliminary rounds, qualifying for the placement on the bracket will be based on the following criteria: (1) win-loss record, (2) total speaker points, (3) head-to-head meeting (only used to break a two-way tie), (4) opponents' win-loss record; (5) opponents' speaker points. In all divisions of debate, when only 3 rounds occur, all winning records must advance.
 - a) Placing teams on a 16 point bracket will be in this manner: See bracket on page SPE26.
 - b) Placing teams on an eight-point bracket from preliminary rounds will be in the following manner: See bracket on page SPE29.
8. In qualifying tournaments, at least three preliminary rounds must occur to result in regional qualification. If sixteen (16) or more compete, eight (8) must be advanced to elimination rounds. If thirty-two (32) or more compete, at least sixteen (16) must be advanced to elimination rounds. If sixty-four (64) or more compete, at least thirty-two (32) must be advanced to elimination rounds. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, to avoid the elimination from competition of debaters with exact won-loss records, partial-elimination brackets will be allowed, giving sufficient byes to the higher seeded contestants to fill the bracket. Partial-brackets will not be broken.
9. In regional tournaments with nine (9) teams entered, the four (4) teams with the best records from preliminary rounds will qualify for bracketing. When ten (10) or more teams are entered, eight (8) teams will qualify for bracketing. In regional and state tournaments, when eight (8) or fewer teams are entered, the round robin system will be used.
10. Debaters from the same school should not be paired against each other in the first elimination round. The minimum amount of bracket movement must be used. No brackets shall be broken after the first elimination round has occurred. When moving debaters to break the bracket, move the lower seeded debater. Partial elimination rounds are not considered the first elimination round for the purpose of breaking brackets.
11. Forfeiting a round to gain an advantage for the school will be a violation except in elimination rounds.
12. At all double elimination tournaments, brackets will not be broken to prevent two people from the same school from meeting.
- *13. The use of electronic retrieval systems during the rounds is not allowed for contestants. This includes but is not limited to computers, cell phones, MP3s, and pagers. (See exception # 16)
14. When mixed classes debate in qualifying divisions, wins will be recorded as wins; losses will be recorded as losses; and elimination rounds must be separated by class.
15. In all debate events, all students unable to return to scheduled competition on Saturday must notify the tournament director before registration. Changes made after registration will be counted as a "Drop at Registration": and fees will be assessed by the tournament director. Students marked as "not returning" will not be reinstated after round 1 has begun.

16. The use of laptop computers by competitors in cross-examination, public forum, and Lincoln-Douglas debate rounds is permissible for flowing and/or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress.
 - a) Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disengage equipment.
 - b) Computers with built-in wireless capability may be used only if the wireless capability is disabled. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disable the equipment.
 - c) Wired connections (Ethernet or phone) during rounds of competition are not permitted.
 - *d) Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any sources (coaches or assistants included) inside or outside the room in which the competition occurs. Internet access, use of email, instant messaging, or other means of receiving information from sources inside or outside the competition room are prohibited. (This does not prohibit non-electronic communication between debate partners during prep time.)
 - e) Sanction: Contestants found to have violated provisions a-c above shall forfeit the round of competition and receive zero points. Contestants found to have violated provision d above shall be disqualified from the tournament and shall forfeit all rounds. Contest directors shall be empowered with the final decision concerning disqualification.
 - f) Availability of Evidence: Contestants electing to use computers shall have the responsibility to promptly/immediately provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence may be printed in the round but must be provided in a format readable by the opposing team and the judge.
 - g) Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords and all other necessary accessories. Tournament hosts shall not be responsible for providing computers, printers, software, paper or extension cords for contestants.
 Contestants choosing to use laptop computers accept the risk of equipment failure. No special consideration or accommodations, including no additional prep time or speech time, will be given by judges, contest directors or tournament hosts should equipment failure occur.
 By choosing to use laptop computers in the round, debaters are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their files. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use computers in the round.
- K. Public Forum Debate
 - *1. Debate teams must qualify together as a team and two debaters must participate in every round by giving a four-minute speech, a two-minute speech, and participating in Crossfire. No partner substitutions will be allowed after the debate competition begins. No debater may qualify for regionals more than three separate times. Any subsequent qualification will be invalid for that debater and his/her partner(s).
 2. The debate will begin with a coin flip. The team winning the coin flip will either decide on speaking order (choosing to speak first as Team A or last as Team B) **or** decide on the side of the resolution they will defend (Pro or Con). The team *losing* the coin flip will make whichever decision was declined by the first team.
 3. The following order and times shall be observed and the timekeeper shall say stop at the end of regulation time for each speech:
 - a) First Speaker, Team A 4 minutes
 - b) First Speaker, Team B 4 minutes
 - c) Crossfire between the First Speakers 3 minutes
 - d) Second Speaker, Team A 4 minutes
 - e) Second Speaker, Team B 4 minutes
 - f) Crossfire between the Second Speakers 3 minutes
 - g) Summary First Speaker Team A 2 minutes
 - h) Summary First Speaker Team B 2 minutes
 - i) Grand Crossfire between all four speakers 3 minutes
 - j) Final Focus Team A 2 minutes
 - k) Final Focus Team B 2 minutes
 - l) Preparation time will not exceed two (2) minutes per team. Crossfire is to be shared between the two sides, but the first question should come from Team A.
 4. Each judge will award the decision to the Pro team or the Con team and will award speaker points for each speaker on a six (6) point scale.
 5. All debaters shall have available during each round complete citations for each piece of evidence introduced to include the name of the author, qualifications, complete source title, complete date and page number. Lack of a full citation shall void any effect of that piece of evidence in the round. Should two or more quotations be used from the same source the complete citation need be given only for the first piece of evidence used from that source. Either no internal ellipsis (Ellipses occur after the first word of the quotation and before the final word)

may be used in evidence cited on a card, or ellipses may be shown on cards if the original source or a copy is present. The evidence may be read in ellipse form but the entirety of the evidence must be available in one of the two ways cited. Personal letters or telegrams shall not be admissible as evidence.

6. Judges may read evidence after the round for a period of time not to exceed five (5) minutes.
7. Proof of falsification of evidence will result in removal from the competition. (See Section VII, Subpoint E, 2) Proof of falsification is not subject to the two (2) hours protest filing rule.
8. The use of profanity and vulgarities is forbidden and may result in a speaker rating of 0 or disqualification and a protest being filed with the tournament director.
9. Verbal prompting other than calling time is considered a violation of ethics and will result in a speaker rating of 0.
10. The debate question will be chosen monthly by the National Forensic League.
11. The semi-final losers shall debate for third place if necessary to determine qualification.
12. Forfeiting a round to gain an advantage for the school will be a violation except in elimination rounds.
13. After teams have debated 4 rounds, qualifying for the placement on the bracket will be based on the following criteria: (1) win-loss record; (2) total speaker points; (3) head-to-head meeting; (4) Speaker ranks; (5) opponents' win-loss records; (6) opponents' speaker points. In all divisions of debate, when only 3 rounds occur, all winning records must advance.
 - a) Placing teams on a 16 point bracket will be in this manner: See bracket on page SPE26.
 - b) Placing teams on an eight-point bracket from preliminary rounds will be in the following manner. See bracket on page SPE29.
14. In qualifying tournaments the round-robin or bracket system is optional and will be determined by the tournament director. At least three (3) preliminary rounds must occur to result in regional qualification. If sixteen (16) or more compete, eight (8) must be advanced to elimination rounds. If thirty-two (32) or more compete, at least sixteen (16) must be advanced to elimination rounds. If sixty-four (64) or more compete, at least thirty-two (32) must be advanced to elimination rounds. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, to avoid the elimination from competition of debaters with exact won-loss records, partial-elimination brackets will be allowed, giving sufficient byes to the higher seeded contestants to fill the bracket. Partial-brackets will not be broken.
15. In regional and state tournaments when 8 or fewer teams are entered, the round-robin system will be used. Two-way ties will be broken by head-to-head meeting. Three-way ties will be broken on head-to-head meeting first and ratings next.
16. Speaker points for byes will be awarded on average of speaker points of other rounds debated. A team who forfeits receives 0 speaker points. A team who is forfeited to receives an average of their speaker ratings.
17. Teams from the same school should not be paired against each other in the first elimination round. The minimum amount of bracket movement must be used. No brackets shall be broken after the first elimination round has occurred. When moving teams to break the bracket, move the lower seeded team. Partial elimination round sare not considered the first elimination round for the purpose of breaking brackets.
18. The use of electronic retrieval systems during the rounds are not allowed for contestants. This includes, but is not limited to computers, cell phones, MPs, and pagers.
19. In all debate events, all students unable to return to scheduled competition on Saturday must notify the tournament director before registration. Changes made after registration will be counted as a "Drop at Registration": and fees will be assessed by the tournament director. Students marked as "not returning" will not be reinstated after round 1 has begun
20. The use of laptop computers by competitors in Public Forum Debate is permissible for flowing and/or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress.
 - a) Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disengage equipment.
 - b) Computers with built-in wireless capability may be used only if the wireless capability is disabled. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disable the equipment.
 - c) Wired connections (Ethernet or phone) during rounds of competition are not permitted.
 - d) Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any sources (coaches or assistants included) inside or outside the room in which the competition occurs. Internet access, use of email, instant messaging, or other means of receiving information from sources inside or outside the competition room are prohibited. (This does not prohibit non-electronic communication between debate partners during prep time.) Sanction: Contestants found to have violated provisions a-c above shall forfeit the round of competition and receive zero points. Contestants found to have violated provision d above shall be disqualified from the tournament and shall forfeit all rounds. Contest directors shall be empowered with the final decision concerning disqualification.
 - f) Availability of Evidence: Contestants electing to use computers shall have the responsibility to promptly/immediately provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence may be printed in the round but must be provided in a format readable by the opposing team and the judge.

- g) Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords and all other necessary accessories. Tournament hosts shall not be responsible for providing computers, printers, software, paper or extension cords for contestants. Contestants choosing to use laptop computers accept the risk of equipment failure. No special consideration or accommodations, including no additional prep time or speech time, will be given by judges, contest directors or tournament hosts should equipment failure occur. By choosing to use laptop computers in the round, debaters are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their files. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use computers in the rounds.

XII. CITATIONS REQUIRED FOR ELECTRONIC RETRIEVAL OF DEBATE AND EXTEMP MATERIALS**A. Citing Online Databases**

1. Citations of publications from online databases require some elements that citations of printed sources do not:
 - a) Publication medium. Many databases online are also published in other formats and may not be exactly the same in each. You must therefore include the publication medium (Online) in your [citation]....
 - b) Name of computer service or computer network. Online publications are accessed through a computer service such as BRS, Dialog, Dow Jones News Retrieval, CompuServe, Nexis, OCLC, and Prodigy or a computer network, such as the Internet. For your [citation] to be complete, you have to state the name of the service or network that provided your source.
 - c) Date of access. Since each online publication must be considered unique, you may need to indicate two dates in your citation. For example, if the online database indicates that the material you are using was originally published in the New York Times on April 1, 1998, you must, of course, include that date in the citation. In addition, to acknowledge that what you are using may differ from not only the printed version but also any past or future online version, state the date when you accessed the material.

B. Material Accessed Through a Computer Service

1. Documents and data from online databases available through computer services can be divided into two groups:
 - a) Material that indicates publication information for a printed source or printed analogue.
 - b) Material that does not indicate a specific print counterpart.

C. Publication Information For a Printed Source

1. Many databases collect and present materials previously or simultaneously made available in print.
2. If a printed source or analogue is indicated for the material you are citing, your [citation] should consist of the following items:
 - a) Name of the author (if given)
 - b) Publication information for the printed source or analogue (including title and date of print publication)
 - c) Title of the database (underlined)
 - d) Publication medium (Online)
 - e) Name of the computer service
 - f) Date of access

D. No Printed Source Specified

1. If no specific printed source or printed analogue is indicated for the material you are citing, your [citation] should consist of the following items:
 - a) Name of the author (if given)
 - b) Title of the material accessed (in quotation marks)
 - c) Date of the material (if given)
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E. Material Accessed Through A Computer Network

1. Electronic journals, electronic newsletters, and electronic conferences (e.g., moderated forums, such as discussion lists)
2. Electronic texts.

F. Journals and Newsletters

1. Your [citation] from an electronic journal, electronic newsletter, or electronic conference document should be similar to one for an article in a print periodical though there are a few necessary differences. The entry should consist of the following items:
 - a) Name of the author (if given)
 - b) Title of the article or document (in quotation marks)
 - c) Title of the journal, newsletter, or conference (underlined)
 - d) Volume number, issue number, or other identifying number
 - e) Year or date of publication (in parentheses)
 - f) Number of pages or paragraphs (if given) or p. pag. ("no pagination")
 - g) Publication medium (Online)
 - h) Name of the computer network
 - i) Date of access
2. At the end of the entry, you may add as supplementary information the electronic address you used to access the document; precede the address with the word Available.

G. Electronic Texts

1. A great variety of texts, such as literary works and historical documents, are available through computer networks.

2. If you plan to study an electronic text, remember that not all texts are equally reliable or authoritative. Be sure to use a text that states the title, editor, and date of the edition serving as its source.
3. Your citation of an electronic text should contain the following items:
 - a) Name of the author (if any)
 - b) Title of the text (underlined)
 - c) Publication information for the printed source
 - d) Publication medium (Online)
 - e) Name of the repository of the electronic text (e.g., Oxford Text Archive)
 - f) Name of the computer network
 - g) Date of access
4. At the end of the entry, you may add as supplementary information the electronic address you used to access the document; precede the address with the word Available.

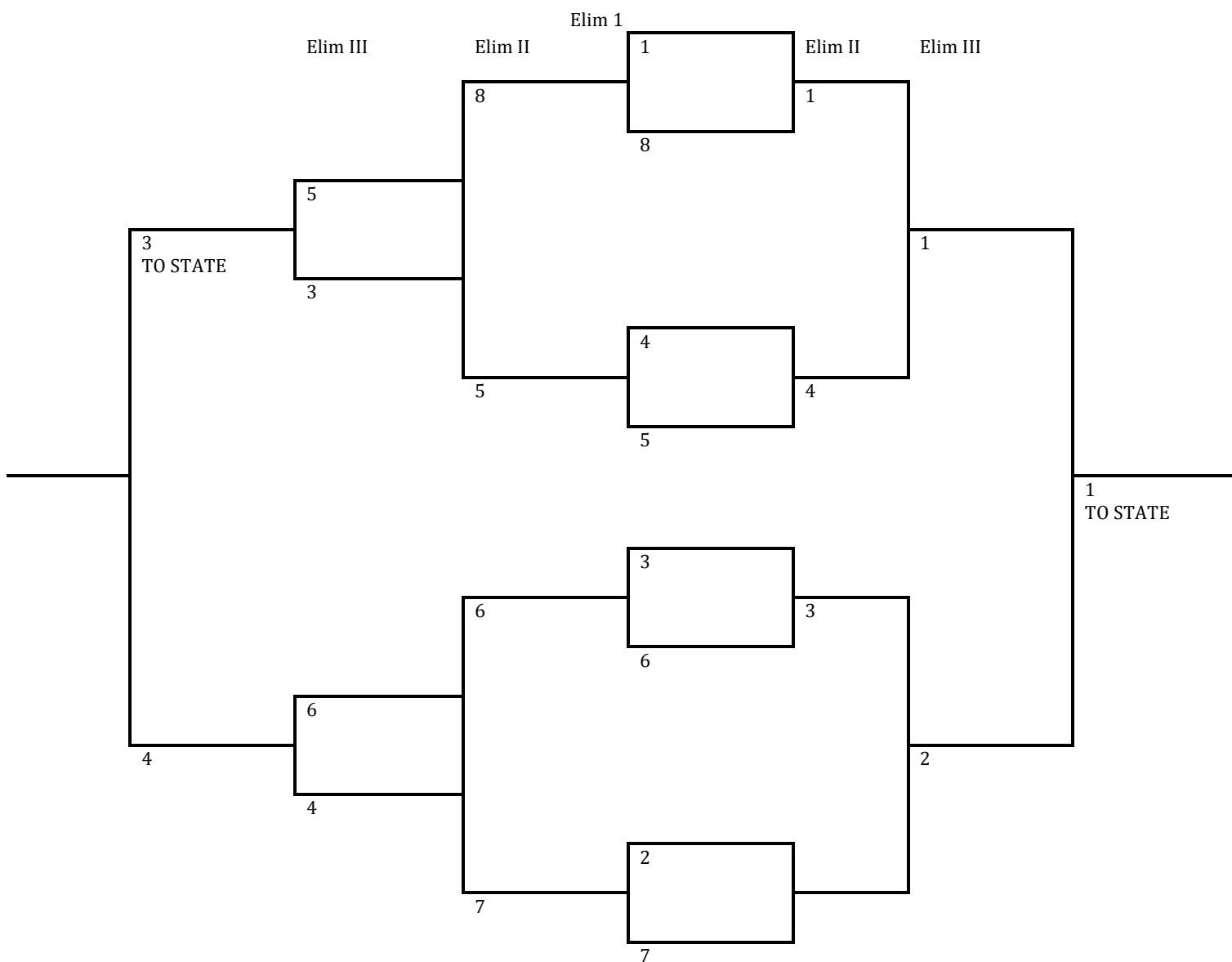
(For further information see the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, Fourth Edition, by Joseph Gibaldi.)

OCTO FINAL BRACKET



DOUBLE OCTO FINAL BRACKET



DEBATE BRACKETS CLASSES 3A-4A

Elim III on winners side is coaches option

If a 5th qualifies for state, losers of Elim III meet for 5th slot

Brackets shall not be broken to prevent schools from meeting.

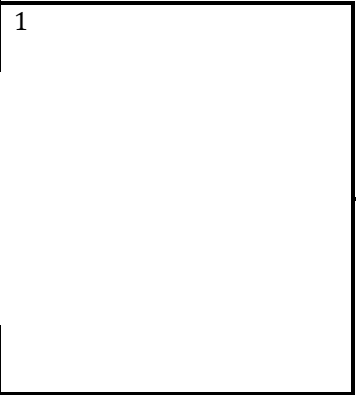
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DEBATE BRACKETS CLASSES 5A-6A

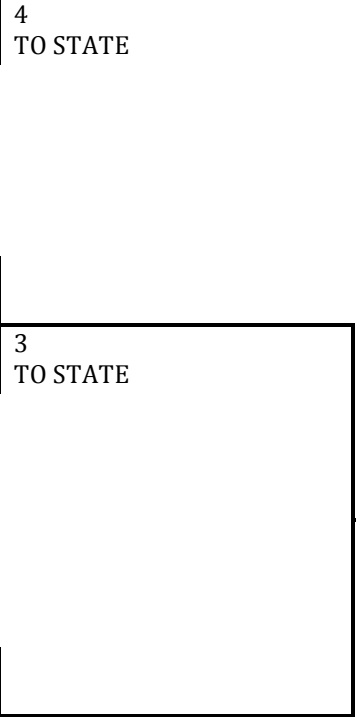
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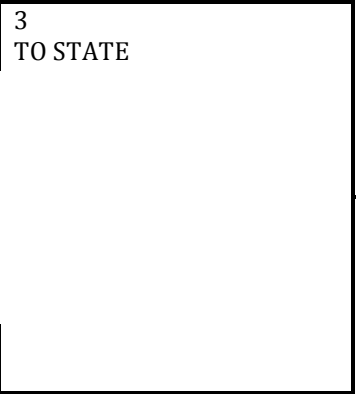
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Elim III



1
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TO STATE



Elim II & III is coaches option

Round Robin Schematics

3 teams

Round I

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
A	B
C	bye

Round II

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
B	C
A	bye

Round III

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
C	A
B	bye

Opponent Grid

A	meets B	bye	C
B	meets A	C	bye
C	meets bye	B	A

Aff/Neg Grid

A	Aff	bye	Neg	1-1
B	Neg	Aff	bye	1-1
C	bye	Neg	Aff	1-1

4 teams

Round I

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
A	B
C	D

Round II

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
B	C
D	A

Round III

Flip for sides	
A	meets C
B	meets D

Opponent Grid

A	meets B	D	C
B	meets A	C	D
C	meets D	B	A
D	meets C	A	B

Aff/Neg Grid

A	Aff	Neg	Flip	2-1 or 1-2
B	Neg	Aff	Flip	2-1 or 1-2
C	Aff	Neg	Flip	2-1 or 1-2
D	Neg	Aff	Flip	2-1 or 1-2

5 teams

Round I

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
B	A
C	D
E	Bye

Round II

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
E	A
B	C
D	bye

Round III

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
D	E
A	C
B	bye

Round IV

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
A	D
E	B
C	bye

Round V

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
D	B
C	E
A	bye

Opponent Grid

A	meets B	E	C	D	bye
B	meets A	C	bye	E	D
C	meets D	B	A	bye	E
D	meets C	bye	E	A	B
E	meets bye	A	D	B	C

Aff/Neg Grid

A	neg	neg	aff	aff	bye	2-2
B	aff	aff	bye	neg	neg	2-2
C	aff	neg	neg	bye	aff	2-2
D	neg	bye	aff	neg	aff	2-2
E	bye	aff	neg	aff	neg	2-2

6 teams

<u>Round I</u>		<u>Round II</u>		<u>Round III</u>		<u>Round IV</u>		<u>Round V</u>	
<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>	<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>	<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>	<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>	**flip for sides**	
A	F	E	A	A	D	C	A	A	B
B	C	F	B	B	E	D	B	E	C
D	E	C	D	F	C	E	F	D	F

Opponent Grids

A meets F E D C B
 B meets C F E D A
 C meets B D F A E
 D meets E C A B F
 E meets D A B F C
 F meets A B C E D

Aff/Neg Grids

A aff neg aff neg flip
 B aff neg aff neg flip
 C neg aff neg aff flip
 D aff neg neg aff flip
 E neg aff neg aff flip
 F neg aff aff neg flip

7 teams

<u>Round I</u>		<u>Round II</u>		<u>Round III</u>		<u>Round IV</u>	
<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>	<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>	<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>	<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
A	E	E	D	C	E	E	B
B	F	F	A	D	F	F	C
C	G	G	B	A	G	G	D
D	bye	C	bye	B	bye	A	bye

Round V

Aff Neg
 B C
 D A
 E F
 G bye

Round VI

Aff Neg
 B A
 C D
 G E
 F bye

Round VII

Aff Neg
 A C
 D B
 F G
 E bye

Opponent Grid

A meets E F G bye D B C
 B meets F G bye E C A D
 C meets G bye E F B D A
 D meets bye E F G A C B
 E meets A D C B F G bye
 F meets B A D C E bye G
 G meets C B A D bye E F

Aff/Neg Grid

A aff neg aff bye neg neg aff 3-3
 B aff neg bye neg aff aff neg 3-3
 C aff bye aff neg neg aff aff 3-3
 D bye neg aff neg aff neg aff 3-3
 E neg aff neg aff aff neg bye 3-3
 F neg aff neg aff neg bye aff 3-3
 G neg aff neg aff bye aff neg 3-3

8 teams**Round I**

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
A	E
B	F
C	G
D	H

Round II

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
H	A
E	B
F	C
G	D

Round III

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
A	G
B	H
C	E
D	F

Round IV

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
F	A
G	B
H	C
E	D

Round V

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
A	B
C	D
E	F
G	H

Round VI

<u>Aff</u>	<u>Neg</u>
D	A
B	C
H	E
F	G

Round VII

flip for sides

A	C
B	D
E	G
F	H

Opponent Grid

A	meets	E	H	G	F	B	D	C
B	meets	F	E	H	G	A	C	D
C	meets	G	F	E	H	D	B	A
D	meets	H	D	F	E	C	A	B
E	meets	A	B	C	D	F	H	G
F	meets	B	C	D	A	E	G	H
G	meets	C	D	A	B	H	F	E
H	meets	D	A	B	C	G	E	F

Aff/Neg Grid

A	aff	neg	aff	neg	aff	neg	(flip)
B	aff	neg	aff	neg	neg	aff	(flip)
C	aff	neg	aff	neg	aff	neg	(flip)
D	aff	neg	aff	neg	neg	aff	(flip)
E	neg	aff	neg	aff	aff	neg	(flip)
F	neg	aff	neg	aff	neg	aff	(flip)
G	neg	aff	neg	aff	aff	neg	(flip)
H	neg	aff	neg	aff	neg	aff	(flip)

XIII. ONE ACT PLAY**A. Regional and State Contests**

1. The Board of Directors of the OSSAA will assign all regional contests. Regional and state judges will be selected by the tournament director from a list of judges selected by a committee of teachers and will be supplied by OSSAA. The number of regional contests in each class will be determined by the number of entries. The number of plays from each regional qualifying for state contest will be determined by the number of regional contests required. The number of plays in the state contest shall not exceed nine (9) plays from each class.
2. A school may enter only one (1) play in the regional contest. The school grouping must be consistent with that used by the school during speech and debate tournaments. A school district may not enter separate plays based upon building structure and then combine into one school for other competition.
3. Three impartial judges with no current affiliation with the competing school districts will be used in the regional and state contests. At the state contest, one (1) judge will be from professional or community theater, one (1) from college theater, and one (1) from high school theater. For regional, not more than two (2) can come from any one of these categories. Judges will come from an approved OSSAA judge list unless exception be approved by the OSSAA.
4. Substitutions at the state contest must be approved by OSSAA.
5. A school may video tape their own production but not the production of other schools without the coaches' permission.
6. Royalties - The OSSAA assumes no responsibility for the payment of royalties or other fees connected with the performance of any material in the speech contest series. In the event a challenge is filed with any qualifying, regional or state contest manager regarding whether material has received proper clearance for performance, the performing school will be required to verify payment of royalty for use. Failure to provide such verification will result in disqualification.
7. Regional and state performance order will be determined by random draw.
8. OSSAA will only fund the contest day of the regional and state competition. All other cost for rehearsal time will be assumed by the participating school.
10. If one of the regional one-acts qualifies but cannot attend state, the next place play from the region will be asked to attend.

B. Contest Regulations

1. A school may use any published one-act play, part of full length play, or screenplay. This does not include adaptations of other materials. Specifically prohibited are shows listed as musicals, operas, operettas, and musical revues. Published material shall be defined as any material which is published and available to the general public. This excludes any home high school publications (ex: literary anthology, newspaper, school website) scripts from the Internet are acceptable if they include proof of the source. Blogs are unacceptable sources. If protested, schools are responsible for providing proof of legitimacy. Original scripts are not allowed. Transcriptions of audio and video performances are not allowed unless provided by the original artist or producer. The play presented in the regional and state contests must be void of profane language, vulgar gestures, nudity and obscene scenes. The play must meet the above requirements. Use of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech may result in lowered ranking or disqualification by the judges and a protest filed with the tournament director. It is the school's responsibility to make arrangements with the author or publisher for the right to use the play selected and to pay any royalty which may be due. Sponsoring institutions and officials shall in no case be held responsible for any irregularities that may occur.
2. The time a school may have possession of the stage during the meet, including the time for setting the stage, presenting the play, and clearing the stage for the next cast, is not to exceed forty-five minutes. The lunch hour and time before the contest starts cannot be used for the purpose of placing furniture or sound equipment on the stage. All schools are required to stay within the forty-five minute time limit. Violation of this rule will drop the play one ranking point per judge by the tournament director. (Timekeeper must be provided by host school.) Time is not to be announced to the judges. A maximum one-minute grace period will be allowed before a penalty is imposed. Any play which exceeds 48 minutes will be disqualified and treated as if the entry never competed at the contest. All fee obligations still apply.
3. The main emphasis of the contest is based on the acting ability of the students in the cast and how they perform before an audience. The host school will not be required to provide any special props or furniture, nor are they required to furnish special lighting equipment.
4. Make-up, costuming, hand properties, and standard sound effects are allowable and will be judged on the basis of their appropriateness. Sound effect, such as door bells, wind, thunder, etc., may be provided by the host school, if available. Participating schools should check with host school regarding sound effects to be used.
5. Any one-act plays that do not comply with the regulations will be disqualified from further competition.

6. Oral critiques should be done in a private situation with only one (1) judge present.
 7. Judges are not to confer about rankings until ballots are given to the tournament director.
 8. No student below the ninth grade shall be eligible for competition.
 9. Judges rank all plays without ties.
 10. Tournament director will add the three (3) judges ranking and add a three (3) point penalty for overtime.
 11. Two-way ties shall be broken by judges' preference. Three-way ties shall be broken by percentages first, and then judges' preference. (See VII, Subpoint G).
 12. Use of any and all flames (matches, lighters, etc.) and weapons in one-act must be in compliance with state law, disclosed at time of entry to the tournament director, and subject to the approval of the host contest site.
- C. Function of the Contest Manager
1. The primary function of the Contest Manager is to fully organize the contest.
 2. The Contest Manager is responsible for administration and enforcement of all OSSAA Rules at the contest site. The manager at any level in the One-Act Play Contest, represents the OSSAA.
 3. The Contest Manager must be available during both the rehearsals and performances. Exception: The manager may designate an adult assistant contest manager who must be present at rehearsals and performances. Thirty minutes (no more, no less) must be given to each school prior to the day of the contest for rehearsal and/or technical preparation. At State, this time will be assigned in the order of performance.
 4. It is the contest manager's responsibility to operate the contest in accordance with OSSAA rules and regulations. The manager can hardly expect to operate the contest effectively and fairly unless they are completely familiar with matters pertaining to the play director and critic judge.
 5. The Contest Manager should secure an assistant contest manager, door-keepers, two timekeepers (one of which must be an adult), and backstage crews. Accurate stop watch or digital timing device must be provided for the timekeepers. A judge may not serve as timekeeper, present awards or assume any other contest responsibility.
 6. The OSSAA will mail to the contest manager the following:
 - a. Play Ballots (three for each play)
 - b. Ranking Form (one for each judge)
 - c. Panel Tabulation Form for the manager (one for each class of plays)
 - d. Outstanding Individual Ballot (one for each judge)
 - e. A sheet of instructions for the judges
 - f. Winners Report Form
 - g. OSSAA Speech Manual for University and College sites
 - h. A list of one act judges
 - i. Plays assigned to the site with performance times
 - j. Site Expense Claim
 - k. Manager Expense Claim
 - l. Judge's Expense Claims
- The contest manager should contact the OSSAA, if they fail to receive all of the above material.
- D. Instructions for Judges and the Contest Manager
1. Judges are prohibited from conferring with each other about the plays, the director or the company before or during the contest.
 2. Each judge will be required to provide an oral critique of the play and all its elements to each of the participating schools. Oral critiques should be done in a private situation with only one (1) judge present. This critiques needs to be a positive and truthful event for each school. The judge needs to keep in mind that these are high school performers and that the one-act competition is designed to be an educational experience.
 3. The judge should give the completed ballots with play rankings, Ranking Form and the Outstanding Individual Performance Ballot to the contest manager for tabulation. Judges are not to confer about the performances or rankings until after the ballots, Ranking Form and the Outstanding Individual Performance Ballot have been given to the contest manager.
 4. Specific Points are used only to help the judges arrive at a rank score. **Points are not to be used in any other way.** Points are just a tool to be used to arrive at a rank. Example: if there are eight (8) plays there will be 8 rank scores 1 through 8 with the most points assigned to the 1st rank.
 5. Specific points must be assigned to each of the three areas being judged according to the following values:

Acting	0 to 50 points
Directing	0 to 25 points
Technical	0 to 25 points

The sum of these three scores will appear as the total point score in the bottom right hand corner of the ballot. **There can be no ties; therefore, each judge must avoid giving two or more plays the same total points.** After all the plays have performed, the judge must then convert the point scores to rank scores according to the point score awarded to each play. Example: If there were eight (8) plays in the contest there would be eight (8) different point scores. The play with the most points would Rank 1st and the other would follow to the 8th rank.) The rank can now be placed on each of the plays ballot. **Each judge will be given a Ranking Form before the contest starts.** The Rank Form must be turned into the contest manager after the last performance. Note: Scores may not be altered after they have been turned into the contest manager except to correct clerical or addition errors.

6. Overtime Penalty: The judges are not involved with any overtime penalty. The One-Act Manager will add the Three (3) judges' ranking and add a three (3) ranking point penalty for overtime.
 7. At the conclusion of the competition the judge will use the Outstanding Performance Ballot to select the All-Star/All-State cast. This ballot should be used for the ten most outstanding acting performances whether they are all from one play or distributed throughout all play performances. It is important that the judges not confer about the plays before they have given their final selection of outstanding performers.
 - a. Outstanding Individual Performance Ballot: (Judge) This is one ballot that is to be given each judges before the first performance. Each individual judge will use this ballot to select and rank in order the individuals that they feel gave the most outstanding performance during the competition.
 - b. Outstanding Individual Performance Ballot: (Contest Manager)
 1. The contest manager will take all three of the judges ballots to compile the All-Star/All-State Cast list.
 2. The manager will take all characters that have been given at least two (2). Should that tabulation result in fewer than ten members, the top single nominated student from each of the three judges' ballots that did not receive a second nomination shall be selected. Following the tabulation, the contest manager shall compile these results to be announced alphabetically at the awards assembly and mailed to the OSSAA office.
 8. The Outstanding Stage Crew/Tech Performance will be awarded at both Regionals and State to the team with the highest Technical point totals. Ties will be broken first by judges preference; then if a tie still exists, by show placement.
- E. Ranking Plan for Judging One-Act Play Contests
1. The contest manager will collect each judge's ranking form and play ballots and total the points from the ballots to certify the judge added correctly to arrive at the rank score. Rank scores will be added to arrive at a total rank score. The total low rank score will be ranked first followed by the next lowest. After any corrections, the contest manager will then total the ranks and place them on the form provided. It is essential that the contest manager be assisted in all totaling of the judges' ballots and rank form and determine the winners by a responsible, unbiased adult that understands how to determine "**Judges' Preference**" in case of a tie.
 2. The contest manager will announce the final results to the audience and contestants after all plays and All-Star/All- State Casts have been carefully verified. At the conclusion of the contest and prior to the announcement of results, the contest manager will show the panel tabulation form and the All-Star cast results to the directors only (for the purpose of verification). The panel tabulation form shall be shown immediately following tabulation to the directors only. Approximately fifteen minutes shall be allowed for the participating directors to question tabulation errors.
 3. Using the samples as guides, ranking to determine "Judge's Preference" in case of a tie will be as follows:
 - a. Penalty for time violations will be the first criterion for breaking times. (See Section IX, D.)
 - b. Two-way ties will be broken by judges' preference. Based on the ranks given to the two plays, each judge ranked one of the plays more favorably than the other. One play is always preferred over the other by two judges.

Sample Totaling of Play Contest Ballots

Breaking a tie using Judges' Preference (Two way tie)

	Play	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Ranking
I	Play M	2	1	3	6	2nd
II	Play N	7	6	4	17	
III	Play O	1	4	1	6	1st
IV	Play P	4	5	7	16	
V	Play Q	3	2	2	7	3rd
VI	Play R	5	3	5	13	
VII	Play S	6	7	6	19	

(Plays M and O are tied in total score as a sample of a three member panel, but they are not tied by “judges’ preference.”) Judge 1 preferred “O”; Judge 2 preferred “M”; Judge 3 preferred “O”)

- c. In the event three or more plays are tied, you then use percentages. First 100%, second 50 %, third 33 1/3%, 4th 25%, fifth 20%, sixth 16 2/3 %, seventh 14 ¼ %, eighth 12 ½ %.

Example of a tie broken by percentages

	Play	Judge	Judge	Judge	Total	Ranking
I	Play M	2 (50)	5 (20)	1 (100)	8 (170)	2nd
II	Play N	1 (100)	1 (100)	6 (16.6)	8 (216.6)	1st
III	Play O	3 (33.3)	2 (50)	3 (33.3)	8 (116.6)	3rd
IV	Play P	6	7	7	20	
V	Play Q	4	3	2	9	
VI	Play R	5	4	4	13	
VII	Play S	7	6	5	18	

- d. If a three-way tie still exists, to keep from advancing more than 2 plays, a three-way tie would be broken from the following criteria: 1) total acting points; 2) total points; 3) number of people selected for the all-star cast, and 4) lowest cumulative rank of all-star cast members.
- e. If a two-way tie exists after using percentages, judges’ preference will be used to break the two-way tie.

Three Way Tie

	Play	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Ranking
I	Play A	1 (100)	4 (25)	3 (33 1/3)	8	2 nd (158 1/3)
II	Play B	3 (33 1/3)	1 (100)	4 (25)	8	3 rd (158 1/3)
III	Play C	2 (50)	5 (20)	1 (100)	8	1 st (170)
IV	Play D	5	2	2	9	
V	Play E	4	3	5	12	

(Play A and B are still tied after using percentages Judge 1 preferred “A”; Judge 2 preferred “B”; Judge 3 preferred “A”)

4. If there is any doubt about the tabulations, a verification telephone call shall be made to the OSSAA administrative assistant in charge of speech activities BEFORE the awards are announced. The OSSAA administrative assistant decision on questionable tabulations shall be final.
5. The One-Act Play Panel Tabulation Form shall be submitted along with the judge and site expense forms to the OSSAA.
6. Corrections Of Errors
Clerical and Tab Room Errors may be corrected up to Monday morning 9:00 a.m after the conclusion of the contest or tournament unless another time period is specified in advance by the contest manager/tournament director and the OSSAA.
7. Protest Procedure
 - a. Protest must be filed with the contest manager within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the final show.
 - b. A protest may be filed by a coach or a judge citing the specific violation(s) in writing.
 - c. At Regional and State One Act play contest a protest will be handled in the following way:
 1. The contest manager will contact the OSSAA representative. The OSSAA representative will contact two (2) impartial committee members. This committee will render a decision.
 2. After review, the contest manager will announce the decision to the coach.
 3. Applicable penalties will be imposed.
 4. All protest forms/Improper Performance forms will be available to involved parties at the time of protest.
 5. Protest involving a Report For Allegations Of Improper Performance must complete speech Form Q and file with protest. All other protests should use Form P.
 6. All forms will be mailed or faxed to the OSSAA the Monday following the contest by the contest manager.
 7. The OSSAA will establish penalties, if any, after a review, concerning the issue.

XIV. AWARDS

A. Trophies

1. Regional Speech: First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each classification.
2. Regional One-Act: First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each classification.

3. Regional One-Act: First in Outstanding Stage Crew/Tech Performance (plaque or certificate).
 4. State Speech: First, second, third and fourth place trophies will be awarded in each classification.
 5. State One-Act: First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each classification.
 6. State One-Act: First in Outstanding Stage Crew/Tech Performance (plaque or certificate).
- B. Medals
1. Regional Speech: First, second, third and fourth place medals will be awarded in Classes 4A and 3A in each event at the four (4) regional sites. Eight (8) medals will be awarded in Classes 6A and 5A in each event at the two (2) regional sites.
 2. State Speech: First, second, third and fourth place medals will be awarded as well as all finalist and quarter finalists in debate in all classes.
 3. Medals will be awarded to the All-State Cast in each classification.
 4. Medals will be awarded to the All-Star Cast in each classification.
- C. Scholastic Award for High Schools - The OSSAA will recognize speech squads that excel in academic achievement and also participate in regionals. The application is found online.
1. Two levels of awards (must participate in OSSAA contest designated for that particular group).
 - a) Academic Achievement Certificate - Speech squads with over-all GPA of 3.25 (based on 4 point grading system). Round to the nearest thousandth percentile.
 - b) Distinguished Academic Plaque - Top four (4) speech squads in each class with over-all GPA of 3.5 to 4.0 (based on 4 point grading system). Round to the nearest thousandth percentile.
 2. Group Qualifications
 - a) Classes 3A-4A: Eighty-five percent of the total membership of the speech squad that qualified and competed in the OSSAA regional speech tournament must be counted in the GPA for Classes 3A and 4A. Exception: Must have a minimum of eight (8) students to be eligible and no less than eight (8) students must be counted in the GPA. Grades are based on first semester.
 - b) Classes 5A-6A: Eighty-five percent of the total membership of the speech squad that qualified and competed in the OSSAA regional speech tournament must be counted in the GPA for Classes 5A and 6A. Exception: Must have a minimum of ten (10) students to be eligible and no less than ten (10) students must be counted in the GPA. Grades are based on first semester.
 3. Entry by local school is optional (application is found online.)
 4. Award Presentations: Certificates and plaques will be presented at the state speech tournament or mailed to the school to be presented during a school function (assembly, school board meeting, banquet, etc.).

2017-2018 speech dates and schedules

These are the only sanctioned classes for qualifying tournaments. Competing in a nonsanctioned class will not lead to regional qualification.

DATE	SITE	CLASSES				NOV	CHAMP	DIRECTOR	SCHOOL PHONE
Sept. 6	DEADLINE FOR REGIONAL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST ENTRY								
Sept. 9	Coaches Meeting/ACT Testing Date/UCO								
Sept. 14	Cameron Demo Day							Sarah Collins	580-581-2555
Sept. 16	Bixby High School - Demo Day							Betty Fisher-Stanton	918-366-2222
Sept. 29-30	Edmond North	6A	5A			X		Jana Harrison	405-726-7198
Oct. 5	CLASS 6A REGIONAL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST								
Oct. 6	CLASS 5A REGIONAL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST								
Oct. 7	CLASS 4A REGIONAL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST								
Oct. 7	ACT & SAT Test Date								
Oct. 10	DEADLINE FOR STATE ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST ENTRY								
Oct. 13-14	UCO	6A	5A			X		Matt Moore	405-974-5593
Oct. 13-14	Jenks	6A	5A			X		Shawn Rafferty	918-299-4415
Oct. 20-21	Heritage Hall	Debate Only Non Qualifying						Bryan Gaston	405-749-3033
Oct. 26	CLASS 4A STATE ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST							TBA	
Oct. 27	CLASS 6A STATE ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST							TBA	
Oct. 28	CLASS 5A STATE ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST							TBA	
Oct. 28	ACT Test Date								
Nov. 3-4	Duncan		5A	4A	3A	X	X	Shep Pamplin	580-255-0700
Nov. 3-4	Riverfield			4A	3A	X		David Wright	918-446-3553
Nov. 3-4	Moore	6A	5A			X		Ishmael Kissinger	405-816-7087
Nov. 4	SAT Test Date								
Nov. 10-11	Bishop Kelley	6A	5A			X		Linda Shipley	918-841-3985
	Chisholm			4A	3A	X		Lenita Krejci	580-237-5512
	Westmoore	6A	5A			X		Billy Elles	405-735-4866
Nov. 17-18	Broken Arrow	6A	5A			X		Robert Walters	918-259-4310
Nov. 17-18	Marlow			4A	3A	X		Paula McConnell	580-658-1570
Nov. 17-18	Mounds			4A	3A	X		Bob Odle	918-827-6100
Dec.1-2	Oologah		5A	4A	3A	X	X	Jennifer Denslow	918-443-6231
Dec.1-2	Shawnee	6A	5A	4A		X		Brandy Bond	405-275-3084
Dec.1-2	Poteau	6A	5A	4A	3A	X	X	Lauren Peck-Weisenfels	918-647-7716
Dec. 2	SAT Test Date								
Dec. 2	Arnett			4A	3A	X		Shala Knowles	580-885-7185
Dec. 8-9	Muskogee	6A	5A	4A	3A	X		Penny McGill	
Dec. 8-9	Choctaw	6A	5A			X		Alan Beck	405-390-8899
Dec. 8-9	Hennessey			4A	3A	X		Linda Soudek	405-853-2075
Dec. 9	ACT Test Date								
Dec. 15-16	Bixby	6A	5A	4A	3A	X	X	Betty Fisher-Stanton	918-366-2222

2017-18**Speech**

Jan. 12-13	Quinton		5A	4A	3A		X	Jayne Lynch	918-469-3309
Jan. 12-13	Cherokee			4A	3A		X	Jason Paris/Lance Leslie	580-596-3391
Jan. 12-13	Crossings Christian School	6A	5A			X	X	Dennis Savill	405-720-0990
Jan. 19-20	Sapulpa	6A	5A				X	Becky Braswell	918-224-0152
Jan. 19-20	N.W.O.S.U.			4A	3A		X	Nick Bradt	580-327-3682
Jan. 19-20	Okmulgee			4A	3A	X	X	Skyleen Willingham	918-758-2075
Jan. 26-27	Booker T. Washington	6A	5A				X	Kelly McCracken	918-925-1035
Jan. 26-27	Edmond Santa Fe	6A	5A				X	Brit McCabe/Robin Robinson	405-340-2230
Jan. 26-27	Okeene			4A	3A		X	Ginny Dobrinski	580-822-3219
Jan. 26-27	Prague			4A	3A	X	X	Cherie Serre	405-567-2281
Feb. 2-3	Union	6A	5A	4A	3A	X	X	Christian Jones	918-357-7109
Feb. 2-3	Norman	6A	5A				X	Kasey Harrison	405-366-5812
Feb. 2-3	McAlester	6A	5A	4A	3A	X	X	Nicole Green	918-423-4776
Feb. 2-3	Shattuck			4A	3A	X	X	Rebecca Owen	580-938-2586
Feb. 2-3	Comanche			4A	3A	X		TBA	580-439-2933
Feb. 9-10	Haskell			4A	3A	X	X	Jody Batie	918-482-5221
Feb. 9-10	SWOSU			4A	3A			Robin Jones	580-774-3080
Feb. 9-10	Deer Creek	6A	5A				X	Matt Cheek	405-348-5720
Feb. 10	ACT Test Date								
Feb. 16-17	Seminole State	6A	5A	4A	3A			Krista Williams Clark	405-382-1415
Feb. 16-17	Cameron University		5A	4A	3A		X	Sarah Collins	580-581-2555
Feb. 23-24	Owasso	6A	5A				X	Victoria Engledow	918-272-5334
Feb. 23-24	Norman North	6A	5A				X	Lori Crawford	405-366-5954
Feb. 23-24	Bristow			4A	3A	X	X	Phoebe Jackson	918-367-2241
Feb. 23-24	Latta		5A	4A	3A		X	Davida Smith	580-332-3300

FEBRUARY 28-DEADLINE TO ENTER REGIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

MARCH 16 & 17, 2018 - REGIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE FOR CLASSES 3A, 4A

MARCH 9 & 10, 2018 - REGIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE FOR CLASSES 5A & 6A

MARCH 28-DEADLINE TO ENTER SITE SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 5, 6 & 7, 2018 - STATE SPEECH & DEBATE FOR ALL CLASSES

2017-2018 LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE TOPICS

Rostrum Topics will be used. Access topics at www.speechanddebate.org

Sept. - Oct.: Use September-October Rostrum Topic

Nov. - Dec.: Use November-December Rostrum Topic

Jan. - Feb.: Use January-February Rostrum Topic

Mar. - Apr.: Use March-April Rostrum Topic

2017-2018 CROSS EXAMINATION DEBATE TOPIC
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Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS AND SITES

Listed below are the regional tournament assignments and contest sites. If a school is not listed, they must contact the OSSAA office by Oct. 3 to be assigned. Schools may be asked to attend a different regional to equalize the contest size. (Schools may be required to attend a different regional due to a change in school classification.) ADM is not released until late July, so some schools might change classifications from the previous year based on the most current numbers. Some sites may/will change!

Class 3A Regional Assignments March 16-17, 2018

Northwest Regional

NWOSU, Alva, OK 73717 - Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Kimberly Weast

Nick Bradt, Tournament Director, Phone 580-327-6014, Alva High School, 501 14th St., Alva, OK 73717

Schools: Aline-Cleo, Arnett, Balko, Boise City, Braman, Buffalo, Burlington, Canton, Cashion, Cherokee, Chisholm, Covington-Douglas, Deer Creek-Lamont, Dover, Fairview, Felt, Forgan, Freedom, Ft. Supply, Garber, Goodwell, Hammon, Hooker, Hydro-Eakly, Kremlin-Hillsdale, Laverne, Leedey, Medford, Mooreland, Okeene, Oklahoma Bible, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale, Pond Creek-Hunter, Ringwood, Seiling, Shattuck, Texhoma, Timberlake, Turpin, Tyrone, Vici, Wakita, Waukomis, Waynoka, Yarbrough

Southwest Regional

SWOSU, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 - Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Robin Jones

Lyn Westmoreland, Tournament Director, Phone: 405-263-7212, Okarche High School, P.O. Box 276, Okarche, OK 73762, Home Phone 405-422-4800

Schools: Arapaho, Binger-Oney, Blair, Bray-Doyle, Burns Flat, Canute, Carnegie, Cement, Central Marlow, Chattanooga, Cheyenne, Community Christian, Cordell, Crescent, Crossings Christian, Cyril, Davis, Duke, Elmore City, Empire, Fletcher, Frederick, Geary, Geronimo, Granite, Healdton, Hobart, Hollis, Lawton Academy, Lawton Christian School, Lomega, Lone Wolf, Mangum, Merritt, Mulhall-Orlando, Navajo, New Life Christian, Ninnekah, Okarche, Ringling, Rush Springs, Ryan, Sayre, Snyder, Sterling, Temple, Thackerville, Tipton, Walters, Washington, Watonga, Waurika, Wayne, Wilson, Wynnewood

Northeast Regional

Rogers State University, 1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, OK 74017 - Tournament Site. Site Coord.: Brenda Neal. Jody Batie, Tournament Director, Phone (918) 482-5221, Haskell High School, P.O. Box 278, Haskell, OK 74436

Schools: Afton, Boynton, Cave Springs, Chouteau, Colcord, Commerce, Dale, Depew, Dewar, Dove Science Academy (Tulsa), Drumright, Fairland, Foyil, Frontier, Glencoe, Grace Fellowship, Haskell, Hominy, Ketchum, Kiefer, Liberty, Lincoln Christian, Luther, Mounds, Newkirk, Oaks, Oklahoma Union (Lenapah), Oktaha, Olive, Picher-Cardin, Preston, Quapaw, Regent Prep, Schuler, Stroud, Tonkawa, Tulsa School of Arts & Science, Washita Heights, Welch, Wellston, Wewoka, Wyandotte

Southeast Regional

Seminole State College, Seminole, OK - Tournament Site. Site Coord: John Bolander

Davida Smith, Tournament Director, Phone: 580-504-1230, Latta High School

Schools: Allen, Asher, Battiest, Bennington, Bokoshe, Boswell, Bowlegs, Buffalo Valley, Butner, Caddo, Calera, Calvin, Canadian, Caney, Central (Sallisaw), Clayton, Colbert, Crowder, Gans, Gore, Haileyville, Haworth, Howe, Indianola, Keota, Kiowa, Konawa, Latta, LeFlore, Midway, Millwood, Moss, Moyers, Paden, Panola, Pittsburg, Pocola, Porum, Quinton, Rattan, Red Oak, Riverfield, Savanna, Silo, Smithville, Stonewall, Stratford, Talihina, Vanoss, Velma-Alma, Wetumka, Wilburton, Wilson-Henryetta, Wister, Wright City

Class 4A Regional Assignments March 16-17 2018
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Northwest Regional

NWOSU, Alva, OK 73717 - Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Kimberly Weast

Nick Bradt, Tournament Director, Phone 580-327-6014, Alva High School, 501 14th St., Alva, OK 73717

Schools: Alva, Blackwell, Chisholm, Cimarron, Harding Fine Arts, Hennessey, Hinton, Kingfisher, Oklahoma Centennial, Perry

Southwest Regional

SWOSU, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 - Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Robin Jones

Lyn Westmoreland, Tournament Director, Phone: 405-263-7212, Okarche High School, P.O. Box 276, Okarche 73762, Home Phone 405-422-4800

Schools: Anadarko, Bethany, Bethel, Blanchard, Bridge Creek, Cache, Comanche, Douglass, Elgin, Elk City, John Marshall, Jones, Lexington, Lindsay, Little Axe, Marietta, Marlow, Mt. Saint Mary, Newcastle, Oklahoma Christian School, Plainview, Purcell, Riverside, Star Spencer, Sulphur, Tuttle, Weatherford

Northeast Regional

Rogers State University, 1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, OK 74017 - Tournament Site. Site Coord.: Brenda Neal. Jody Batie, Tournament Director, Phone (918) 482-5221, Haskell High School, P.O. Box 278, Haskell, OK 74436

Schools: Beggs, Berryhill, Bristow, Caney Valley, Chandler, Chelsea, Cushing, Daniel Webster, Hilldale, Inola, Kellyville, Keys (Parkhill), Jay, Locust Grove, Meeker, Morris, Nowata, Okmulgee, Pawhuska, Perkins-Tryon, Prague, School of Arts & Science, Sequoyah (Claremore), Sequoyah (Tahlequah), Stigler, Verdigris, Victory Christian, Vinita

Southeast Regional

Seminole State College, Seminole, OK - Tournament Site. Site Coord: John Bolander

Davida Smith, Tournament Director, Phone: 580-504-1230, Latta High School

Schools: Antlers, Atoka, Byng, Checotah, Cleveland, Coalgate, Dickson, Eufaula, Hartshorne, Heavener, Henryetta, Holdenville, Hugo, Idabel, Keys (Park Hill), Kingston, Lone Grove, Madill, Mannford, Muldrow, Okemah, Panama, Pauls Valley, Prague, Roland, Seminole, Spiro, Valliant

Class 5A Regional Assignments March 9-10, 2018
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West Regional

Edmond North High School, Edmond - Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Jana Harrison

Martin Glendinning: Tournament Directors, Phone: 405-726-7193. Edmond North High School,

Schools: Ada, Altus, Ardmore, ASTEC, Bishop McGuinness, Capitol Hill, Carl Albert, Chickasha, Classen SAS, Clinton, Crossings Christian, Duncan, Durant, El Reno, Emerson Jr., Guthrie, Guymon, Harding Charter Prep, Harrah, Jarman Jr., Kerr Jr., MacArthur, McLoud, Nicoma Park Jr., Noble, Northwest Classen, Oklahoma Christian Academy, Piedmont, Southeast, Tecumseh, Waller Jr., Western Heights, Woodward

East Regional

Bixby High School, Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Betty Fisher-Stanton

Jennifer Denslow, Tournament Director, Phone: 918-443-6231 Oologah H.S., PO Box 189, Oologah, OK 74053

Schools: Bishop Kelley, Broken Bow, Cascia Hall, Catoosa, Central (Tulsa), Coweta, Daniel Webster, East Central, Ft. Gibson, Glenpool, Grove, Holland Hall, Mannford, McAlester, Metro Christian, Miami, Nathan Hale, Oologah, Poteau, Pryor, Sallisaw, Skiatook, Stilwell, Wagoner, Will Rogers

Class 6A Regional Assignments March 9-10, 2018
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West Regional

Edmond North High School, Edmond - Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Jana Harrison

Martin Glendinning: Tournament Directors, Phone: 405-726-7193. Edmond North High School,

Schools: Choctaw, Deer Creek (Edmond), Del City, Edmond Memorial, Edmond North, Edmond Santa Fe, Eisenhower, Heritage Hall, Lawton High, Midwest City, Moore, Mustang, Norman, Norman North, Northeast, Putnam City, Putnam City North, Putnam City West, Shawnee, Southmoore, U.S. Grant, Westmoore, Yukon

East Regional

Bixby High School, Tournament Site. Site Coordinator: Betty Fisher-Stanton

Jennifer Denslow, Tournament Director, Phone: 918-443-6231 Oologah H.S., PO Box 189, Oologah, OK 74053

Schools: Bartlesville, Bixby, Booker T. Washington, Broken Arrow, Claremore, Edison Prep, Enid, Jenks, Memorial, Muskogee, Owasso, Ponca City, Sand Springs, Sapulpa, South Intermediate, Stillwater, Tahlequah, Union

NOTE: VERY IMPORTANT!!!

If you have DROPS (ANY REASON), contact the State Tournament Director immediately so a replacement can be notified.

Michael Patterson, State Tournament Director 580-338-4350 (school)
580-338-7196 (home)
580-338-0994 (fax)
mkpatt2@gmail.com
michael.patterson@guymontigers.com

Thursday, April 5, 2018

8:30 -	9:15 a.m.	Debate Registration
	9:15 a.m.	Mandatory Meeting for Coaches
	10:00 a.m.	Round I Team Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate
	12:00 p.m.	Round II Debate
	2:00 p.m.	Round III Debate
	4:00 p.m.	Round IV Debate
	7:30 p.m.	Announce Quarter Finals
	8:00 p.m.	Debate Elim I (Decisions announced in the round)

Friday, April 6, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Debate Elim II
<u>11:30 - 12:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Registration for Individual Events</u>
11:00 a.m.	Debate Elim III
12:30 p.m.	Mandatory Meeting for Coaches (coaches who attended the Thursday meeting are excused)
1:30 p.m.	Round I Individual Events (OO, PR, PO, DI, HD)
3:30 p.m.	Round I Individual Events (FX, DX, DD, SO, HI, MO)
5:30 p.m.	Round II Individual Events (OO, PR, PO, DI, HD, MO)
7:30 p.m.	Round II Individual Events (FX, DX, DD, SO, HI)

Saturday, April 7, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Round III Individual Events (OO, PR, PO, DI, HD, MO)
11:00 a.m.	Round III Individual Events (FX, DX, DD, SO, HI)
1:00 - 1:15	Show Results of Individual Events
1:15 p.m.	Post Results
1:30 p.m.	Finals of Individual Events (OO, PR, PO, DI, HD, MO)
3:30 - 3:45	Show Results of Individual Events
3:45 p.m.	Post Results
4:00 p.m.	Finals of Individual Events and Extemp Draw (FX, DX, DD, SO, HI)
	All Extemp materials removed from prep room before awards assembly
TBA	Awards (based on media coverage)

The results will be available for 20 minutes after the conclusion of the awards ceremony for coaches who wish to verify them.

SPEECH CLASSIFICATIONS 2017-2018

Class 6A - 1150 and above; Class 5A - 550-1149.99; Class 4A - 255-549.99; Class 3A - 254.99 and below

Please refer to the OSSAA home page for the most current ADM numbers as supplied by the state department of Education. These current numbers will be used to determine speech classifications each year.

FOUR YEAR CALENDAR

REGIONAL AND STATE CONTEST

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020*	2020-2021
<u>STATE WORKSHOP</u> (Week 9 or 10)				
<u>DEMO-DAYS</u> (Week 11-12 or 10-11)				
Teachers Workshop	Sept. 9	Sept. 8	Sept. 14	Sept. 12
East Demo. Day	Sept. 16	Sept. 15	Sept. 21	Sept. 19
West Demo. Day	Sept. 18	Sept. 17	Sept. 23	Sept. 21
 <u>REGIONAL ONE ACT</u> (Week 14 or 15)				
Class 4A	Oct. 7	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 17
Class 5A	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 17	Oct. 16
Class 6A	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 15
 <u>STATE ONE ACT</u> (Week 17 or 18)				
Class 4A	Oct. 26	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Oct. 29
Class 5A	Oct. 28	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Oct. 31
Class 6A	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Oct. 31	Oct. 30
 <u>LAST QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT WEEKEND</u> (Week 34)				
	Feb. 23-24	Feb. 22-23	Feb. 28-29	Feb. 26-27
 <u>REGIONAL SPEECH</u> (WEEK 36-37)				
Classes 3A-4A	Mar. 16-17	Mar. 15-16*	Mar. 27-28*	Mar. 25-26
Classes 5A-6A	Mar. 9-10	Mar. 8-9	Mar. 27-28	Mar. 25-26
 <u>STATE SPEECH</u> (WEEK 40) or (41 when it falls on Easter Week)				
All Classes	Apr. 5-6-7	Apr. 4-5-6	Apr. 9-10-11	Apr. 8-9-10

BOARD POLICIES

(See the OSSAA Rules & Regulations Handbook in the Principal's office to view all board policies and OSSAA rules.)

XV. MUSIC AND SPEECH PENALTIES

A. PENALTIES: Penalties are defined as follows:

Depending on the severity of the violation of rules or regulations either mandatory or prohibitory, the school and/or its representative (Music: band/orchestra/stage band/choruses/ all solo/ensembles/ honor groups/ etc./Speech: speech/debate/one-act plays/ etc. shall be subjective to one of the following penalties. NOTE: The board reserves the right to add to or take away from any of the following penalties.

1. WARNING...Private or Public Reprimand: A private reprimand may be oral in writing in which the penalty(ies) shall be published in the OSSAA Newsletter.

Penalty(ies)

Rating Contest: (I, II, III, IV, V) the rating earned by its band, orchestra, stage band, choruses, all solo/ensembles, speech, debate, one-act play, etc. will be lowered one division. Any further violation during the warning period shall subject the school, or individual, to a more severe penalty. The school or individual may compete for a rating or award during this period.

Ranking Contest: A school or individual shall forfeit all rankings (band, orchestra, jazz band, choruses, all solo/ensembles, honor groups, speech, debate, one-act play, etc. The school or individual may compete for a ranking or award during this period.

2. PROBATION....Public reprimand: A public reprimand shall be in writing and the penalty published in the OSSAA Newsletter.

Penalty(ies)

A school or individual shall forfeit all ratings, rankings or awards received during the period of violation. The school or individual may not compete for ratings, ranking and awards during the PROBATION period until the school has taken action to show the OSSAA corrective measures have been taken. Any further violation during the probation period shall subject the school or individual to a more severe penalty.

3. SUSPENSION: A school or individual shall forfeit all ratings, rankings, and awards during the period of violation. The school may not participate in OSSAA sponsored activities such as qualifying district, regional or state and/or invitational festivals and contests during the suspension period, not to exceed one year.

B. REPORTING VIOLATIONS

1. Any authorized representative of a member school may file a complaint against any school for violation of the rules and regulations of the Association. Such complaint shall be filed with the OSSAA officer responsible for non-athletics/or Executive Director of the OSSAA.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the OSSAA shall make an investigation of the charges contained in the complaint within a reasonable time. The penalty will be less severe if a school reports itself and/or the violation is found to be unintentional in nature. A more severe penalty will be issued if the violation was intentional.

C. LATE ENTRY PENALTY

1. All entries submitted after the deadline date will not be accepted.
2. POLICY ON NON-PAYMENT OF SPEECH AND MUSIC ENTRY FEE - Non-payment of Speech and Music Entry Fee. Schools that have not cleared their financial obligations (Entry Fee/Drop Fees) by April 15th will be placed on WARNING, if not cleared by May 15th will be placed on PROBATION, if not cleared by June 15th will be placed on SUSPENSION and will be ineligible for participation in OSSAA Speech and Music Events the following year until bills are cleared.

XVI. OSSAA MUSIC & SPEECH SANCTION & PARTICIPATION POLICY

A. OSSAA Sponsored Speech and Debate Contests

1. Regional One Act play
2. State One Act play
3. Qualifying speech and debate (co-sponsor)
4. Regional speech and debate
5. State speech and debate

B. OSSAA Sponsored Music Contests

1. Vocal
 - a) District solo and ensemble contests
 - b) State solo and ensemble contests
 - c) District concert contests
 - d) State concert contest
2. Instrumental

- a) Regional marching contests
- b) District solo and ensemble contests
- c) State solo and ensemble contests
- d) District concert contests
- e) State concert contest
- f) State jazz band contest
- g) State orchestra contest

C. Scheduling OSSAA Sponsored Music Events. The rationale for scheduling OSSAA sponsored contests is as follows:

1. Facilities- It may not be possible to secure the needed facilities on a non-school day.
2. Scheduling of Events- The essential activities involved in the event may require more than one day's duration.
3. Number of participants- There may be more participants scheduled to compete than can be accommodated in one day.
4. Staffing -A sufficient quantity of qualified officials, judges, etc. might not be available for the event on a non-school day. (Example) There would not be enough judges if all the district contests were scheduled on the same day.
5. Finances -The cost of officials, guest conductors, judges, etc. may be prohibitive to involve only non-school days.
6. State wide event may require the use of the same panel of judges for consistency of judging standards so the event can be used to evaluate both the marching, concert and Sight-Reading abilities of school music groups and to encourage musically well- balanced programs.
7. Finding dates - It may be necessary to use dates that do not conflict with other statewide OSSAA sponsored events.
8. Events that have been postponed due to weather conditions or unavoidable circumstances may need to be re-scheduled on a school day.

D. SANCTIONING OF NON-OSSAA SPONSORED CONTEST & EVENTS

The following is the sanctioning policy of the OSSAA Rule 20, Section 3: Non-Athletics, Music, Speech and Debate and One-Act Plays.

Recognizing that school music and speech programs have a community commitment that extends beyond the confines of strictly school events, and recognizing also there are events that extend beyond the desire or intent of the OSSAA to administer, the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, acting under the authority granted in the constitution, sets forth the following regulations and recommendations for governing the participation of its member schools in events sponsored by agencies or schools other than this association during the academic year. NOTE: Sanctioning does not imply the event is free from conflict of dates with other sanctioned events. Music events should not conflict with music, speech should not conflict with speech, etc.

NOTE: It is imperative that you check closely any music or speech competition that is sponsored by any agency, school; or university other than the OSSAA Office. The OSSAA Rules may or may not apply for events that are not sanctioned by the OSSAA.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- a. Competitive music and speech events (contest, festival, championship, honor groups, etc.) originating in Oklahoma should have the event sanctioned. All schools and participants must abide with OSSAA Rules to be sanctioned.
- b. Application for approval shall be submitted to the OSSAA no later than 30 days prior to the first event.
- c. Activities scheduled on the OSSAA activities calendar should be given priority in relation to programs sponsored by outside agencies.
- d. If the activity is not sponsored by the OSSAA, the legal matters will be the responsibility of the member school, non-public school hosts, or any non-school individual hosts.
- e. Programs must be open to all students, regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin.
- f. Whenever possible, non-OSSAA competitions should be held on non-school time (weekends, vacation, etc.).
- g. Multi-day events must make use of at least one day of the weekend.
- h. Member schools and students representing member schools should not compete for cash prizes. Schools may accept cash for large groups (bands, orchestras, choruses) to offset the expense of preparing for the event and transportation, meals, and other similar expense. Awards shall be appropriate in number, kind and value. Equipment awards relating to the student's skills are acceptable. Scholarships are always recommended.

2. SANCTIONING EVENTS

- a. Non-athletics: Intrastate events: Music, One-Act Play, Speech and Debate

All non-athletic events in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the Association sponsors a contest at a qualifying, district, regional or state level should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school individual host. Non-school individuals or non-school groups must supply a certificate of insurance and be co-sponsored by a school or an approved organization in order to be considered for sanctioning.

Students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned.

All member schools, non-public school hosts, or any non-school individual hosts, should apply for OSSAA Sanction when three or more schools participate. Only events which are competitive in nature and where recognition, ratings or awards are given or winners determined qualify. NOTE: OSSAA cannot sanction any co-curricular activity unless all schools are abiding by OSSAA Rules. Agreement: It is agreed to include on the entry form a statement to be signed by the Principal or Superintendent that all students entered are eligible to represent the school according to the Rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Application for Approval should be at least 30 days before the event. The application form is in this manual.

- b. Non-Athletics-Interstate events: Music, One-Act Play, Speech and Debate Interstate events should be sanctioned through the OSSAA and the Host State Activities Association. Note: Some out-of-state schools will not allow their schools to participate unless the event is sanctioned by the OSSAA. All in-state schools must abide with OSSAA Rules and the invited states must abide by their high school association's rules. Out-of-State Agreement: It is agreed to include on the out-of-state entry form a statement to be signed by the Principal or Superintendent that all students entered are eligible to represent the school according to the Rules of invited state's Activities Association or governing body. In-State-Agreement: It is agreed to include on the in-state entry form a statement to be signed by the Principal or Superintendent that all students entered are eligible to represent the school according to the Rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Application forms are provided by the OSSAA or the out-of-state high school's association.

XLVI. OSSAA BOARD POLICY FOR PROTESTS

One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgement on the part of the game official.

OSSAA Speech Advisory Meeting May 11, 2017

Present: Mike Plunkett, OSSAA; Martin Glendinning, Edmond North; Kelly McCracken, Booker T. Washington; Michael Patterson, Guymon; Jennifer Denslow, Oologah; Paula McConnell, Marlow; Brenda Neal, Verdigris; Lyndal Westmoreland, Okarche; Jody Batie, Haskell

1. Retain Michael Patterson as State Tournament Director.

Moved: Lyndal Westmoreland Seconded: Paula McConnell

Passed: 7-1

Aye: Kelly McCracken, Martin Glendinning, Jennifer Denslow, Paula McConnell, Brenda Neal, Lyndal Westmoreland,
Jody Batie

No: Michael Patterson

2. Regional One Acts to be 1 week later beginning in 2018-2019.

Moved: Michael Patterson Seconded: Jennifer Denslow

Passed 8-0

3. 5A/6A Speech Regionals be moved to March 9th & 10th for the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved: Michael Patterson Seconded: Kelly McCracken

Passed: 4-0-4

Aye: Martin Glendinning, Kelly McCracken, Michael Patterson, Jennifer Denslow

No: 0

Abstain: Jody Batie, Lyndal Westmoreland, Paula McConnell, Brenda Neal

4. Increase entry fees for regional and state speech competition Group 1 events to \$6.00 and Group 2 events to \$12.

Moved: Kelly McCracken Seconded: Paula McConnell
Passed 7-0-1

Aye: Kelly McCracken, Michael Patterson, Jennifer Denslow, Paula McConnell, Brenda Neal, Lyndal Westmoreland, Jody Batie
No: 0
Abstain: Martin Glendinning

5. On page SPE9, rule IX C, add the sentence “All judges are required to keep time.”

Moved: Jody Batie Seconded: Jennifer Denslow
Passed 6-0-2

Aye: Jody Batie, Lyndal Westmoreland, Brenda Neal, Paula McConnell, Michael Patterson, Jennifer Denslow
No: 0
Abstain: Kelly McCracken, Martin Glendinning

6. Hierarchy of tiebreakers in debate should be (1) Win/Loss, (2) Head to Head, (3) Opponents’ Win/Loss, (4) Total Speaker Ranks, (5) Total Speaker Points, (6) Opposition Ranks, (7) Opposition Speaker Points.

Moved: Jody Batie Seconded: Kelly McCracken
Failed 3-5

Aye: Jody Batie, Kelly McCracken, Michael Patterson
No: Lyndal Westmoreland, Brenda Neal, Paula McConnell, Jennifer Denslow, Martin Glendinning

7. Amend rule IX C 9 on page SPE 13 by changing last three sentences to “Final speaker order will be determined by random draw. Schools will not be separated.”

Moved: Jennifer Denslow Seconded: Martin Glendinning
Passed 8-0

8. Add to rule VII A 6: “When identifying additional qualifiers created by previously qualified students, additional qualifiers must have competed in finals.”

Moved: Jennifer Denslow Seconded: Lyndal Westmoreland
Passed: 8-0

9. In rule VII C, after the word “photocopy,” insert “ electronic scans, photos, or other direct facsimiles of the original cutting”.

Moved: Martin Glendinning Seconded: Michael Patterson
Passed 8-0

10. Change the subsequent appearances of the word “photocopy” to “copy.”

Moved: Michael Patterson Seconded: Jody Batie
Passed: 8-0

11. Insert “properties,” after “sound effects,” on rule XI H 4 on page SPE 17.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow Seconded: Brenda Neal
Passed 8-0

12. Add 3A/4A public forum as a pilot for the 2017-2018 school year. The students may place, qualify for regionals and state, but not receive sweeps points.

Moved: Jody Batie Seconded: Brenda Neal
Passed: 8-0

13. Add the following to rule B 21 on page SPE 12: In 5A/6A individual events, when a disparity of more than eight regional entries that actually compete exists in a specific event, the smaller region will be guaranteed eight qualifications to state and the larger region will get eight qualifications to state plus additional qualifications at a rate of one to four ratio of whole numbers with no rounding for fractions up to a maximum of 24 total entries to state in that particular event. When the number of entry disparity between the two regions is eight or less, the original state qualification formula will be applied.

Moved: Martin Glendinning Seconded: Kelly McCracken
Passed 8-0

Discussion Items From May 11 Speech Meeting-No Action Taken:

1. CONGRATULATIONS MIKE PATTERSON OUR 2018 STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.
2. Sept 9—New Teacher Workshop @ UCO.
3. Regional One-Act date moved for 2018-19.
4. 2017 Regional One Act entry due date.
5. Looked at survey from April.
6. Looked at OSSAA speech finances.
7. Balancing east/west judges at State.
8. Moving 2018 6a/5a Regionals up one week to March 9-10.
9. Raising local tournament fees.
10. Raising Regional and State entries.
11. One Act judge and host and entry fee adjustments.
12. Time issues. OT issues. In-round judge responsibility.
13. Debate tie-breaker hierarchy.
14. Number of 3a-4a Regions.
15. Speaker prelim ranks in State finals.
16. Speaker order in State finals.
17. Oral critiques in out rounds.
18. Debate judges at state.
19. OT penalties.
20. CX/PF partner prompting.
21. Electronic formatting off of script/materials.
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2017 State Swimming Rules Meetings

July 24 – Coaches Clinic

State Rules meetings are mandatory for head coaches and must be completed by December 1. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of the head coach from all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the meeting is available on-line at www.ossaa.com, click in the Sports link, then Swimming. Written verification of completion must be sent to the OSSAA for on-line meetings.

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. SWIMMING REGULATIONS

A. CLASSIFICATIONS

Swimming will be divided into two classifications:

6A - 21 largest swimming schools

5A - all remaining

The swimming entry form is due no later than October 20, 2017.

AWARDS: At the Regional Meet medals will be given to the first eight places in each event, and a regional championship plaque to the 1st place team in both boys and girls.

At the State Championship medals will be given to the first eight places in each event; team trophies will be given for State Champion and Runner-Up in each classification for both boys and girls.

B. LENGTH OF SEASON:

1. Organized practice for swimming, may begin no earlier than October 1.

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season for swimming to the start date of October 1, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes

2. Meets to begin on November 1, 2017. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored Championship tournament series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
3. Teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than 12 dates of competition, excluding the state and conference championships.

C. RULE ENFORCEMENT:

1. Violation of contest limits (teams and/or individuals)

Generally, if the contest, meet entry, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:

- a. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
- b. The head coach in that activity may be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
- c. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
- d. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.

D. OSSAA ON-LINE RANKING PROGRAM:

1. **FOR NEW COACHES AT A SCHOOL:** The Athletic Director at your school will set you up as a Swimming Coach for your school. You will then be sent the login information for the ranking website. The URL for the ranking program is www.ossaarankings.com. If you are not new to the school, your login from the previous year will still work. You are **required** to put your schedule on the rankings site prior to the season beginning.
2. Swim coaches are not required to enter meet results in the ranking site, however each host of a meet is required to submit meet results within 10 days of the completion of the meet. Results can be sent via email to acassell@ossaa.com, or faxed to the OSSAA. All results will be posted to your page on ossaarankings.com. Secure login required to view results. Any coach failing to report the results of a Meet their school hosted within 10 days of the completion of the Meet could be sanctioned. The results of each meet will be posted to your Ranking page, at www.ossaarankings.com. Secure login is required.
3. After the first week of the season, the rankings for swimming will open. A schedule for ranking weeks will be listed on your ranking page. Coaches are to rank each week on the schedule. The rankings open at noon on Friday and close at noon on Monday, you should rank the top 8 boys and girls teams in your classification. You cannot rank your own team(s). Schools participation in the rankings are awarded 8 points toward their ranking total, schools not participating are penalized 8 points from their ranking total. Rankings are very important to the process of creating competitive balance for the Regional Meets.

- E. SCORING: Individual Events - 20,17,16,15,14,13,12,11,9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 - Relays: - Points are Doubled
- F. ENTRIES: Entries for the regional meet must be in the OSSAA office ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 29, 2018. Entries that are not in the OSSAA office on or before the above deadline will not be accepted. Times entered must have been achieved at a high school meet. Entries must be sent via HY-Tek to acassell@ossaa.com. Alternates must also be listed in Hy-Tek file.
- G. REGIONAL FORMAT FOR SWIMMING:
1. There will be two Regional sites, with both classifications at each site. Each site will run preliminaries and finals. Due to an unequal number of teams from the East and West side of the state, the OSSAA will select teams to travel to either the East or West regional meet.
 2. There will be a limit of 4 entries per school in each event.
 3. Preliminaries and finals will be swum in individual events.
 4. Alternates made be used at the Regional Meet in accordance with NFHS Rules.
 5. The 24 best times from The Regional Meets will advance to the State Championship meet.
 6. At the Regional Meet Relays will be timed finals and swum on the second day of the Regional Meet. The 16 best times from the Regional Meets will advance to the State Championship meet.
 7. The Regional Meet will be swum two weeks prior to the State Meet, unless a delay of the regional meet occurs due to weather or any other circumstance. Sites will be chosen by the OSSAA.
 8. Regional assignments will be made with geography considered as the primary factor, however some teams may travel to the opposite side of the state, although strength may be considered to balance the competition. Regional assignments will be released January 22, 2018.
 9. Multi-high districts with only one coach and multiple schools competing will attend a Regional together.
 10. However mulit-high schools may be sent to the opposite side of the state for a regional competition.
 11. The top 8 finishers at each regional will be awarded medals.
 12. Regional plaque will be given to the top scoring team for boys and girls in each classification at each regional.
 13. Alternates may be used at the Regional Meet only, in accordance with NFHS Rule.
- H. ENTRY FEE: There is an entry fee of \$40.00 per school. DO NOT SEND AN ENTRY FEE, as your school should have included the entry fee in the total service fee paid in October.
- I. ENTRIES PER CONTESTANT: Each contestant may enter four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which can be individual events.
- J. **Perferential list of Officials:**
Schools participating may submit a list of officials on or before February 1. Submit lists via email to acassell@ossaa.com.
- K. BANNERS, FLAGS, and NOISE MAKERS: No bands of any size or nature, no noise makers, (including megaphones) and no banners, emblems, balloons, or placards will be permitted at indoor events. Any exception to the above regulation would be considered at the main site only, of the State Meet and must have the approval of the OSSAA.
- L. OSSAA Play-Off Passes: The OSSAA Play-Off pass is the only pass that will admit the cardholder to a play-off event. A driver's license must be presented with all Play-Off passes.
- M. Protests will be considered according to the NFHS Rules for Swimming.
- N. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:
1. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
 2. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
 3. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
 4. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
 5. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
 6. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
 7. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
 8. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
 9. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
 10. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
 11. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
 12. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
 13. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

II. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

III. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

A. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcast event, and comments made in a public forum.

IV. HOSTING A REGIONAL MEET

- A. Time schedules will be set by the host site. Consideration for travel will be allowed in setting the warm-up times.
- B. All entries will be sent to the regional site manager from the OSSAA.
- C. Warm-up schedules should be sent to each participating school by the close of business Wednesday prior to the regional meet.
- D. Plaques and medals will be sent to the host site.
- E. Regional sites must provide relay cards. Relay cards are available upon request from the OSSAA.
- F. Locker rooms should be made available for athletes use.
- G. SHAVING; Clipping and shaving is prohibited.
- H. There shall be no deck access to anyone other than coaches, athletes, timers, and officials.

V. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET TIME SCHEDULE

- A. Regional Meet schedules will be set by the host site and posted to www.ossaa.com a week prior to the Regional Meet.
- B. The State Meet Schedule will be set by the OSSAA and posted to www.ossaa.com prior to the Regional Meets.

VI. NCSA OFFICIAL METER/YARD CONVERSION FACTORS TABLE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Girls Meters to Yards</u>	<u>Boys Meters to Yards</u>
200 Medley Relay	0.8961	0.8969
200 Freestyle	0.9025	0.9025
200 Individual Medley	0.9009	0.9001
50 Freestyle	0.8969	0.8937
100 Butterfly	0.9001	0.8977
100 Freestyle	0.8993	0.9001
500 Freestyle	1.140	1.139
200 Free Relay	0.8953	0.8961
100 Backstroke	0.9001	0.9001
100 Breaststroke	0.8993	0.9009
400 Free Relay	0.8977	0.8977

NOTE: To convert times from meters to yards, take the meter time in seconds, and multiply by the 4-digit conversion factor to get the yard time in seconds.

VII. OFFICIAL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL TIMES

Official times achieved by United States Swimming athlete members in National Federation School Swim Meets during the 2017-2018 short course season will be acceptable for National Time Verification (NTV) and USA Times-of-Record consideration only if all the following conditions are met:

1. The meet must be a championship (for example: League, Conference, District, Sectional, State, Regional or NISCA) or a Meet specifically approved by Program Operations.
2. Request for USA observers for certification of times must be made to the LSC in advance of the State High School Championships.
3. USA observers shall be assigned or approved by the LSC and must be certified stroke and turn judges.
4. The meet must be a championship (for example: League, Conference, District, Sectional, State, Regional or NISCA) or a Meet specifically approved by Program Operations.

5. Requirements of the USA start rule are waived.
6. An NTV may be written for a time achieved by a high school relay team provided all four-relay swimmers are members of the same USA team.
7. The Meet Referee at the meet must be notified prior to the start of the meet of the individual swims for which certification will be requested on the attached NTV Observation for State Championships. Form available at www.ossaa.com.
8. The Meet Referee at the meet must be notified prior to the start of the meet, the full names, birthday or USA-S ID of those requesting NTV's on the attached Electronic Data Request Form.

VIII. SANCTIONING OF MEETS

The OSSAA will not sanction any meet where:

1. Starting platforms are too high for the appropriate water depth (see chart below).

Water Depth at Starting End	MAXIMUM Heights of Platforms/Deck Above Water Surface
4 Feet or More	30 Inches
Less Than 4 feet	Start From Deck/in Water

NOTE: This chart is in compliance with National Federation Rule High School Rules.

IX. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SCHOLASTIC AWARD for HIGH SCHOOLS - The OSSAA will recognize swim teams that excel in academic achievement.

The academic GPA will be based on a 4 point system and computed to the nearest one-thousandth percentile: A=4.000; B=3.000; C=2.000; D=1.000. If you have a weighted grading system it must be converted to a 4 point system in computing the team GPA.

1. Three levels of award:
 - a. Academic Achievement Certificate -
 - 1) Swim teams with over-all GPA of 3.25 (based on 4 point grading system and computed to the nearest one-thousandth percentile) and rank in upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - b. Distinguished Academic Plaques (4) - Swim teams with over-all GPA of 3.5 to 4.0 (based on 4 point grading system and computed to the nearest one-thousandth percentile) and rank in the top five of their classification to qualify.
 - c. State Champion - Highest GPA for a girl's team and Highest GPA for a boy's team.
2. Qualifications: Must have a minimum of 10 participants on the team to qualify, (managers/trainers not included as participants). All participants listed must have participated in Regional Meet. The GPA will be based on the first semester grades of the 10 participants of the current school year.
3. Entry forms can be found on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com. Mail deadline is February 7, 2018 or faxed by February 8, 2018.
4. Award Presentations:
 - a. The Academic State Championship trophy will be presented to the winning team at the State Championship event on Friday.
3. Entries received after the entry deadline will not be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will also void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the State Championship award.

Awards Procedure for State Championships – Saturday

Girls 200 Medley Relay	200 Individual Medley Awards	5 Minute break	Girls Team Results
Boys 200 Medley Relay	Girls 100 Butterfly	500 Freestyle Awards	Boys Team Results
5 minute break	Boys 100 Butterfly	Girls 100 Backstroke	
Girls 200 Freestyle	50 Freestyle Awards	Boys 100 Backstroke	
Boys 200 Freestyle	Girls 100 Freestyle	200 Free Relay Awards	
200 Medley Relay Awards	Boys 100 Freestyle	Girls 100 Breaststroke	
Girls 200 Individual Medley	100 Butterfly Awards	Boys 100 Breaststroke	
Boys 200 Individual Medley	Girls 500 Freestyle	100 Backstroke Awards	
200 Freestyle Awards	Boys 500 Freestyle	Girls 400 Free Relay	
Girls 50 Freestyle	100 Freestyle Awards	Boys 400 Free Relay	
Boys 50 Freestyle	Girls 200 Free Relay	100 Breaststroke Awards	
15 minute break	Boys 200 Free Relay	400 Free Relay Awards	

IX. HISTORY OF BOYS STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

1937		Central (Tulsa)	1994		Norman			
1938		Central (Tulsa)	1995		Westmoore			
1939		Central (Tulsa)	1996		Jenks			
1940		Central (Tulsa)	1997		Jenks			
1941		Central (Tulsa)	1998		Jenks			
1942		Central (Tulsa)	1999		Jenks			
1943			2000		Jenks			
1944			2001		Jenks			
1945			2002		Jenks			
1946			2003		Jenks			
1947			2004		Jenks			
1948		Classen SAS	2005		Edmond North			
1949		Bartlesville	2006		Edmond North			
1950		Classen SAS	2007		Jenks			
1951		Ponca City	2008		Jenks			
1952		Bartlesville	2009	6A	Jenks			
1953		Bartlesville		5A	Bixby			
1954		Bartlesville	2010	6A	Jenks			
1955		Bartlesville		5A	Altus			
1956		Will Rogers	2011	6A	Jenks			
1957		Central (Tulsa)		5A	Harrah			
1958		Edison Prep	2012	6A	Union			
1959		Edison Prep		5A	Bixby			
1960		Edison Prep	2013	6A	Norman North			
1961		Edison Prep		5A	Bixby			
1962		Bartlesville	2014	6A	Norman North			
1963		Bartlesville		5A	Stillwater			
1964		Bartlesville	2015	6A	Norman North			
1965		Bartlesville		5A	Altus			
1966		Bartlesville	2016	6A	Edmond North			
1967		Bartlesville		5A	Altus			
1968		Bartlesville	2017	6A	Jenks			
1969		Bartlesville		5A	Deer Creek (Edmond)			
1970		Bartlesville						
1971		Bartlesville						
1972		Norman						
1973		Stillwater						
1974		Stillwater						
1975		Norman						
1976		Norman						
1977		Norman						
1978		Norman						
1979		Norman						
1980		Norman						
1981		Booker T Washington						
1982		Norman						
1983		Norman						
1984		Bartlesville						
1985		Booker T Washington						
1986		Bartlesville						
1987		Moore						
1988		Bartlesville						
1989		Bartlesville						
1990		Bartlesville						
1991		Jenks						
1992		Jenks						
1993		Edmond						

X. HISTORY OF GIRLS STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

1957		Ponca City	2011	6A	Edmond North			
1958		Ponca City		5A	Ft. Gibson			
1959		Ponca City	2012	6A	Edmond North			
1960		Ponca City		5A	Ft. Gibson			
1961		Ponca City	2013	6A	Edmond North			
1962		Ponca City		5A	Ft. Gibson			
1963		Ponca City	2014	6A	Norman North			
1964		Edison Prep		5A	Ft. Gibson			
1965		Ponca City	2015	6A	Bartlesville			
1966		Bartlesville		5A	Stillwater			
1967		Bartlesville	2016	6A	Bartlesville			
1968		Bartlesville		5A	Stillwater			
1969			2017	6A	Bartlesville			
1970				5A	Stillwater			
1971								
1972								
1973								
1974		Norman						
1975		Norman						
1976		Norman						
1977		Norman						
1978		Edmond						
1979		Norman						
1980		Norman						
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1982		Bartlesville						
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1992		Jenks						
1993		Edmond						
1994		Jenks						
1995		Bartlesville						
1996		Bartlesville						
1997		Bartlesville						
1998		Stillwater						
1999		Edmond Memorial						
2000		Edmond Memorial						
2001		Edmond Memorial						
2002		Edmond Memorial						
2003		Jenks						
2004		Jenks						
2005		Jenks						
2006		Edmond Memorial						
2007		Edmond Memorial						
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2009	6A	Jenks						
	5A	Bishop McGuinness						
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	5A	Bishop McGuinness						

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2017 TENNIS DATES TO REMEMBER

February	8	Requests to Host Regional Tournament Due
March	1	Season Opens
March	9	Regional Tournament Sites Selected
April	4	Entry Forms Due
April	8	Regional Assignment Meeting 1:30 P.M.
April	10	Regional Tournament Assignments Released
April	21	Class 4A Girls Qualifying Tournament
April	23	Girls' Application for Academic Achievement Awards Due
April	28	Class 4A Boys Qualifying Tournament
April	30	Girls' Regional Tournaments
May	1	Boys' Application for Academic Achievement Awards Due
May	3	Open Seeding Meeting for Girls' State Tournament
May	4-5	Girls' State Tournament
May	7	Boys' Regional Tournaments
May	10	Open Seeding Meeting for Boys' State Tournament
May	11-12	Boys' State Tournament

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Class 6A will consist of the first 32 schools on the ADM sheet.
- B. Class 5A will consist of the next 32 schools on the ADM sheet playing both girls' and boys' tennis with the following exceptions applying to Class 5A:
 - 1. Member schools that have only a girls' or only a boys' tennis team within the ADM between the smallest ADM Class 6A school and largest ADM Class 4A school, will be placed into Class 5A.
 - 2. If a member school(s) decides to participate in the OSSAA tennis championships after the 2015-16 OSSAA Entry Fee Invoices are received for the 2015-16 school year, and their ADM places them into Class 5A, Class 5A will be increased in number to 33, 34, etc.
- C. Class 4A will consist of the remaining tennis playing schools on the ADM sheet.
- NOTE:** The 2015-16 ADM sheet will be used to determine the 2016 tennis classifications.
- D. For information concerning a school being moved up one classification see Rule-14 Sec-1 in the 2015-16 administrators handbook.

II. SEASON

- A. Organized practice for Tennis may begin no earlier than December 1. Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport. From the close of the season for tennis to the start date of December 1, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.
If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.
Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one-hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes.
- B. OSSAA sanctioned tournaments and matches may begin March 1.
- C. Each team is allowed three scrimmages prior to March 1 with the first scrimmage date to be no earlier than February 1. Anytime there is participation against a school team that consists of any player(s) not currently enrolled in your school will be considered a scrimmage. There will be no loss on instructional time for scrimmages. There will be no sanctioned tournaments or matches prior to March 1. No team shall be allowed to scrimmage in Tennis after March 1. Scrimmages cannot be used for seeding information and will not count against the number of matches allowed.
- D. State Rules Meetings for all sports will be mandatory for each Head Coach. Tennis Coaches can fulfill this requirement at the Oklahoma Tennis Coaches Association winter clinic, the rules meeting is also available on-line at www.ossaa.com, click on the sports link, then Tennis for instructions. Proof that you have completed the on-line rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA.
- E. All head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or complete the online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.

III. NUMBER OF MATCHES AND PARTICIPATION

- A. High school teams are allowed fourteen (14) matches. A tournament is considered to be one match.
- B. Junior high school teams are allowed eight (8) matches. A tournament is considered to be one match.
- C. On the high school level, an individual participant is allowed fourteen (14) matches,
- D. On the junior high level, an individual participant is allowed eight (8) matches.
- E. A ninth grade student may play fourteen (14) matches if he/she participates with the high school team. This can be totally with the high school team or a combination of junior high and high school matches. If a ninth grade student plays with the junior high team only, he/she is limited to eight (8) matches.
- F. All students high school or junior high can play in no more than two matches weekly where there would be loss of instructional time, including travel time.
- G. **A student cannot miss more than seven instructional days.**

IV. QUALIFIER (4A ONLY), REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT DATES

- A. Girls and Boys Class 4A qualifying tournaments will be held on April 21, 2018 for girls and April 28, 2018 for boys.
- B. Girls' and boys' regional tournaments will be scheduled on the 44th and 45th OSSAA calendar weeks. Girls' regional tournaments will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018, and boys' regional tournaments will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018.
- C. Girls' and boys' state tennis tournaments will be scheduled on Friday and Saturday of the 44th and 45th OSSAA calendar weeks. The Girls' State Tennis Tournament will be held on May 4-5 2018, and the Boys' State Tennis Tournament will be held on May 11-12, 2018.
- D. **If the qualifier does not have 36 teams total, the qualifier will be cancelled, and all participants will advance to regionals.**

V. REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS (4A QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS INCLUDED)

A. Regional Tournament Regulations

1. Coaches' ranking sheets can be found on the OSSAA web site (www.ossaa.com). These ranking sheets will be used for regional tournament seeding information. Record all singles matches played on the same sheet (regardless of the position played). Record All doubles matches played with the same partner on the same sheet (regardless of the position played).
2. Regional tournament sites will be announced on or before March 10, 2018.
3. 2018 regional tournament assignments will be posted on the OSSAA web site (www.ossaa.com) by 4:00 p.m. on April 9.
4. All regional tournament entry forms (blank form can be found on the last page of this manual) and updated seeding information should be brought directly to the regional seeding meeting. Do not send seeding information to the OSSAA.
5. Rule on position of players:
 - a) The #1 singles player must be better than the #2 singles player.
 - b) The #1 doubles team must be better than the #2 doubles team.
6. The regional tournament manager will conduct a seeding meeting the morning of the tournament. The seeding meeting will be no earlier than 8:00 a.m. If there is no seeding information available or there are questionable lineups, entries will be subject to protest by participating coaches. Any protest will be decided by a majority vote of the participating coaches present at the seeding meeting.
7. The seeding information criteria to be used at each regional tournament seeding meeting will be as follows:
 - a) Direct wins will be the first criteria used. If there is an even split in direct matches, the most recent win will determine the seed. Defaults can be counted as a direct win or loss to that opponent during that match. If there is a default after that match is completed, it counts as a win to the next opponent on that day. Defaults cannot be used as an indirect or a comparative score.
 - b) Indirect wins will be the second criteria used.
 - c) Comparative scores will be the third criteria used. If two players have a common opponent and one or both have played a common opponent once and/or more than once, then the best result will be compared. Comparative wins and losses will be compared equally. A split set comparative loss is better than a two set comparative loss even if fewer games are won in the split set loss. In comparative wins, a straight set win is better than a three set win.
 - d) Competition may be considered when determining a seed, but is not required.
 - e) In regional tournament play, if the criteria in a, b, c, and d does not decide the seed, the seed will be decided by a majority vote of the participating coaches present at the seeding meeting.
 - f) Pro sets will not be used for seeding purposes.
8. Tournament Administration:
 - a) Players shall be dressed and ready for play at the designated times.
 - b) Players should be at the courts at all times unless excused by the tournament manager.
 - c) Scheduling will be at the discretion of the tournament manager.
 - d) United States Tennis Association rules will be used. Unless amended by the OTCA
 - e) The tournament manager shall conduct the tournament in keeping with the Constitution and Rules of the OSSAA which may include disqualifying a player for unsportsmanlike conduct. Disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct may occur either during a player's match or for behavior at the tournament site between matches.
9. Plan of Competition:
 - a) The #1 singles players will compete in the #1 singles bracket.
 - b) The #2 singles players will compete in the #2 singles bracket.
 - c) The #1 doubles team will compete in the #1 doubles bracket.
 - d) The #2 doubles team will compete in the #2 doubles bracket.
 - e) If there is only one entry in singles or one doubles team, they must compete in the #1 bracket. **EXCEPTION:** If the regional is moved from the original date announced by the OSSAA due to weather or some other reason, then the one entry in singles or one doubles team that has been playing in the #2 bracket all year DOES NOT have to move up and compete in the #1 bracket. The coach **must** provide documentation at the regional seeding meeting that this singles player or doubles team has been playing at the #2 position for most or all of the year. The decision to allow this will be decided on by a majority vote of the coaches competing at that regional.
 - f) A #1 player shall not compete in a #2 position.
 - g) A player may be entered in either singles or doubles, but not in both.
 - h) A school may enter two singles players and alternates, and two doubles teams and alternates. Any player used in singles or doubles may not be used as an alternate.
 - i) In regional tournament play, all coaches of schools involved are to be notified by the tournament manager of the time and place of the drawing and seeding of the tournament bracket. The OSSAA will provide standard brackets that are to be used by the tournament manager.
 - j) In regional play on an eight point bracket, only four seeds will be made on lines one, four, five, and eight and all other placements will be drawn at random, unless a majority vote is made by all coaches to seed all eight placements.
 - k) For regional tournament play, coaches must designate their #1 singles, #2 singles, #1 doubles, and #2 doubles players on their OSSAA Regional Entry Form. Once designated, the players must remain in these positions for regional and state tournament play.
 - l) If a #1 player is injured or ill, a coach may move a #2 player into his/her position and use an alternate at the vacated #2 position. A #1 player can never be moved into a #2 position.

- m) Any changes in a regional lineup that is due to injury or illness of a player must be made no later than ten minutes before the tournament starting time.
 - n) If a player qualifies for the state tournament and cannot participate, an alternate from the respective team's alternate list may be used. If there is no alternate listed or available, then the 5th place finisher(s) from the regional tournament event will advance to the state tournament. If the 5th place finisher(s) is or are not available then the 6th place finisher(s) from the Regional Tournament will advance.
 - o) A break may be given between sets. Coaches **only** may coach players **off-court** (meaning behind the fence or on the sides-**not** on the court) during the break between sets and the 90-second time allotted for changeover. After the 1st game there is no time allotted during the changeover. Coaches may also coach **off-court** between points without interrupting the flow of play. Play should be continuous.
 - p) The tournament manager shall disqualify any player for any type of verbal abuse to anyone.
 - q) All regional tournament competition will be played with a feed in consolation concept. There will be play for all eight positions on an eight point bracket and twelve positions on a sixteen point bracket.
 - r) Scoring on an eight point bracket will be: 9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1; and on a sixteen point bracket it will be: 12,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1. The twelve point tie breaker will be used exclusively.
 - s) In the event of a tie for team finishers, co-champions or co-runners-up will be declared. A coin toss will determine which school will receive the appropriate trophy. OSSAA will send a trophy to the team not winning the coin toss. If a tie for first place occurs, there will be no runner-up team.
 - t) Each singles or doubles entry must furnish one can of new balls and give to the Tournament Director to distribute to the player(s). The loser will receive the used balls. The OSSAA will furnish balls for the state tournaments.
 - u) In Class 4A only, when the draw contains more than eight teams, all matches with the exception of the consolation and championship finals, will be played best 2 out of 3 sets (with AD) with the 3rd set being a 10 point super tie breaker. The consolation and championship semi-finals, and championship finals will be played regular scoring best 2 out of 3 (with AD) with a full 3rd set.
10. Awards
- a) A plaque will be awarded the first place team.
 - b) Individual medals will be awarded to the first five finishers in each event.
 - c) No awards will be given at 4A qualifying tournaments.
- B. State Tournament Regulations
1. The top four finishers in each regional tournament event will qualify for the state tournament.
 2. An opening seeding meeting to establish state tournament brackets will be held the day before the state tournament. The Tennis Coaches' Advisory Committee will rule on any disputes that cannot be settled in the open seeding meeting. At the state tournament seeding meeting, the coach of each participant who has qualified for the state tournament must provide five (5) copies of the participant's won/lost record for the entire season and whom the record was against. If the coach of a participant does not provide this information, it will be left to the advisory committee of the respective class of tennis to seed the participant based upon the participant's regional tournament information. If the dispute cannot be settled by the three advisory members then the advisory group from one of the other classes will settle the dispute.
 3. On a sixteen-point bracket, only eight seeds will be made on lines one, four, five, eight, nine, twelve, thirteen, and sixteen. All other placements will be drawn at random.
 4. The seeding information criteria to be used at the state tournament seeding meeting will be the same criteria used during regional tournament competition.
 5. The state tournament will be played with a feed in consolation concept. Points will be awarded for players placing first through eighth place. 1st - 9 pts; 2nd - 7 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 5 pts; 5th - 4 pts; 6th - 3 pts; 7th - 2 pts; 8th - 1 pt.
 6. In the event two or more schools tie for first and second place, there will be no tie breaker. If the tie is for first place, co-champions will be declared. A coin toss will determine which team receives the championship trophy. If the tie is for second place, co-runners-up will be declared. A coin toss will determine which school will receive the runner-up trophy. OSSAA will send a trophy to the team not winning the coin toss.
 7. Tournament Administration:
 - a) Players shall be dressed and ready for play at the designated time.
 - b) Players should be at the courts at all times unless excused by the tournament manager.
 - c) Scheduling will be at the discretion of the tournament manager.
 - d) United States Tennis Association rules will be used. The officials at the State Tournament will be roving umpires who will have jurisdiction over more than one court. One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game official. The official will:
 - i. insure the courts are ready to play
 - ii. enforce the warm up time
 - iii. enforce the OTCA Point Penalty System: warning, point, match
 - iv. resolve scoring disputes in this order: count all points agreed on by the players, resume play from a score mutually agreeable to the players, decide the score by a coin toss.
 - v. control spectators.
 - vi. enforce the USTA change over time regulations
 - viii. be visible
 - ix. foot faults will be called by an official only when the official is called to the court
 - x. the non-returning player in doubles may not break the center line plane extended to the baseline with body or racket

- in an attempt to distract the server.
 - xi. use USTA Rules and Regulations for any procedures not mentioned above.
 - e) The tournament manager shall conduct the tournament in keeping with the Constitution and Rules of the OSSAA, which may include disqualifying a player for unsportsmanlike conduct. Disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct may occur either during a player's match or for behavior at the tournament site between matches.
- 8. Plan of Competition
 - a) It will be the same format used for regional tournament competition except, seeding will be done on a sixteen-point bracket.
- 9. Tennis balls will be furnished by the OSSAA at the state tournament.
- 10. Roving umpires
 - a) The roving umpires will handle violations of the OSSAA coaching rule by giving a warning on the first violation, deducting a point on the second violation, and awarding a default on the third violation. During the state tournament, coaches shall do their coaching from the bench area, net post area, or through the fence.
 - b) Roving umpires may make a ruling on any line call in which case an appeal is made by a player(s) during a match when that umpire is on that particular court and only if that umpire is in direct observance of the line of the call in question; i.e., net post or baseline.
 - c) The roving umpires will penalize all acts of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 11. Awards
 - a) Trophies will be awarded to the runner-up and champion teams.
 - b) Individual medals will be awarded to the first five finishers in each event.

VI. INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT AND SANCTIONING RULE

- A. All OSSAA meets and tournaments where three or more schools participate must be approved by the Board of Directors before member schools shall enter. An OSSAA Application for Athletic Event can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).

VII. REQUEST TO HOST (4A) QUALIFYING AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. Request to host a regional tournament must be sent to the OSSAA office no later than February 5, 2017. The request should contain the following information:
 - 1. Tournament classifications and either boys, girls, or both.
 - 2. Number of courts to be used at tournament headquarters.
 - 3. Number of courts to be used at a site away from the headquarters, and the distance from the central site.
 - 4. Last time you hosted an OSSAA regional tournament.
 - 5. Manager's experience in running invitational or OSSAA sponsored tournaments.
 - 6. Condition of courts including the availability of lighted courts.
 - 7. Any cost to the OSSAA needs to be stated in the request to host. If the host school is absorbing the cost this should be stated in the request as well.
 - 8. Manager requesting to host must provide email and cell phone contact information.

VIII. COACHING

- A. Coaching is permitted by the head coach, assistant coach or adjunct coach. The state coaching pass should be worn and visible at all times when coaching.
- B. A coach may coach a player anytime during the match between points as long as the coach does not interfere with play. Play should be continuous.
- C. A coach can coach from outside the fence perimeter or on any empty adjacent court. If coaching from an adjacent court, the coach may stand no closer than the doubles sideline on the same side as the player.
- D. A coach should not coach from the opponent's side, either behind the fence perimeter or on any empty adjacent court.
- E. The purpose of coaching is to offer advice to the player. Coaches shall not in any way distract or annoy the opposing player. If a coach in any way interferes with play or distracts an opposing player at any time, he shall receive a direct warning from the referee, umpire, or tournament director. For any subsequent violation, the coaches player(s), on the court where the violation occurred, shall be assessed a point penalty.
- F. The conduct of coaches before, during, and after any competition must be exemplary. Any deviation from this standard shall result in:
 - a. A direct warning from the referee, umpire or tournament director
 - b. If the coach's behavior continues following the warning, the official may bar the coach from continuing to coach for the rest of the match.
 - c. If the coach's behavior continues to erode and cause distraction the official shall ask the coach to leave the premises until the match is completed.

IX. COACHES

- A. A coach shall be in charge of contestants. Any assistance rendered by parties other than a designated sponsor or coach must be with the approval of the administration and will not relieve the designated sponsor or coach of his/her responsibility.

X. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest meet or tournament are subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but is not limited to comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

XI. NOT HONORING A PROTEST (Board Policy XLVIII)

OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games of contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

XII. DRESS CODE

- A. In regional and state tournament competition, players will not be allowed to wear tank tops that are distasteful, shirts with beer or alcohol advertisements, cut-off jeans, or any apparel that the tournament manager deems inappropriate.

XIII. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. General Regulations
 - 1. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
 - 2. Entries received after the entry deadline will not be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will also void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
 - 3. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile: A = 4; B = 3.000; C = 2.000; D = 1.000. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
 - 4. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual student's GPA.
 - 5. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
- B. Three levels of competition for academic awards
 - 1. Academic Achievement Certificate: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - 3. State Academic Champion: The highest girls' team GPA and the highest boys' team GPA will be declared the state academic champion from their respective class of competition.
- C. Team Qualifications:
 - 1. Tennis - The roster of academic achievement participants will consist of the six team members competing in regional tournament competition. Six participants will be the minimum number in order to enter the academic competition. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) Applications for girls' teams must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 24 or may be FAXED April 24, and Monday, May 1 or may be FAXED May 2 for boys' teams.
 - 2. The Application for Academic Achievement Award can be found on the OSSAA website, (www.ossaa.com).

XIV. COACHES ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, nor seeking out an official during half time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of, and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.

- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

XV. HIV AND HEPATITIS B RELATED TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

- A. Please see your principal or athletic director for precautionary recommendations concerning HIV (AIDS) and Hepatitis B.

XVI. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

- A. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstances. NOTE: Refer to Rule 3 in the 2014-15 OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook for additional scholastic eligibility information.

XVII. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contests.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

XVIII. 2017 STATE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Friday - Oklahoma City Tennis Center

Time	Class	Event	Number	Type of Match
8:00	5A	#1 Singles	8	1st Round
8:00	5A	#2 Singles	8	1st Round
8:00	5A	#1 Doubles	8	1st Round
9:15	5A	#2 Doubles	8	1st Round
9:15	6A	#1 Singles	8	1st Round
9:15	6A	#2 Singles	8	1st Round
10:30	6A	#1 Doubles	8	1st Round
10:30	6A	#2 Doubles	8	1st Round
10:30	4A	#1 Singles	8	1st Round
11:45	4A	#2 Singles	8	1st Round
11:45	4A	#1 Doubles	8	1st Round
11:45	4A	#2 Doubles	8	1st Round
1:00	5A	#1 Singles	4 winners	Quarters
1:00	5A	#1 Singles	4	Consolation
1:00	5A	#2 Singles	4 winners	Quarters
1:00	5A	#2 Singles	4	Consolation
1:00	5A	#1 Doubles	4 winners	Quarters
1:00	5A	#1 Doubles	4	Consolation
2:15	5A	#2 Doubles	4 winners	Quarters
2:15	5A	#2 Doubles	4	Consolation
2:30	6A	#1 Singles	4 winners	Quarters
2:30	6A	#1 Singles	4	Consolation
3:00	6A	#2 Singles	4 winners	Quarters
3:00	6A	#2 Singles	4	Consolation
3:45	6A	#1 Doubles	4 winners	Quarters
3:45	6A	#1 Doubles	4	Consolation
4:00	6A	#2 Doubles	4 winners	Quarters
4:00	6A	#2 Doubles	4	Consolation
4:30	4A	#1 Singles	4 winners	Quarters
4:30	4A	#1 Singles	4	Consolation
5:15	4A	#2 Singles	4 winners	Quarters
5:15	4A	#2 Singles	4	Consolation
5:30	4A	#1 Doubles	4 winners	Quarters
5:30	4A	#1 Doubles	4	Consolation
6:00	4A	#2 Doubles	4 winners	Quarters
6:00	4A	#2 Doubles	4	Consolation

Saturday - Oklahoma City Tennis Center

Time	Class	Event	Number	Type of Match
8:00	5A	#1 Singles	4	Consolation
8:00	5A	#2 Singles	4	Consolation
8:00	5A	#1 Doubles	4	Consolation
8:00	5A	#2 Doubles	4	Consolation
8:00	6A	#1 Singles	4	Consolation
8:00	6A	#2 Singles	4	Consolation
9:15	6A	#1 Doubles	4	Consolation
9:15	6A	#2 Doubles	4	Consolation
9:30	4A	#1 Singles	4	Consolation
9:30	4A	#2 Singles	4	Consolation
10:00	4A	#1 Doubles	4	Consolation
10:00	4A	#2 Doubles	4	Consolation
10:45	5A	#1 Singles	2	Semi-finals
10:45	5A	#1 Singles	2	Consolation
10:45	5A	#2 Singles	2	Semi-finals
10:45	5A	#2 Singles	2	Consolation
11:00	5A	#1 Doubles	2	Semi-finals
11:00	5A	#1 Doubles	2	Consolation
11:00	5A	#2 Doubles	2	Semi-finals
11:00	5A	#2 Doubles	2	Consolation

Time	Class	Event	Number	Type of Match
11:30	6A	#1 Singles	2	Semi-finals
11:30	6A	#1 Singles	2	Consolation
11:30	6A	#2 Singles	2	Semi-finals
11:30	6A	#2 Singles	2	Consolation
12:15	6A	#1 Doubles	2	Semi-finals
12:15	6A	#1 Doubles	2	Consolation
12:15	6A	#2 Doubles	2	Semi-finals
12:15	6A	#2 Doubles	2	Consolation
12:30	4A	#1 Singles	2	Semi-finals
12:30	4A	#1 Singles	2	Consolation
12:30	4A	#2 Singles	2	Semi-finals
12:30	4A	#2 Singles	2	Consolation
1:00	4A	#1 Doubles	2	Semi-finals
1:00	4A	#1 Doubles	2	Consolation
1:00	4A	#2 Doubles	2	Semi-finals
1:00	4A	#2 Doubles	2	Consolation
1:45	5A	#1 Singles	1	Final
1:45	5A	#1 Singles	1	Third
1:45	5A	#1 Singles	1	Fifth
1:45	5A	#1 Singles	1	Seventh
1:45	5A	#2 Singles	1	Final
1:45	5A	#2 Singles	1	Third
1:45	5A	#2 Singles	1	Fifth
1:45	5A	#2 Singles	1	Seventh
2:00	5A	#1 Doubles	1	Final
2:00	5A	#1 Doubles	1	Third
2:00	5A	#1 Doubles	1	Fifth
2:00	5A	#1 Doubles	1	Seventh
2:00	5A	#2 Doubles	1	Final
2:00	5A	#2 Doubles	1	Third
2:00	5A	#2 Doubles	1	Fifth
2:00	5A	#2 Doubles	1	Seventh
2:30	6A	#1 Singles	1	Final
2:30	6A	#1 Singles	1	Third
2:30	6A	#1 Singles	1	Fifth
2:30	6A	#1 Singles	1	Seventh
2:30	6A	#2 Singles	1	Final
2:30	6A	#2 Singles	1	Third
2:30	6A	#2 Singles	1	Fifth
2:30	6A	#2 Singles	1	Seventh
3:15	6A	#1 Doubles	1	Final
3:15	6A	#1 Doubles	1	Third
3:15	6A	#1 Doubles	1	Fifth
3:15	6A	#1 Doubles	1	Seventh
3:15	6A	#2 Doubles	1	Final
3:15	6A	#2 Doubles	1	Third
3:15	6A	#2 Doubles	1	Fifth
3:15	6A	#2 Doubles	1	Seventh
3:30	4A	#1 Singles	1	Final
3:30	4A	#1 Singles	1	Third
3:30	4A	#1 Singles	1	Fifth
3:30	4A	#1 Singles	1	Seventh
3:30	4A	#2 Singles	1	Final
3:30	4A	#2 Singles	1	Third
3:30	4A	#2 Singles	1	Fifth
3:30	4A	#2 Singles	1	Seventh
4:00	4A	#1 Doubles	1	Final
4:00	4A	#1 Doubles	1	Third
4:00	4A	#1 Doubles	1	Fifth
4:00	4A	#1 Doubles	1	Seventh
4:00	4A	#2 Doubles	1	Final
4:00	4A	#2 Doubles	1	Third
4:00	4A	#2 Doubles	1	Fifth
4:00	4A	#2 Doubles	1	Seventh

XIX. 2017 STATE TENNIS PLACEMENTS CLASS 6A**GIRLS #1 SINGLES**

State Champion	Andie Williams	Jenks
2nd Place	Erin Epperson	Bartlesville
3rd Place	Jenna Noel	Westmoore
4th Place	Haley Morgan	Edmond North
5th Place	Melody Holcomb	Bixby
6th Place	Addison Miller	Deer Creek-Edmond
7th Place	Zoe Gray	Putnam City North
8th Place	Brooke Redwine	Norman

GIRLS #2 SINGLES

State Champion	Sarah Cameron	Jenks
2nd Place	Erica Jaggermauth	Bixby
3rd Place	Darby Cobb	Edmond North
4th Place	Ally Dinh	Union
5th Place	Courtney Swift	Owasso
6th Place	Marissa Teter	Deer Creek-Edmond
7th Place	Kelly Gerrish	Bartlesville
8th Place	Sheridan Grunsted	Norman

GIRLS #1 DOUBLES

State Champion	Jabrzinski-Jabrzinski	Norman North
2nd Place	Boggs-Fields	Edmond North
3rd Place	Cameron-Johnston	Jenks
4th Place	Merrill-Barber	Union
5th Place	Powers-Smith	Bixby
6th Place	Dillingham-Dillingham	Enid
7th Place	Baird-Dye	Edmond Santa Fe
8th Place	Keeler-Parks	Ponca City

GIRLS #2 DOUBLES

State Champion	Debenedetti-Robertson	Jenks
2nd Place	Roy-Snyder	Union
3rd Place	Golightly-Mitchell	Edmond North
4th Place	Fan-Lu	Edmond Santa Fe
5th Place	Gwin-Player	Enid
6th Place	Holderman-Shriver	Owasso
7th Place	Cooper-Merchan	Norman North
8th Place	Guretzki-Kerr	Bixby

BOYS #1 SINGLES

State Champion	Gabriel Willbourn	Jenks
2nd Place	Michael Grunsted	Norman
3rd Place	Daniel Meszaros	Bartlesville
4th Place	Brett Bormann	Edmond North
5th Place	Nathan Schmidt	Union
6th Place	David Kubis	Broken Arrow
7th Place	Chris Dyer	Edmond Memorial
8th Place	Tanner Brown	Deer Creek-Edmond

BOYS #2 SINGLES

State Champion	Scott Hjelm	Jenks
2nd Place	Wes Roberston	Edmond North
3rd Place	Caleb Fuller	Owasso
4th Place	Jeremy Berryman	Broken Arrow
5th Place	Aaron Boyington	Union
6th Place	Blake Hopp	Bartlesville
7th Place	Michael Pham	Moore
8th Place	Andy Caro	Mustang

BOYS #1 DOUBLES

State Champion	Mansell-McLaughlin	Edmond North
2nd Place	Hughes-Slick	Jenks
3rd Place	Graham-Spillars	Bixby
4th Place	Lovett-Magsig	Norman North
5th Place	Baker-Smith	Mustang
6th Place	Bui-Hennessee	Westmoore
7th Place	Chapuis-Medrano	Muskogee
8th Place	Leap-Rann	Enid

BOYS #2 DOUBLES

State Champion	Elias-Lucas	Jenks
2nd Place	Chaudhry-Trapp	Edmond North
3rd Place	Conway-Smith	Bixby
4th Place	Alp-Surratt	Union
5th Place	Ivester-Thomas	Deer Creek-Edmond
6th Place	Grooms-Rowan	Muskogee
7th Place	Chidambaram-Sonne	Norman North
8th Place	Carger-Hassan	Edmond Santa Fe

6A GIRLS ORDER OF FINISH - TEAM POINTS

1.	Jenks	33
2.	Edmond North	24
3.	Union	17
4.	Bixby	16
5.	Norman North	11
6.	Bartlesville	9
7.	Edmond Santa Fe, Enid, Owasso	7
10.	Deer Creek-Edmond, Westmoore	6
12.	Norman, Putnam City North	2
14.	Ponca City	1

6A BOYS ORDER OF FINISH - TEAM POINTS

1.	Jenks	34
2.	Edmond North	28
3.	Bixby	15
4.	Union	13
5.	Broken Arrow, Edmond Memorial	8
7.	Norman, Norman North	7
9.	Bartlesville	6
10.	Deer Creek-Edmond, Muskogee, Mustang	5
13.	Westmoore	3
14.	Moore	2
15.	Edmond Santa Fe, Enid	1

XX. 2017 STATE TENNIS PLACEMENTS CLASS 5A

GIRLS #1 SINGLES

State Champion	Jeryn Jack	Bishop Kelley
2nd Place	Ryan Thompson	Heritage Hall
3rd Place	Sarah Reilly	OK Bible Academy
4th Place	Tori Dill	Bishop McGuinness
5th Place	Ericka Van Doren	Cascia Hall
6th Place	Natalie Evans	Claremore
7th Place	Mackenzie Rains	Duncan
8th Place	Keira Johnson	McAlester

GIRLS #2 SINGLES

State Champion	Kimmie Koors	Bishop Kelley
2nd Place	Lauren Harvey	Heritage Hall
3rd Place	Lindsey Perkins	Cascia Hall
4th Place	Vanessa Cassidy	Duncan
5th Place	Lauren Kuykendall	Claremore
6th Place	Sami Court	Bishop McGuinness
7th Place	Morgan Toney	Carl Albert
8th Place	Cydney Linehan	McAlester

GIRLS #1 DOUBLES

State Champion	Miley-Miley	Cascia Hall
2nd Place	Boydston-Johnson	Claremore
3rd Place	Carlin-Shapard	Heritage Hall
4th Place	Davis-Lawson	Carl Albert
5th Place	Watkins-Churman	Duncan
6th Place	Price-Roberts	OK Bible Academy
7th Place	Gray-Dickman	Bishop Kelley
8th Place	McCoy-McCoy	Durant

GIRLS #2 DOUBLES

State Champion	Powers-Jennings	Cascia Hall
2nd Place	Corson-Routledge	Durant
3rd Place	Cox-Sisovsky	Claremore
4th Place	Franks-Young	Heritage Hall
5th Place	Lehman-Wollmershauser	Bishop Kelley
6th Place	Boyer-Wages	Carl Albert
7th Place	Ervin-Ervin	McAlester
8th Place	Corona-Tellez	Ardmore

BOYS #1 SINGLES

State Champion	Darryl Romas	Bishop Kelley
2nd Place	Will Kaiser	Heritage Hall
3rd Place	Jack Wagner	Mount St. Mary
4th Place	William Reynolds	Collinsville
5th Place	Karsten Knutsen	Riverfield
6th Place	Cade Cox	Claremore
7th Place	Christian DeMaio	Metro Christian
8th Place	Johnny Stobbe	Shawnee

BOYS #2 SINGLES

State Champion	Dominic Roman	Bishop Kelley
2nd Place	Jack Kaiser	Heritage Hall
3rd Place	Parker Stewart	Shawnee
4th Place	Micah Sloan	Claremore
5th Place	Carson Villalon	Duncan
6th Place	Noah Alvarado	Mount St. Mary
7th Place	Manning White	McAlester
8th Place	Michael Thetford	Cascia Hall

BOYS #1 DOUBLES

State Champion	Lai-Zeiders	Heritage Hall
2nd Place	Vaughn-Vaughn	Bishop Kelley
3rd Place	Hartley-Hopfer	Guthrie
4th Place	Guillette-Entrline	Cascia Hall
5th Place	Bryant-Vogt	Carl Albert
6th Place	McGuire-Westfall	Claremore
7th Place	Nix-Brought	Duncan
8th Place	Barron-Carey	Durant

BOYS #2 DOUBLES

State Champion	Cohlmi-Huelskamp	Heritage Hall
2nd Place	Blevins-Streller	OK Christian School
3rd Place	Gawey-Habib	Bishop Kelley
4th Place	Johnston-Battice	Ardmore
5th Place	Hannagan-Wood	Cascia Hall
6th Place	Gore-Laubach	Riverfield
7th Place	Montgomery-Taylor	Carl Albert
8th Place	Brace-Cagle	Claremore

5A GIRLS ORDER OF FINISH - TEAM POINTS

1.	Cascia Hall	28
2.	Heritage Hall	25
3.	Bishop Kelley	24
4.	Claremore	20
5.	Duncan	11
6.	Carl Albert	10
7.	OK Bible Academy	9
8.	Bishop McGuinness, Durant	8
10.	McAlester	4
11.	Ardmore	1

5A BOYS ORDER OF FINISH - TEAM POINTS

1.	Heritage Hall	32
2.	Bishop Kelley	31
3.	Claremore	12
4.	Cascia Hall	10
5.	Mount St. Mary	9
6.	OK Christian School, Riverfield, Shawnee	7
9.	Carl Albert, Duncan Guthrie	6
12.	Ardmore, Collinsville	5
14.	McAlester, Metro Christian	2
16.	Durant	1

XXI. 2017 STATE TENNIS PLACEMENTS CLASS 4A**GIRLS #1 SINGLES**

State Champion	Shea Bhasin	Holland Hall
2nd Place	Alicia Muro	Riverfield
3rd Place	Caroly Eakers-Jarrett	Harding Charter
4th Place	Ciarra Rose	Crossings Christian
5th Place	Kat Pham	Classen SAS
6th Place	Morganne Freeman	Ada
7th Place	Grace Willis	Regent Prep
8th Place	Tayra Ward	Anadarko

GIRLS #2 SINGLES

State Champion	Emily Elmburg	Holland Hall
2nd Place	Grace Johnson	Crossings Christian
3rd Place	Erica Kelley	Riverfield
4th Place	Natalie Smith	Henryetta
5th Place	Maggie Johnson	Ada
6th Place	Reagan Ridley	Harrah
7th Place	Le Nguyen	Harding Charter
8th Place	Bri Sanders	Byng

**GIRLS #1
DOUBLES**

State Champion	Elmburg-Wise	Holland Hall
2nd Place	Burdon-Sheffield	Ada
3rd Place	Bendure-Hall	Perry
4th Place	Bryant-Montgomery	Henryetta
5th Place	DuBois-Kerr	Grove
6th Place	Clark-Strunk	Crossings Christian
7th Place	Evans-Pierce	Mount St. Mary
8th Place	Cobb-Jones	Elk City

**GIRLS #2
DOUBLES**

State Champion	Albright-Parmar	Holland Hall
2nd Place	Hawkins-Morris	Ada
3rd Place	Barela-DeLeon	Elk City
4th Place	Pierce-Marker	Perry
5th Place	Szymanski-Wilkinson	Crossings Christian
6th Place	Downing-Elder	Grove
7th Place	Sayre-Smith	Byng
8th Place	Martinez-Vargas	Anadarko

BOYS #1 SINGLES

State Champion	Jack Atherton	Holland Hall
2nd Place	Logan Orr	OK Bible Academy
3rd Place	John McKnight	OK Christian Academy
4th Place	James Fritts	Bishop McGuinness
5th Place	Harrison Boggs	Ada
6th Place	Jack Sergeant	Classen SAS
7th Place	CJ Brooks	Byng
8th Place	Karson Davis	Oologah

BOYS #2 SINGLES

State Champion	Mikey Burke	Holland Hall
2nd Place	Christian Siegley	Ada
3rd Place	Eli Thomas	Christian Heritage
4th Place	Will Puiggari	Bishop McGuinness
5th Place	Jordan Knox	Henryetta
6th Place	Austin Condict	Wagoner
7th Place	Jared Taylor	Oologah
8th Place	Caden Manuel	Byng

BOYS #1 DOUBLES

State Champion	Buchanan-Buwick	Bishop McGuinness
2nd Place	Siegley-Swopes	Ada
3rd Place	Nelson-Truong	Holland Hall
4th Place	Morris-Wadley	Grove
5th Place	Eaton-Price	OK Bible Academy
6th Place	Ramos-Nguyen	Clinton
7th Place	Perez-Reyes	Anadarko
8th Place	Tiger-McClain	Byng

BOYS #2 DOUBLES

State Champion	Allen-Wright	Grove
2nd Place	Clark-Taylor	Ada
3rd Place	Gilpin-Buchanan	Bishop McGuinness
4th Place	Bailey-Lollis	Henryetta
5th Place	Perez-Toehay	Anadarko
6th Place	Tice-Cummings	Pauls Valley
7th Place	Clinkingbeard-Roberts	Crossings Christian
8th Place	Choate-Duarte	Seminole

4A GIRLS ORDER OF FINISH - TEAM POINTS

1.	Holland Hall	36
2.	Ada	21
3.	Crossings Christian	19
4.	Riverfield	13
5.	Perry	11
6.	Henryetta	10
7.	Harding Charter	8
8.	Elk City, Grove	7
10.	Classen SAS	4
11.	Byng, Harrah	3
13.	Anadarko, Mount St. Mary, Regent Prep	2

4A BOYS ORDER OF FINISH - TEAM POINTS

1.	Ada, Bishop McGuinness	25
3.	Holland Hall	24
4.	Grove	14
5.	Ok Bible Academy	11
6.	Henryetta	9
7.	Anadarko, Christian Heritage, Ok Christian Ac	6
10.	Byng	4
11.	Classen SAS, Clinton, Oologah,	3
	Wagoner, Pauls Valley	3
16.	Crossings Christian	2
17.	Seminole	1

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TRACK SEASON CALENDAR

February, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31 Regional Host Request Due TR Rules: Pauls Valley H.S. Football fieldhouse 6:00 p.m.	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 TR Rules: Catoosa H.S. 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 TR Rules: Eisenhower H.S. 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17

March, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Season opens	2	3

April, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9	10	11	12	13 Coaches Rating form due	14
15	16	17	18	19 Regional assignments released	20	21
22	23 Regional Manager & Referee Meeting	24	25 A-2A-3A-4A Reg. entries and team rosters must be posted	26	27 Final Reg. entries posted for classes A-2A-3A-4A	28 A-2A-3A-4A Reg. Meet
29	30 A-2A-3A-4A Academic Achievement due April 30 or faxed no later than May 1					

May, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5A-6A Reg. entries & team rosters must be posted	3	4 A-2A-3A-4A State Meets Final Reg. Entries posted for classes 5A-6A	5 A-2A-3A-4A State Meets 5A-6A Reg. Meet
6	7 5A-6A Academic Achievement due May 7 or faxed no later than May 8	8	9	10	11 5A-6A State Meet	12 5A-6A State Meet
13	14 Coaches Adv. Com. Mtg. (4:00 p.m.)	15	16	17	18	19

ALL INFORMATION REGARDING REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED TO THE OSSAA WEB PAGE BY 4:00 P.M. ON APRIL 19.

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

1. The track and field coaches manual has been prepared to provide information to coaches, meet directors and officials and to promote a greater consistency in junior high and high school track meets throughout the state of Oklahoma.
2. The manual shall be considered as official interpretation unless the schools are notified of a change by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

B. Coaches Responsibility

1. To instruct each student athlete on their team the OSSAA rules and regulations for track and field.
2. For each coach to have all applicable forms sent to the OSSAA office by the listed deadline.

II. TRACK AND FIELD CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

A. State rules meetings – 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise stated)

1. January 13, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Norman (Sooner Legends Inn & Suites)
2. January 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Pauls Valley High School
3. February 7, 2018
Catoosa High School
4. February 14, 2018
Eisenhower High School
5. STATE RULES MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES-Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. **Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA.** All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st, all head coaches of winter activities must complete their state rules meeting by December 1st, **and all head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st.** The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and submit proper documentation to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
6. The OSSAA Board of Directors authorized the implementation of a Coaches Education Program. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct/volunteer personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course prior to their participation as a coach in any OSSAA regular season contest.

B. First contest - March 1, 2018

C. Contest limits for 2018 season:

1. **High school students** are limited to eight meets, four of which must occur when there is no loss of instructional time, including travel time.
2. Junior High students are limited to six meets, **two** of which must occur where there is no loss of instructional time, including travel time.
3. A ninth grade student can participate both on a Jr. High team and a high school team, but may not participate on both teams at the same meet. A ninth grader who participates on both the Jr. High and high school teams shall be limited to eight meets.
4. Practice meets are allowed & will not count against meet limitations if the following criteria is met:
 - a. No more than four teams will participate.
 - b. No entry fee is charged.
 - c. No awards are given.
 - d. There is no loss of school time including travel time.

5. VIOLATION OF CONTESTS LIMITS

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:

- a. **The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.**
 - b. **The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.**
 - c. **The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contest in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.**
 - d. **The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.**
6. It is **required** that all high school meets sanctioned by the OSSAA have a certified meet referee officiating the meet.
 - a. **A certified official is one who has taken and passed the NFHS Track and Field Rules Exam.**
 7. **Three indoor meets are allowed between January 1 and March 1.**
 8. All participants at meets are limited to participating in no more than four events, including relays.

D. Beginning and ending of season

Organized practice for Track and Field may begin no earlier than December 1.

Organized practice for Indoor Track and Field may begin no earlier than October 1.

Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport.

From the close of the season for Track and Field to the start date of December 1, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day.

If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching personnel to students during that additional one-hour period.

Time spent transporting student participants to an off-site facility or from one school site to another for the purpose of providing instruction in a particular sport during a physical education class or during the one hour period immediately following the school day shall not be counted toward the time allowed for off-season instruction. The practice period shall begin immediately upon the arrival of the athletes.

- E. Regional Track Host Request form can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) under “forms.” The due date for the requests is January 31, 2018.
- F. Coaches track rating form due April 13, 2018.
- G. Regional assignments released to schools - April 19, 2018.
- H. A, 2A, 3A, 4A regional entries and team rosters must be posted by April 25, 2018, final entries due Friday, April 27 at 12:00 noon.
- I. Referees and regional managers of all classes will meet in OSSAA office Monday, April 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
- J. 5A-6A regional entries and team rosters must be posted by May 2, 2018, final entries due Friday, May 4 at 12:00 noon.
- K. A, 2A, 3A, 4A regional meet – April 28, 2018.
- L. A, 2A, 3A, 4A Academic Achievement Award can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) under “forms.” They are due no later than April 30, 2018 or faxed no later than May 1.
- M. A, 2A, 3A, 4A state track entry forms must be given to regional site manager immediately following regional meet on April 29.
- N. A, 2A, 3A, 4A state meet - May 4-5, 2018
- O. 5A-6A regional meet - May 6, 2017
- P. 5A-6A Academic Achievement Award can be found on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) under “forms.” They are due no later than May 7, 2018 or faxed no later than May 8.
- Q. 5A-6A state track entry forms must be given to regional site manager immediately following the regional meet on May 6.
- R. 5A-6A state meet - May 11-12, 2018.
- S. Coaches advisory committee meeting - May 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

III. TRACK REGULATIONS

A. Meets

- 1. Regional meets
 - a) Classes A-2A-3A-4A – April 28, 2018 (Sites and assignments will be released April 19, 2018)
 - b) Classes 5A-6A - May 5, 2018 (Sites and assignments will be released April 19, 2018)
- 2. State meets
 - a) Classes A-2A - May 4-5, 2018 – Sites to be announced
 - b) Classes 3A-4A - May 4-5, 2018 – Sites to be announced
 - c) Classes 5A-6A - May 11-12, 2018 – Sites to be announced
- 3. Ticket Prices
 - a) Regional Meets - \$5.00 for students (K through 12) and \$5.00 for adults
 - b) State Meets - \$7.00 for students (K through 12) and \$7.00 for adults

B. Track Classification for 2017-18

- 1. Class 6A (32 schools with largest A.D.M.)
- 2. Class 5A (next 40 schools with largest A.D.M.)
- 3. Class 4A (next 56 schools with largest A.D.M.)
- 4. Class 3A (next 64 schools with largest A.D.M.)
- 5. Class 2A (next 96 schools with largest A.D.M.)
- 6. Class A (all remaining schools)

C. Regional Assignments

- 1. Regional track assignments will be released April 19, 2018.
- 2. Each coach can be a part of this process by sending the track rating form to the OSSAA office by April 13, 2018.

D. Entry Form Deadline

The regional entry deadline for classes A-2A-3A-4A is April 25, 2018. For classes 5A-6A, the deadline is May 4. Regional entries must be posted on the track roster web page at www.enduroussa.com by the deadline.

E. Entry Fee

DO NOT send an entry fee as your school should have included the activity fee in the total service fee paid in October. If your school has not paid a track participation fee, please submit \$75.00 per team to the OSSAA office prior to participating in the regional meet.

F. Qualifying for the State Meet

Regional winners of first, second, and third places qualify for the state championship. The next four best performances from 4th - 7th place finishers (times, heights and distances) also qualify for the state meet, provided that the state meet site consist of eight or more lanes. At sites with less than eight lanes, the next two best performers from 4th-7th place finishers will advance to the state meet.

1. Where there are ties of additional qualifiers in running events, run-off races may take place at a time designated by the OSSAA.
2. When there are ties in field events of additional qualifiers (4th - 7th place), those tied will advance to the state meet.
3. The OSSAA may fill empty state meet slots with additional qualifiers from 4th - 7th place finishers from the regional meets.
4. An empty slot **will not** be filled for the state meet when a qualifier withdraws or has been disqualified after the results of the regional meet has become official.

G. Scoring

1. Six (6) places will score at the regional and state meets.
2. Individual scoring will be 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1.
3. Relay scoring will be 20, 16, 12, 8, 4, 2.

H. Regional and State Meets

The regional and state meets are separate meets with the following stipulation:

If a contestant at the regional meet qualifies for the state meet in an individual event, that event will count as one (1) of the four (4) events at the state meet.

I. Substitution

1. Substitutions may not be made for individual qualifiers.
2. Relay teams qualify from the regional meet to the state meet as a school.
 - a. Substitutions may be made from the regional meet to the state meet as long as a participant is in compliance with the four event rule.
 - b. The coach must submit the list of contestants entered to the clerk of the course before the start of the event.
 - c. Relay cards shall be used at the regional and state meets.
 - d. No more than six individuals may be listed on the relay card. Any substitutions must come from those names on the relay card. (NFHS Rule)
3. If a contestant or a team participates in an event or a relay in the preliminaries of the regional meet or state meet, that event must count as one (1) of the four (4) events allowed for an individual.
4. After qualifying in the preliminaries a contestant or team wishing to withdraw from an event must report to the clerk of the course to withdraw from the event. The event in which an individual or team withdraws will count as one of the four (4) individual events.

J. General Regulations

1. There are to be no preliminaries at the regional meets in the 400 meter run, 300 hurdles, 800 meter run, 800 meter relay, the 1600 meter run, the 1600 meter relay, the 3200 meter run, and the 3200 meter relay, or any race where the number of contestants to appear is not more than the number of available lanes. (Refer to NFHS Rule 5-5-3). Preliminaries will be held in every other event where the number of contestants is more than the number of available lanes.
2. All races running around one curve will be started just before entering the curve. The 200 meter and the 400 meter dash, the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter relay will be run in lanes. The 1600 meter relay is to be run in lanes for three turns. The 800 meter run, the 1600 meter run and the 3200 meter run will be in lanes on the first turn only. The 300 meter intermediate hurdles for boys and girls are to be run around one curve.
3. If no preliminaries are held, lane assignments for the regional finals shall be determined by times made during the season. (The meet director shall make the final decision regarding times)
4. Contestants will qualify on time for the final heat in all regional meets if the number of entries require having preliminaries.
5. Seeding of the heats for the finals of the regionals will be determined by the best times of the preliminary heats. NOTE: If the regional site only has six (6) lanes, only six (6) will qualify to the finals. If there are seven (7) lanes, only seven (7) will qualify to the finals. In all field events, eight (8) will qualify to the finals.
6. Seeding of the heats for the state meet will be determined by regional times. Additional qualifiers will also be seeded by their regional time. At the state meet, all qualifiers will be determined by time. Preferred lanes in the finals will be assigned according to time. If the state meet facility has eight lanes, eight people may qualify from the preliminary heats of the state meet. If the state meet facility has seven lanes, seven people may qualify from the preliminary heats of the state meet. Also, at the state meet, field event qualifiers will be eight and ties when eight qualify in running events and seven and ties, for those meets qualifying seven in running events.
7. At the regional and state meets, the shot and discus will be weighed and gauged by the meet management or approved by the games committee. Athletes shall not bring illegal implements into a competition area.
8. Field event results will not be declared official until they have been certified by the meet referee or the field referee or their designee.
9. The official's decision at the regional and state meet will be final.
10. Uniforms must comply with the National Federation Rules. Only uniforms designed for track and field will be considered legal uniforms. Football jerseys, weightlifting shirts, etc. are not considered to be legal uniforms.
11. The games committee will rule on all situations not covered in the manual, prior to the start of the event.

12. It is recommended that the regional and state format be used at sanctioned invitational meets. Failure to enforce the National Federation Rules at the invitational meets could jeopardize the sanctioning of the meet the following year.
13. Please see your athletic director or principal for precautionary recommendations concerning AIDS and Hepatitis B.
14. **Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at site if that is the team's regular practice site.**

K. Awards

1. Six (6) medals in each event will be given at the regional meets.
2. Six medals will be given at the state meets.
3. Trophies will be given to the champion team at the regionals and a runner-up and championship trophy will be given at the state meet in each class. If two teams tie for the championship, first place trophies will be awarded to both teams, and no runner-up trophy will be presented. If two teams tie for the runner-up position both teams will receive runner-up trophies.
4. Athletes shall not remove any part of the team uniform, excluding shoes, while in an area of competition including the awards area.

L. Officials

1. The Clerk of the Course is to obtain the name of each member of a relay team to help prevent a contestant from participating in more than the limited number of events.
2. For regional competition, a three (3) member appeals committee should be selected from the schools represented. It is recommended that the director of the meet get the representatives from all schools together to determine a three (3) member committee.
3. The appeals committee for the state meet will be appointed by the Activities Association or the meet director.
4. Each regional and state meet will have a designated referee. The duties of the referee are listed in Rule 3, Section 4 of the NFHS Track and Field Rules Book. The referees, meet officials and regional managers of all classes will meet in the OSSAA office Monday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.
5. The referee may, if he desires, consult with the Jury of Appeals on any decision not specifically covered by the rules.
6. Appeals Procedure: The head coach first makes protest to the meet referee. If the coach still feels that the terms and conditions of competition or the application of the rules have been misapplied or misinterpreted, a written appeal shall be made to the jury of appeals. The decision of the Jury of Appeals shall be final.
7. The starting heights for the high jump and pole vault shall be set by the games committee. Two inch even increments shall be used for the high jump and six inch even increments for the pole vault. (Starting on even foot or half foot)
8. Preferred lane assignments:
 - a) Six lane = 3-4-2-5-6-1
 - b) Seven lane = 4-5-3-6-2-7-1
 - c) Eight lane = 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8
9. Distance preferred lane assignments will be from outside-in
 - a) 7A-1, 6A-2, 5A-3, 4A-4, 3A-5, 2A-6, 1A-7
7B-8, 6B-9, 5B-10, 4B-11, 3B-12, 2B-13, 1B-14
 - b) 8A-1, 7A-2, 6A-3, 5A-4, 4A-5, 3A-6, 2A-7, 1A-8
8B-9, 7B-10, 6B-11, 5B-12, 4B-13, 3B-14, 2B-15, 1B-16

10. Preliminary Heating for the State Meet

Lanes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		Lanes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Heat 1	14	10	6	2	3	7	11		Heat 1	14	10	6	2	3	7	11	15
Heat 2	13	9	5	1	4	8	12		Heat 2	13	9	5	1	4	8	12	16

M. Inclement Weather - To regional managers

1. If weather becomes a factor, safety of the athletes is the #1 concern. We would be hopeful to complete all the regional meets as scheduled, but not at the expense of taking all the necessary precautions possible to avoid injury to any of the participants because of inclement weather. Coaches should call the meet manager before leaving if inclement weather could be a factor for postponement.
2. Should it become necessary to suspend or postpone the regional meet on Saturday, it may be resumed on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. if unanimous agreement is given by all participating schools. Before coaches approve Sunday afternoon as an alternate schedule, they should consider the wishes of their school administration and school district. If weather is a factor Saturday, please discuss the options at the 8:30 a.m. coaches meeting. An alternate plan in case of bad weather should be determined prior to the meet beginning. If Sunday is not a unanimous option, the meet will resume Monday at the point of suspension.

N. Regional Expenses

1. Up to \$400 Allowed for expenses (no itemized documentation required).
2. Expenses over \$400 up to \$800 (documentation required).
3. Expenses over \$800 or purchase of any equipment (required OSSAA approval).

O. National Federation Track Rules Book and Case Book

1. Will be sent to each boys and girls track coach prior to beginning of the season.
2. There will be three state track rules meetings held throughout the state during February.

P. State Rules Interpreters

1. Randy Belicek
2. Charles Wyatt
3. Randy Helms
4. Tim Palesano

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION**A. Junior High**

A junior high team may be composed of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students, or any combination of them. If ninth grade students are included, the team may not include students from grades below the seventh grade. Students below the seventh grade may participate with seventh and eighth grade students, but ninth grade students cannot participate in any event of the meet. A separate division at a meet may be provided and be limited to such teams.

B. Invitational Meets

1. In order to be fair with our athletes it is imperative to be more consistent in the application of the National Federation Rules for Track and Field during the regular season at invitational meets. This is the only way the participants can fully understand the rules and regulations at the regional and state meet.
2. Each head coach should ask meet officials at the invitational meets to avoid setting aside the rules for track and field. The National Federation rules will be applied at the regional and state meets.

C. Weekly Eligibility

A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance

V. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

VI. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest meet or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension. Public criticism includes, but is not limited to comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

VII. CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

1. Please refer to Rule 4 in OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook located in the principal or athletic director's office concerning the conduct and fighting rules.
2. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post-game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

VIII. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contests.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

IX. INVITATIONAL MEET (TIMED FINALS)

There is still a major concern of the loss of school time for invitational track meets being held during the school week. We encourage you to schedule the invitational meets on Saturday as much as possible. Also, our track coaches advisory committee has recommended the following format for invitational timed finals meets which would reduce the amount of time required to complete an invitational meet.

TIMED FINALS MEET		
400 Meter Relay	Girls	Boys
3200 Meter Relay	Girls	Boys
100 Meter Hurdles	33"	Girls
110 Meter Hurdles	39"	Boys
3200 Meter Run	Boys	
800 Meter Relay	Girls	Boys
800 Meter Run	Girls	Boys
100 Meter Dash	Girls	Boys
PROPOSED BREAK		
3200 Meter Run	Girls	
400 Meter Dash	Girls	Boys
300 Meter Hurdles	30"	Girls
300 Meter Hurdles	36"	Boys
200 Meter Dash	Girls	Boys
1600 Meter Run	Girls	Boys
1600 Meter Relay	Girls	Boys

X. REGIONAL TRACK MEET ORDER OF EVENTS AND APPROXIMATE STARTING TIMES

A-2A-3A-4A	<u>April 28, 2018</u>
5A-6A	<u>May 5, 2018</u>

Saturday
8:30 Coaches Meeting
9:30 Starting time

FIELD EVENTS

9:30	(2A-A)	(4A-3A)	(5A-6A)	Girls High Jump
9:30	(2A-A)	(4A-3A)	(5A-6A)	Boys Long Jump
9:30	(A-2A)	(3A-4A)	(5A-6A)	Boys Shot Put
9:30	(2A-A)	(4A-3A)	(5A-6A)	Girls Discus
9:30	(2A-A)	(4A-3A)	(5A-6A)	Boys Pole Vault
11:00	(A-2A)	(3A-4A)	(5A-6A)	Boys High Jump
11:00	(2A-A)	(4A-3A)	(5A-6A)	Girls Long Jump
11:00	(A-2A)	(4A-3A)	(5A-6A)	Girls Shot Put
11:00	(2A-A)	(4A-3A)	(5A-6A)	Boys Discus
11:00	(A-2A)	(3A-4A)	(5A-6A)	Girls Pole Vault

***APPROXIMATE
STARTING TIMES****PRELIMINARIES**

9:45	400 Relay - Girls, Boys
10:05	3200 Relay - Girls, Boys (Final)
11:00	100 H. Hurdles - 33" Girls
11:15	110 H. Hurdles - 39" Boys
11:30	100 Dash - Girls, Boys
11:50	3200 Meter Run - Boys (Final)
12:25	800 Relay - Girls, Boys (Final)
1:05	3200 Meter Run - Girls (Final)
1:40	200 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys

<45 minute break>

2:30	400 Meter Relay - Girls, Boys
2:45	800 Meter Run - Girls, Boys
3:10	100 Meter High Hurdles - Girls
3:20	110 Meter High Hurdles - Boys
3:30	100 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
3:40	400 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
4:15	300 Meter Low Hurdles - Girls
4:35	300 Meter Int. Hurdles - Boys
4:55	200 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
5:05	1600 Meter Run - Girls, Boys
5:55	1600 Meter Relay - Girls, Boys

*NOTE: The games committee may make adjustments in the time schedule if circumstances are justified.

XI. STATE TRACK MEET ORDER OF EVENTS AND APPROXIMATE STARTING TIMESCoaches Meeting
Friday 9:00 a.m.FIELD EVENTS: FRIDAY

10:00	(A-3A-5A)	Girls, Boys High Jump
10:00	(2A-4A-6A)	Girls, Boys Long Jump
10:00	(A-3A-5A)	Boys, Girls Shot Put
10:00	(2A-4A-6A)	Girls, Boys Discuss
10:00	(A-3A-5A)	Boys, Girls Pole Vault

FIELD EVENTS: SATURDAY

10:00	(2A-4A-6A)	Girls, Boys High Jump
10:00	(A-3A-5A)	Boys, Girls Long Jump
10:00	(2A-4A-6A)	Girls, Boys Shot Put
10:00	(A-3A-5A)	Boys, Girls Discus
10:00	(2A-4A-6A)	Boys, Girls Pole Vault

PRELIMINARIES: FRIDAYApproximate StartingTimes

12:00	400 Meter Relay - Girls, Boys
12:40	3200 Meter Relay - Girls, Boys (Final)
1:35	100 Meter High Hurdles 33" - Girls
1:45	110 Meter High Hurdles 39" - Boys
1:55	100 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
2:15	400 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
2:55	300 Meter Low Hurdles 30" - Girls
3:10	300 Meter Int. Hurdles 36" - Boys
3:25	200 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
3:45	3200 Meter Run - Girls, Boys (Final)
4:50	800 Meter Relay - Girls, Boys (Final)

FINALS: SATURDAYApproximate StartingTimes

12:00	400 Meter Relay - Girls, Boys
12:20	800 Meter Run - Girls, Boys
12:40	100 Meter High Hurdles - 33" - Girls
12:50	110 Meter High Hurdles 39 - Boys
1:00	100 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
1:10	Academic State Champion
1:30	400 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
1:50	300 Meter Low Hurdles 30" - Girls
2:05	300 Meter Int. Hurdles 36" - Boys
2:20	200 Meter Dash - Girls, Boys
2:35	1600 Meter Run - Girls, Boys
3:10	1600 Meter Relay - Girls, Boys
4:00	Team Awards Presentation

XII. STATE MEET RECORDS

The following state meet records are the official meet records on file in the OSSAA office. If you find an incorrect record please notify us in writing and show proof of what you believe to be the STATE MEET record. Any corrections must be made prior to the regional meet in order to appear in the state meet program.

CLASS 6A BOYS

100 Meter Dash	10.38	Evans	B.T. Washington	1980
200 Meter Dash	21.02	Robinson	Ed Memorial	2012
400 Meter Dash	46.97	Davis	B.T. Washington	1984
400 Meter Relay	41.04		B.T. Washington	2014
800 Meter Relay	1:26.22		Jenks	2014
1600 Meter Relay	3:14.38		John Marshall	1990
3200 Meter Relay	7:47.07		Putnam City	1994
110 Hurdles	13.86	Jones	Lawton	1980
300 Hurdles	36.88	Austin	Eisenhower	1993
800 Meter Run	1:51.70	Wilson	Edmond North	2007
1600 Meter Run	4:11.36	Avery	Ponca City	1979
3200 Meter Run	9:08.7	Thatcher	Edmond	1982
High Jump	7'04".50	Turner	Yukon	2016
Long Jump	24'5".25	A. Riley	Westmoore	2017
Shot Put	63'-03"	Larrison	Moore	2017
Discus	210-00	Tabor	Norman	2009
Pole Vault	17-02	Dial	Jenks	2015

CLASS 6A GIRLS

100 Meter Dash	11.48	Levingston	Midwest City	2009
200 Meter Dash	23.69	Levingston	Midwest City	2008
400 Meter Dash	54.75	Marshall	Muskogee	1987
400 Meter Relay	46.29		Midwest City	1997
800 Meter Relay	1:38.63		John Marshall	1979
1600 Meter Relay	3:45.7		John Marshall	1984
3200 Meter Relay	9:20.86		Edmond	1983
100 Hurdles	13.81	Franks	John Marshall	1989
300 Hurdles	42.78	Waibel	Jenks	1999
800 Meter Run	2:09.28	A. Ryan	Jenks	2017
1600 Meter Run	4:57.07	C. Walden	Sand Springs	2017
3200 Meter Run	10:50.34	McLead	Jenks	2003
High Jump	5'10"	Clough	Yukon	1981
Long Jump	19'8"	Ezugha	Edmond Santa Fe	2009
Shot Put	46-4.50	Warehime	Bartlesville	2001
Discus	163-06	Spurgeon	Owasso	2007
Pole Vault	12-0	Hanks	Norman	2015

CLASS 5A BOYS

100 Meter Dash	10.46	Denson	Ardmore	1991
200 Meter Dash	21.09	Thomas	Chickasha	1986
400 Meter Dash	46.99	Jackson	Claremore	2014
400 Meter Relay	40.96		MacArthur	1983
800 Meter Relay	1:27.00		MacArthur	2015
1600 Meter Relay	3:15.49		John Marshall	1985
3200 Meter Relay	7:55.51		Deer Creek-Ed	2015
110 Hurdles	13.84	Moore	Bixby	1982
300 Hurdles	36.80	Moore	Bixby	1983
800 Meter Run	1:52.7	Dahl	Okmulgee	1973
	1:52.7	Chancellor	Guymon	1972
1600 Meter Run	4:19.77	Balenseifen	Deer Creek-Ed	2014
3200 Meter Run	9:32.4	Vaughn	Union	1977
High Jump	6'10".50	Moses	Western Hts.	2003
Long Jump	24'3.75"	Rutherford	Broken Bow	1990
Shot Put	67-08	Perry	Duncan	2011
Discus	210-08	Tabor	Ardmore	2008
Pole Vault	16-0	West	Collinsville	2015

CLASS 5A GIRLS

100 Meter Dash	11.70	Robinson	Central (T)	2000
200 Meter Dash	24.20	Robinson	Central (T)	1999
400 Meter Dash	56.10	Wiggins	Duncan	1998
400 Meter Relay	47.40		MacArthur	1987
800 Meter Relay	1:39.59		B.T. Washington	2000
1600 Meter Relay	3:57.15		John Marshall	1987
3200 Meter Relay	9:41.59		Coweta	2012
100 Hurdles	14.29	Drake	John Marshall	1987
300 Hurdles	43.87	Bell	McLain	1995
800 Meter Run	2:14.92	Roberts	John Marshall	1993
1600 Meter Run	5:14.72	McKillip	El Reno	1989
3200 Meter Run	11:10.47	Werner	Grove	2014
High Jump	5'9"	Nygard	Okmulgee	1984
Long Jump	19'08.50"	Kirklin	John Marshall	1987
Shot Put	45-04.50	McLaughlin	Grove	2017
Discus	150-05	Lewis	Durant	2016
Pole Vault	12-01	Threet	Shawnee	2005

CLASS 4A BOYS

100 Meter Dash	10.5	James	Pauls Valley	1973
200 Meter Dash	21.19	Smith	Okmulgee	1995
400 Meter Dash	47.56	Landreth	Elk City	1998
400 Meter Relay	41.77		Broken Bow	1996
800 Meter Relay	1:28.85		Roland	2015
1600 Meter Relay	3:17.5		Hugo	1972
3200 Meter Relay	7:58.66		Catoosa	1992
110 Hurdles	13.8	West	Chandler	1972
300 Hurdles	38.05	Hill	Okmulgee	1993
800 Meter Run	1:51.70	Nobles	Elgin	2001
1600 Meter Run	4:14.78	Mazzei	Berryhill	2016
3200 Meter Run	9:15.89	Z. Black	Sallisaw	2016
High Jump	6'10"	Hargett	Hugo	1983
		Conkling	Weatherford	1996
		Callamon	Sallisaw	1996
		Smith	Star Spencer	1996
		Ramsdell	Kingfisher	2003
		Mounce	Locust Grove	2010
Long Jump	25'4".75	Locke	Hugo	2007
Shot Put	60-9.50	Baker	Idabel	1979
Discus	195-0	Sims	Weatherford	2000
Pole Vault	17-1	Dial	Marlow	1980

CLASS 4A GIRLS

100 Meter Dash	11.79	Daniels	Anadarko	1982
200 Meter Dash	24.17	Richardson	Northeast	2005
400 Meter Dash	55.05	Reynolds	Douglass	2012
400 Meter Relay	48.27		Northeast	2004
800 Meter Relay	1:41.10		Idabel	2004
1600 Meter Relay	4:00.25		Douglass	2010
3200 Meter Relay	9:34.24		Seminole	2007
100 Hurdles	14.41	Whitfield	Spiro	1988
300 Hurdles	43.68	Hallman	Douglass	2007
800 Meter Run	2:14.02	Solberg	Lincoln Christian	2015
1600 Meter Run	4:57.64	Mazzei	Berryhill	2015
3200 Meter Run	11:12.70	Jordan	Bishop	2001
			McGuinness	
High Jump	5'8"	Southard	Elk City	1985
Long Jump	20'02".50	Spurgeon	Vinita	2016
Shot Put	44-03.50	Knighton	Seminole	2015
Discus	152-10	Carson	Marlow	1997
Pole Vault	12-03	Whitekiller	Purcell	2012

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CLASS 3A BOYS

100 Meter Dash	10.57	Reis-Herron	Mt. St. Mary	2012
200 Meter Dash	21.32	Roberts	Millwood	2007
400 Meter Dash	46.53	Roberts	Millwood	2007
400 Meter Relay	42.30		Millwood	2007
800 Meter Relay	1:29.49		Heritage Hall	2016
1600 Meter Relay	3:21.41		Prague	1997
3200 Meter Relay	8:02.74		Watonga	2001
110 Hurdles	14.26	Gordon	Prague	1987
300 Hurdles	37.95	Lewis	Tishomingo	1992
800 Meter Run	1:51.70	Nobles	Elgin	2001
1600 Meter Run	4:20.67	McGuire	Plainview	2000
3200 Meter Run	9:36.37	Green	Henryetta	2014
High Jump	6'10"	Lemmings	Konawa	1980
		Sanford	Holdenville	2005
		Soap	Seq.-Tahleq.	2008
Long Jump	23'11.75	Riley	Stroud	1982
Shot Put	68-4	Bookout	Stroud	2002
Discus	196-7	Bookout	Stroud	2002
Pole Vault	16-1	Wilkinson	Stroud	1996

CLASS 2A BOYS

100 Meter Dash	10.61	Glover	Millwood	2014
200 Meter Dash	21.42	D. Houston	Millwood	2017
400 Meter Dash	48.58	Ervin	Millwood	2011
400 Meter Relay	42.46		Fox	1986
800 Meter Relay	1:29.84		Hobart	2016
1600 Meter Relay	3:21.65		Fox	1986
3200 Meter Relay	8:08.35		Beaver	1991
110 Hurdles	14.52	McKelroy	Waurika	1995
300 Hurdles	38.67	Dillon	Ringling	1984
800 Meter Run	1:52.24	Pitchford	Hinton	2002
1600 Meter Run	4:28.12	Pitchford	Hinton	2002
3200 Meter Run	9:44.77	Frazier	Sequoyah (T)	1980
High Jump	6'11"	Lemmings	Konawa	1979
Long Jump	22'07.75	Kenny	Mooreland	2011
Shot Put	57-3	Young	Sayre	1986
Discus	179-04	Swallow	Laverne	1998
Pole Vault	15-2	McCullar	Apache	1990

CLASS A BOYS

100 Meter Dash	10.60	Scott	Coyle	2012
200 Meter Dash	21.87	Scott	Coyle	2012
400 Meter Dash	49.14	Byford	Velma-Alma	2012
400 Meter Relay	43.26		New Lima	1988
800 Meter Relay	1:30.46		Turpin	2016
1600 Meter Relay	3:24.40		Velma-Alma	2011
3200 Meter Relay	8:12.77		Velma-Alma	2012
110 Hurdles	14.11	Lynn	Velma-Alma	2012
300 Hurdles	39.21	Shoulders	Texhoma	2006
800 Meter Run	1:57.3	Miller	Wakita	1989
1600 Meter Run	4:27.15	Rodriguez	Ringwood	2016
3200 Meter Run	9:27.10	Rodriguez	Ringwood	2016
High Jump	6'11"	Seay	Ryan	1979
		T. Mora	Waurika	2017
Long Jump	23'4".75	Cowan	Balko	1994
Shot Put	53-08	N. Roof	Thomas-F-C	2017
		Krittenbrink		
Discus	53-04	Nine	Laverne	2014
Pole Vault	14-10.00	Morgan	Velma-Alma	2011

CLASS 3A GIRLS

100 Meter Dash	11.84	Douglas	Watonga	1987
200 Meter Dash	24.43	Knowles	Wynnewood	1995
400 Meter Dash	56.89	Hall	Millwood	2015
400 Meter Relay	48.68		Spiro	2016
800 Meter Relay	1:28.57		Tuttle	2017
1600 Meter Relay	4:00.83		Spiro	2017
3200 Meter Relay	9:33.07		Henryetta	2014
100 Hurdles	14.46	Schenk	Watonga	1993
300 Hurdles	43.01	Dickerson	Tishomingo	2010
800 Meter Run	2:14.90	Mixon	Coalgate	2005
1600 Meter Run	5:05.74	Ward	Beggs	2012
3200 Meter Run	11:04.26	Jones	Watonga	2006
High Jump	5'8"	Bloomer	Vian	1989
		Stephens	Atoka	2014
Long Jump	19'04.50"	Jones	Wynnewood	2001
Shot Put	43-9	Tolson	Pawhuska	2010
Discus	148-06	Nowell	Plainview	2010
Pole Vault	12-10			

CLASS 2A GIRLS

100 Meter Dash	11.91	Sikes	Fairfax	1982
200 Meter Dash	24.92	McMillian	Millwood	2017
400 Meter Dash	55.97	Hill	Millwood	2014
400 Meter Relay	48.58		Millwood	2014
800 Meter Relay	1:43.64		Millwood	2014
1600 Meter Relay	4:03.05		Tonkawa	2011
3200 Meter Relay	9:35.10		Plainview	2001
100 Hurdles	14.97	Weder	Buffalo	1982
300 Hurdles	45.45	Sims	Velma-Alma	1996
800 Meter Run	2:15.39	Mixon	Coalgate	2006
1600 Meter Run	5:14.32	Gordon	Plainview	2001
3200 Meter Run	11:35.66	Davis	Woodland	2003
High Jump	5'8"	Keith	Washington	2006
Long Jump	18'10.75	Wilson	Mooreland	2013
Shot Put	43-9.75	Jones	Wynnewood	2001
Discus	140-07	Reece	Fairview	2014
Pole Vault	11-01	Shimanek	Hennessey	2009

CLASS A GIRLS

100 Meter Dash	12.10	Tyner	Fox	1999
200 Meter Dash	24.62	Tyner	Fox	1999
400 Meter Dash	58.54	Miller	Wakita	1990
400 Meter Relay	49.37		Fox	2000
800 Meter Relay	1:44.42		Fox	2000
1600 Meter Relay	4:05.89		Boise City	1995
3200 Meter Relay	9:59.55		Boise City	1995
100 Hurdles	15.03	Patton	Cherokee	1989
300 Hurdles	45.07	Nail	Sasakwa	2008
800 Meter Run	2:18.10	Radcliff	Forgan	2004
1600 Meter Run	5:17.90	Radcliff	Forgan	2006
3200 Meter Run	11:21.92	Radcliff	Forgan	2006
High Jump	5'7"	Albright	Medford	1983
Long Jump	18-04.25	Stienert	Cov.-Douglas	2005
Shot Put	44-11.50	Phillips	Cherokee	1999
		Carlisle	Laverne	2010
Discus	145-6	Brown	Fox	2004
Pole Vault	11-06			

XIII. BOYS STATE CHAMPIONS 1944-2015

1944	A	Tulsa Rogers 33, Tulsa Central 23 1/3, Norman 18 1/3	1970	4A	Tulsa Washington 54, Duncan 25, Lawton 21
	B	Fairview 30 1/3, Centerview 13, Comanche 12	3A	Ada 43, Edmond 36, Guymon 22	
1945	A	Tulsa Rogers 33, Tulsa Central 27, Cushing 15	2A	Wewoka 40, Marietta 31, Broken Bow and Vinita 14	
	B	Fairview 16, Comanche 15, Maud 14	A	Temple 53, Weleetka 30 1/2, Okeene 27	
1946	A	Tulsa Central 51, Shawnee 21 3/4, Lawton 20	1971	4A	Muskogee 39, Duncan 34, Putnam City 26
	B	Marlow 22 1/9, Addington 22, Jet 20	3A	Ada 48, Edmond 36, Star Spencer 34	
1947	A	Tulsa Rogers 54, Tulsa Central 21, Norman 16	2A	Chandler 26, Hominy 22, Pauls Valley 21	
	B	Fairview 32, Cleveland 19 3/5, Marlow 19	A	Cherokee 39, Wetumka 25, Thomas 23	
1948	A	Tulsa Rogers 20, OC Central 23 3/4, Norman 23	1972	4A	Altus 42, Muskogee 39, Putnam City 38 1/2
	B	Fairview 36 1/5, Cleveland 19, Marlow 18 1/2	3A	Ada 60, Miami 40, El Reno 24	
1949	A	Tulsa Rogers 36, Duncan 24, Tulsa Central 18	2A	Hugo 44, Chandler 35 1/2, Kingfisher 25	
	B	Chandler 26, Marlow 19 4/5, Cleveland 18	A	Cherokee 42, Thomas 38, Stratford 23 3/14	
1950	A	Capitol Hill 40 1/2, Stillwater 21 3/4, Tulsa Central 16 5/12	1973	4A	Muskogee 37, Tulsa Rogers 31, Capitol Hill 21
	B	Fairview 22, Byng 21, Pawnee 16	3A	Okmulgee 45 1/4, Ada 44, Ardmore 41 1/4	
1951	A	Capitol Hill 40 1/2, Stillwater 21 3/4, Tulsa Central 16 5/12	2A	Pauls Valley 37 1/2, Chandler 30, Kingfisher 25	
	B	Cleveland 26 1/4, Byng 21, Sayre 17 1/3	A	Cherokee 32, Thomas 22, Millwood 15	
1952	A	Classen 32 1/2, Stillwater 29, Tulsa Central 26 1/2	1974	4A	Lawton 46, Edmond 42 1/2, Muskogee 33
	B	Cleveland 30, Purcell 19 1/2, Okemah 15	3A	Ada 48, Woodward 47, Stillwater 33	
1953	A	Stillwater 28 1/2, Duncan 25 1/4, Ada 23 1/2	2A	Kingfisher 28, Lawton Mac 27, Pauls Valley and Spiro 22	
	B	Purcell and Riverside 25, Tonkawa 20	A	Crescent 40, Fairfax and Hooker 18	
1954	A	Tulsa Central 34 7/12, Classen 22, Capitol Hill 18 1/4	1975	4A	Tulsa Hale 55, Lawton 34, Del City 30
	B	Wetumka 30, Maysville 27 1/2, Healdton 15 1/2	3A	Idabel 41, Ada 39, Choctaw 25	
1955	A	Capitol Hill 28, Tulsa Central 19 3/4, Ada 18	2A	Purcell 42, Spiro 23, Pauls Valley and Sallisaw 21	
	B	Wetumka 29, Chandler 18, Maysville 16 1/2	A	Newkirk 26, Healdton and Mangum 18	
1956	A	Northwest 24, Ada 21 1/2, Lawton, T. Central and T. Rogers 16	B	Fairfax 38, Deer Creek-Lamont 29, Rush Springs 20	
	B	Newkirk 22, Wetumka and Hobart 16	1976	4A	Lawton 43, Tulsa Hale 38, Norman 34
1957	2A	Tulsa Central 57, Capitol Hill 20 1/2, Tulsa Rogers 24 1/2	3A	Idabel 64, Stillwater 34, Southeast 24	
	A	Durant 27, Ada 25, Stillwater 17	2A	Purcell 34, Spiro 23, Vinita 21	
	B	Alva 23 1/3, Erick 17, Fairview 13	A	Hominy 39 1/2, Healdton 35 1/2, Marietta 26	
1958	2A	Tulsa Central 50, Lawton 22 1/2, Tulsa Edison 19 1/2	B	Fairfax 42, Erick 22, Afton and Okeene 16	
	A	Harding 35 1/2, Ada 23 1/2, Stillwater 17	1977	4A	Edmond 51 1/2, Norman 49, Lawton and Moore 22
	B	Alva 23, Purcell 16, Ardmore and Douglass 11	3A	Idabel 43, Tulsa Mason 24, Ada and Tulsa Washington 23	
1959	2A	Tulsa Edison 41 1/2, Tulsa Rogers 39, OC Douglass 17	2A	Spiro 30, Clinton 29, Vinita 26	
	A	Woodward 30, El Reno 19, Altus 16	A	Marietta 39, Beggs and Valliant 24	
	B	Broken Bow 27 3/5, Fairview 23, Sulphur 20	B	Pond Creek-Hunter 28, Beaver 22, Ringwood 19	
1960	2A	Lawton 39 1/2, Northwest 23 3/4, Douglass 19 3/4	1978	4A	Lawton Ike 49, Edmond 47 1/2, Norman 31
	A	Pauls Valley 36, Ada 23 1/2, Tulsa Washington 14	3A	Tulsa Mason 35, Ada 33, Owasso 30 1/2	
	B	Tishomingo 21, Wilburton 18, Beggs 14	2A	Spiro 42, Purcell 29, Anadarko 21	
1961	2A	Lawton 43 1/2, OC Douglass 30, Tulsa Edison 25	A	Beggs 45, Marietta 29, Chandler 28	
	A	McAlester and Pauls Valley 22, Ada 20 3/5	B	Fox 30, Konawa 27, Plainview 20	
	B	Wilburton 26, Broken Bow 22 6/7, Yukon 11	1979	4A	Edmond and Tulsa Washington 40, Altus 34
1962	2A	Lawton 64 1/2, Tulsa Central 15, Muskogee and Tulsa Rogers 13	3A	Ada 56 1/2, Duncan 43, Lawton Mac 32	
	A	Pauls Valley 33, OC Douglass 22, Ada 21, Stillwater 16 (Pauls Valley was disqualified by OSSAA as a result of Charles Bray football recruiting case)	2A	Idabel and Spiro 34, Pauls Valley 25	
	B	Broken Bow 27, Thomas 25 2/4, Idabel 16	A	Laverne 35, Marietta 29, Chandler 28	
1963	2A	Enid 36, Lawton 31, Midwest City 22	B	Allen 35, Deer Creek-Lamont 25, Fox 23	
	A	OC Douglass 37, Tulsa Washington 22, Ada 21	1980	4A	Lawton Ike 40, Del City and Edmond 27
	B	Healdton 25, Wetumka 19, Weatherford 17	3A	Duncan 33, Northeast 23, Chickasha 20 1/2	
1964	2A	Tulsa Edison 36, Midwest City 34 1/2, Lawton 26	2A	Idabel 42, Madill 41, Marlow 33	
	A	OC Douglass 36, Ada 19, Miami and Stillwater 18	A	Purcell 47, Marietta 27, Casady 26	
	B	Madill 26, Hobart 20, Walters 16	B	Velma-Alma 26, Deer Creek-Lamont 25, Fox 23	
1965	2A	Midwest City 42, Ponca City 30, Enid 27	1981	4A	Edmond 36, Norman 26, Tulsa Memorial 25
	A	OC Douglass 49, Ada 24, Durant 19	3A	Star Spencer 30, Ada 29 1/2, Lawton Mac 29	
	B	Hobart 19, Broken Bow and Walters 14	2A	Pauls Valley 52, Marlow 47, Idabel 41 1/2	
1966	2A	Enid 41 1/2, Northwest 24, OC Douglass 21	A	Marietta 57, Okemah 41, Purcell 19 1/2	
	A	Durant 41, McAlester 37, Pryor 25	B	Hominy 37, Fox 31, Thomas 30	
	B	Broken Bow 23, Dunjee and Madill 19	1982	4A	Tulsa Washington 52, Edmond 46, Enid 26
1967	2A	Northwest 32, OC Douglass 30, Tulsa Edison 24	3A	Lawton Mac 42, OC Douglass and Sallisaw 36	
	A	McAlester 61, Durant 28, Altus 25	2A	Idabel 61, Ada 34, Madill and Marlow 25	
	B	Fairview 47, Vinita 27, Wynnewood 26	A	Fairview 58, Chandler 29, Meeker 24	
	C	Marietta 42, Cherokee 32 1/2, Afton 23	B	Cherokee 28, Medford 20, Hollis 18	
1968	2A	Lawton Ike 56 1/2, US Grant 38, Norman 27	1983	4A	Norman 91, Tulsa Washington 74, Del City 62
	A	McAlester 59, Altus 35, Clinton 26	3A	Lawton Mac 96, OC Douglass 62, Guthrie 57	
	B	Vinita 38, Pauls Valley 29, Madill 17	2A	Idabel 122, Spiro 50, Marlow and Newkirk 46	
	C	Cherokee 45, Marietta 40, Weleetka 31	A	Watonga 94, Valliant 91, Stroud 86	
1969	2A	Norman 33, US Grant 30, Tulsa Washington 26	B	Hominy 80, Velma-Alma 54, Laverne 44	
	A	Ada 44 1/2, Altus 40, Stillwater 29	1984	5A	Tulsa Washington 88, Lawton Ike 53, Norman 45
	B	Chandler 28, Marietta 23, Marlow 20	4A	Lawton Mac 71, Owasso 56, Broken Bow 48	
	C	Boise City 43, Weleetka 25 1/2, Texhoma 25	3A	Idabel 122, Sulphur 70, Newcastle 52	
			2A	Jones 68, Fairview 50, Okemah 40	
			A	Fox 84, Hollis 52, Sequoyah (Tahlequah) 38	
			B	Pernell 84, Cherokee 52, Deer Creek-Lamont 32	

Boys Champions (continued)

1985	5A	Lawton Ike 86, Norman 80, Lawton 63	1997	5A	Edmond Santa Fe 104; Moore 60; Muskogee 59
	4A	John Marshall 109, Guthrie 97, Lawton Mac 46 1/2		4A	Altus 103; Carl Albert 73; Duncan 58
	3A	Idabel 120, Broken Bow 84 1/3, Pauls Valley 43		3A	Bishop McGuinness 85; Spiro 62; Cushing 54
	2A	Purcell 87, Mangum 65, Velma-Alma 55 1/3		2A	Prague 74; Watonga 61; Chelsea 54
	A	Fox 98, Gore 41, Hollis 40		A	Heritage Hall 62; Velma-Alma 49; Hollis 48
	B	Deer Creek-Lamont 59, Boise city 50, Pernell 48		B	Hydro 73; Covington-Douglas 54; Cherokee 54, Medford 54
1986	5A	Norman 100, Lawton Ike 96, Lawton 78	1998	5A	Midwest City 88; Choctaw 64; Moore 63
	4A	Ardmore 98, McAlester 92, OC Douglass 69		4A	Ardmore 106; Duncan 73; Altus 69
	3A	Idabel 74, Weatherford 73, Pauls Valley 58		3A	Bishop McGuinness 104; Elk City 75; Spiro 59
	2A	Hobart 90, Prague 65, Heritage Hall 63		2A	Chelsea 61; Watonga 58; Alva 50
	A	Fox 135, Thomas 95, Hominy 47		A	Turpin 90; Wyandotte 88; Velma-Alma 75
	B	Wakita 66, Deer Creek-Lamont 54, Mooreland 44		B	Boise City 100; Timberlake 92; Texhoma 64
1987	5A	Norman 120, Lawton 80, Jenks and Lawton Ike 74	1999	5A	Jenks 73; Lawton 60; Moore 58
	4A	John Marshall 118, Ardmore 97, OC Douglass 55		4A	Ardmore 137.50; Altus 88; Duncan 63
	3A	Idabel 81, Elk City 78, Pauls Valley 77		3A	Elk City 106; Bishop McGuinness 98; Bristow 64
	2A	Heritage Hall 107, Konawa 58, Vian 46		2A	Millwood and Spiro 64; Alva 52; Cascia Hall 49
	A	Fox 96,, Beaver 58, Carnegie 57		A	Turpin 96; Thomas-Fay-Custer Unified 86; Velma-Alma 79
	B	Wakita 61, Mooreland 48, Temple 36		B	Boise City 133; Medford 74; Beaver 73
1988	5A	Norman 109, John Marshall 83, Lawton Ike 69	2000	5A	Jenks 86; Lawton 83; Owasso 67
	4A	Ardmore 111, Altus 55, Duncan 54		4A	Ardmore 138; Altus 75.50; Carl Albert 54
	3A	Idabel 104, Pauls Valley 87, Broken Bow 58		3A	Bishop McGuinness 104; Bristow and Elk City 49; Pauls Valley 40
	2A	Heritage Hall 92, Chisholm 52, Marietta 50		2A	Watonga 111; Plainview 69; Cascia Hall 45
	A	Beaver 66, Carnegie 28, Maud 27		A	Hominy 80; Turpin 68; Hooker 57
	B	Medford 68, Oklahoma Bible 56, New Lima 50		B	Cherokee 109; Boise City 70; Medford 59
1989	5A	Norman 82, John Marshall 72, Lawton 69	2001	5A	Jenks 118; Lawton 76; Edmond Memorial 44
	4A	Altus 141, Ardmore 75, Carl Albert 41		4A	Ardmore 104; Carl Albert 71; Thomas Edison 52
	3A	Idabel 97, Pauls Valley 94, Millwood 53		3A	Pauls Valley 102; Elgin and Elk City 60; Lone Grove 49.50
	2A	Chisholm 76, Chelsea 61, Holdenville 46		2A	Watonga 119; Plainview 69; Pawnee 40
	A	Laverne 84, Beaver 73, Hominy 55		A	Thomas-Fay-Custer Unified 77; Turpin 55; Hominy 54
	B	Boise City 73, New Lima 67, Cherokee 40		B	Boise City 134; Deer Creek-Lamont 69; Cherokee 65
1990	5A	Lawton Ike 96, Norman 76, Edmond 67	2002	5A	Jenks 102; Midwest City 94.33; Edmond Memorial 59
	4A	Ardmore 103, Duncan 94, Tulsa Central 68		4A	Carl Albert 84.50; Ardmore and Douglass 59; Central 45
	3A	Idabel 102, Elk City 66, Millwood 50		3A	Weatherford 93; Elk City 64; Idabel 52
	2A	Watonga 116, Marietta 71, Chisholm 53		2A	Plainview 90; Millwood 77; Watonga 74
	A	Laverne 118, Wyandotte 69, Beaver 56		A	Walters 76; Hinton 58; Hominy 52
	B	Thomas 52, Weleetka 45, Balko and Cherokee 40		B	Cherokee 98; Boise City 67; Medford 65
1991	5A	Lawton Ike 139, Norman 97, Edmond 93	2003	5A	Jenks 142.50; Edmond Santa Fe 62; Edmond Memorial 40
	4A	Duncan 110, John Marshall 80, Ardmore 69		4A	Northeast/Classen 95; Central 77; Ardmore 48
	3A	Idabel 105, Weatherford 45, Millwood and Newcastle 36		3A	Elk City 80; Idabel 64; Weatherford 63
	2A	Tishomingo 93, Watonga 53, Wynnewood 46 1/2		2A	Watonga 93; Plainview 65; Pawnee and Millwood 50
	A	Beaver 112, Boise City 62, Laverne 61		A	Thomas-Fay-Custer 79; Hominy 75; Tonkawa 50
	B	Balko and Covington-Douglas 53, Medford 46		B	Deer Creek-Lamont 70; Texhoma and Cherokee 55; Pond Creek-Hunter 52
1992	5A	Edmond 107, Lawton Ike 90, Norman 77	2004	6A	Jenks 94; Edmond Memorial 80; Mustang 52
	4A	Duncan 79, Ardmore 68, Tulsa McLain 60		5A	Altus 83; Shawnee 69; Ardmore 53
	3A	Okmulgee 78, Catoosa 77, Weatherford 74		4A	Weatherford 118; Idabel 60; Skiatook 51
	2A	Tishomingo 101, Hominy 69, Chisholm and Watonga 46		3A	Tishomingo 92; Plainview 60; Millwood 35
	A	Beaver 123, Laverne 80, Mangum 78		2A	Hinton 89; Carnegie 71; Wynnewood 42
	B	Thomas 73, Hooker 69, Balko 54		A	Deer Creek-Lamont 88; Texhoma 83; Beaver 56
1993	5A	Lawton Ike 114, Edmond 65, Norman 64	2005	6A	Edmond Memorial 124; Jenks 68; Midwest City 53
	4A	Ardmore 102, John Marshall 77, Altus 64		5A	Shawnee 122; Altus 85; Ardmore 59
	3A	Okmulgee 103, Idabel 94, Weatherford 64		4A	Star Spencer 97; Bishop McGuinness 70; Douglass 36
	2A	Stroud 93, Fairview 79, Watonga 64		3A	Tishomingo 88; Millwood 78; Watonga 49.50
	A	Laverne 74, Wynnewood 71, Carnegie 56		2A	Hinton 97; Konawa 64; Tonkawa 52
	B	Thomas 81, Beaver 66, Balko 61		A	Beaver 71; Texhoma 69; Wakita 52
1994	5A	Norman 91, Enid 83, Eisenhower 73	2006	6A	Midwest City 104; Putnam City 50; Edmond Santa Fe 45
	4A	Duncan 102, Edmond North and John Marshall 66		5A	Ardmore 100; McAlester 69.50; Shawnee 68.50
	3A	Idabel 89, Okmulgee 50, Ada 48		4A	Bishop McGuinness 79; Weatherford 65; Douglass 57
	2A	Fairview 97, Stroud 89, Tishomingo 44		3A	Watonga 100; Millwood 88; Tishomingo 79
	A	Hooker 100, Velma-Alma 65, Woodland 34		2A	Hinton 88; Tonkawa 78; Hooker 52
	B	Balko 82, Boise City 67 1/2, Beaver 66		A	Cherokee 68; Maysville 63; Texhoma 60
1995	5A	Edmond North 93, Eisenhower 57, Moore 47	2007	6A	Midwest City 85.50; Jenks 65.33; Moore 54
	4A	Altus 90, John Marshall 71, Broken Bow 61		5A	Ardmore 63; East Central 48; Deer Creek-Edmond 47
	3A	Idabel 107, Okmulgee 62, Little Axe 54		4A	Bishop McGuinness 87; Madill 41; Tecumseh 33
	2A	Stroud 82, Wynnewood 75, Jones 42		3A	Millwood 116; Heritage Hall 76; Watonga 44
	A	Turpin 111, Laverne 82, Covington Douglas/Garber 39		2A	Tonkawa 78; Turpin 46.33; Hinton 42
	B	Boise City 88, Fox 78, Hydro 56		A	Beaver 66; Okeene 60; Sharon-Mutual 54
1996	5A	Edmond North 94, Norman 62, Jenks 51	2008	6A	Union 97; Midwest City 80; Jenks 52
	4A	Altus 124, Carl Albert 78, Okmulgee 50		5A	East Central 94; Ardmore 78; Duncan 62
	3A	Broken Bow 91, Weatherford 52, Lone Grove 45		4A	Douglass 76; Bishop McGuinness 50; Madill 46
	2A	Wynnewood 94, Stroud 72, Prague 63		3A	Millwood 68; Plainview 62; Morris 58
	A	Turpin 112, Tonkawa 78, Warner 56		2A	Hobart 82; Turpin 81.50; Hennessey 39
	B	Hydro 60, Covington-Douglas 54, Beaver 47		A	Sharon-Mutual 78; Timberlake 51; Okeene 41

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2009	6A	Union 106; Moore 64; Edmond Santa Fe 58
	5A	Guthrie 114; Shawnee 76; Ardmore 66
	4A	Douglass 72; Idabel 52; Vinita 51
	3A	Plainview 104; Beggs 86; Millwood 72
	2A	Tonkawa 84; Hobart 79; Fairview 52
2010	A	Turpin 132; Okeene 76; Timberlake 54
	6A	Southmoore 98; Edmond Santa Fe 82; Union 52
	5A	Guthrie 111; Ardmore 78; Claremore 48
	4A	John Marshall 86; Madill 70; Douglass 39
	3A	Millwood 100; Sulphur 73; Plainview 68
2011	2A	Watonga 106; Tonkawa 83; Hennessey 42
	A	Okeene 93; Cherokee 62; Turpin 48
	6A	Edmond Santa Fe 118; Edmond Memorial 90; Del City 50
	5A	East Central-Tulsa 77; Guthrie 73; Ardmore 71
	4A	John Marshall 81; Wagoner 46; Metro Christian 45
2012	3A	Lincoln Christian 76; Northeast 66; Beggs 63
	2A	Watonga 114; Millwood 104; Frederick 47
	A	Velma-Alma 131; Okeene 66; Beaver 60
	6A	Edmond Memorial 138; Broken Arrow 87; Jenks 67
	5A	Deer Creek-Edmond 113; BT Washington 55; Duncan 48
2013	4A	Elgin 94; Bristow 63; Purcell 50
	3A	Lincoln Christian 104; Sequoyah-Tahlequah 44; Marlow 41
	2A	Northeast 81; Hennessey 69; OK Bible Academy 58
	A	Velma-Alma 136; Cherokee 59; Texhoma 46
	6A	Broken Arrow 125; Edmond Memorial 110; Jenks 74;
2014	5A	Deer Creek-Edmond 175; Duncan 71; B.T. Washington 58
	4A	Bristow 74; Douglass 66; Tuttle 62
	3A	Lincoln Christian 70; Frederick 69; Marlow 57
	2A	Hennessey 89; Colcord 66; OK Bible Academy 63
	A	Velma-Alma 112; Texhoma 78; Cherokee 74
2015	6A	Jenks 141; Edmond Memorial 132; BT Washington 74.33
	5A	Deer Creek-Edmond 118; Duncan 60; Claremore 58
	4A	Anadarko 78; Plainview 77; Sallisaw 68
	3A	Marlow 71; Heritage Hall 58; Kansas 43
	2A	Millwood 102; Frederick 82; HObart 60.50
2016	A	Cherokee 87; Texhoma 60; Velma-Alma 56
	6A	Edmond Memorial 97; B.T. Washington 73; Westmoore 70
	5A	Deer Creek-Edmond 133; MacArthur 68; Glenpool 62
	4A	Roland 72; Plainview 72; Douglass 62; Sallisaw 58
	3A	Marlow 98; Chisholm 67; Washington 65
2017	2A	Hooker 68; Hollis 66.50; Colcord 63
	A	Cherokee 82; Turpin 74; Velma-Alma 62
	6A	Edmond Memorial 111; Edmond North 92; Jenks 74
	5A	Glenpool 80; Claremore 72; Eisenhower 56
	4A	Plainview 67; Central (Tulsa) 54; Tuttle 54
	3A	Chisholm 91.50; Millwood 70; Heritage Hall 64
	2A	Hooker 94; Okemah 79.50; Hobart 56
	A	Turpin 87; OK Christian Academy 83; Goodwell/Keyes 53
	6A	Union 104; Edmond Memorial 91; Westmoore 46
	5A	Carl Albert 92; Del City 87; Shawnee 68
	4A	Tuttle 70; Bristow 60; Central (T) 55
	3A	Heritage Hall 83; OK Christian School 82; Marietta 65
	2A	Hobart 114; Millwood 66; Pawhuska 54
	A	Okeene 66; Boise City 57; Turpin 52

XIV. GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONS 1972-2015

1972	2A	Hennessey 54, Stroud 30, Union 20	1986	5A	John Marshall 198, Jenks 76, Norman 50
	A	Forgan 37, Luther 32, Burns Flat 18		4A	Ardmore 84, OC Douglass 76, Lawton Mac 57
1973	2A	Laverne 42, Elk City and Stroud 28		3A	Madill 106 1/3, Marlow 80 2/3, Idabel 44
	A	Luther 32 1/2, Pioneer 29 1/2, Lamont 17		2A	Watonga 101, Sequoyah (Claremore) 69, Comanche 60
1974	2A	Tulsa Washington 27, Lawton 26, Laverne 23		A	Washington 85, Laverne 62, Kansas 57
	A	Canton 32, Ringwood 24, Boise City 18		B	Waynoka 80, Turpin 59, Medford 58
1975	2A	Idabel 27, Alva 26, Norman 17	1987	5A	Edmond 104, Tulsa Washington 90, Lawton 82
	A	Pioneer 43, Luther 27, Canton 20 1/2		4A	John Marshall 168, Lawton MacArthur 71, Star Spencer 54
1976	3A	John Marshall 43, Owasso 31, Altus 24		3A	Elk City 51, Jay 46, Newcastle 44
	2A	Anadarko and Kingfisher 34, Laverne 22		2A	Watonga 85, Valliant 66, Morris 51
	A	Pioneer 39, Carmen-Dacoma 37, Luther 34		A	Fox 65, Elmore City 64, Crooked Oak 60
1977	3A	John Marshall 27, Norman 26, Tulsa Washington 25		B	Boise City 84, Gage 52, Cherokee 48 1/2
	2A	Hugo 49, Noble 19, Kingfisher 16	1988	5A	John Marshall 198, Jenks 76, Norman 50
	A	Kremlin-Hillsdale 41, Konawa 27, Carmen-Dacoma 23		4A	Altus 94, OC Douglass 76, Star Spencer 71
1978	4A	John Marshall 78, Tulsa Washington 30, Enid 25 1/2		3A	Madill 87, Valliant 63, Idabel and McGuinness 55
	3A	Owasso 48, Chickasha 35, Ardmore 32		2A	Plainview 86, Vian 62, Sequoyah (Claremore) 60
	2A	Hugo 41, Clinton 33, Madill 24		A	Fox 96, Maysville 70, Hennessey 63
	A	Laverne 42, Carnegie 28, Stroud 20 1/3		B	Dover 82, Cherokee 76, Buffalo 66
	B	Kremlin-Hillsdale 42, Adair 25, Plainview 18	1989	5A	John Marshall 144, Jenks 108, Tulsa Washington 100
1979	4A	John Marshall 75, Altus 34, Edmond 30		4A	Duncan 82, Star Spencer 80, Altus 71
	3A	Northeast 40, Owasso 36, Okmulgee 34		3A	McGuinness 90, Madill 78, Spiro 68
	2A	Poteau 38, Clinton 32, Hugo 26		2A	Plainview 122, Vain 99, Salina 64
	A	Laverne 42 1/2, Covington-Douglas 24, Talihina 22		A	Hennessey 130, Beaver 77, Maysville 41
	B	Adair 45 1/2, Covington-Douglas 24, Talihina 22		B	Cherokee 86, Medford 68, Buffalo 62
1980	4A	John Marshall 71, Edmond 23 1/2, Tulsa Washington 21	1990	5A	Tulsa Washington 136, John Marshall 87, Owasso 56
	3A	Ardmore 54, Chickasha 32, Carl Albert 28		4A	Pryor 82, Star Spencer 70, Claremore 67
	2A	Clinton and Vinita 34, Alva and Poteau 17		3A	McGuinness 84, Idabel 72, Holdenville 47
	A	Laverne 36, Hobart 32 1/2, Wynnewood 30 1/2		2A	Plainview and Vian 90, Marietta 82
	B	Adair 40, Talihina 35, Fairfax 26		A	Beaver and Hennessey 110, Washington 64
1981	4A	John Marshall 74, Tulsa McLain 29, Sand Springs 20		B	Medford 71, Temple and Vanoss 46
	3A	Ardmore 40, Duncan and Western Heights 25	1991	5A	Norman 94, Lawton Ike 76, Enid 49
	2A	Vinita 30, Clinton 28, Pauls Valley 25		4A	John Marshall 183, McGuinness 54, OC Douglass 48
	A	Hobart 52, Sequoyah (Claremore) 26 1/2, Commerce 23		3A	Plainview 87, Idabel 70, Pryor 68
	B	Adair 42, Yale 24 1/2, Healdton, Plainview and Yarbrough 20		2A	Hennessey 75, Marietta 69, Cascia Hall 63
1982	4A	John Marshall 72, Edmond 47, Moore 27		A	Beaver 143, Washington 74, Laverne 50
	3A	Ardmore 61, Western Heights 23, Bartlesville Sooner 30		B	Pond Creek-Hunter 68, Deer Creek-Lamont 56, Texhoma 53
	2A	Spiro 35, Catoosa and Skiatook 25	1992	5A	Tulsa Washington 80, Lawton Ike 64, Norman 53
	A	Watonga 50, Hobart 44, Okemah 36		4A	John Marshall 190, Ardmore 69, McGuinness 62
	B	Healdton 43, Medford 28, Pioneer 26		3A	Plainview 88 1/2, Madill 83, Idabel 67
1983	4A	John Marshall 151, Edmond 103, Norman 97 1/2		2A	Watonga 89, Cascia Hall 74, Wynnewood 55
	3A	Woodward 94, Duncan 93, Pryor 53		A	Beaver 160, Hennessey 78, Washington 74
	2A	Madill 70, Seminole 65, Kingfisher 53		B	Medford 73, Cherokee 64, Texhoma 58
	A	Wynnewood 114, Hobart 55, Watonga 50	1993	5A	Tulsa Washington 90, Norman 63, Edmond 60
	B	Medford 78, Pioneer 52, Quinton 48		4A	John Marshall 165, Ardmore 83, McGuinness 70
1984	5A	John Marshall 155 1/2, Edmond 96 1/2, Norman 69		3A	Plainview 111 1/2, Vinita 56, Guymon and Marlow 54
	4A	Pryor 83, Duncan 68, OC Douglass 52		2A	Cascia Hall 104, Watonga 97, Alva and Purcell 66
	3A	Seminole 90, Madill 69, Weatherford 51		A	Wynnewood 74, Laverne 64, Velma-Alma 57
	2A	Wynnewood 92, Hobart 66, Comanche 60		B	Beaver 156, Turpin 110, Pond Creek-Hunter 74
	A	Laverne 83 1/2, Turpin 81 1/3, Geary 52	1994	5A	Booker T. Washington 92, Union 84, Altus 57
	B	Cherokee 83, Macomb 54, Waynoka 40		4A	Ardmore 122 1/3, John Marshall 116, Bishop McGuinness 62
1985	5A	Edmond 134, Norman 94, Moore 80		3A	Plainview 121, Millwood 79, Marlow 72
	4A	John Marshall 150, Pryor 63, Ardmore 54		2A	Cascia Hall 84, Watonga 83, Wynnewood 81
	3A	Seminole 88, Ada 80, Marlow 66		A	Turpin 95, Velma-Alma 67, Wyandotte 58
	2A	Watonga 79, Davis and Wynnewood 56		B	Beaver 140, Boise City 83, Texhoma 65
	A	Laverne 107, Crooked Oak 62, Washington 52			
	B	Waynoka 93, Boise City 50, Cyril 49			

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1995	5A	Jenks 103; Union 96; Booker T. Washington 82	2006	6A	Union 107; Edmond Santa Fe 100; Jenks 89
	4A	Ardmore 105; Bishop McGuinness 72; Altus 58		5A	East Central 64; MacArthur 56; Coweta 47
	3A	Grove 100; Millwood 83; Idabel 60		4A	Idabel 105; Douglass 86; Metro Christian 68
	2A	Holdenville 82; Wynnewood 65; Watonga 60		3A	Watonga 74; Haskell 58; Marietta 50
	A	Laverne 90; Velma-Alma 81; Canton 66		2A	Coalgate 132; Hinton 52; Washington 51
	B	Boise City 122; Beaver 81; Texhoma 70		A	Okeene 68; Seiling 60; Balco/Hardesty 43
1996	5A	Norman 112; Jenks 104; Midwest City 81	2007	6A	Union 108; Jenks 80; Broken Arrow 73
	4A	Northeast 76; Northwest Classen 72; Bishop McGuinness 69		5A	East Central 72; Thomas Edison 64; Shawnee 62
	3A	Grove 112; Millwood 70; Idabel 54		4A	Douglass 87; Idabel 76; Madill 72
	2A	Watonga 85; Pawnee 68; Adair 48		3A	Plainview 82; Watonga 63; Tishomingo 51
	A	Laverne 106; Velma-Alma 95; Boise City/Keyes 80		2A	Coalgate 119; Hennessey 82; Washington 69
	B	Goodwell/Texhoma 90; Pond Creek-Hunter 63; Cherokee 60		A	Beaver 84; Okeene 69; Cimarron 62
1997	5A	Jenks 118; Del City 80; Broken Arrow 43	2008	6A	Midwest City 117; Edmond Santa Fe 82; Union 69
	4A	Booker T. Washington 67; Central 54; Duncan 50		5A	East Central 80; Altus 75; Ardmore 70
	3A	Grove 102; Marlow 90; Millwood 72		4A	Bishop McGuinness 76; Northeast 72; Vinita 56
	2A	Plainview 110; Warner 66; Lexington 60		3A	Vian 80.5; Plainview 73; Marietta 71
	A	Boise City 125; Velma-alma 58; Hollis 51		2A	Watonga 106.33; Hennessey 84; Wewoka 59
	B	Beaver 68; Fox 60; Pond Creek-Hunter 59		A	Okeene 95; Preston 70; Beaver 69.33
1998	5A	Jenks 126; Midwest City 108; Del City 62	2009	6A	Midwest City 122; Edmond Santa Fe 90; Union 70
	4A	Northeast/Classen 72; Northwest Classen 68; Pryor 42		5A	Shawnee 97; Ardmore 65; Booker T. Washington 64
	3A	Bishop McGuinness 96; Grove 82; Sallisaw 62		4A	Piedmont 84; Madill 67; Idabel 61
	2A	Plainview 80; Warner 63; Madill 62		3A	Marietta 116; Plainview 70; Vian 60
	A	Velma-Alma 96; Hollis 59; Ketchum 54		2A	Watonga 126; Hennessey 97; Healdton 58
	B	Boise City 112; Fox and Buffalo 64; Waynoka 46		A	Thomas-Fay-Custer 130; Seiling 71; Boise City 64
1999	5A	Midwest City 109.33; Jenks 99.67; Broken Arrow 56	2010	6A	Union 119; Edmond North 74.5; Mustang 63
	4A	Ardmore 117; McAlester 75; Carl Albert 52		5A	Booker T. Washington 77; Edison 62; Altus 51
	3A	Bishop McGuinness 149; Plainview 78; Marlow 48		4A	Piedmont 87; Douglass 72; Madill 72
	2A	Warner 85; Lexington 74; Chisholm 72		3A	Plainview 77.33; Millwood 74; Beggs 73
	A	Velma-Alma 112; Thomas-Fay-Custer and Turpin 48; Carnegie 46		2A	Watonga 103; Lincoln Christian 98; Hennessey 94
	B	Boise City 99; Beaver 90; Canton 63		A	Boise City-Keyes 98; Timberlake 69.5; Thomas 66
2000	5A	Midwest City 106; Jenks 96; Edmond North 61	2011	6A	Edmond Memorial 125.5; Mustang 78; Putnam City North 48
	4A	Ardmore 138; McAlester 76; Booker T. Washington 69.50		5A	Altus 82; Shawnee 75; Bishop Kelley 51
	3A	Bishop McGuinness 139; Star Spencer 50; Elk City 43		4A	Douglass 95; Tuttle 74; Vinita 54.33
	2A	Plainview 180; Watonga 76; Millwood 62		3A	Northeast 103; Plainview 87; Lincoln Christian 85
	A	Turpin 81; Velma-Alma 60; Tonkawa 52		2A	Hennessey 119; Tonkawa 105; Colcord 44
	B	Fox 104; Beaver 92; Boise City 76		A	Boise City-Keyes 81; Deer Creek-Lamont 79; Timberlake 71
2001	5A	Jenks 101; Union 76; Edmond Memorial 71	2012	6A	Edmond Santa Fe 97; Union 81; Edmond Memorial 78
	4A	Ardmore 128; Booker T. Washington 113; Northeast/Classen 63		5A	Shawnee 96; Deer Creek-Edmond 84; Altus 78
	3A	Bishop McGuinness 136; Miami 66; Star Spencer 52		4A	Douglass 69; John Marshall 60; Vinita 49
	2A	Plainview 148; Watonga 128; Pawhuska 39		3A	Plainview 131; Metro Christian 61; Millwood 58
	A	Turpin 71; Velma-Alma 63; Tonkawa 62		2A	Hennessey 120; Tonkawa 92.25; Northeast 92
	B	Fox 102; Boise City 89; Okla. Bible Academy 48		A	Deer Creek-Lamont 96; Timberlake 83.5; Boise City 72
2002	5A	Jenks 83; Broken Arrow 76; Union 54	2013	6A	Edmond Memorial 134; Edmond Santa Fe 73; Jenks 68
	4A	Ardmore 91; Northeast/Classen 90; Guthrie 78		5A	Deer Creek-Edmond 101.5; Shawnee 96; B.T. Washington 60
	3A	Idabel 110; Bishop McGuinness 60; Kingfisher 52		4A	Vinita 98; Plainview 89; Metro Christian 74
	2A	Plainview 181; Watonga 122; Millwood 54		3A	Beggs 96; Millwood 70; Lincoln Christian 68.5
	A	Newkirk 77; Turpin and Woodland 70; Wynnewood 54.50		2A	Hennessey 119; Tonkawa 72; Watonga 45
	B	Fox 98; Boise City 82.50; Medford 64		A	Crossings Christian 76; DC-Lamont 64.3333; Texhoma 61
2003	5A	Union 109; Jenks 101; Broken Arrow 52	2014	6A	Edmond Memorial 148; Edmond North 68; Norman 60
	4A	Northeast/Classen 116; Bishop McGuinness 76; Guthrie 69		5A	Deer Creek-Edmond 110; Shawnee 59.50; Grove 54
	3A	Idabel 108; Kingfisher 60; Jay 57		4A	Plainview 105; Vinita 101; Broken Bow 52
	2A	Watonga 159; Plainview 129; Millwood 58		3A	Henryetta 104; Okmulgee 75; Spiro 40
	A	Wynnewood 79; Woodland 76; Newkirk 66		2A	Millwood 102; Hennessey 88; Tonkawa 62
	B	Boise City 98; Fox 84; Okeene 44		A	Texhoma 79; Crossings Christian 67; Coyle 59
2004	6A	Broken Arrow 93; Jenks 89.5; Midwest City 78	2015	6A	Jenks 98; Edmond Memorial 78; B.T. Washington 70
	5A	Booker T. Washington 106; Guthrie 71; Bixby 63		5A	Bishop McGuinness 98.50; Duncan 63; Shawnee 56
	4A	Northeast 96; Idabel 93; Douglass 72		4A	Vinita 92; Lincoln Christian 60; Purcell 52
	3A	Plainview 67.50; Millwood 64; Metro Christian 40		3A	Millwood 74; Spiro 69.50; Bethel 56
	2A	Coalgate 107; Wynnewood; Tonkawa 42		2A	Cordell 104; Alva 101; Fairview 56
	A	Okeene 76; Forgan 74; Boise City 62		A	Texhoma 87; Coyle 60; Pond Creek-Hunter 50
2005	6A	Union 109; Norman North 84; Mustang 60	2016	6A	Edmond Memorial 91.33; Jenks 90; Bartlesville 60
	5A	Booker T. Washington 129; Altus 65; Guthrie 61		5A	Del City 94; Ardmore 84; Shawnee 76
	4A	Idabel 86; Douglass 66; Collinsville 44		4A	Lincoln Christian 97; Plainview 74; Vinita 69
	3A	Coalgate 99; Plainview 51; Watonga and Millwood 49		3A	Chisholm 88; Spiro 86; Millwood 47
	2A	Hinton 88; Woodland 66; Wynnewood 61		2A	Cordell 139; Wynnewood 64; Cashion 46
	A	Okeene 70; Boise City 56; Seiling 50		A	Texhoma 81; Boise City 66; Pond Creek-Hunter 63

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2017	6	Edmond Memorial 134; Moore 66; Union 50
	5A	Del City 110; Ardmore 75; Bishop McGuinness 70
	4A	Lincoln Christian 76; Weatherford 63; Plainview 57.50
	3A	Spiro 103; Chisholm 82; Star Spencer 54
	2A	Millwood 101; Warner 67; Hooker 39
	A	Texhoma 57; Sharon-Mutual 54; Weleetka 48

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I. VOLLEYBALL DATES TO REMEMBER

- A. August 7 - Season Opens
- B. August 14 - Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Volleyball Entry form due in the OSSAA office. **Form found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.**
- C. September 18 - Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Coaches Officials Recommendation link posted to ossaarankings.com.
- D. September 20 - Class 3A and 4A Regional Pairings Released
- E. September 22 - Classes 3A and 4A Coaches Officials Recommendation link closes.
- F. September 25 - Classes 3A and 4A Academic Application must be postmarked or faxed no later than September 26. **Form found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.**
- G. September 29 - Classes 5A and 6A Coaches Officials Recommendation link closes.
- H. September 30 - Classes 3A and 4A Regional Tournament (must be played by this date)
- I. October 2 - Classes 5A and 6A Academic Application must be postmarked or faxed no later than October 3 **Form found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.**
- J. October 3 - Classes 5A and 6A Regional Pairings Released
- K. October 6-7 - Classes 3A and 4A State Championship – Deer Creek High School and Choctaw High School
- L. October 9 - Class 5A Regional Tournament shall be played on this date
- M. October 10 - Class 6A Regional Tournament shall be played on this date
- N. October 16-17 - Class 5A and 6A State Championship– Sand Springs High School and Sapulpa High School
- O. Rules Meetings:
 - 1. July 25, 2017 - Coaches Clinic – Tulsa – TBA
 - 2. August 9, 2017 – Jenks High School – 7:00 p.m.

II. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Athletic and non-athletic activities will be reclassified in the fall of each year based on the most current ADM figures if the ADM for all schools is finalized at least two weeks prior to the release date concerning pairings for a particular activity. High schools that plan to participate in 2017 Girls Volleyball shall complete the Volleyball Entry Form and return it to the OSSAA office on or before August 14, 2017 (**form found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.**). Schools adding or dropping volleyball after the date when the classifications are released will not affect any classifications.
 - 1. Class 6A – 32 largest volleyball playing schools.
 - 2. Class 5A – next 32 largest volleyball playing schools.
 - 3. Class 4A – next 32 largest volleyball playing schools.
 - 4. Class 3A – all remaining volleyball playing schools.

III. SEASON AND ALLOWED SCHEDULE

- A. Organized practice for volleyball may begin no earlier than July 15. The volleyball season shall open on August 7 or the first day of school if a school's starting date is before August 7. This is the first date a match may be played. Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport. From the close of the season to the start date for that sport in the following school year, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day. If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching to students during that additional one hour period.
- B. Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. (July 25 – Coaches Clinic @ 2:00 P.M. – Tulsa, August 9 – Jenks High School @ 7:00 P.M.). If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
- C. High school teams are allowed fifteen matches, three tournaments plus two scrimmage dates. No instructional time will be lost because of travel to a scrimmage or because of the scrimmage itself. Tournaments and matches will have the option of playing the best two out of three format or the best three out of five format. Tournaments are restricted to a maximum of eight teams (except conference tournaments and out-of-state tournaments) and must be played in

either one or two consecutive days. No student can participate in more than three tournaments. A ninth grade student is allowed to participate on both the junior high and senior high team. Junior high teams are allowed thirteen matches plus two tournaments. Tournaments are restricted to a maximum of eight teams (except conference tournaments) and must be played in one day. The format for junior high matches and tournaments shall be the best two out of three games. A scrimmage is defined as competition against another school without keeping records, such as scores, etc.

- D. For out-of-state tournaments, there is no limit to the teams involved but the following restrictions do apply:
 - a. No more than 6 matches can be played in an out-of-state tournament consisting of the best 3 out of 5 games.
 - b. No more than 9 matches can be played in an out-of-state tournament consisting of the best 2 out of 3 games.
- E. Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
 - 1. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 - 2. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 - 3. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 - 4. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.
- F. Teams/individuals cannot miss more than two school days per week where loss of instructional time is involved. This would include traveling to competition or because of the competition itself.
- G. No student shall play on two different teams in the same tournament.
- H. Schools are allowed only one varsity team each season.
- I. Volleyball participants are restricted to the following number of games per day:
 - 1. Best two out of three series (Dual or Triangular)
 - a. Maximum seven games
 - 2. Best three out of five series (Dual)
 - a. Maximum seven games
 - 3. Best three out of five series (Triangular)
 - a. Maximum eleven games
 - 4. Festivals (Four or more teams)
 - a. No limit
 - 5. Tournaments
 - a. No limit
- J. Two officials should be used for all varsity matches unless there is a mutual agreement between the two schools to use one official.
- K. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- L. Teams playing the best three out of five format; games shall be played to 25 points, must win by two, with no cap. The fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points, must win by two, no cap.
Teams playing the best two out of three format; the third and deciding game shall be played to 25 points, must win by two, with no cap.

IV. REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT

- A. The following dates will apply to the 2017 regional and state tournaments:
 - 1. Classes 3A & 4A - Regional tournament must be played by September 30; State tournament will be held October 6-7.
 - 2. Class 5A - Regional tournament shall be played on October 9; State tournament will be held October 16-17.
 - 3. Class 6A - Regional tournament shall be played on October 10; State tournament will be held October 16-17.
- B. **Volleyball entry forms can be found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.** Classes 3A-4A-5A-6A volleyball entry form is due in the OSSAA office by August 14. Coaches Officials Recommendation form is due in the OSSAA office by September 22 for Classes 3A and 4A and September 29 for Classes 5A and 6A.
- C. The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).

For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments) and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country,

Swimming, Track and Field, and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

- D. Regional tournament play will be single elimination with the best three out of five games for Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.
- E. In Class 3A there will be eight single elimination regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the state tournament. There will be four western regionals and four eastern regionals. The four highest rated teams from each half of the state will host a regional tournament, if feasible, and will be given the number one seed regardless of where the tournament is held. In determining the strengths of teams within each class of girls volleyball, the OSSAA will work closely with the coaches rankings from OSSAA Ranking and the information received from the coaches Team Composite Record form.
- F. In Classes 4A, 5A and 6A there will be eight, four team single elimination regional tournaments. The sites for the regional tournament will be assigned by the OSSAA. Times for the regional tournament will be 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the semi-finals and 7:30 p.m. for the championship finals. The host site will play the 4:30 p.m. semi-final game.
- G. In a three team regional, the highest rated team will be the top seed and receive a bye in the first round. The other two teams will play each other in a single elimination match. The winning team will then play the top seeded team in the same format.
- H. In Class 6A Regionals and 5A Regionals, the top teams will be paired in the proper numerical sequence (1-16, 2-15, 3-14...). The remaining teams will be seeded based on the following criteria:
 - a. OSSAA rankings (up to 16)
 - b. Head to head competition
 - c. Common opponents
 - d. Composite record
- I. For seeding purposes in Classes 3A and 4A, teams will be seeded by the most recent rankings posted on the ossaa rankings program. The top 15 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. All other teams at regionals will be seeded based on the following criteria:
 - a. Ossaarankings (up to 15)
 - b. Head to head competition
 - c. Common opponents
 - d. Composite record
- J. Teams must have played at least fifteen matches to be considered for seeding placement on the bracket in the regional tournament. Teams that have played less than fifteen matches will be allowed to participate in the regional tournament.
- K. Regional champions will receive a team plaque.
- L. The host regional tournament sites will pay the officials from the tournament gate receipts.
- M. State tournament play will be single elimination with the best three out of five games (sample bracket found in the OSSAA Volleyball Manual).
- N. No balloons, confetti, banners, emblems, signs, or placards will be permitted during the regional or state tournament. Any exception to the above regulations would be considered at the state tournament site only, and must have approval of the OSSAA and principal of participating schools.
- O. The bracket for Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A of the state volleyball championships will be as follows:
 1. Teams will be seeded by the OSSAA one through eight (one vs. eight, two vs. seven, three vs. six, and four vs. five).
 2. All seeds will be based on rankings from the OSSAA rankings and each team's win-loss percentage.
 3. If there is a tie based on okrankings, tie break procedures will be as follows:
 - a. Head to Head competition.
 - b. Win/Loss percentage.
 - c. Lot.
 4. The home team at the state volleyball tournament will be the highest seed.
- P. State tournament champions and runner-up teams will receive team trophies, fifteen individual medals, and coach's achievement plaques for the head coach.
- Q. Three officials will be used at the state tournament and schools should be represented by a minimum of one official from each side of the state per classification. If feasible, use OSSAA certified officials as line judges.

- R. At the Classes 3A and 4A state volleyball tournament, alternate every other year two officials from the east and two officials from the west with the third official selected from the opposite side of the state.
- S. Teams are limited to fifteen players suiting up at the regional and state tournament.
- T. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for the regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.
- U. Tickets will not be sent for regional tournaments; however, the host school should charge admission to defray expenses concerning officials which the tournament chairman shall employ (recommended admission is \$5-adults and students). Referees shall be OSSAA certified volleyball officials.
- V. If feasible, the Classes 5A and 6A State Volleyball Tournament will alternate between the Oklahoma City and Tulsa area and the Classes 3A and 4A State Volleyball Tournament will remain in the Oklahoma City area.
- W. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- X. Only the following people shall be permitted on the floor during team warm-ups and on the bench during the regional and state tournament: coaches under contract by their school, fifteen uniformed players, and a maximum of three other school approved personnel.
- Y. Play-off assignments will be released to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. of the release date. All information regarding play-off assignments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail.

V. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

VI. TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTEST

- A. No member school shall compete in athletics in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations including the National Federation, if required.
- B. All athletic events where three or more schools participate in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the OSSAA sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the OSSAA office for approval.
- C. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the Activities Association for endorsement and approval.

VII. RECOMMENDATION TO ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTEST

It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet with the officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre- and half-time activities, etc. The game administrator should also record official's ID number. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge should advise the head official as to the location where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise. Someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest. This applies to regular season as well as play-off contests.

VIII. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provides that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and OSSAA sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the OSSAA and have passed Part I of the National Federation rules examination for that sport. The regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades.

B. NOT HONORING A PROTEST

OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

- C. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

IX. CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

- A. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal. A disqualified student shall forfeit the right to participate in at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays. Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; biting, or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.
- B. Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/team on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

X. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. To qualify for an academic award, a team must have 15 players or a minimum of nine suiting up for the regional tournament. All players in uniform must be listed. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) The state champion shall be the team with the highest GPA.
- B. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
- C. Entries that are mailed must be postmarked by the entry deadline in order to be considered. Entries that are faxed must be received in the OSSAA office the day following the entry deadline in order to be considered. Incorrect information

- submitted on the entry form will void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
- D. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
 - E. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual students GPA.
 - F. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
 - G. Each class of girls volleyball may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards.
 - 1. Academic Achievement Certificates: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - 3. State Academic Champion: The team with the highest GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.
 - H. Awards Presentation
 - 1. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship tournament.
 - 2. The state championship trophy will be presented to the winning team at the state championship tournament.
 - I. **Academic Achievement form can be found on Volleyball link at www.ossaa.com.** Application will not be considered if postmarked no later than September 25 for Classes 3A and 4A and October 2 for Classes 5A and 6A or faxed no later than September 26 for Classes 3A and 4A and October 3 for Classes 5A and 6A.

XI. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course prior to their participation as a coach in an OSSAA regular season contest.
- B. All coaches in grades 7-12 are required to complete the online Concussion Management video and the Heat Illness video at www.nfhslearn.com. Schools are responsible for implementing a system to make sure their coaches are in compliance with the regulation.
- C. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules.
- D. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- E. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- F. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- G. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, nor seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- H. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- I. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- J. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- K. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- L. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- M. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- N. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- O. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- P. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- Q. Coaches are expected to participate in the weekly rankings process and post game results on the OSSAA Ranking site.
- R. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

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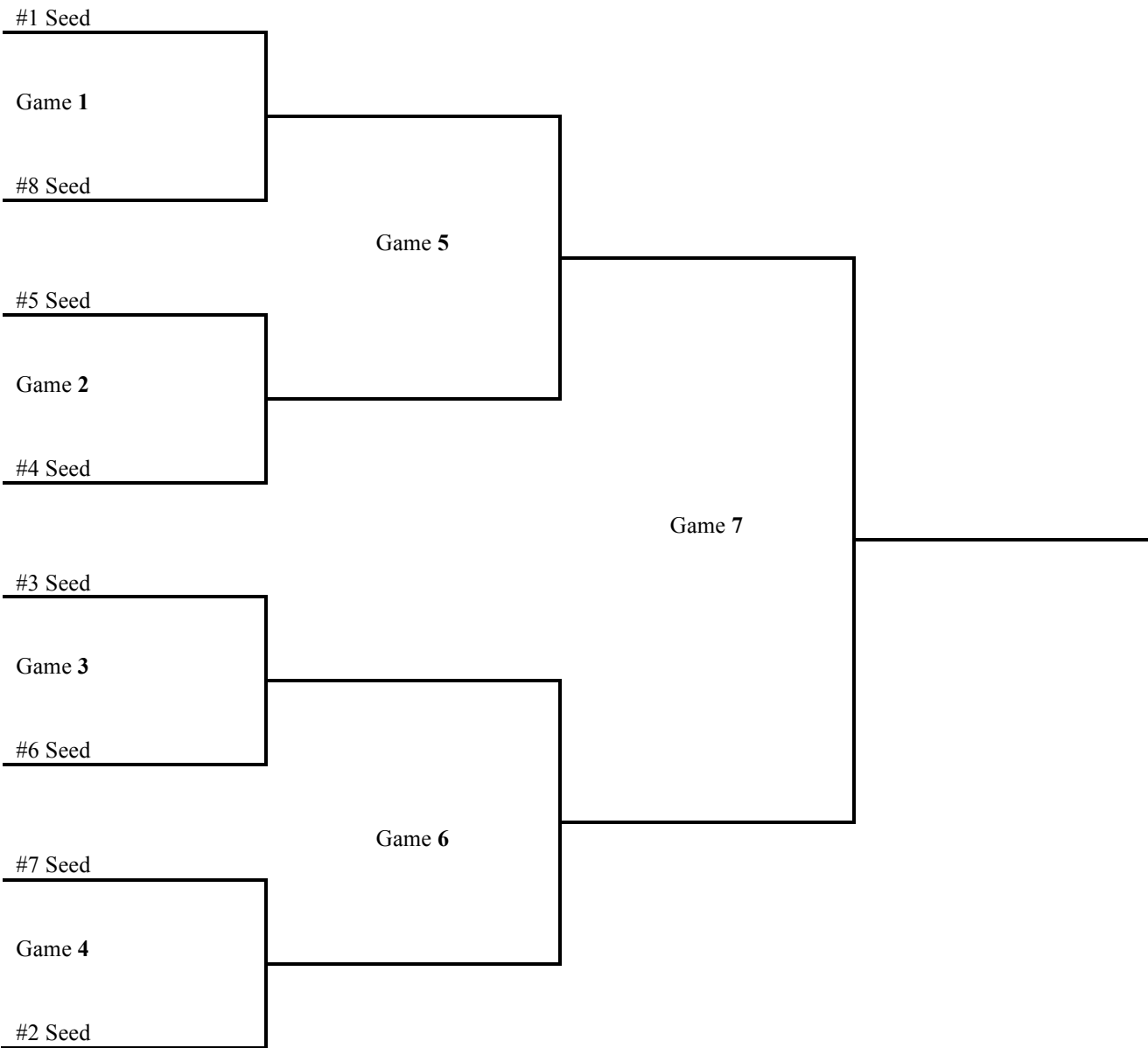
XII. PLEASE SEE YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OR PRINCIPAL FOR PRE-CAUTIONARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AIDS AND HEPATITIS B

XIII. PAST STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2016	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Mount St. Mary 4A Christian Heritage 3A Community Christian	1992	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Heritage Hall
2015	6A Edmond North 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Christian Heritage 3A Community Christian	1991	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Collinsville
2014	6A Jenks 5A Heritage Hall 4A Christian Heritage 3A Regent Preparatory	Fall-1990	5A Norman 4A Collinsville
2013	6A Edmond Santa Fe 5A Heritage Hall 4A Mt. Saint Mary	Spring-1990	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Collinsville
2012	6A Bishop Kelley 5A Cascia Hall 4A Elgin	1989	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Collinsville
2011	6A Bishop Kelley 5A Cascia Hall 4A Lincoln Christian	1988	5A Edmond 4A Cement
2010	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cache	1987	4A Edmond 3A Cement
2009	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Clinton	1986	4A Edmond 3A Cement
2008	6A Owasso 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1985	4A Norman 3A Cement
2007	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1984	4A Mustang 3A Jet-Nash
2006	6A Jenks 5A McAlester 4A Heritage Hall	1983	4A Mustang 3A Chattanooga
2005	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1982	4A Mustang 3A Ft. Townson
2004	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Cascia Hall	1981	4A Norman 3A Ft. Townson
2003	5A Bishop McGuinness 4A Cascia Hall	1980	4A Mustang 3A Cement
2002	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1979	4A Mustang 3A Ft. Townson
2001	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1978	Mustang
2000	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1977	Norman
1999	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1976	Tulsa Washington
1998	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Glenpool	1975	Putnam City West
1997	5A Jenks 4A Okay	1974	Kremlin
1996	5A Jenks 4A Heritage Hall	1973	Collinsville
1995	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Heritage Hall	1972	Noble
1994	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Heritage Hall	1971	Sequoyah-Claremore
1993	5A Broken Arrow 4A Edmond Santa Fe	1970	Sequoyah-Claremore
		1969	Sequoyah-Claremore
		1968	Kremlin
		1967	Kremlin
		1966	Sequoyah-Claremore
		1965	Oologah
		1964	Meet not held
		1963	Tushka
		1962	Tushka
		1961	Oologah
		1960	Tushka
		1959	Tushka
		1958	Gould
		1957	Tushka
		1956	Tushka
		1955	Tushka

XIV. STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET - CLASSES 3A - 4A – 5A – 6A

Highest Seed will be the Home Team



Note: (Classes 3A and 4A) Games 1-4 will be played on Friday and games 5-7 will be played on Saturday.
(Classes 5A and 6A) Games 1-6 will be played on Monday and game 7 will be played on Tuesday.
(This is a sample bracket only. Games 1-4 could be played in a different order as well as games 5 and 6.)

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- B. October 21, 2017 - First day wrestlers can be tested for hydration and body fat
- C. November 16, 2017 - Wrestling Season Opens
- D. January 24, 2018 – Certified Minimum Weight List due
- E. January 25, 2018 – District Duals must be completed by this date
- F. January 26, 2018 – Preferential Officials List due
- G. February 1, 2018 – Dual State Seeding Information Form due in OSSAA office
- H. February 2, 2018 - Regional assignments released
- I. February 5, 2018 – Dual State brackets released
- J. February 9-10, 2018 - Dual State Championships
- K. February 12, 2018- Academic Application must be postmarked or faxed no later than February 13 - **Form found on Wrestling link at www.ossaa.com.**
- L. February 16-17, 2018 - Regional Tournaments
- M. February 23-24, 2018 - State Tournament
- N. Rules Meetings: All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of winter activities must complete their state rules meeting by December 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
 - 1. October 11, 2017 - Perry High School
 - 2. October 18, 2017 - Midwest City High School
 - 3. October 25, 2017 – Edison Preparatory School

II. WRESTLING REGULATIONS**A. CLASSIFICATION**

- 1. Classifications for the 2018 regional tournament competition will be based on the 2016-2017 A.D.M. sheet received from the State Department of Education. Schools participating in wrestling will be determined by those that indicate participation on their returned OSSAA Membership and Entry Fees Form. This form should be returned to the Activities Association by October 15, 2017. Classifications will not be made until November 1. Any schools dropping or adding wrestling after this date will not affect any classifications. Wrestling classifications will be reviewed once every four years by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
 - a) Class 6A will consist of the first 32 wrestling schools on the A.D.M. sheet.
 - b) Class 5A will consist of the next 32 wrestling schools on the A.D.M. sheet.
 - c) Class 4A will consist of the next 32 wrestling schools on the A.D.M. sheet.
 - d) Class 3A will consist of the remaining wrestling schools on the A.D.M. sheet.
- 2. Schools shall wrestle in the classification in which their A.D.M. places them.

B. SEASON AND ALLOWED SCHEDULE

- 1. The collegiate style wrestling (this style is sanctioned and governed by the OSSAA) season shall open on the third full weekend in November. A weekend is Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The opening date for the 2017-2018 season will be November 16, 2017.
- 2. The collegiate style wrestling season for member schools, school personnel, and wrestlers shall close with the state championship tournament. An individual who has represented his school in collegiate style wrestling during the current season shall not represent his school in that sport after the season closes. Students may participate unattached and school personnel may coach.
- 3. Member schools shall not hold organized collegiate style wrestling practice from the beginning of the school year until October 1. No organized collegiate style wrestling practice may take place after the OSSAA sponsored state collegiate style wrestling championship tournament. Collegiate style wrestling techniques and procedures may be taught in regularly scheduled physical education classes. When there are no organized physical education classes scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day. This additional class period shall be for the purpose of conducting a physical education class and shall not exceed in length, the time of a regularly scheduled period which is defined as 60 minutes. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes, not to exceed in length that of a regular class period for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified school coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period.
- 4. Coaches may coach their junior high and/or high school wrestling teams in a maximum of three open collegiate style wrestling tournaments in November with no loss of school time that are sanctioned or hosted by OSSAA member schools. Individuals are not eligible to compete in open tournaments in November that are sanctioned or hosted by an OSSAA member school unless they are accompanied by a school coach. A student must be eligible under all rules and regulations of the OSSAA Administrator's Handbook in order to participate in open collegiate style tournaments that are sanctioned or hosted by an OSSAA member school during the month of November. The OSSAA will not sanction any open collegiate style tournaments

after the month of November. Any collegiate style wrestling open tournament held after November 30 and until the completion of the state wrestling tournament in which a school coach is coaching either directly or indirectly a school team or members of a school team would count against the school's and/or individual's regular season schedule. Violation of this rule could cause a student to lose eligibility and a coach to be suspended.

5. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored championship tournament series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to 26 points. The following point system will apply to determining the team's and/or individual's point total:
 - a) All two-day tournaments will count three points and all one-day tournaments will count two points. An individual and/or team is limited to a maximum of five tournaments.
 - b) Duals will count one point.
 - c) In any multi-team competition, points will be equal to the number of duals wrestled. Example: A triangular would be worth two points and a quadrangular/festival would be worth three points.
6. The 26 point system applies to team schedules and to each individual that wrestles. For an individual, this would include a combination of wrestling on the junior varsity and varsity teams. Ninth grade students may wrestle under the 26 point system. A ninth grade student may reach the 26 allowable points by wrestling a combination of junior high and high school events or wrestling the entire season with the high school team.
7. A ninth grade student participating on both the junior high and high school teams cannot participate in more than three junior high tournaments.
8. If a ninth grade student wrestles with the junior high team for the entire season, he/she will be limited to 11 duals and 3 tournaments.
9. Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
 - a) The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 - b) The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 - c) The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 - d) The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.

C. WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND CERTIFICATION

1. OSSAA High School Weight Management Program – In compliance with NFHS wrestling rule 1-3-1 & 2 which states: Each individual state high school association shall develop and utilize a specified weight-control program which will discourage excessive weight reduction and/or wide variations in weight, because this may be harmful to the competitor. Such a program should be planned to involve the wrestler, as well as the parents/guardians, physician and coach in establishing the minimum certified weight class. An ideal program would be one where a medical professional would assist in establishing a minimum weight class through hydration testing, body fat assessment and a monitored descent plan. Minimum body fat should not be lower than seven percent for males or 12 percent for females. For health and safety reasons, the state's weight control program shall require hydration testing with a specific gravity not greater than 1.025, which immediately precedes the body fat assessment. A minimum weight class will be determined by a body fat assessment. Any wrestler's assessment that is below seven percent for males and 12 percent for females shall have a physician's release to participate. This release shall not allow a wrestler to participate at a weight class below that for which the initial assessment allows. A program to monitor an average weight loss of 1.5 percent a week, with descent, may use the minimum weight determined by the body fat testing as the lowest weight class a wrestler may wrestle. This weight management plan should also involve a nutritional component developed at the local level.
2. The OSSAA does not advocate that a wrestler's established minimum weight at 7% for males and 12% for females is the best weight, but simply establishes the minimum weight at which the student athlete will be allowed to compete.
3. All wrestlers in grades 10-12 and any 9th grader that wants to participate on a high school varsity or junior varsity team must comply with the OSSAA High School Weight Management Program. A 9th grader who does not test prior to his first junior high competition (including open tournaments) is not eligible to participate on the high school varsity or junior varsity at any time during the wrestling season.
4. Teams can begin testing on Saturday, October 21, 2017 and the last testing date will be Wednesday, February 14, 2018. All wrestlers in grades 10-12 and any 9th grader that wants to participate on a high school varsity or junior varsity team must be tested. Wrestlers must be tested at least 48 hours prior to their first competition (including open tournaments). Assessors will be using the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator program and each wrestler's name must be listed on their school's Alpha Master form.
5. Coaches must exchange Alpha Master forms (downloaded from the NWCA website) prior to each dual meet and must also give a copy to the tournament director prior to the beginning of each tournament including open tournaments in November that are sanctioned or hosted by an OSSAA member school. The school's Alpha Master form will have each wrestler's date of assessment, alpha weight, percent of body fat, minimum wrestling weight, minimum wrestling class, and the first date in which you can certify your minimum weight.
6. Testing must be done prior to a wrestler working out that day.
7. Assessors must have a medical background and be a licensed medical professional (licensed nurse, nurse practitioner, certified athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, physical therapist, emergency medical technician, paramedic, certified dietician, certified personal trainer) and must have completed and passed the training assessor's program to be a certified

assessor. A list will be mailed in the fall to schools listing all assessors who have been trained. It is each school's responsibility to contact a certified assessor and set up a date and time to have their team tested.

8. Certified assessors will perform the following three tasks:
 - a) All wrestlers must first pass a hydration test. The test will be a urine analysis and a wrestler's specific gravity cannot exceed 1.025. The methods to determine a wrestler's specific gravity will be by reagents strip, OSSAA color chart, or a refractometer. A wrestler who fails the hydration test must wait twenty-four hours before he/she can be retested. A wrestler who fails the hydration test will not be allowed to be body fat tested.
 - b) Body fat testing will be performed by using the Lange Skin Calipers or the Tanita Bioelectrical Impedance 300WA machine. Assessors will be trained using both methods. Schools that have purchased the Tanita 300WA machine shall notify the assessor in advance that they have a Bioelectrical Impedance Machine and that they choose to use this method for body fat testing. Otherwise, the assessors will use skin calipers to determine body fat. (Note: Females will be tested using Skin Calipers since the Tanita Bio-Impedance machine has not been validated for females.)
 - c) The assessor will use the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator Computer Program to determine a wrestler's 7% (males) or 12% (females) minimum weight and a descent plan to determine the first date at which a wrestler can certify at his/her minimum weight. The assessor shall input the data from the hydration test and body fat test within forty-eight hours of the initial assessment or the appeal assessment. Coaches will be able to access this information and download their school's Alpha Master form from the NWCA website using their assigned password.
9. A wrestler's parent or guardian must give permission and sign the "Student Data Sheet" giving a certified assessor permission to perform a hydration test and body fat analysis on the designated wrestler. Failure to submit this signature will result in the wrestler not being tested and ineligible to compete in high school wrestling.
10. Each school shall provide two school individuals (A.D., coach, teacher, administrator) to assist the assessor with the hydration and body fat testing.
11. Schools will be responsible for all fees incurred to administer the weight management program: Annual fee of \$30 for the use of the NWCA Optimal Calculator Program and the testing of wrestler's of up to \$8.00 each. If an assessor has to come to a school site with three or less wrestlers, the assessor can charge a flat fee of up to \$24.00.
12. NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator Performance program will determine a wrestler's minimum weight at 7% for males and 12% for females. The calculator program will subtract a 3% variance from the minimum weight for all males at or above 7% and all females at or above 12%. Any male below 7% or female below 12% must have a release (Physician's Clearance form) from a qualified physician to participate at sub-seven or sub-twelve. The release shall not allow a wrestler to participate at a weight class below that for which the initial assessment allows. A wrestler's body weight must be equal to or no greater than three pounds from his/her original assessment when obtaining a written clearance form from a qualified physician. If not, this form will not be valid. The physician's release must be sent to the assessor who did the initial assessment and the wrestler cannot participate until his/her name is posted on the school's Alpha Master form with the "Physician Approval" statement next to his/her name.
13. NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator Program will determine a descent plan to determine the earliest date a wrestler can certify his minimum weight. A wrestler cannot compete at his/her minimum weight before the date that is listed on their school's Alpha Master form. The descent plan is based on the wrestler's body weight at his/her initial testing and a reduction of 1.5% of his/her body weight per week until he/she reaches the minimum weight at 7% (males) or 12% (females).
14. All wrestlers will have one opportunity to appeal their body fat assessment and minimum weight and must do so within 14 days of the initial assessment. If a wrestler's body fat test results are being appealed, the wrestler may not wrestle in interscholastic competition until the appeal results are posted on the school's Alpha Master form. A wrestler will have two options. Option A: The appeal must be made with the assessor who did the initial assessment and the same assessment method shall be used. A wrestler's body weight cannot be greater or less than 3 pounds of his/her initial assessment and if so, the appeal will not be valid and the original assessment will be used. A wrestler must also pass a hydration test before being retested. There will be a fee for retesting a wrestler. Option B: An appeal must be made through the original assessor and a wrestler can go to the certified testing center (Oklahoma University Health Science Center, Oklahoma City) and use the Bod Pod air displacement plethysmography method to determine body fat and minimum weight at 7% for males and 12% for females. A wrestler's body weight cannot be greater or less than 3 pounds of his initial assessment and if so, the appeal will not be valid and the original assessment will be used. A wrestler must also pass a hydration test before being tested. Since researchers have determined this to be one of the gold standards in measuring body fat composition, there will not be a 3% variance subtracted from the minimum weight. Again, the cost for this testing will be incurred by the school or parent at a fee of \$25.00 per wrestler and payment shall be made at the testing site.

A wrestler whose body fat is measured at sub-seven percent (males) or sub-twelve percent (females) and wishes to appeal their body fat assessment must meet the following requirement: their body weight at the appeal can be no lower than their original weight at the initial assessment and no greater than three pounds of their original weight at the initial assessment. If so, the appeal will not be valid and the original assessment will be used.

If a wrestler elects to appeal their initial assessment under option A or B, whatever the appeal assessment determines, his/her body fat and minimum weight is final. You cannot appeal a third time nor can you go back and use the initial assessment data.

15. Although it is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that each school develop a nutrition education program for wrestlers and parents. The NWCA has a free nutrition video available on their website.

16. All wrestlers (including non-starters) in grades 7-12 shall certify their minimum weight (weigh in at flat weight) between the opening of wrestling season (November 16, 2017) and January 20, 2018. This can be done at any regular season dual (approval by both school's administration, OSSAA certified official, public awareness that a match is taking place, and comply with all OSSAA and National Federation wrestling regulations), multi-dual, or tournament that is OSSAA sanctioned. Open tournaments in November will not count. A wrestler who weighs-in with a weight allowance based on National Federation Rule 4-5-5 ("When there are consecutive days of team competition, there shall be a 1-pound additional allowance granted each day for all wrestlers up to a maximum of two pounds.") is eligible to compete in that weight classification but has not certified his/her minimum weight at that classification unless he/she has weighed-in at flat weight.
17. If your last wrestling event prior to January 20 is cancelled by a school's administration due to inclement weather, a wrestler may certify his/her minimum weight at the next scheduled event.
18. A wrestler cannot certify his/her (7% male or 12% female) minimum weight until the allowable date on your school's Alpha Master form. Certification must be made at flat weight. Once you certify your minimum weight, you can only weigh-in one weight class above your minimum weight and still keep that minimum weight. A wrestler who weighs in at any time more than one weight class above his/her minimum weight, his/her minimum weight will move up accordingly.
19. A wrestler who is on a descent plan to certify his/her minimum weight and at any time weighs in two weight classes above a previous weigh-in, his/her descent plan would stop and his/her minimum weight would be established. (Example: Your descent plan allows you to go from your alpha weight of 145 to your minimum weight of 126. You weigh-in at 145 and then 138 and then 132 and before you get to your minimum weight of 126, you weigh-in at 145. At this time, your descent plan would stop and your minimum weight would be 138 pounds. You have weighed in two weight classes above your lowest weight during your descent plan.)
20. A wrestler who was not able to certify his/her minimum weight by January 20 may do so only after the school has received written approval from the OSSAA because of injury, illness, or some other unusual circumstance that prevented him from doing so. School administrators shall make their request in writing to the OSSAA and explain their circumstance.
21. Any wrestler who is tested prior to January 20 and whose calculator plan won't allow them to descend to their minimum weight until after January 20 would not have to apply for an exception. However, they must make flat weight at the first opportunity during the week the calculator plan allows them and after that they would receive the two pound growth allowance.
22. A wrestler, whose calculator plan will not allow them to descend to their minimum weight until after January 20 must make flat weight the first time they weigh-in for a new weight classification. (Cannot use the growth allowance when descending to his/her minimum weight the first time they weigh-in for a new weight classification.)
A wrestler whose calculator plan will not allow them to descend to their minimum weight until after January 20, then at some point chooses to discontinue his/her descent plan, their minimum weight would be the weight classification they certified by January 20. (Exception: A wrestler would be able to certify his minimum weight after January 20 based on his/her weekly descent plan and must make flat weight at the first opportunity during the week the calculator plan allows them.)
23. A wrestler who has tested and his/her calculator plan will not allow him/her to descend to their minimum weight until after the week of the regional tournament will determine his/her minimum weight by using the 1.5% weekly descent plan from the date of the initial assessment to the week of the regional tournament.
24. If a wrestler weighs-in at a dual meet or tournament one weight class above his certified minimum weight, it will not change his minimum weight. If a wrestler weighs-in one weight class above his minimum weight and then wrestles one weight class above that (National Federation Rule 4-4-2: "A contestant shall not wrestle more than one weight class above that class for which his actual weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies him.") he still has not changed his minimum weight certification. Any changes in weight certification shall be immediately reported to the OSSAA office.
25. A certification form (located in this manual) shall be mailed (**not faxed**) to the OSSAA office by January 24, 2018 listing all wrestlers (**including non-starters**) in high school and/or junior high in grades 7-12.
26. A two pound growth allowance will go into affect for all high school and junior high wrestlers on January 1 and will continue for the remainder of the wrestling season. When the two pound growth allowance is in effect, all weight classifications will change by two pounds and all weigh-in regulations will apply.
27. A weigh-in is defined as one in which a wrestler makes weight, is in uniform for a match, and is eligible to compete in all respects. A wrestler meeting the definition of a weigh-in would count this against his individual season limitation regardless of whether he participates or not.
28. The regional verification form shall be provided to the regional tournament manager verifying all regional participants minimum certified weight upon arriving at the regional site for the seeding meeting. Coaches who chose not to attend the regional seeding meeting shall mail or fax their regional verification form to the tournament manager prior to the seeding meeting. **Any school failing to provide the regional verification form shall not be allowed to participate in the regional tournament.** Also included on the form will be a place to list the date and site of each participant's season weigh-ins and the weight classification in which he/she was eligible to wrestle. The form must be signed by the high school principal and wrestling coach. Inaccurate information could cause a student to be ineligible for the regional wrestling tournament.
29. Any ninth grade wrestler that is wrestling on both the junior high and high school wrestling team must adhere to the High School Weight Management Program (see number three from above). A ninth grader will have two minimum weights, one in junior high and one in high school. His/her junior high minimum weight will be the junior high weight class that is directly above the minimum wrestling weight on the high school's alpha master list. (Example: His minimum weight at 7% is 131 pounds. His minimum weight would be 134 on junior high and 132 on high school.) A wrestler shall not wrestle at their minimum weight in junior high until the first allowable date on the high school's Alpha Master form. Junior high weigh-ins will not affect his/her minimum weight in high school and vice versa. A ninth grader who tests prior to his/her first competition and does not wrestle or weigh-in at a high school match by January 20 must weigh-in at flat weight at a junior high match to certify his/her high school minimum weight. (Example: His/her minimum weight at 7% (males) or 12% (females) on the high school's Alpha Master form is 139 pounds. His/her minimum weight is 145 on high school and 142 on

junior high. The wrestler must weigh-in at 145 at a junior high meet or tournament by January 20. This weigh-in must be documented and kept by the high school coach.)

30. All seventh, eighth, and ninth grade wrestlers (including non-starters) shall certify their minimum weight (weigh in at flat weight) between the opening of wrestling season (November 16, 2017) and January 20, 2018. This can be done at any regular season dual (approval by both school's administration, OSSAA certified official, public awareness that a match is taking place, and comply with all OSSAA and National Federation wrestling regulations), multi-dual, or tournament that is OSSAA sanctioned. Open tournaments in November will not count. A wrestler who weighs-in with a weight allowance based on National Federation Rule 4-5-5 ("When there are consecutive days of team competition, there shall be a 1-pound additional allowance granted each day for all wrestlers up to a maximum of two pounds.") is eligible to compete in that weight classification but has not certified his/her minimum weight at that classification unless he/she has weighed-in at scratch weight. Once a wrestler certifies their minimum weight, they can only weigh-in one weight class above their minimum weight and still keep that minimum weight. Any time a wrestler weigh-ins two weight classes above a previous weigh-in, his minimum weight will move up accordingly and he/she cannot go back down.

D. REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

1. The following dates will apply to 2018 regional and state tournaments:
 - a) Regional tournaments will be held February 16-17, 2018. Any school interested in hosting a regional tournament for the current school year should send a letter to the OSSAA signed by the athletic director or principal by December 1. Schools hosting a regional tournament must comply with National Federation Rule 2-1-2 and use wrestling mats that have a circular wrestling area with a minimum of 28 feet in diameter.
 - b) The state tournament will be held February 23-24, 2018 at the State Fairgrounds Arena in Oklahoma City. All four classes will wrestle at the same time.
2. At the regionals and individual state tournament, wrestlers will not have the option of weighing-in the night before (see II-J-2).
3. Spirit signs and school banners are not allowed to be hung at the regional sites and at the State Fairgrounds Arena.
4. The OSSAA reimbursement claim form (sent out with the regional information packet) is to be filled out and sent to the Activities Association immediately following the state tournament. The amount of reimbursement will be determined at the June OSSAA Board of Directors meeting.
5. The Activities Association will attempt to balance regional tournament strengths when geographics allow.
6. Two regional tournaments will be held in each class, with the top **five** finishers in each weight classification qualifying for the state tournament. **The fifth place regional finisher from each regional will wrestle the fourth place regional finisher from the opposite regional in a wrestle-in match at the state tournament. No team points will be awarded for the winner of this match and the loser will be eliminated from further competition at the state tournament.**
 - a) In the regional tournament a consolation match for fifth and sixth place will be wrestled. There will be no medal given for the winner of fifth place. **Fifth place winners will qualify for the wrestle in match at the state tournament.** Sixth place winners will qualify for the state tournament if one of the top five (1-5) regional place-winners cannot participate because of an injury, illness, academic ineligibility, flagrant misconduct disqualification, etc. It is the coaches/schools responsibility to immediately notify the Activities Association if one of their wrestlers cannot compete in the state tournament due to injury, illness, academic ineligibility, flagrant misconduct disqualification, etc. The OSSAA will then notify the coach or school of the sixth place regional winner in that weight class and that wrestler will compete in the state tournament. Coaches who fail to notify the Activities Association immediately after learning one of their wrestlers cannot compete in the state tournament will be assessed a penalty by the OSSAA Board of Directors and possibly forfeit their right to coach in the state tournament. **Note:** A sixth place regional winner will not replace one of the top five (1-5) regional place-winners who fails to make weight at the first weigh-in of the state wrestling tournament.
 - b) On the state tournament bracket at a non-option weight, if one of the regional placers (1-5) cannot participate due to academic ineligibility, injury, illness, flagrant misconduct disqualification, etc., each contestant will move up one place (unless the coach chooses not to) from that regional and insert the sixth place qualifier in the fifth place or open slot.
 - c) On the state tournament bracket at an option weight, if one of the regional placers (1-5) cannot participate due to academic ineligibility, injury, illness, flagrant misconduct disqualification, etc., each contestant will move up one place (unless the coach chooses not to) from that regional and insert the sixth place qualifier in the third place or open slot. The fourth place option qualifier would stay on the bracket where he chose. If the fourth place option qualifier is the contestant that needs to be replaced, the wrestler who originally placed fourth from that regional would move back from the third place slot to the fourth place slot. Each contestant would then move up one place (unless the coach chooses not to) from that regional and insert the sixth place qualifier in the fifth place or open slot.
 - d) A sixth place finisher from the regional tournament would qualify for the state wrestling tournament if there was an open slot from the regional tournament (one of the top five (1-5) regional place-winners cannot participate because of an injury, illness, academic ineligibility, flagrant misconduct disqualification, etc.) or the fifth place finisher cannot participate due to injury, illness, academic ineligibility or declines to participate.
7. At the regional tournament, team points for 5th and 6th place will be given.
8. Regional tournament brackets: When the number of competitors is not a power of 2, that is 4, 8, and 16, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next higher power of 2 (Exception: When the number of competitors is more than sixteen, a sixteen man bracket shall be used with pigtail bracketing). There shall be no byes after the first round of competition in the championship bracket or the second round of the consolation bracket, and no further drawing is necessary for championship or consolation rounds. When byes are required for the first round, they shall be placed by mutual consent or drawn so they are distributed evenly throughout the bracket. No quarter-bracket or half-bracket shall have more than one bye in excess of its paired bracket. After seeded wrestlers have been placed on the bracket and the byes drawn, remaining wrestlers shall be placed by draw. **NOTE:** In a sixteen man bracket where pigtail bracketing is required, wrestlers in all pigtail matches including consolation pigtail matches will not receive

advancement points but will receive bonus points. When pigtail bracketing is required all wrestlers shall have an opportunity to be drawn for pigtail matches.

9. At the regional tournament, the seeding meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening and coaches shall send a tentative regional line-up sheet to the regional manager by Wednesday of that week. The regional wrestling verification form must be completed and provided to the tournament manager upon arrival at the regional site for the seeding meeting. Coaches who chose not to attend the regional seeding meeting shall mail or fax their regional verification form to the tournament manager prior to the seeding meeting. Any school failing to provide the regional verification form shall not be allowed to participate in the regional tournament. The weigh-in on Friday will begin at 10:00 a.m. First session will begin at 12 noon.
 10. At the regional seeding meeting Thursday night, brackets are to be drawn and a copy given to each head coach.
 11. A minimum of 45 minutes of rest between matches must be granted wrestlers.
 12. The regional and state tournaments will have a consolation bracket to determine third and fourth places. It may be necessary for contestants to wrestle each other the second time for third place.
 13. There will be no challenges for second place at the regional and state tournaments.
 14. At the regional tournament first round consolation matches through the consolation quarter-final matches will consist of three periods. The first period will be one minute, the second and third period will be two minutes each.
 15. At the regional tournament, semi-final and final consolation matches will consist of three periods. Each period will be two minutes.
 16. All matches at the State Tournament will consist of three periods. Each period will be two minutes.
 17. The number of officials for regional tournaments will be one greater than the number of mats being used. In the regional tournament finals, two officials per match may be used. In the state tournament, two officials shall be used in each match.
 18. In the state tournament, regional winners will be placed on the championship bracket in the following order: E1-W4(**E5**); W2-E3; W1-E4(**W5**); E2-W3. The third place regional winner shall have the option to switch positions with the fourth place regional finisher. The third place finishers must make their decision as soon as their WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION IS FINISHED. Unless the third place finisher goes to the scorer's table and signs the appropriate form to wrestle the number one finisher, they will be placed against the number two finisher. Their decision will be final at this point. The choice of the third place finisher will not affect third place points awarded in the regional tournaments.
 19. The following criteria will be used to seed individuals at the regional wrestling tournament:
 - a) Head to Head Competition. If two wrestlers have evenly split wins (one-one, two-two, etc.) during the season, the wrestler who won the last match will be given the seed.
 - b) Record against common opponents.
 - c) Returning state champion from the previous year.
 - d) Returning state placer from the previous year.
 - e) Returning regional champion or runner-up at the same weight from the previous year.
 - f) Returning top four regional placer at any weight from the previous year.
 - g) Coaches vote.
 20. During the regional tournament, the on-site tournament physician (if a site has contracted with one) will be responsible for examining contestants and will have the final authority in determining an individual's participation. Exception: A current (within seven days of the event) OSSAA skin disease form complying with National Federation Rule 4-2-3 will take precedent over the evaluation of an onsite physician.
 21. During the dual state and individual state tournament, the on-site tournament physician will be responsible for examining contestants and will have the final authority in determining an individual's participation. Including, National Federation Rule 4-2-4: If an on-site meet physician is present, he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition.
 22. A maximum of two sponsors and a maximum of twelve cheerleaders and mat maids combined will be admitted free to dual state, regionals, and the individual state tournament. No exceptions.
 23. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
 24. Play-off assignments will be released to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. of the release date. All information regarding play-off assignments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail.
- E. AWARDS AND AWARDS CEREMONIES AT THE REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT
1. Each regional championship team will receive a team plaque. Individual medals for the first four places in each weight class will be awarded.
 2. The runner-up and champion of each class of the state tournament will receive an appropriate trophy and a coach's achievement plaque to each head coach. Individual medals for the first four places in each weight class will be awarded plus a medal to the outstanding wrestler in each class.
 3. All contestants that are receiving awards at the state tournament should wear school issued warm-ups during the awards presentations and the taking of photographs. The wearing of hats or caps, sunglasses, cut-offs, altered clothing, and clothing displaying advertisements is not allowed during the awards presentations.
- F. GENERAL REGULATIONS
1. Oklahoma has adopted the National Federation High School weight classes.
 2. During the weigh-in period of any tournament, if the tournament director, weigh-in person, or an official detects a contestant cheating while trying to make weight or sees someone else assisting a contestant in cheating while trying to make weight, the contestant(s) are immediately disqualified and all points earned during the tournament will be erased.
 3. If a wrestling coach is placed on warning for two consecutive years for not turning in his wrestling officials preferential form, that coach must write a letter to the OSSAA Board of Directors and explain his actions. This letter must be signed by the coach and his high school principal.

4. Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of winter activities must complete their state rules meeting by December 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
5. Flat or scratch weight will be used for all weigh-ins (prior to January 1 and afterwards a two pound growth allowance will be added to each weight classification for all wrestlers in grades 7-12) except for Rule 4-5-5 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book. It says, "When there are consecutive days of team competition, there shall be a one-pound additional allowance granted each day for all wrestlers up to a maximum of two pounds. In order to be granted this one-pound additional allowance, a minimum of 48 hours advance notice is required for your opponent(s)." This will apply to both high school and junior high competition. **COACHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GIVE WEIGHT ALLOWANCES BASED ON MUTUAL AGREEMENT.**
6. It is recommended that wrestling scales be calibrated annually for their accuracy.
7. A weigh-in sheet for all duals shall be used and that the actual stripped weight of each contestant be recorded. The weigh-in sheet shall be placed at the head table prior to the beginning of the match (**form located on the Wrestling link at www.ossaa.com**).
8. Host high schools shall keep all official weigh-in sheets for dual meets and tournaments on file at their school until the conclusion of the state wrestling tournament. The only time these weigh-in sheets would be requested by the OSSAA is to verify a wrestler's actual weight.
9. A coach shall use the documentation **located on the Wrestling link at www.ossaa.com** (see OSSAA Skin Condition Form) if they have an athlete that is suspected of having a communicable skin disease or any other condition that makes participation appear inadvisable in order to meet Rule 4-2-3 of the National Federation Wrestling Rules Book.
10. Representation.
 - a) A school may be represented by only one wrestler in each weight class during dual meet competition, and no substitution is permitted for any wrestler in dual meets or tournaments once the match has started.
 - b) No wrestler shall represent his school in more than one weight class in any meet or compete in more than 5 matches (championship or consolation) in any one day. Forfeits will not count toward the 5 match total.
 - c) No contestant shall wrestle in two consecutive matches with less than a 45-minute rest between them. The conclusion time of each match shall be recorded.
 - d) A contestant shall not accept a forfeit in one weight class and compete in another class.
 - e) A wrestler who weighs in for one weight class may be shifted to a higher weight, provided it is not more than one weight class above that for which his actual striped weight qualifies him. The exact weight of all contestants shall be recorded and submitted to the official scorer (**form located on the Wrestling link at www.ossaa.com**).
 - f) Each team shall designate a captain or captains. Prior to the beginning of the meet, they shall report to the referee for the coin toss to determine the choice of position at the start of the second period and to determine which individual is to appear on the mat first for each weight class.
11. When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the contest and there is not other designated assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation of this paragraph shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school, and the school or team in violation shall be placed on warning.

Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regularly scheduled game, meet or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and playoff activities. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team anytime during the contest. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time, nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
12. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game shall be forfeited and the school automatically placed on probation.
13. Any contestant who has been authorized to compete wearing an artificial limb, shall weigh-in with the artificial limb. Once a wrestler has weighed-in with the artificial limb, it cannot be removed during competition.
14. At anytime the use of sweat boxes; hot showers; whirlpools; rubber, vinyl and plastic type suits; or similar artificial heating devices; diuretics; or other methods for quick weight reduction purposes is prohibited and shall disqualify an individual from competition.
15. It is mandatory that all contestants wear protective headgear.
16. The following safety and cleanliness policies for body fluid should be followed:
 - a) Referees are not obligated to wipe blood off of wrestlers or the mats.
 - b) The host school is responsible for cleaning up body fluids on the mats. It is suggested that a squirt or spray bottle containing fresh bleach solution or an EPA-approved disinfectant be available for use.
 - c) While wearing protective gloves, spray the contaminated area with the cleaning solution. Use disposable towels to clean the contaminated surface. Repeat until all visible blood and other body fluids have been removed. Properly discard all contaminated disposable materials. Wash hands immediately after exposure. When it is not feasible to wash your hands

immediately after exposure, an antiseptic in conjunction with clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes should be used. Hands should then be washed in soap and water as soon as feasible. **NOTE:** These safety and cleanliness policies should be followed during regular season duals and tournaments.

17. Please see the Athletic Director or Principal for precautionary recommendations regarding AIDS and Hepatitis B.
 18. Summer Camp Fee Regulation: An individual camp fee (Oklahoma average or normal tuition) shall be paid by the student athlete or his parents without concession.
 19. The tie-breaking criteria used for settling a tie in a dual meet is listed under section V-E-1.
 20. All regular season intrastate wrestling multi-duals (triangulars and festivals) where participants are in grades 7-12 that are scheduled during the weekday in which one or more schools are in session, shall not begin before 12 noon.
 21. All regular season intrastate wrestling tournaments where participants are in grades 7-12 that are scheduled during the weekday in which one or more schools are in session, shall not begin before 10 am.
 22. One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game official.
- G. CONDUCT OF WRESTLER AND COACHES
1. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course prior to their participation as a coach in an OSSAA regular season contest.
 2. All coaches in grades 7-12 are required to complete the online Concussion Management video and the Heat Illness video at www.nfhslearn.com. Schools are responsible for implementing a system to make sure their coaches are in compliance with the regulation.
 3. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules.
 4. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a wrestler prior to or after the conclusion of wrestling, results in the deduction of 1-team point for the first offense. On the second offense the individual will be removed from the premises for the remainder of the event and an additional 2-team point deduction. These penalties carry over in a multiple day event.
 5. Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches and other team personnel that occurs before, during, or after a contest results in the deduction of 1-team point for the first offense. On the second offense the individual will be removed from the premises for the remainder of the event and an additional 2-team point deduction. These penalties carry over in a multiple day event.
 6. Misconduct of a coach results in a warning for the first offense, the deduction of 1-team point for the second offense, and removal from the premises for the remainder of the day of the head coach and a 2-point team deduction for the third offense. The penalty sequence starts anew each day.
 7. Flagrant misconduct before, during, or after a match by a wrestler results in disqualification of the individual, immediate removal from the premises and the deduction of three team points on the first offense. Any contestant so disqualified in tournament competition is not entitled to any points that he has earned previously in the tournament. All advancement points, fall points, placement points, etc. are negated. There shall be no shifting of positions to fill the vacated place. In dual meet competition, any team points earned shall be negated. Flagrant misconduct will disqualify any individual from the remainder of a multiple school event or a tournament. This includes the use of tobacco products.
 8. Flagrant misconduct by a coach or any other team personnel that occurs before, during, or after a contest will result in removal from premises on the first offense and a deduction of three team points. Removal is for the dual meet, remainder of a multiple school event or tournament. This includes the use of tobacco products.
 9. When a student is removed from the premises for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct, removal will only take place if there is an authorized school personnel available to supervise. If no supervision is available, they will be confined to the team bench.
 10. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal (after complying with National Federation wrestling rules). A disqualified student shall forfeit the right to participate in at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays. Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; biting an opponent or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a

minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/team on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

11. A student or coach who is disqualified or removed from the premises for flagrant misconduct in a multi-team event or a dual team tournament is disqualified or removed from the premises for the remainder of the event. The number of dual(s) his team participates in after his disqualification during this multi-team event or dual tournament may count towards his sit out time after he becomes eligible.
12. The minimum penalty for having an ineligible student during the regular season and in an OSSAA activity is as follows:
 - a) Individual Activities - cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wrestling. The school must:
 - (1) Forfeit all events in which student(s) were involved. In a dual match, the opposing team would receive six points for a forfeit.
 - (2) Reduce the team points (score) and adjust its place in conference standings and/or its place in tournament standings.
 - (3) Return awards of individual(s) and, if appropriate after adjusting standings, team awards.
 - b) Tournaments or Contests (including OSSAA tournaments):
 - (1) Team or student, most recently defeated upon discovery of violation, replaces offending team or student for remainder of tournament series.
 - (2) The above stated penalties may be modified by the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Secretary in their absence, dependent upon the circumstances involved.
 - (3) If a student, who has been declared ineligible, is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition because of a court order and/or injunction against the school or OSSAA and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or finally determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, one or more of the penalties outlined in Section 9 above may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other member schools.

H. SELECTION OF OFFICIALS FOR REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

1. OSSAA will select the officials for the regional and state tournament. Input from the following criteria will be considered:
 - a) Coaches' input from preferential officials' lists.
 - b) Observation by OSSAA staff or representative.
 - c) If possible, geographics will be used in regional selection.
 - d) Conduct of officials during the season.
 - e) Appearance of officials.

I. WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES FOR DUAL MEETS AND TOURNAMENTS

1. NF Rule 4-5-1: Contestants, of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh in, shoulder-to-shoulder, a maximum of 1 hour before the time a dual meet, or a team's first competition in multiple dual meet event is scheduled to begin. When a preliminary meet is followed by a varsity meet weigh-ins may, by mutual consent, precede the preliminary meet.
2. NF Rule 4-5-2: Contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh in shoulder-to-shoulder at the tournament site a maximum of 2 hours before the first session of each day.
3. NF Rule 4-5-3: For any event, all contestants shall be present in and remain in the designated weigh-in area at the time established by the meet administration. Contestants shall not leave the designated weigh-in area unless permission is granted by the meet administration. Dual meet weigh-in shall proceed through the weight classes beginning with the random draw selected weight, continue through the weight classes, wrap around 106 class and end immediately upon the completion of the highest weight class in consecutive order. When all wrestlers for a weight class have had an opportunity to weigh-in and the next class is called, that weight class is closed. Tournament weigh-in may proceed by team(s) with the lowest weight class to the highest and end immediately upon the completion of the highest weight class. A contestant shall weigh in for only one weight class during the weigh-in period. If only one scale is available, a contestant may step on and off that scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in the scale. If multiple scales are available, a contestant may step on and off the first scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in that scale. If the contestant fails to make weight on the first scale, the contestant shall immediately step on each available scale one time in an attempt to make weight. If an athlete misses weight on their first attempt on the scale, they shall not be allowed to do anything (activities which promote dehydration, remove/adjust/modify clothing, cut hair, etc.) which might result in weight loss before they step back on the scale(s). The same should be the case for an athlete who is trying to qualify for a higher weight class and is too light. He/she shall not be allowed to drink fluids before getting back on the scale. All contestants (male and female) shall weigh-in wearing a suitable undergarment that completely covers the buttocks and the groin area. Female contestants must also wear a suitable undergarment that covers their breasts. Any contestant, who has been authorized to wear an artificial limb, shall weigh-in with the artificial limb.
4. The above weigh-in regulations apply to all junior high and high school duals, festivals, and sanctioned tournaments including open tournaments in November.

J. APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTESTS

1. No member school shall compete in athletics in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations including the National Federation, if required.
2. All athletic events where three or more schools participate in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the Activities Association sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school

- individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned.
3. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the Activities Association for endorsement and approval.
- K. VIDEO TAPING AND FILMING
- Will be restricted to the spectator area only.
- L. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS
1. It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet with the game officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre-game and half-time activities, etc. The game administrator should also record the officials' ID numbers. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge should advise the head official as to the location where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise.
 - a) Someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest.
 - b) This applies to regular season as well as play-off contests.
- M. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS
1. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provides that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and Association sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the Association and have passed part I of the National Federation wrestling test.
 - a) The regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades.
 - b) It is strongly recommended that certified officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th-12th grades.
 2. NOT HONORING A PROTEST

OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games of contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.
 3. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.
- N. DEFINITIONS
1. Quadrangular/Festival
 - a) A quadrangular/festival is not a tournament. When using the 26 point system a quadrangular/festival is classified as a multi-team competition.
 - b) A quadrangular/festival shall be limited to one day or two successive nights.
 - c) No more than four schools shall participate. (Exception: When five or more teams are assigned to a dual team district.)
 - d) All duals must be scheduled before the first match starts.
 - e) Will be counted as three points towards the 26 point system.
- O. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
1. Each class of wrestling may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards. Grades are based on the first semester GPA. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.)
 - a) A team must list all wrestlers who compete in the regional tournament. There must be a minimum of 11 wrestlers competing in regionals to qualify for an academic award.
 2. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
 3. Entries that are mailed must be postmarked by the entry deadline in order to be considered. Entries that are faxed must be received in the OSSAA office the day following the entry deadline in order to be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
 4. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
 5. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual student's GPA.
 6. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
 7. Each class may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards.
 - a) Academic Achievement Certificates: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - b) Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - c) State Academic Champion: The team with the highest GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.
 8. Awards presentations will be as follows:

- a) Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship tournament.
- b) The state championship trophy for each class will be presented to the winning teams at the state wrestling tournament.
- 9. It is your responsibility to complete the academic achievement application and return it to the OSSAA postmarked no later than February 12, 2018 or faxed no later than February 13 (**form is found on the forms link on the OSSAA website at www.ossaa.com**).

P. RECRUITING

See Rule 9 of the OSSAA Administrative Handbook

III. NOISEMAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

IV. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of an continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- N. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

V. WRESTLING REGULATIONS FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A. COMPOSITION OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

- 1. A junior high wrestling team shall be composed of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students or any combination of them. If ninth grade students are included, the teams may not include students from grades below the seventh grade, otherwise, such students may be included provided they meet eligibility standards.
- 2. A ninth grade student may participate in either the high school or junior high school level, but may not compete on a junior high school team and a senior high school team during the same day nor may they weigh-in for both a junior high school team and a senior high school team on the same day.

B. JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULES

- 1. A junior high wrestling team and/or individuals shall be limited to 11 duals and 3 tournaments. Any combinations of a multi-team dual competition (triangular or quadrangular/festival) may be used to reach the maximum limit of 11 duals. A triangular is counted as 2 duals and a quadrangular/festival is counted as 3 duals.
- 2. Ninth grade students may wrestle under the high school 26 point rule. A ninth grade student can wrestle a combination of junior high and high school events or wrestle the entire season with the high school team. The following point system will apply in determining the individual's point total:
 - a) All two-day tournaments will count three points and all one-day tournaments will count two points. An individual and/or team are limited to a maximum of five tournaments.
 - b) Duals will count one point.
 - c) In any multi-team competition, points will be equal to the number of duals wrestled. Example: A triangular would be worth two points and a quadrangular/festival would be worth three points.
- 3. A ninth grade student participating on both the junior high and high school teams cannot participate in more than three junior high tournaments.
- 4. If a ninth grade student wrestles with the junior high team for the entire season, he/she will be limited to 11 duals and 3 tournaments.

C. PRACTICE AND SEASON

1. The collegiate style wrestling (this style is sanctioned and governed by the OSSAA) season shall open on the third full weekend in November. A weekend is Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The opening date for the 2017-2018 season will be November 16, 2017.
2. The collegiate style wrestling season for member schools, school personnel, and wrestlers shall close with the state championship tournament. An individual who has represented his school in collegiate style wrestling during the current season shall not represent his school in that sport after the season closes. Students may participate unattached and school personnel may coach.
3. Member schools shall not hold organized collegiate style wrestling practice from the beginning of the school year until October 1. No organized collegiate style wrestling practice may take place after the OSSAA sponsored state collegiate style wrestling championship tournament. Collegiate style wrestling techniques and procedures may be taught in regularly scheduled physical education classes. When there are no organized physical education classes scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day. This additional class period shall be for the purpose of conducting a physical education class and shall not exceed, in length, the time of a regularly scheduled period which is defined as 60 minutes. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes, not to exceed in length that of a regular class period for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified school coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period.
4. Coaches may coach their junior high and/or high school wrestling teams in a maximum of three open collegiate style wrestling tournaments in November with no loss of school time that are sanctioned or hosted by OSSAA member schools. Individuals are not eligible to compete in open tournaments in November that are sanctioned or hosted by an OSSAA member school unless they are accompanied by a school coach. A student must be eligible under all rules and regulations of the OSSAA Administrator's Handbook in order to participate in open collegiate style tournaments that are sanctioned or hosted by an OSSAA member school during the month of November. The OSSAA will not sanction any open collegiate style tournaments after the month of November. Any collegiate style wrestling open tournament held after November 30 and until the completion of the state wrestling tournament in which a school coach is coaching either directly or indirectly a school team or members of a school team would count against the school's and/or individual's regular season schedule. Violation of this rule could cause a student to lose eligibility and a coach to be suspended.

D. WEIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS FOR JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

1. Junior high school weights will be the following: 80, 89, 98, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 140, 150, 162, 175, 200, 285.
2. A wrestler participating in the 285 pound weight class may not weigh 175 pounds or less.

E. TIME PERIODS FOR JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Junior high time periods for a regulation match, championship side and consolation finals of a tournament will be 2 minutes – 1 1/2 minutes – 1 1/2 minutes. Time periods for the consolation side of a tournament will be 1 minute – 1 1/2 minutes – 1 1/2 minutes. Overtime time matches, in tournaments and dual meets will follow the NFHS wrestling rules book prescribed overtime regulations.

F. FLAT WEIGHT OR SCRATCH WEIGHT

Flat or scratch weight will be used for all weigh-ins (prior to January 1 and afterwards a two pound growth allowance will be added to each weight classification for all wrestlers in grades 7-12) except for Rule 4-5-5 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book. It says, "When there are consecutive days of team competition, there shall be a one-pound additional allowance granted each day for all wrestlers. In order to be granted this one-pound additional allowance, a minimum of 48 hours advance notice is required for your opponent(s)." This will apply to both high school and junior high competition. **COACHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GIVE WEIGHT ALLOWANCES BASED ON MUTUAL AGREEMENT.**

G. WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND CERTIFICATION

1. All seventh, eighth, and ninth grade wrestlers (including non-starters) shall certify their minimum weight (weigh in at flat weight) between the opening of wrestling season (November 16, 2017) and the third Saturday of January. This can be done at any regular season dual (approval by both school's administration, OSSAA certified official, public awareness that a match is taking place, and comply with all OSSAA and National Federation wrestling regulations), multi-dual, or tournament that is OSSAA sanctioned. Open tournaments in November will not count. A wrestler who weighs-in with a weight allowance based on National Federation Rule 4-5-5 ("When there are consecutive days of team competition, there shall be a 1-pound additional allowance granted each day for all wrestlers up to a maximum of two pounds.") is eligible to compete in that weight classification but has not certified his/her minimum weight at that classification unless he/she has weighed-in at scratch weight. Once a wrestler certifies their minimum weight, they can only weigh-in one weight class above their minimum weight and still keep that minimum weight. Any time a wrestler weigh-ins two weight classes above a previous weigh-in, his minimum weight will move up accordingly and he/she cannot go back down.
2. If your last wrestling event prior to January 20 is cancelled by a school's administration due to inclement weather, a wrestler may certify his/her minimum weight at the next scheduled event.
3. All wrestlers in grades 10-12 and any 9th grader that wants to participate on a high school varsity or junior varsity team must comply with the OSSAA High School Weight Management Program. A 9th grader who does not test prior to his first junior high competition (including open tournaments) is not eligible to participate on the high school varsity or junior varsity at any time during the wrestling season. (For complete information on a 9th grader to be eligible to participate on a high school varsity or junior varsity team and meet the OSSAA Weight Management Program guidelines, refer to II-D of the OSSAA Wrestling Manual.)
4. Any ninth grade wrestler that is wrestling on both the junior high and high school wrestling team must adhere to the High School Weight Management Program. A ninth grader will have two minimum weights, one in junior high and one in high school. His/her junior high minimum weight will be the junior high weight class that is directly above the minimum wrestling weight on the high school's alpha master list. (Example: His minimum weight at 7th is 131 pounds. His minimum weight would be 134 on junior high and 132 on high school.) A wrestler shall not wrestle at their minimum weight in junior high

until the first allowable date on the high school's Alpha Master form. Junior high weigh-ins will not affect his/her minimum weight in high school and vice versa. A ninth grader who tests prior to his/her first competition and does not wrestle or weigh-in at a high school match by January 20 must weigh-in at flat weight at a junior high match to certify his/her high school minimum weight. (Example: His/her minimum weight at 7% (males) or 12% (females) on the high school's Alpha Master form is 139 pounds. His/her minimum weight is 145 on high school and 142 on junior high. The wrestler must weigh-in at 145 at a junior high meet or tournament by January 20. This weigh-in must be documented and kept by the high school coach.)

5. A wrestler who was not able to certify his/her minimum weight by January 20 may do so only after the school has received written approval from the OSSAA because of injury, illness, or some other unusual circumstance that prevented him from doing so. School administrators shall make their request in writing to the OSSAA and explain their circumstance.
 6. If a wrestler weighs-in at a dual meet or tournament one weight class above his certified minimum weight, it will not change his minimum weight. If a wrestler weighs-in one weight class above his minimum weight and then wrestles one weight class above that (National Federation Rule 4-4-2: "A contestant shall not wrestle more than one weight class above that class for which his actual weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies him.") he still has not changed his minimum weight certification. Any changes in weight certification shall be immediately reported to the OSSAA office.
 7. A certification form (located in this manual) shall be mailed (**not faxed**) to the OSSAA office by January 24, 2018 listing all wrestlers (**including non-starters**) in high school and/or junior high in grades 7-12.
 8. A two pound growth allowance will go into affect for all high school and junior high wrestlers on January 1, 2018 and will continue for the remainder of the wrestling season. When the two pound growth allowance is in effect, all weight classifications will change by two pounds and all weigh-in regulations will apply.
 9. A weigh-in is defined as one in which a wrestler makes weight, is in uniform for a match, and is eligible to compete in all respects. A wrestler meeting the definition of a weigh-in would count this against his individual season limitation regardless of whether he participates or not.
- H. WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE FOR DUAL MEETS AND TOURNAMENTS
1. NF Rule 4-5-1: Contestants, of the same gender, shall have the opportunity to weigh in, shoulder-to-shoulder, a maximum of 1 hour before the time a dual meet, or a team's first competition in multiple dual meet event is scheduled to begin. When a preliminary meet is followed by a varsity meet weigh-ins may, by mutual consent, precede the preliminary meet.
 2. NF Rule 4-5-2: Contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh in shoulder-to-shoulder at the tournament site a maximum of 2 hours before the first session of each day.
 3. NF Rule 4-5-3: For any event, all contestants shall be present in and remain in the designated weigh-in area at the time established by the meet administration. Contestants shall not leave the designated weigh-in area unless permission is granted by the meet administration. Dual meet weigh-in shall proceed through the weight classes beginning with the random draw selected weight, continue through the weight classes, wrap around 80 weight class and end immediately upon the completion of the highest weight class in consecutive order. When all wrestlers for a weight class have had an opportunity to weigh-in and the next class is called, that weight class is closed. Tournament weigh-in may proceed by team(s) with the lowest weight class to the highest and end immediately upon the completion of the highest weight class. A contestant shall weigh in for only one weight class during the weigh-in period. If only one scale is available, a contestant may step on and off that scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in the scale. If multiple scales are available, a contestant may step on and off the first scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in that scale. If the contestant fails to make weight on the first scale, the contestant shall immediately step on each available scale one time in an attempt to make weight. If an athlete misses weight on their first attempt on the scale, they shall not be allowed to do anything (activities which promote dehydration, remove/adjust/modify clothing, cut hair, etc.) which might result in weight loss before they step back on the scale(s). The same should be the case for an athlete who is trying to qualify for a higher weight class and is too light. He/she shall not be allowed to drink fluids before getting back on the scale. All contestants (male and female) shall weigh-in wearing a suitable undergarment that completely covers the buttocks and the groin area. Female contestants must also wear a suitable undergarment that covers their breasts. Any contestant, who has been authorized to wear an artificial limb, shall weigh-in with the artificial limb.
 4. The above weigh-in regulations apply to all junior high and high school duals, festivals, and tournaments that are sanctioned or hosted by an OSSAA member school including open tournaments in November.
- I. GENERAL INFORMATION
1. All regular season intrastate wrestling multi-duals (triangulars and festivals) where participants are in grades 7-12 that are scheduled during the weekday in which one or more schools are in session, shall not begin before 12 noon.
 2. All regular season intrastate wrestling tournaments where participants are in grades 7-12 that are scheduled during the weekday in which one or more schools are in session, shall not begin before 10 am.

VI. OKLAHOMA DUAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

A. DIVISION OF SCHOOLS

1. There will be four classes of competition. Wrestling districts will be classified for a two year period using the most current A.D.M. available.
NOTE: Classifications for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 dual state districts were based on the 2015-2016 A.D.M. sheet.
3. Each class (6A, 5A, 4A, and 3A) will have eight districts.
4. In Class 3A, district duals will only count three points against the season schedule.
4. Each team in a district will be required to wrestle a dual against other district teams. This may be done through duals or other multi-team competition. All district duals shall be completed by January 25, 2018.
5. The first place team (best won-lost record) in each district will advance to the dual state championship tournament.

6. The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).

For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments) and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field, and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

7. Teams that have qualified for the Dual State Wrestling Championships should fax their seeding information form (mailed with dual state information in January) to the OSSAA by February 1, 2018.

B. 2018 DUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

1. The Dual Team State Wrestling Tournament will be held February 9-10, 2018.
2. The Dual Team State Wrestling Tournament will be a two day format for Classes 3A-4A-5A-6A at Firelake Arena.
3. The quarter finals will be wrestled on Friday February 9, 2018 at Firelake Arena.
3A at 12:00p.m.
5A at 2:00p.m.
4A at 4:00p.m.
6A at 6:00p.m.
4. The semi finals and finals will be wrestled on Saturday February 10, 2018 at Firelake Arena.
3A-5A Semis at 12:00p.m.
4A-6A Semis at 2:00p.m.
3A-4A-5A-6A Finals at 6:30p.m.
5. Only one official per mat will be used for the quarterfinal and either one or two officials will be used for the semifinal rounds. Two officials per mat will be used for the championship finals. Officials will be selected by the OSSAA.
6. The times on the first round will alternate each year between classes.

C. WEIGH-IN

1. There will be two weigh-ins for the Dual State Championships.
Weigh-in times for Friday February 9, 2018:
12:00p.m. duals weigh-in at 10:30a.m.
2:00p.m. duals weigh-in at 12:30p.m.
4:00p.m. duals weigh-in at 2:30p.m.
6:00p.m. duals weigh-in at 4:30p.m.
Weigh-in times for Saturday February 10, 2018:
12:00p.m. duals at 10:30a.m.
2:00p.m. duals at 12:30p.m.
2. All participants must weigh-in at the designated time for their dual and at the designated site.
3. Weigh-ins for Dual State will take place by weight classes and not by team.
4. Dual meet weigh-in shall proceed through the weight classes beginning with the random draw selected weight, continue through the weight classes, wrap around 106 class and end immediately upon the completion of the highest weight class in consecutive order.
5. The mat officials assigned by the OSSAA may conduct the weigh-ins. If not, a neutral party should be present to conduct the weigh-ins. If it is not possible to have a neutral party available, a district administrator (principal or athletic director) should be present to conduct the weigh-ins.
6. There will not be a weight allowance for the Dual State Championships except for the two pound growth allowance.
7. Dual State is a post-season state championship event and the weight certification rule will be in effect which states, "Once you certify your minimum weight, you can only weigh-in one weight class above your minimum weight and still keep that minimum weight. A wrestler who weighs in at any time more than one weight class above his/her minimum weight, his/her minimum weight will move up accordingly."
8. Random draw of weight classes to determine the beginning of a dual at Dual State will be drawn at the OSSAA office for each day of competition. Any subsequent dual meet shall begin one weight class beyond the starting class of the previous.

D. SEEDING AND BRACKETING OF DUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The seeding criteria for the Dual State Wrestling Championships will be as follows:
 - a. Head to Head Competition. (Teams that have tied during the regular season will use the tie breaker criteria. If two teams have evenly split wins (one-one, two-two, etc.) during the season, the last match wrestled will count towards a team's won-loss record.)
 - b. Record against common opponent.
 - c. OSSAA Rankings.
 - d. Tournament placings at the same tournament after January 1st.
 - e. Coaches/OSSAA committee.
2. A committee selected by the president of the Oklahoma Wrestling Coaches' Association will assist the OSSAA in seeding the Dual State Championships, if needed. Members of this committee will consist of two representatives from each class. One

representative will be from the west and the other from the east. A committee member's team may not be participating in the Dual State Championships.

3. The bracket for each class of the Dual State Championships will be bracketed as follows:
 - a. The winners of districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be seeded.
 - b. The winners of districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be seeded.
 - c. Seeds will be placed on the bracket as follows:
 - d. W1 - E4; E2 - W3 (top of bracket)
 - e. E1 - W4; W2 - E3 (bottom of bracket)
- E. CRITERIA FOR SETTLING TIES IN A DUAL MEET AND TIES IN THE DUAL STATE DISTRICT TEAM STANDINGS
 1. In dual meet competition, if teams have identical scores, the following team tie-breaking system shall be used to determine the winner.
 - a. The team whose opposing wrestlers or team personnel has been penalized the greater number of team points for flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be declared the winner.
 - b. The team whose opposing head coach has been penalized the greater number of team points for coach misconduct shall be declared the winner.
 - c. The team whose opposing wrestlers were penalized the greater number of match points for unsportsmanlike conduct during a match shall be declared the winner.
 - d. The team having won the greater number of matches (including forfeits) shall be declared the winner.
 - e. The team having accumulated the greater total number of falls, defaults, forfeits and disqualifications shall be declared the winner.
 - f. The team having the greater number of technical falls shall be declared the winner.
 - g. The team having the greater number of major decisions shall be declared the winner.
 - h. The team having the greater number (total match points) of first-point(s) scored shall be declared the winner.
 - i. The team having the greater number of points for near-falls shall be declared the winner.
 - j. The team having the greater number of takedowns shall be declared the winner.
 - k. The team having the greater number of reversals shall be declared the winner.
 - l. The team having the greater number of escapes shall be declared the winner.
 - m. The team whose opponent has been penalized the greater number of points for stalling shall be declared the winner.
 - n. The team whose opponent has been warned more often for stalling shall be declared the winner.
 - o. The team whose opponent has the greater number of penalties for all other infractions (i.e. false starts) shall be declared the winner.
 - p. If none of the above resolves the tie, a flip of a disk will determine the winner.

Upon determining the winning team by use of the tiebreaking system, a single team point shall be added to the prevailing team. The method of recording the score in breaking team ties shall be the score followed by the letter of the criterion that broke the tie (e.g. Team A-16; Team B-17, criterion e).
 2. If two teams are tied in the dual state district team standing, the team that won over the other team shall be the district champion.
 3. If three or more teams are tied in the dual state district team standing, the following criteria will be used:
 - a. Begin with the tiebreaking criteria listed in V-E-1, use only the matches wrestled among the tied teams.
 - b. Begin with the first criteria among the tied teams, if you do not have a winner, only the teams tied with this criteria will advance on to the next criteria. (Example: Team A – penalized zero team points for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct; Team B – penalized zero team points for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct; Team C – penalized zero team points for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct; Team D – penalized one team point for unsportsmanlike conduct. Teams A, B, and C are all tied on criteria a. and will advance to criteria b. Team D drops out of the tiebreaking process.)
 - c. Anytime the tiebreaking criteria reduces the number of teams tied to two, the team that won over the other team shall be the district champion.
- F. FORFEIT POLICY
 1. If the first place finisher from a dual state district decides not to participate in the dual state tournament, they will not be allowed to enter regional tournament competition.
 2. If the first place finisher from a dual state district intentionally violates the spirit of the sport of wrestling by sending a junior varsity team or a junior varsity/varsity team to the dual state tournament, the team or individual(s) will not be allowed to enter regional tournament competition.
 3. Teams forfeiting a district dual will count a loss on their team record and a point against their team schedule. They will also forfeit the right to compete for the district championship. A team receiving a forfeit will count a win on their team record and a point against their team schedule.
- G. AWARDS
 1. Each dual district champion will receive a championship plaque.
 2. The runner-up and championship teams of the Dual State Tournament will receive an appropriate trophy. The championship and runner-up coaches will receive a coach's achievement plaque.
- H. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Activities Association will send all needed information to each dual state site. This information will include admission prices (\$7.00 for adults and students), tickets, and complimentary pass regulations.

VII. DUAL STATE CHAMPIONS

	Class 2A	Class 3A	Class 4A	Class 5A
1989	Sperry	Tuttle	Shawnee	Del City
1990	Pawhuska	Tuttle	Lawton MacArthur	Midwest City
1991	Perry	Blackwell	Carl Albert	Midwest City
1992	Sperry	Tuttle	Carl Albert	Del City
1993	Comanche	Anadarko	Tulsa Webster	Lawton
1994	Hinton	Marlow	Tulsa Webster	Choctaw
1995	Berryhill	Bristow	Altus	Midwest City
1996	Chandler	Locust Grove	El Reno	Choctaw
1997	Tuttle	Sallisaw	El Reno	Choctaw
1998	Tuttle	Bristow	El Reno	Broken Arrow
1999	Perry	Bristow	El Reno	Broken Arrow
2000	Perry	Bristow	El Reno	Broken Arrow
2001	Perry	Bristow	El Reno	Midwest City
2002	Tuttle	Bristow	El Reno	Broken Arrow
2003	Perry	Cushing	El Reno	Ponca City
2004	Perry	Cushing	El Reno	Ponca City
2005	Perry	Cushing	El Reno	Ponca City
2006	Perry	Marlow	Catoosa	Midwest City
2007	Perry	Cushing	El Reno	Union
2008	Marlow	Cushing	Catoosa	Broken Arrow
	Class 3A	Class 4A	Class 5A	Class 6A
2009	Perry	Cushing	Claremore	Ponca City
2010	Perry	Tuttle	Claremore	Muskogee
2011	Perry	Tuttle	Collinsville	Broken Arrow
2012	Perry	Tuttle	Collinsville	Union
2013	Perry	Tuttle	Collinsville	Edmond North
2014	Perry	Tuttle	Collinsville	Broken Arrow
2015	Perry	Tuttle	Collinsville	Stillwater
2016	Perry	Tuttle	Coweta	Choctaw
2017	Perry	Tuttle	Lawton MacArthur	Sand Springs

VIII. TEAM CHAMPIONS

ONE CLASS		CLASSES 2A-A		CLASSES 6A-3A		CLASSES 6A-3A continued	
1922	Tie, Stillwater & Altus	1961	2A Edmond	1978	6A Putnam City	1991	6A Midwest City
1923	Stillwater		A Perry		5A T. Washington		5A Carl Albert
1924	Stillwater	1962	2A Edmond		4A Owasso		4A Marlow
1925	Cushing		A Perry		3A Perry		3A Perry
1926	Cushing	1963	2A John Marshall	1979	6A Midwest City	1992	6A Lawton
1927	Cushing		A Perry		5A T. Washington		5A Carl Albert
1928	Tulsa Central	1964	2A John Marshall		4A Perry		4A Marlow
1929	Tulsa Central		A Perry		3A Geary		3A Madill
1930	Tulsa Central	1965	2A Tulsa Edison	1980	6A Midwest City	1993	6A Lawton
1931	Stillwater		A Perry		5A Duncan		5A Tulsa Webster
1932	Tie, Cushing & Tulsa Central	1966	2A U.S. Grant		4A Perry		4A Coweta
1933	Cushing		A Perry		3A Sperry		3A Madill
1934	Tulsa Central	1967	2A U.S. Grant	1981	6A Midwest City	1994	6A Choctaw
1935	Tulsa Central		A Hobart		5A Guthrie		5A Tulsa Webster
1936	Tulsa Central	1968	2A John Marshall		4A Perry		4A Bristow
1937	Tulsa Central		A Perry		3A Hobart		3A Perry
1938	Tulsa Central	1969	2A John Marshall	1982	6A Union	1995	6A Midwest City
1939	Tulsa Central		A Stillwater		5A Catoosa		5A Altus
1940	Ponca City				4A Vinita		4A Marlow
1941	Blackwell				3A Hinton		3A Perry
1942	Tulsa Webster	1970	3A John Marshall	1983	6A Midwest City	1996	6A Choctaw
1943	Blackwell		2A Stillwater		5A Mustang		5A El Reno
1944	Tulsa Central		A Hobart		4A Vinita		4A Bristow
1945	Tulsa Central	1971	3A Midwest City		3A Sperry		3A Tuttle
1946	Blackwell		2A Sand Springs	1984	6A Midwest City	1997	6A Choctaw
1947	Tulsa Central		A Perry		5A Tulsa Kelley		5A El Reno
1948	Tulsa Webster	1972	3A Midwest City		4A Perry		4A Bristow
1949	Tulsa Central		2A Southeast		3A Sperry		3A Tuttle
1950	Tulsa Webster		A Perry	1985	6A Tulsa Hale	1998	6A Broken Arrow
1951	Tulsa Webster	1973	3A Putnam City		5A Tulsa Kelley		5A El Reno
1952	Perry		2A Blackwell		4A Coweta		4A Marlow
1953	Ponca City		A Perry		3A Sperry		3A Perry
1954	Stillwater	1974	3A Midwest City	1986	6A Midwest City	1999	6A Tie. Broken Arrow & Choctaw
1955	Perry		2A Tulsa Kelley		5A Shawnee		5A El Reno
1956	Blackwell		A Perry		4A Perry		4A Blackwell
1957	Blackwell	1975	3A Putnam City		3A Sperry		3A Perry
1958	Tulsa Rogers		2A Tulsa Kelley	1987	6A Midwest City	2000	6A Broken Arrow
1959	Ponca City		A Perry		5A Bixby		5A El Reno
1960	Ponca City	1976	3A Midwest City		4A Skiatook		4A Bristow
			2A T. Washington		3A Sperry		3A Perry
			A Perry	1988	6A Edmond Memorial	2001	6A Broken Arrow
		1977	3A Tulsa Central		5A Shawnee		5A El Reno
			2A T. Washington		4A Marlow		4A Bristow
			A Perry		3A Comanche		3A Perry
				1989	6A Lawton	2002	6A Broken Arrow
					5A Shawnee		5A El Reno
					4A Perry		4A Cushing
					3A Sperry		3A Tuttle
				1990	6A Midwest City	2003	6A Ponca City
					5A Lawton MacArthur		5A El Reno
					4A Tuttle		4A Glenpool
					3A Pawhuska		3A Tuttle
						2004	6A Ponca City
							5A El Reno
							4A Cushing
							3A Perry

TEAM CHAMPIONS CONTINUED

2005	6A	Ponca City
	5A	El Reno
	4A	Cushing
	3A	Perry
2006	6A	Ponca City
	5A	El Reno
	4A	Marlow
	3A	Perry
2007	6A	Midwest City
	5A	Catoosa
	4A	Locust Grove
	3A	Perry
2008	6A	Midwest City
	5A	Catoosa
	4A	Grove
	3A	Perry
2009	6A	Union
	5A	Claremore
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Perry
2010	6A	Broken Arrow
	5A	Claremore
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Perry
2011	6A	Broken Arrow
	5A	Collinsville
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Perry
2012	6A	Broken Arrow
	5A	Collinsville
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Blackwell
2013	6A	Edmond North
	5A	Collinsville
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Perry
2014	6A	Stillwater
	5A	Collinsville
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Perry
2015	6A	Broken Arrow
	5A	Collinsville
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Plainsville
2016	6A	Choctaw
	5A	Collinsville
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Plainview
2017	6A	Sand Springs
	5A	MacArthur
	4A	Tuttle
	3A	Perry

DUAL TEAM WRESTLING DISTRICTS 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019

Class 6A

District One

Choctaw
Putnam City North
U.S. Grant
Lawton

District Two

Edmond North
Westmoore
Midwest City
Putnam City

District Three

Yukon
Southmoore
Deer Creek
Putnam City West

District Four

Norman
Mustang
Edmond Memorial
Moore

District Five

Broken Arrow
Edmond Santa Fe
Capital Hill
Booker T. Washington

District Six

Sand Springs
Enid
Muskogee
Bartlesville

District Seven

Ponca City
Jenks
Bixby
Sapulpa

District Eight

Stillwater
Tulsa Union
Norman North
Owasso

Class 5A

District One

Altus
Woodward
Eisenhower
Western Heights

District Two

MacArthur
Ardmore
Southeast
Bishop McGuinness

District Three

Piedmont
Guthrie
Santa Fe South
Del City

District Four

Duncan
El Reno
NW Classen
Carl Albert

District Five

Collinsville
Edison Prep
Bishop Kelley
Nathan Hale

District Six

Coweta
Pryor
Tahlequah
Memorial (T)

District Seven

Skiatook
Claremore
McAlester
East Central

District Eight

Shawnee
Glenpool
Noble
Durant

Class 4A

District One

Clinton
Newcastle
Weatherford
Elk City

District Two

Tuttle
Chickasha
Tecumseh
Pauls Valley

District Three

Elgin
Cache
Madill
Ada

District Four

Blanchard
Cushing
Harrah
McLoud

District Five

Bristow
Cleveland
Vinita
McLain

District Six

Wagoner
Sallisaw
Stilwell
Will Rogers

District Seven

Catoosa
Grove
Oologah-Talala
Miami

District Eight

Ft. Gibson
Mannford
Poteau
Daniel Webster

Class 3A

District One

Geary/Watonga
Kingfisher
Hinton
Cordell
Mangum
Hobart/Lone Wolf

District Two

Heritage Hall
Marlow
Bridge Creek
Anadarko
Lexinton
Little Axe

District Three

Perry
Perkins-Tryon
John Marshall
Crossings Christian
Millwood
Douglass

District Four

Blackwell
Tonkowa
Pawnee
Morrison
Chandler
Prague

District Five

Comanche
Plainview
Sulphur
Bethal
Davis
Walters
Wilburton

District Six

Sperry
Newkirk
Pawhuska
Barnsdall
Berryhill
Inola
Metro Christian

District Seven

Cascia Hall
Jay
Salina
Hulburt
Sequoyah Tahlequah
OK School Blind
Okmulgee

District Eight

Vian
Checotah
Gore
Warner
Keys (Parkhill)
Locust Grove
Morris
Holand Hall

2017-2018 SEASON ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Activity	First Practice	Date First Contest	Number Contest	Off Season Practice	Summer Practice
Football	August 8	Aug. 25-27 (Zero wk) Sept. 1 Aug. 29 (JV and JH)	10 weeks - H.S. Varsity 8 games all others	None	No Summer Practice for any activity.
Basketball	October 1	November 1(NFS) November 7 (JH) November 17 (FB)	18+2 tourn. (NFB) or 16+3 tourn. 16+2 tourn. (FB) or 14+3 tourn. 14+2 tourn. (JH)	None	
Wrestling ***	October 1	November 17	See Below	None	
Baseball (Fall)	July 15	August 8 or Opening of School	22, 3 tourn. JH-14, 2 tourn. or 11, 3 tourn.	None	
Baseball * (Spring)	December 1	A & B-Feb. 20 2A,3A,4A, 5A & 6A - March 1	22, 3 tourn. JH-14, 2 tourn. or 11, 3 tourn.	None	
Softball-FP ***** (Fall)	July 15	August 8 or Opening of School	22, 3 tourn. or 25 and 2 tourn. JH-14, 2 tourn. or 11, 3 tourn.	None	
Softball-SP ** (Spring)	December 1	March 1	22, 3 tourn. or 25, 2 tourn. JH-14, 2 tourn. or 11, 3 tourn.	None	
Cross Country	July 15	August 8 or Opening of School	8 JH-6	None	
Golf	December 1	March 1	9 JH-4	None	
Tennis	December 1	March 1	14 events, duals/tourn. JH-8	None	
Swimming	October 1	November 1	12 dates of competition plus conference championship	None	
Volleyball	July 15	August 8 or Opening of School	15+3 tourn. JH-13+2 tourn.	None	
Indoor Track	October 1	Jan. 1-March 1	3 Meets	None	
Track	December 1	March 1	8 JH-6	None	
Soccer ****	December 1	March 1	12 games + 1 tourn. 3 scrimmage dates JH-6	None	

*Baseball Scrimmage Dates - A & B - February 5; 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A & 6A - February 12

**Softball-SP Scrimmage Dates - A,2A, 3A, 4A - February 5; 5A & 6A - February 12

***Wrestling: High school teams may use the 26-point system (refer to wrestling section)
Junior high teams - 11 duals and 3 tournaments

*****Soccer - Scrimmage Date - February 15

*****Softball-FP - No Scrimmages after the first contest or after Aug. 7.



2017-2018 OSSAA SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS

BASEBALL - FALL	BASEBALL - SPRING	BASKETBALL - BOYS & GIRLS
Non-football playing schools divided evenly between Classes B and A with the largest number in Class B if the numbers are not even.	6A - Largest 32 Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Schools 4A - Next 64 Largest Schools 3A - Next 64 Largest Schools 2A - Next 64 Largest Schools A - Next 96 Largest Schools B - All Remaining Schools	6A - Largest 32 Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Schools 4A - Next 64 Largest Schools 3A - Next 64 Largest Schools All remaining schools will be divided evenly between Classes 2A, A, and B, with the greatest numbers in Class B if not divisible by 3.

CHEERLEADING	CROSS COUNTRY	FOOTBALL
6A - First 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next 48 Largest Schools 4A - Next 64 Largest Schools 3A - Next 64 Largest Schools 2A - All Remaining Schools Small Co-ed-All 2A, 3A, 4A Schools having one or more male participants. Large Co-ed - All 5A & 6A Schools having one or more male participants If there are less than 8 squads in small co-ed, there will be only one co-ed division.	6A - 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next 40 Largest Schools 4A - Next 56 Largest Schools 3A - Next 72 Largest Schools 2A - All Remaining Schools	6A – The 32 Largest Football Playing Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Football Playing Schools 4A - Next 32 Largest Football Playing Schools 3A - Next 55 Largest Football Playing Schools 2A - Next 55 Largest Football Playing Schools A – Next 56 Largest Football Playing Schools B – 48 Football Playing Schools C – 32 Football Playing Schools

GOLF	SOCCER - BOYS & GIRLS	SOFTBALL - FAST-PITCH
Boys 6A - 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next Largest 32 Schools 4A - Next Largest 48 Schools 3A - Next Largest 60 Schools 2A - All Remaining Schools Girls 6A - Largest 32 Schools 5A - Next Largest 32 Schools 4A - Next Largest 48 Schools 3A – Next 60 Largest Schools 2A – All Remaining Schools	6A - 32 Largest Playing Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Playing Schools 4A - All Remaining Schools	6A - 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Schools 4A - Next 64 Largest Schools 3A - Next 64 Largest Schools 2A - Next 64 Largest Schools A - Next 96 Largest Schools B - All Remaining Schools

SOFTBALL - SLOW-PITCH	SWIMMING	TENNIS - BOYS & GIRLS
6A - 32 Largest Softball Playing Schools 5A - Next 48 Largest Softball Playing Schools 4A - Next 48 Largest Softball Playing Schools 3A - Next 48 Largest Softball Playing Schools 2A & A - All Remaining Softball Playing Schools (Divided Approximately Equally)	6A - Top 21 Swimming Schools 5A - All Remaining Schools	6A - 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest (Boys & Girls) Playing Schools 4A - All Remaining Schools

TRACK	VOLLEYBALL - GIRLS	WRESTLING
6A - 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next 40 Largest Schools 4A - Next 56 Largest Schools 3A - Next 64 Largest Schools 2A - Next 96 Largest Schools A - All Remaining Schools	6A - 32 Largest Playing Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Playing Schools 4A – Next 32 Largest Playing Schools 3A—All Remaining playing schools	6A - 32 Largest Wrestling Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Wrestling Schools 4A - Next 32 Largest Wrestling Schools 3A - All Remaining Wrestling Schools

MUSIC - SENIOR HIGH	ONE-ACT PLAY	SPEECH & DEBATE - SENIOR HIGH
6A - 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Schools 4A - Next 64 Largest Schools and Mid-Highs 3A - Next 128 Largest Schools 2A - All Remaining Schools E - Second Groups EE – Third Groups EEE- Fourth Groups EEEE- Fifth Groups	6A - Largest 1/3 of Schools Entered 5A - Middle 1/3 of Schools Entered & 9th Grade Entries 4A - Smallest 1/3 of Schools Entered	6A - ADM 1150 and Above 5A - ADM 550 to 1149.99 4A - ADM 255 to 549.99 3A - ADM 254.99 and below JUNIOR HIGH 6A - 9 th Grade ADM 287.5 up 5A - 9 th Grade ADM 130 to 287.4 4A - 9 th Grade ADM 62.5 to 129.9 3A - 9 th Grade ADM 0 to 62.4

ACADEMIC BOWL
6A - First 32 Largest Schools 5A - Next 32 Largest Schools 4A - Next 96 Largest Schools 3A - Next 96 Largest Schools 2A - Next 96 Largest Schools A - All Remaining Schools

2017-2018 OSSAA MEMBER SCHOOLS

1. Achille	84. Checotah	166. Frederick	249. Little Axe
2. Ada	85. Chelsea	167. Freedom	250. Locust Grove
3. Adair	86. Cherokee	168. Frontier	251. Lomega
4. Afton	87. Cheyenne	169. Ft. Cobb-Broxtton	252. Lone Grove
5. Agra	88. Chickasha	170. Ft. Gibson	253. Lone Wolf
6. Alex	89. Chisholm	171. Ft. Supply	254. Lookeba-Sickles
7. Aline-Cleo	90. Choctaw	172. Ft. Towson	255. Luther
8. Allen	91. Chouteau	173. Gage	256. MacArthur
9. Altus	92. Christian Heritage Academy	174. Gans	257. Macomb
10. Alva	93. Cimarron	175. Garber	258. Madill
11. Amber-Pocasset	94. Claremore	176. Geary	259. Mangum
12. Anadarko	95. Classen	177. Geronimo	260. Mannford
13. Antlers	96. Clayton	178. Glencoe	261. Marietta
14. Apache	97. Cleveland	179. Glenpool	262. Marlow
15. Arapaho-Butler	98. Clinton	180. Goodwell	263. Mason
16. Ardmore	99. Coalgate	181. Gore	264. Maud
17. Arkoma	100. Colbert	182. Gracemont	265. Maysville
18. Arnett	101. Colcord	183. Graham-Dustin	266. McAlester
19. Asher	102. Coleman	184. Grandfield	267. McCurtain
20. ASTEC Charter	103. Collinsville	185. Granite	268. McLain
21. Atoka	104. Comanche	186. Grove	269. McLoud
22. Balko	105. Commerce	187. Guthrie	270. Medford
23. Barnsdall	106. Community Christian	188. Guymon	271. Meeker
24. Bartlesville	107. Copan	189. Haileyville	272. Memorial
25. Battiest	108. Cordell	190. Hammon	273. Merritt
26. Beaver	109. Corn Bible Academy	191. Hanna	274. Metro Christian
27. Beggs	110. Covington-Douglas	192. Hardesty	275. Miami
28. Bennington	111. Coweta	193. Harding Charter Prep	276. Midway
29. Berryhill	112. Coyle	194. Harding Fine Arts	277. Midwest City
30. Bethany	113. Crescent	195. Harrah	278. Milburn
31. Bethel	114. Crooked Oak	196. Hartshorne	279. Mill Creek
32. Big Pasture	115. Crossings Christian	197. Haskell	280. Millwood
33. Billings	116. Crowder	198. Haworth	281. Minco
34. Binger-Oney	117. Cushing	199. Healdton	282. Moore
35. Bishop Kelley	118. Cyril	200. Heavener	283. Mooreland
36. Bishop McGuinness	119. Dale	201. Hennessey	284. Morris
37. Bixby	120. Daniel Webster	202. Henryetta	285. Morrison
38. Blackwell	121. Davenport	203. Heritage Hall	286. Moss
39. Blair	122. Davidson	204. Hildale	287. Mounds
40. Blanchard	123. Davis	205. Hinton	288. Moyers
41. Bluejacket	124. Deer Creek-Edmond	206. Hobart	289. Mt. Saint Mary
42. Boise City	125. Deer Creek-Lamont	207. Holdenville	290. Mt. View-Gotebo
43. Bokoshe	126. Del City	208. Holland Hall	291. Muldrow
44. Booker T. Washington	127. Depew	209. Hollis	292. Mulhall-Orlando
45. Boswell	128. Dewar	210. Hominy	293. Muskogee
46. Bowlegs	129. Dewey	211. Hooker	294. Mustang
47. Braggs	130. Dibble	212. Howe	295. Nathan Hale
48. Bray-Doyle	131. Dickson	213. Hugo	296. Navajo
49. Bridge Creek	132. Douglass	214. Hulbert	297. New Lima
50. Bristow	133. Dove Science (OKC) Academy	215. Hydro-Eakly	298. Newcastle
51. Broken Arrow	134. Dove Science (TULSA) Academy	216. Idabel	299. Newkirk
52. Broken Bow	135. Dover	217. Indianoma	300. Ninnekah
53. Buffalo	136. Drummond	218. Indianola	301. Noble
54. Buffalo Valley	137. Drumright	219. Inola	302. Norman
55. Burlington	138. Duke	220. Jay	303. Norman North
56. Burns Flat-Dill City	139. Duncan	221. Jenks	304. Northeast
57. Butner	140. Durant	222. John Marshall	305. Northwest Classen
58. Byng	141. Eagletown	223. Jones	306. Nowata
59. Cache	142. Earlsboro	224. Seeworth Academy	307. Oaks
60. Caddo	143. East Central	225. Kansas	308. Oilton
61. Calera	144. Edmond Memorial	226. Kellyville	309. Okarche
62. Calumet	145. Edmond North	227. Keota	310. Okay
63. Calvin	146. Edmond Santa Fe	228. Ketchum	311. Okeene
64. Cameron	147. Eisenhower	229. Keyes	312. Okemah
65. Canadian	148. El Reno	230. Keys (Parkhill)	313. Okla. School for the Deaf
66. Caney	149. Eldorado	231. Kiefer	314. Oklahoma Bible Academy
67. Caney Valley	150. Elgin	232. Kingfisher	315. Oklahoma Centennial
68. Canton	151. Elk City	233. Kingston	316. Oklahoma Christian Academy
69. Canute	152. Elmore City	234. Kinta	317. Oklahoma Christian School
70. Capitol Hill	153. Emerson (OKC)	235. Kiowa	318. Oklahoma Union
71. Carl Albert	154. Empire	236. Konawa	319. Okmulgee
72. Carnegie	155. Enid	237. Kremlin-Hillsdale	320. Oktaha
73. Carney	156. Erick	238. Langston Hughes Academy	321. Olive
74. Cascia Hall	157. Eufaula	239. Latta	322. Olustee
75. Cashion	158. Fairland	240. Laverne	323. Oologah
76. Catoosa	159. Fairview	241. Lawton	324. Owasso
77. Cave Springs	160. Fargo	242. Lawton Academy Of Arts	325. Paden
78. Cement	161. Felt	243. Leedey	326. Panama
79. Central High-Marlow	162. Fletcher	244. LeFlore	327. Panola
80. Central-Sallisaw	163. Forgan	245. Lexington	328. Paoli
81. Central-Tulsa	164. Fox	246. Liberty	329. Parkview
82. Chandler	165. Foyil	247. Lincoln Christian	330. Pauls Valley
83. Chattanooga		248. Lindsay	331. Pawhuska

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332. Pawnee	372. Sand Springs	412. Summit Christian	452. Washington
333. Perkins-Tryon	373. Santa Fe South (OKC)	413. Sweetwater	453. Watonga
334. Perry	374. Sapulpa	414. Tahlequah	454. Watts
335. Piedmont	375. Sasakwa	415. Talihina	455. Waukomis
336. Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	376. Savanna	416. Taloga	456. Waurika
337. Pittsburg	377. Sayre	417. Tecumseh	457. Wayne
338. Plainview	378. Schuller	418. Temple	458. Waynoka
339. Pocola	379. Seiling	419. Texhoma	459. Weatherford
340. Ponca City	380. Seminole	420. Thackerville	460. Webbers Falls
341. Pond Creek-Hunter	381. Sentinel	421. Thomas Edison	461. Welch
342. Porter Consolidated	382. Sequoyah Claremore	422. Thomas-Fay-Custer Unified	462. Weleetka
343. Porum	383. Sequoyah-Tahlequah	423. Timberlake	463. Wellston
344. Poteau	384. Sharon-Mutual	424. Tipton	464. Weselyn Christian School
345. Prague	385. Shattuck	425. Tishomingo	465. Western Heights
346. Preston	386. Shawnee	426. Tonkawa	466. Westmoore
347. Prue	387. Shidler	427. Tupelo	467. Westville
348. Pryor	388. Silo	428. Turner	468. Wetumka
349. Purcell	389. Skiatook	429. Turpin	469. Wewoka
350. Putnam City	390. Smithville	430. Tushka	470. Whitesboro
351. Putnam City North	391. Snyder	431. Tuttle	471. Wilburton
352. Putnam City West	392. Soper	432. Tyrone	472. Will Rogers
353. Quapaw	393. South Coffeyville	433. U. S. Grant	473. Wilson
354. Quinton	394. Southeast	434. Union	474. Wilson Henryetta
355. Rattan	395. Southmoore	435. Union City	475. Wister
356. Red Oak	396. Southwest Covenant	436. Valliant	476. Woodland
357. Rejoice Christian School	397. Sperry	437. Vanoss	477. Woodward
358. Regents Preparatory School	398. Spiro	438. Varnum	478. Wright City
359. Reydon	399. Springer	439. Velma-Alma	479. Wyandotte
360. Ringling	400. Star-Spencer	440. Verden	480. Wynnewood
361. Ringwood	401. Sterling	441. Verdigris	481. Wynona
362. Ripley	402. Stigler	442. Vian	482. Yale
363. Riverfield Country Day School	403. Stillwater	443. Vici	483. Yarbrough
364. Riverside	404. Stilwell	444. Victory Christian	484. Yukon
365. Rock Creek	405. Stonewall	445. Victory Life	
366. Roff	406. Stratford	446. Vinita	
367. Roland	407. Stringtown	447. Wagoner	
368. Rush Springs	408. Strother	448. Walters	
369. Ryan	409. Stroud	449. Wanette	
370. Salina	410. Stuart	450. Wapanucka	
371. Sallisaw	411. Sulphur	451. Warner	



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1	Broken Arrow	5037.73	49	Coweta	924.36	97	Madill	495.00	145	Marietta	335.77	193	Nowata	245.03	241	Fairland	178.15
2	Union	4688.77	50	Santa Fe South	908.25	98	Bristow	492.17	146	Kingston	335.43	194	Community Christian	242.70	242	Savanna	177.43
3	Jenks	3381.31	51	Bishop Kelley	861.00	99	McLoud	474.06	147	Heritage Hall	335.24	195	Haskell	242.19	243	Talihina	177.41
4	Owasso	2958.14	52	Altus	856.98	100	Anadarko	473.38	148	Cascia Hall	328.86	196	Okemah	242.02	244	Cordell	177.19
5	Mustang	2846.07	53	McAlester	839.19	101	Harding Charter Prep	472.67	149	Heavener	328.83	197	Chelsea	240.49	245	Hinton	175.89
6	Edmond North	2561.27	54	Western Heights	837.39	102	Mannford	472.56	150	Dove Science (Tulsa)	327.37	198	Silo	234.88	246	Merritt	175.73
7	Yukon	2464.93	55	El Reno	834.73	103	Pauls Valley	472.11	151	Prague	322.67	199	Caney Valley	231.42	247	Hooker	172.95
8	Moore	2353.00	56	Guymon	831.82	104	Daniel Webster	466.46	152	Chandler	322.61	200	Chouteau-Mazie	229.13	248	Wister	172.61
9	Westmoore	2323.00	57	Noble	820.02	105	ASTEC	465.54	153	Oklahoma Centennial	320.02	201	Stratford	227.30	249	Hominy	171.75
10	Norman North	2321.51	58	Collinsville	812.38	106	Vinita	451.60	154	Kansas	319.49	202	Wyandotte	223.72	250	Crescent	171.37
11	Edmond Santa Fe	2237.72	59	Pryor	757.21	107	Checotah	447.28	155	Holland Hall	319.40	203	Dale	222.05	251	Boone-Apache	171.21
12	Edmond Memorial	2187.74	60	Will Rogers	753.60	108	Plainview	438.60	156	Lindsay	318.43	204	Luther	219.19	252	Porter Consolidated	169.70
13	Norman	2007.19	61	Woodward	744.35	109	Seminole	437.55	157	Comanche	317.43	205	Coalgate	218.85	253	Quapaw	168.05
14	Southmoore	1936.00	62	Skiatook	725.53	110	Jay	434.67	158	Kellyville	314.65	206	Kiefer	215.16	254	Minco	168.04
15	Putnam City North	1806.71	63	Glenpool	723.69	111	John Marshall	428.43	159	Eufaula	314.42	207	Latta	214.46	255	Liberty	166.21
16	U. S. Grant	1801.55	64	Bishop McGuinness	716.00	112	Locust Grove	427.15	160	Lexington	313.41	208	Panama	214.25	256	Preston	164.22
17	Enid	1798.02	65	Ardmore	712.74	113	Bethel	422.93	161	Morris	312.56	209	Konawa	212.56	257	Haworth	163.17
18	Putnam City	1749.22	66	Southeast	709.76	114	Sequoyah (Claremore)	418.78	162	Perry	311.20	210	Pawhuska	210.97	258	Canadian	161.50
19	Sand Springs	1730.47	67	Ada	707.85	115	Kingfisher	415.99	163	Keys (Parkhill)	310.41	211	Commerce	208.37	259	Northeast	161.48
20	Bartlesville	1721.69	68	Elgin	671.96	116	Berryhill	414.43	164	Chisholm	309.33	212	Tonkawa	208.01	260	Quinton	161.37
21	Bixby	1715.08	69	Grove	670.58	117	Inola	413.39	165	Adair	305.51	213	Crossings Christian	206.70	261	Yale	159.11
22	Putnam City West	1707.22	70	McLain	670.53	118	Bridge Creek	412.74	166	Star-Spencer	305.48	214	Colcord	204.14	262	Allen	157.88
23	Choctaw	1638.11	71	Chickasha	659.78	119	Perkins-Tryon	401.97	167	Atoka	305.21	215	Frederick	202.40	263	Amber-Pocasset	156.91
24	Lawton	1605.01	72	Tecumseh	653.15	120	Douglass	399.76	168	Valliant	292.26	216	Wewoka	202.33	264	Afton	156.69
25	Stillwater	1544.77	73	Wagoner	648.21	121	Blackwell	398.34	169	Hugo	289.73	217	Oklahoma Union	201.73	265	Wilson	155.77
26	Muskogee	1538.72	74	Broken Bow	637.75	122	Roland	397.10	170	Spiro	289.62	218	Christian Heritage	201.00	266	Ft. Towson	154.75
27	Deer Creek (Edmond)	1528.57	75	Clinton	634.52	123	Byng	397.05	171	TSAS	289.55	219	Colbert	198.09	267	Carnegie	153.68
28	Ponca City	1411.14	76	Harrah	625.76	124	Sulphur	391.90	172	Meeker	288.38	220	Fairview	195.31	268	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	153.54
29	Sapulpa	1398.15	77	Poteau	618.49	125	Stigler	389.92	173	Victory Christian	287.60	221	Hobart	195.06	269	Rush Springs	153.23
30	Capitol Hill	1364.42	78	Catoosa	615.33	126	Verdigris	388.98	174	Davis	286.42	222	Ketchum	194.40	270	Wetumka	152.78
31	Midwest City	1309.51	79	Stilwell	603.23	127	Mount St. Mary	388.81	175	Lincoln Christian	285.53	223	Watonga	193.37	271	Morrison	152.27
32	Shawnee	1305.54	80	Central (Tulsa)	592.13	128	Lone Grove	384.89	176	Salina	282.26	224	Calera	192.04	272	Vanoss	151.74
33	Booker T Washington	1287.10	81	Miami	589.80	129	Harding Fine Arts Acad	383.21	177	Henryetta	280.30	225	Sayre	190.78	273	Ninnekah	151.08
34	Del City	1281.91	82	Ft. Gibson	583.12	130	Idabel	380.60	178	Antlers	276.59	226	Mounds	190.35	274	Tushka	149.41
35	Claremore	1226.05	83	Blanchard	576.34	131	Okmulgee	374.89	179	Washington	275.24	227	Rejoice Christian	190.05	275	Cashion	148.18
36	Eisenhower	1183.43	84	Sallisaw	563.01	132	Purcell	370.03	180	Holdenville	274.10	228	Drumright	189.96	276	Wayne	147.85
37	Nathan Hale	1180.27	85	Elk City	560.49	133	Marlow	365.99	181	Newkirk	274.04	229	Walters	188.30	277	Caddo	147.44
38	Northwest Classen	1167.85	86	Oologah-Talala	556.96	134	Sequoyah (Tahlequah)	362.42	182	Hennessey	261.80	230	Wellston	187.77	278	Langston Hughes	147.00
39	Tahlequah	1165.81	87	Weatherford	553.43	135	Sperry	360.52	183	Vian	258.25	231	Pawnee	187.14	279	Hollis	146.12
40	East Central	1144.55	88	Newcastle	553.09	136	Westville	360.51	184	Tishomingo	257.58	232	Dibble	186.99	280	Wright City	145.91
41	Edison Prep	1139.42	89	Cache	540.99	137	Beggs	360.25	185	Alva	257.29	233	Central (Sallisaw)	185.32	281	Rock Creek	143.36
42	MacArthur	1092.30	90	Classen SAS	518.70	138	Riverside	357.90	186	Pocola	256.82	234	Stroud	185.17	282	Depew	142.78
43	Memorial (Tulsa)	1047.45	91	Tuttle	515.76	139	Dickson	356.28	187	Hartshorne	256.79	235	Hulbert	185.00	283	Elmore City-Pernell	141.46
44	Carl Albert	1045.10	92	Bethany	515.60	140	Little Axe	355.92	188	Wilburton	256.12	236	Healdton	184.90	284	Navajo	139.75
45	Guthrie	977.82	93	Hilldale	514.94	141	Jones	355.57	189	OK Christian School	256.00	237	Howe	184.45	285	Gore	139.09
46	Duncan	970.91	94	Cleveland	509.33	142	Dewey	347.56	190	Millwood	251.22	238	Mangum	180.35	286	Mooreland	138.82
47	Piedmont	954.96	95	Muldrow	507.93	143	Metro Christian	343.80	191	Oktaha	248.67	239	Wynnewood	180.06	287	Barnsdall	138.70
48	Durant	934.44	96	Cushing	498.95	144	Crooked Oak	342.37	192	Dove Science (OKC)	246.60	240	Warner	179.60	288	Strother	137.23

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289	Foyil	135.76	337	Arapaho-Butler	102.35	385	Coyle	81.49	433	Mill Creek	58.58
290	Burns Flat-Dill City	133.68	338	Cherokee	101.37	386	Paoli	80.29	434	Cement	58.15
291	Laverne	133.55	339	Thomas-Fay-Custer	98.56	387	Bluejacket	80.03	435	Coleman	57.52
292	OK Christian Academy	133.30	340	Sterling	98.07	388	Fox	79.98	436	Arnett	57.20
293	Soper	133.19	341	Roff	97.96	389	Tyrone	79.60	437	Buffalo	56.81
294	Rattan	133.17	342	Haileyville	97.83	390	Macomb	79.40	438	Timberlake	56.41
295	Empire	131.80	343	Geary	97.77	391	Red Oak	78.99	439	Lomega	56.40
296	Ringling	131.24	344	Davenport	97.42	392	Granite	78.61	440	Leedey	56.38
297	Stonewall	126.74	345	Canute	96.49	393	Varnum	78.06	441	Deer Creek-Lamont	55.65
298	Okay	124.97	346	Stuart	95.86	394	Covington-Douglas	77.89	442	Corn Bible Academy	53.50
299	Snyder	124.66	347	Binger-Oney	95.79	395	Wilson (Henryetta)	77.65	443	Olustee-Eldorado	53.44
300	Porum	123.44	348	Stringtown	95.52	396	Mason	77.60	444	Eagletown	52.31
301	Summit Christian	123.00	349	Maud	95.40	397	Boswell	76.15	445	Buffalo Valley	52.24
302	Gans	122.72	350	Turner	94.70	398	Moss	75.96	446	Duke	51.86
303	Oklahoma Bible	122.00	351	Bennington	93.74	399	Lookeba-Sickles	75.57	447	Springer	51.83
304	Ripley	121.83	352	Canton	93.56	400	Chattanooga	75.54	448	Hammon	51.67
305	Okarche	121.40	353	Indianola	92.96	401	Blair	74.94	449	Panola	50.95
306	Ringwood	121.32	354	Okeene	92.68	402	Carney	74.32	450	Big Pasture	50.48
307	Crowder	120.14	355	Prue	92.48	403	Butner	74.28	451	Temple	50.04
308	Riverfield Country Day	120.00	356	Glencoe	92.28	404	Paden	73.94	452	Wanette	48.53
309	Cave Springs	119.17	357	Shattuck	91.97	405	Asher	73.55	453	Dover	46.80
310	Seiling	117.28	358	Sentinel	91.92	406	LeFlore	73.43	454	Milburn	45.80
311	Olive	115.98	359	Kiowa	91.91	407	Midway	72.95	455	Pittsburg	45.13
312	Waukomis	115.94	360	South Coffeyville	91.71	408	Fargo-Gage	71.43	456	Balko	44.69
313	Arkoma	115.20	361	Cheyenne	91.56	409	McCurtain	71.11	457	Calvin	43.34
314	Hydro-Eakly	115.10	362	Kremlin-Hillsdale	91.39	410	Whitesboro	70.53	458	Aline-Cleo	41.89
315	Fletcher	113.59	363	Agra	91.17	411	Grandfield	69.59	459	Yarbrough	40.92
316	Union City	113.00	364	Ryan	90.97	412	Shidler	68.32	460	Burlington	40.87
317	Dewar	111.57	365	Beaver	90.91	413	Mulhall-Orlando	67.63	461	Gracemont	40.82
318	Texhoma	110.17	366	Geronimo	90.79	414	Boise City	67.36	462	OK School Blind	40.18
319	Clayton	109.58	367	Alex	90.70	415	Wapanucka	67.29	463	Wynona	39.35
320	Frontier	108.70	368	Oaks	90.17	416	Sasakwa	67.08	464	Forgan	38.07
321	Woodland	108.11	369	Smithville	90.17	417	Copan	67.00	465	OK School for Deaf	36.00
322	Watts	107.80	370	Pond Creek-Hunter	88.21	418	Webbers Falls	66.78	466	Schulter	35.35
323	Central (Marlow)	106.88	371	Welch	87.68	419	Medford	66.59	467	Lone Wolf	30.76
324	Turpin	106.78	372	New Lima	87.54	420	Cimarron	65.58	468	Victory Life Academy	30.00
325	Garber	105.58	373	Maysville	86.78	421	Kinta	65.02	469	Sweetwater	29.61
326	Keota	105.22	374	Tipton	86.67	422	Erick	64.50	470	Felt	29.33
327	Oilton	104.89	375	Drummond	86.66	423	Graham-Dustin	64.49	471	Ft. Supply	26.67
328	Weleetka	104.63	376	Vici	86.29	424	Caney	64.27	472	Hardesty	25.97
329	Bray-Doyle	104.43	377	Southwest Covenant	85.00	425	Mt. View-Gotebo	63.43	473	Reydon	25.68
330	Cameron	104.38	378	Sharon-Mutual	84.94	426	Waynoka	61.02	474	Hanna	24.89
331	Regent Prep	104.00	379	Verden	84.58	427	Braggs	60.74	475	Freedom	23.59
332	Ft. Cobb-Broxton	103.84	380	Battiest	83.73	428	Calumet	60.64	476	Billings	23.25
333	Cyril	103.26	381	Bowlegs	82.21	429	Bokoshe	59.75	477	Keyes	20.07
334	Waurika	103.22	382	Earlsboro	82.19	430	Moyers	59.33	478	Taloga	19.87
335	Velma-Alma	103.13	383	Thackerville	82.16	431	Indiahoma	58.90	479	Davidson	14.58
336	Achille	103.09	384	Tupelo	81.73	432	Goodwell	58.83	480	Lawton Academy AS	12.00

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