

2018-19 Media Guidelines

Media Playoff Passes

Media Playoff Passes are issued by Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) to appropriate persons employed by, and responsible to, recognized media entities. This playoff pass can be used for the duration of the entire school year and is good for admission to all OSSAA playoff series events. The playoff pass will allow bearer access to all areas designated for the media, such as sidelines and press boxes/tables. You will NOT be allowed on the sidelines, in a dugout or on a field of play without an OSSAA Media Playoff Pass.

Application Process

Media must obtain playoff passes from the OSSAA in order to gain admission to OSSAA Playoff Series/Tournament events. Playoff pass forms can be found on the OSSAA website. After filling out the form and answering all of the questions, please mail, fax or e-mail the form to vsiven@ossaa.com.

Applications will be processed within seven working days and must be submitted for approval. Incomplete information will delay processing. Playoff passes are non-transferrable. The OSSAA has the right to refuse or revoke the OSSAA Playoff Pass if the applicant has falsified information on their request form or for improper conduct. Every effort will be made to honor all requests; however, the OSSAA reserves the right to evaluate each request individually and determine the amount of passes to be issued.

Media Entrance

The majority of OSSAA tournament sites will have an OSSAA Pass Gate where media may gain admittance. In all other situations, the media will be directed to the main gate and will be granted admission by showing their Playoff Pass. Additional venue related instructions can be obtained checking the sport-specific page or the Media tab on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).

Newspaper Reporting

It is the newspaper reporter's responsibility to contact the host site 72 hours prior to the contest with any requests. Every effort will be made to accommodate all media covering OSSAA playoff contests.

Radio Broadcasting

Radio stations interested in broadcasting OSSAA State Playoff Series events must gain approval from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB) by calling 405-848-0771 or e-mailing Vance Harrison, OAB President, at harrison@oabok.org. Radio stations are also responsible for contacting the host site to make sure the site will be able to accommodate all of the stations with phone lines, internet, seating, etc.

TV Sportscasts

Only personnel with approved OSSAA Playoff Passes will be allowed to videotape state playoff series. No unauthorized duplication or sale of an OSSAA tournament/playoff game tape will be allowed. Media outlets videotaping for the sole purpose of news highlights on TV cannot exceed a total of 1:30 minutes in length. Areas for videotaping by the news media will be clearly designated.

Live Television, Webcasting and/or Streaming on the Internet

All entities interested in broadcasting or streaming of live video or tape delay, Television, Cable Access or Internet of OSSAA State Playoff Series events must gain approval through the OSSAA. A contract can be obtained from the OSSAA by calling Van Shea Iven at 405--840--1116 or e--mailing vsiven@ossaa.com. No live streaming on websites or social media will be allowed without prior approval.

Photography

Only media personnel with approved OSSAA Playoff Passes will be allowed to take photographs at OSSAA playoff series events. Any photos taken by the media will be used for the sole purpose of print/electronic news coverage. No unauthorized duplication or sale of OSSAA tournament/playoff pictures will be allowed.

Post Contest Interviews

Due to the limitations of some tournament sites the interviews may be held adjacent to the contest field or court. In such instances, all reporters and photographers are to respect the privacy of team bench areas and the official post contest ceremonies. All people are to respect the decisions of the coaches regarding their rights to privacy for post contest team meetings. Team locker rooms are absolutely off limits to all media before, during and/or after games.

Post Contest Reporting Facilities

The OSSAA recognizes the importance of prompt and timely reporting of state tournament results. The site director will allow reporters to work on their stories and will arrange for the best possible facilities to accommodate them. Reporters are asked to complete their work in a timely manner since, in most cases, phone and Internet lines, when available, will be shared.

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