

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
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TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Amy Cassell, Assistant
RE: Classes A-2A-3A-4A-5A District Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament
DATE: April 6, 2018

Below you will find the pairings for Classes A-2A-3A-4A-5A district slow-pitch softball tournaments. The district tournament chairman will be the principal or his/her designee of the first school listed in each district. The district tournament chairman shall call a meeting or arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to his/her district no earlier than April 11 and no later than April 13. At the district tournament meeting, the following items need to be determined:

1. District tournaments are to begin no sooner than April 16 and must be completed by April 21, 2018 and shall be played in one day.
2. First team listed in each district is the host.
3. Umpires from the OSSAA List of Eligible Officials should be agreed upon by the competing schools. The list is available on line at www.ossaa.com. Two umpires are to be used in each game.
4. General planning of the tournament.
5. Draw the district tournament bracket:
 - a. For seeding purposes, teams will use rankings posted at okrankings.com. The top 15 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.
 - b. Three Team districts – Rate and seed the teams using ratings from okrankings.com. 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 best record and they will receive the bye.

Team B will be the team with the second best record.

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

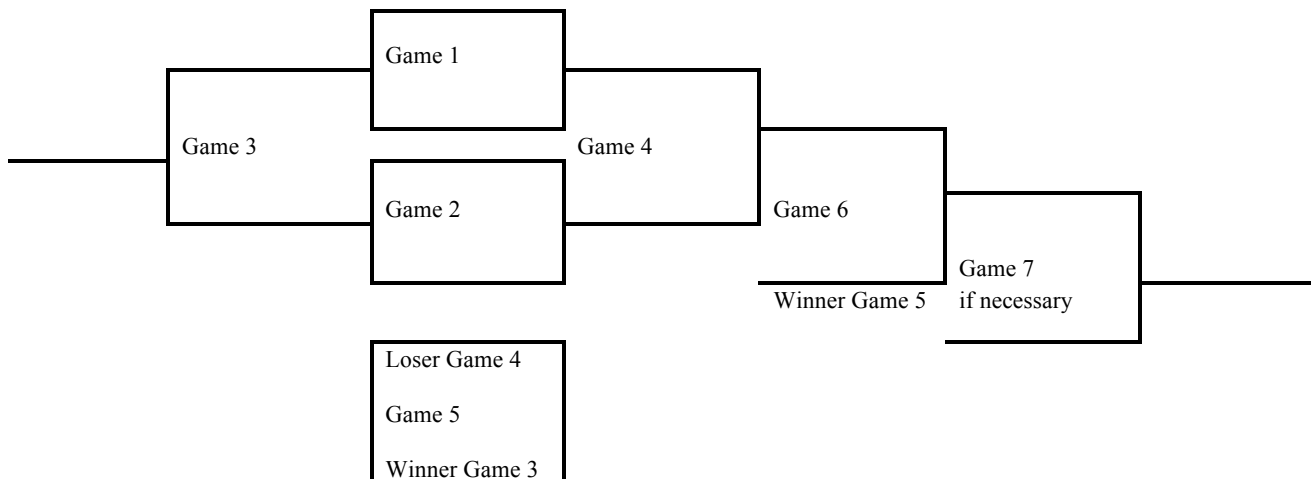
or

Game 4-If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C

Game 5-Winner Game 4 plays Team A

- c. Four team districts – Rate and seed two teams using ratings from okrankings.com which are to 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



- d. District tournament will be double elimination.
- 6. If a coach or representative cannot be present at the seeding meeting, the team's won-lost record should be called into the district tournament chairman. A majority of the coaches present will make the absent coaches' selection if necessary.
- 7. The host school should charge an admission to defray expenses. The OSSAA recommends \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. (OSSAA tickets will **not** be sent and each host school shall provide their own tickets.)
- 8. The host school should furnish balls and pay the umpires. The Wilson (DeMarini) .44 COR, 375 compression optic yellow leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the playoffs.

Please fax (405 840-9559) a copy of the district tournament bracket with each team's won-lost record to the OSSAA immediately following the district meeting.

A championship plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the district chairman of the school hosting the district meeting.

The umpires will be paid \$40.00 per game plus expenses as per the "OSSAA Travel Chart" for the driver only. The umpires should be selected from within a reasonable driving distance of the tournament site.

ROUND TRIP TRAVEL

MILES CLAIMED	AMOUNT PAID
0 – 600 miles	\$0.35/mile
over 600 miles	\$0.25/mile
above scale is round trip	

When the district tournament is completed, DISTRICT WINNERS should immediately call the OSSAA (405-840-1116) or Amy Cassell (405-359-1073) and give the team's won-lost record.

Within each class of A-2A-3A-4A-5A, each district winner will be assigned to one of four double elimination regional tournaments. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the sites for A-2A-3A-4A-5A regionals. The district in which a team has played will not determine the regional tournament to which it will be assigned.

The regional assignments and playoff information will be released on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) on Monday afternoon, April 23, 2018. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The Regional Tournaments must be completed by April 26 for all classifications.

The Rules of Play will be those of the 2018 National Federation Softball Rule Book.

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. The host school shall inform the umpires of this regulation prior to the tournament beginning.

Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher or catcher. Any substitute may run for the pitcher or catcher, but not both.

The OSSAA has adopted the National Federation extra player as in Rule 3-1-1.

For the OSSAA play-off tournaments, each team will be limited to **twenty-two (22)** suited squad members.

Refer to the 2017-2018 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual online at www.ossaa.com for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet. Fences will be set at 220 and 240 center.

Softball bats – Check the ASA website for a list of certified equipment.

All bats will be tested prior to the 2018 Slow-Pitch Regional tournaments. Sites, dates, and times are listed below:

Saturday, April 21nd – 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

Wednesday, April 25th – 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Fairview High School – Gary Matli

Latta High School – Butch Vietta

Sand Springs High School Softball Complex – Terry Armstrong

Pittsburg County Softball Complex (McAlester) – Brad Inman

Washington High School Commons – David Crabbe

Mangum High School **Wednesday, April 25 only** – Todd McRay

Cordell High School **Saturday, April 21 only** – Todd McRay

Bats used at the State tournament will be re-tested at the State tournament site. This year's State Tournament will be played at Firelake Arena in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Detailed information about bat testing at the State tournament will be included in the Regional tournament information released with the Regional tournament pairings.

Suspended game: If weather, darkness, or other circumstances interferes 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.

Application for academic achievement award must be postmarked by April 24, 2018 or faxed no later than April 25, 2018. The form is located on the OSSAA website.

If weather conditions look unfavorable, please contact the site manager before leaving for the tournament.

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. (Rule 1-1-7)

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.

At the completion of the District Tournament, please call The Oklahoman (405-475-3313) and the Tulsa World (1-800-944-7529) to report the game scores.

Teams participating in the Regional Tournament should send a picture and roster to programs@vype.com no later than April 25.

2018 SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS

**District tournaments must be completed by April 21
and shall be played in one day**

Note: First team listed in each District is the host.

CLASS 5A

- 1. PERKINS-TRYON, WEATHERFORD, ELK CITY**
- 2. LINDSAY, BLANCHARD, CACHE**
- 3. PRAGUE, ANADARKO, RIVERSIDE**
- 4. MCLOUD, PURCELL, PLAINVIEW**
- 5. LEXINGTON, DICKSON, MARIETTA**
- 6. SULPHUR, KINGSTON, MADILL**
- 7. STIGLER, BYNG, EUFAULA**
- 8. HEAVENER, IDABEL**
- 9. MULDROW, SALLISAW, ROLAND**
- 10. FT. GIBSON, CHECOTAH, CHANDLER**
- 11. SEQUOYAH TAHLEQUAH, LOCUST GROVE, CLEVELAND**
- 12. BERRYHILL, BRISTOW, BLACKWELL**
- 13. BEGGS, OKMULGEE/SCHULTER, BETHEL**
- 14. MORRIS, SEMINOLE**
- 15. KELLYVILLE, LITTLE AXE, HARDING CHARTER PREP**
- 16. CUSHING, CROOKED OAK, NEWCASTLE**

CLASS 4A

- 1. MANGUM, SAYRE, HOBART**
- 2. DIBBLE, HEALDTON, WATONGA**
- 3. WASHINGTON, COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN, HENNESSEY**
- 4. DALE, WELLSTON**
- 5. CHISHOLM, FAIRVIEW, TONKAWA**
- 6. STROUD, MOUNDS, KIEFER**
- 7. HASKELL, SALINA, KETCHUM**
- 8. WYANDOTTE, COLCORD, HULBERT**
- 9. POCOLA, CENTRAL SALLISAW, SPIRO**
- 10. HOWE, PANAMA, VIAN**
- 11. COALGATE, HENRYETTA, OKTAHA**
- 12. VALLIANT, ANTLERS, WILBURTON**
- 13. CALERA, HUGO, DAVIS**
- 14. SILO, COLBERT, HARTSHORNE**
- 15. LATTA, HOLDENVILLE, OKEMAH**
- 16. STRATFORD, KONAWA, WEWOKA**

CLASS 3A

1. **MERRITT**, BEAVER/FORGAN, BURNS FLAT-DILL CITY
2. **NAVAJO**, HOLLIS, EMPIRE
3. **BOONE-APACHE**, NINNEKAH, RINGLING
4. **AMBER-POCASSETT**, RUSH SPRINGS, WILSON
5. **MINCO**, CARNEGIE, HINTON
6. **CRESCENT**, PIONEER-PLEASANT VALE, MOORELAND
7. **PRESTON**, YALE, MORRISON
8. **FAIRLAND**, AFTON, BARNSDALL
9. **STROTHER**, DEPEW, LIBERTY
10. **ALLEN**, VANOSS, WETUMKA
11. **TUSHKA**, SAVANNA
12. **SOPER**, WYNNEWOOD, WAYNE
13. **CADDO**, ELMORE CITY-PERNELL, ROCK CREEK
14. **RATTAN**, FT. TOWSON, WRIGHT CITY
15. **WISTER**, HAWORTH, TALIHINA
16. **WARNER**, CANADIAN, GORE

CLASS 2A

1. **SHATTUCK**, FARGO-GAGE/FT. SUPPLY, CHEROKEE
2. **RINGWOOD**, KREMLIN-HILLSDALE, POND CREEK-HUNTER, FRONTIER
3. **WAUKOMIS**, OK BIBLE ACADEMY, GARBER, GLENCOE
4. **BINGER-ONEY**, OKARCHE, OKEENE, AGRA
5. **CANUTE**, CHEYENNE/REYDON, SENTINEL, FT. COBB-BROXTON
6. **FLETCHER**, CYRIL, TURNER, HYDRO-EAKLY
7. **STERLING**, BRAY-DOYLE, WANETTE/MACOMB, MAUD
8. **CENTRAL HIGH**, SNYDER, GERONIMO, RYAN
9. **STONEWALL**, ROFF, BENNINGTON, ACHILLE
10. **KIOWA**, CLAYTON, HAILEYVILLE, KEOTA
11. **STUART**, WELEETKA, INDIANOLA, CROWDER
12. **PORUM**, DEWAR, OKAY, CAVE SPRINGS
13. **SMITHVILLE**, CAMERON, GANS, ARKOMA
14. **OILTON**, DAVENPORT, OAKS, WATTS (SITE CHANGED TO DAVENPORT)
15. **RIPLEY**, OLIVE, PRUE, SOUTH COFFEYVILLE
16. **ARAPAHO-BUTLER**, THOMAS-FAY-CUSTER, GEARY, UNION CITY

CLASS A

1. **ARNETT**, ALINE-CLEO, DRUMMOND, WAYNOKA
2. **CIMARRON**, TIMBERLAKE, DOVER, COVINGTON-DOUGLAS
3. **CALUMET**, LEEDEY, EARLSBORO, PADEN
4. **HAMMON**, INDIAHOMA, CHATTANOOGA, BIG PASTURE
5. **VERDEN**, MT. VIEW-GOTEBO, PAOLI, MILL CREEK
6. **GRANITE**, ERICK, BLAIR, MAYSVILLE
7. **GRANDFIELD**, OLUSTEE, TIPTON, DUKE
8. **ASHER**, SASAKWA, BUTNER, LOOKEBA-SICKLES
9. **TUPELO**, CALVIN, MOSS, MILBURN
10. **NEW LIMA**, MIDWAY, WEBBERS FALLS, LEFLORE
11. **RED OAK**, BUFFALO VALLEY, BOKOSHE, BRAGGS
12. **WHITESBORO**, MCCURTAIN, PITTSBURG, BOSWELL
13. **VARNUM**, BATTIEST, COLEMAN, WAPANUCKA, KINTA
14. **CANEY**, THACKERVILLE, GRAHAM-DUSTIN, WILSON (H)
15. **WELCH**, COPAN, WYNONA, SHIDLER
16. **CARNEY**, VICI, BOWLEGS, MASON