

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
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TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Amy Cassell, Assistant
RE: Class 6A Regional Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament
DATE: April 13, 2018

Below you will find the pairings for the Class 6A regional slow-pitch softball tournament. The **regional tournament site** and tournament chairman will be the principal or his/her designee of the first school listed in each regional. The regional tournament chairman shall call a meeting or arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to his/her regional no earlier than Wednesday, April 18 and no later than Saturday, April 21. This meeting or conference call shall begin after 4:00 p.m. (**Note:** An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all the schools assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval.) At the regional tournament meeting, the following items need to be determined:

1. Regional tournament is to begin no sooner than April 23 and must be completed by April 26, 2018 and **shall be played in one day**.
2. 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.
3. General planning of the tournament.
4. Draw the regional tournament bracket:

- a. For seeding purposes, teams will use the coaches' ratings from ossaarankings.com. 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.
- b. Three Team regionals – Rate and seed the teams using ratings from ossaarankings.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 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. Regional tournament will be true double elimination below.
5. If a coach or representative cannot be present at the seeding meeting, the team's won-lost record should be called into the regional tournament chairman. A majority of the coaches present will make the absent coaches' selection if necessary.
6. **All bats will be tested prior to the 2018 Slow-Pitch Regional tournaments. Sites, dates, and times are listed below:**

Saturday, April 21st – 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

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

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

7. **Tickets will be sent to the host school via FedEx from the OSSAA office. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and students.**
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 SEND OR FAX (405-840-9559) A COPY OF THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT BRACKET WITH EACH TEAM'S WON-LOST RECORD TO THE OSSAA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGIONAL MEETING.

A championship plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the regional site.

The umpires will be paid \$45.00 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 regional tournament is completed, REGIONAL WINNERS should immediately call the OSSAA (405-840-1116) or Amy Cassell (405-359-1073), acassell@ossaa.com and give the team's won-lost record.

The OSSAA will draw the bracket for the state championship tournament and it will be released on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) on Friday afternoon, April 27, 2018. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The state championship is single elimination. The tournament will be played in one day at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium at 2801 NE 50th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111.

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 for further information.

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

MANDATORY BAT TESTING PROCEDURES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT TEAMS

All bats will be tested at the State Tournament site. Every bat to be used in the tournament MUST be tested prior to the first game for each respective team. Bats that have been tested prior to the State Tournament must be re-tested at the site. A different sticker than the one used during the regular season and at regional tournaments will be used.

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.

Teams shall report to the bat testing area beginning at the designated times on the chart below.

Game Time	Report to bat testing area
10:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
1:45 p.m.	12:15 p.m.

The bat testing area will be located on the Upper Level of the Press Box.

Any bats brought to the contest after the designated testing time may be brought to the testing area at any time during the day. Bat testers will be available all day.

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.

Ill-fitting batting helmets are a growing concern among game officials. Umpires have reported several incidents where the batter and/or base runner's helmet has come off the head while a player is running the bases. A helmet that fits properly will not easily come off the head. It is the responsibility of each school to properly equip your softball players for safety reasons. Please make sure you have enough helmets in various sizes for your team to wear. Also, chin straps can easily be purchased or made for helmets.

Application for academic achievement award must be postmarked by April 23, 2018 or faxed no later than April 24, 2018. The form is located on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com.

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 regional tournament, please call The Oklahoman (405-475-3313) and the Tulsa World (1-800-944-7529) to report the game scores.

Each team participating in the regional tournaments should email a team picture and roster to programs@vype.com no later than April 27.

CLASS 6A
REGIONAL SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

NOTE: *The regional tournament site will be the first school listed in each pairing. The principal or his/her designee will act as the tournament chairman.

- 1. Broken Bow,** McAlester, Bixby
- 2. Union,** Stilwell, Poteau
- 3. Southmoore,** Norman, Sand Springs
- 4. Broken Arrow,** Muskogee, Sapulpa
- 5. Moore,** Mustang, Bishop McGuinness
- 6. Westmoore,** Tahlequah, Norman North
- 7. Choctaw,** Jenks, Chickasha
- 8. Harrah,** Tecumseh, Woodward

CLASS 6A SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

FOUR TEAM BRACKET

