

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 14590, Oklahoma City, OK 73113

TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Amy Cassell, Assistant
RE: Classes A-2A-3A-4A-5A Regional Tournaments
DATE: April 23, 2018

Listed below you will find the brackets for the 2018 Slow-Pitch Softball Regional Tournament for your class. The OSSAA has assigned site, date, and times. If you have a conflict, contact the regional manager and through mutual agreement of all schools, site, date and times may be changed with OSSAA approval.** All regional tournaments shall be completed by April 26, 2018. Conflicts could result from proms or other school activities. We ask you to be cooperative in this manner.

The host school will hire OSSAA certified umpires after recommendations are made from competing schools. Two umpires are to be used in each game.

A championship and runner-up plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the regional site.

Tickets will be sent to the host school via Fed Ex from the OSSAA office. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and students.

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.

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.

Travel by Car :

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| 1-25 miles | \$5.00 |
| 26-50 miles | \$10.00 |
| 51-75 miles | \$20.00 |
| 76-100 miles | \$25.00 |
| Over 100 miles repeat above scale as needed | |

When the regional tournament is completed, REGIONAL WINNERS should immediately text or email Amy Cassell (405-990-7752) or acassell@ossaa.com and give the team's won-lost record.

REGIONAL BAT TESTING INFORMATION THAT WAS RELEASED WITH DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS:

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 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

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

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

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 for Classes 4A, 5A and 6A will be played in one day at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, 2801 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 on May 1, 2018. Classes A, 2A and 3A will be played May 2, 2018.

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

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 throughout the play-off series. The host school shall inform the umpires of this regulation prior to the tournament beginning.

Refer to the 2017-2018 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual for further information.

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

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MANDATORY BAT TESTING PROCEDURES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT TEAMS

All bats will be tested at the State Tournament site at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, 2801 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK. 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 regional tournament will be used.

Any batter entering the batter's box with an untested bat will be automatically out, and the team will be issued a warning. If a subsequent violation occurs, both the batter and the player will be restricted to the dugout.

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. |
| 11:30 a.m. | 9:45 a.m. |
| 1:00 p.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| 2:30 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. |

The testing area will be in the upper level of the Press Box.

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.

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.

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.

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.

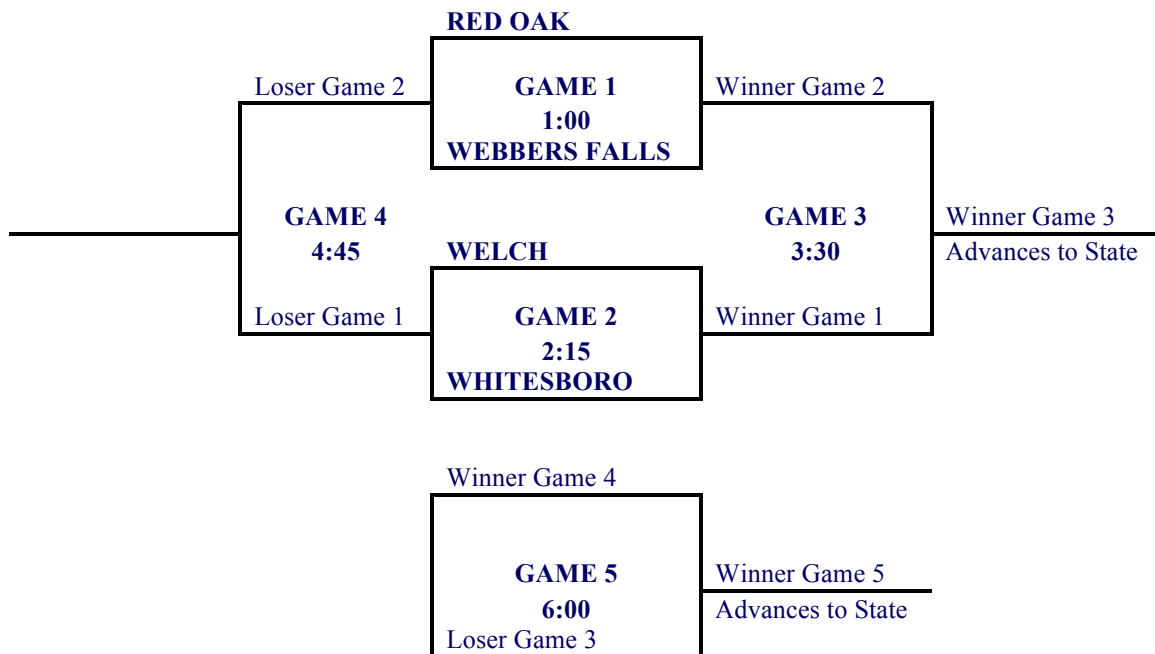
Teams participating in the Regional Tournament should send a picture and roster to programs@vype.com no later than April 27.

****The school administration should be involved in the decision to change the tournament format.**

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2018 Regional Tournament
Slow-Pitch Softball

Site: RED OAK
Date: APRIL 26, 2018
Manager: PRINCIPAL
Class: A



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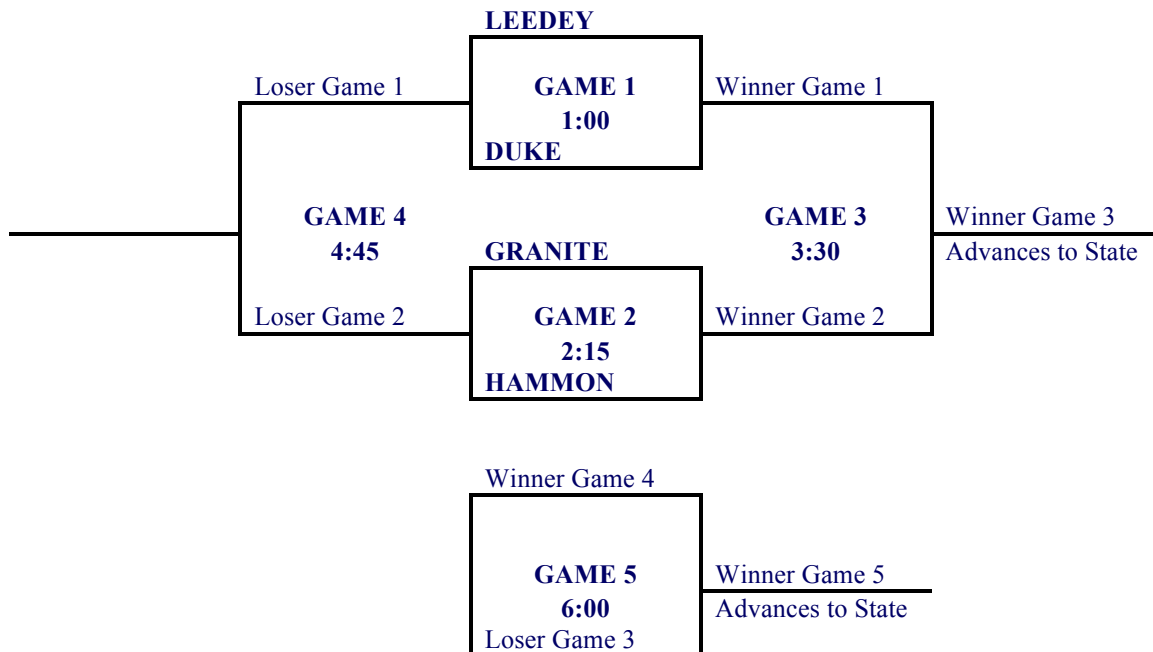


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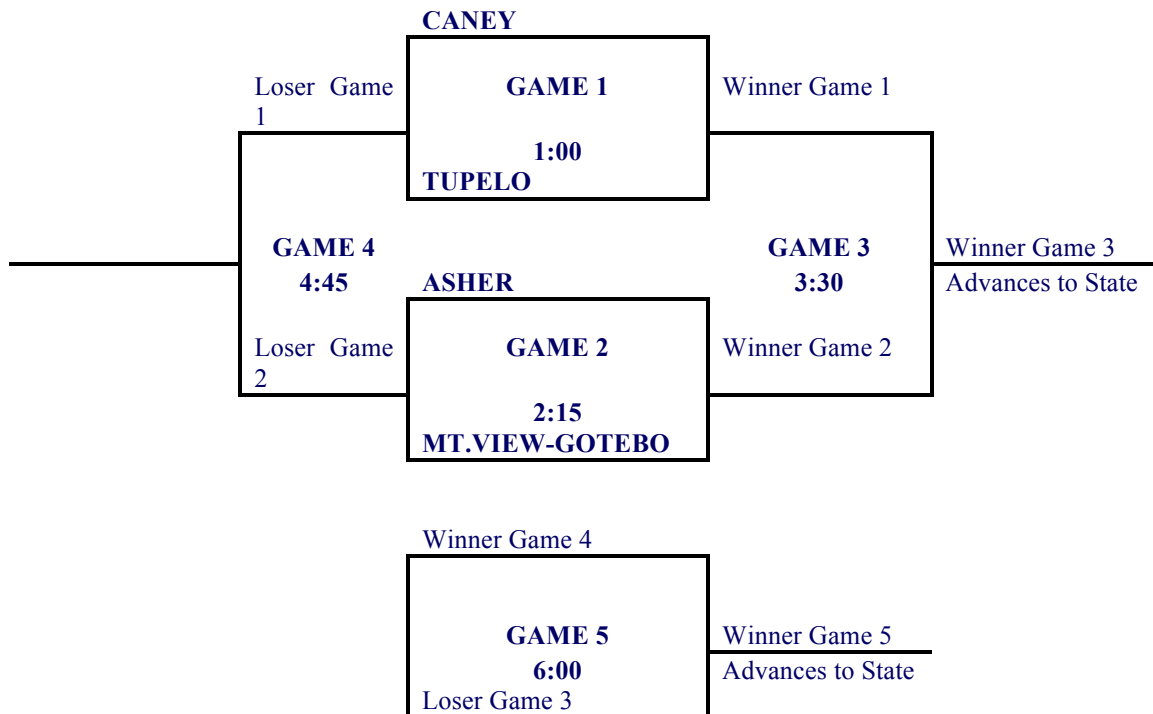


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