

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
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TO: Principal/ Softball Coach
FROM: Amy J. Cassell, Assistant Director
RE: State Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament
DATE: April 26, 2019

Congratulations to your school for qualifying for the 2019 State Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament. The single elimination tournament will be held Tuesday, April 30 for Classes A, 2A and 3A and Wednesday, May 1 for Classes 4A, 5A and 6A. All games will be at The Ball Fields at Firelake, 18160 Rangeline Road in Shawnee.

Game times and field assignments are on the State Tournament brackets.

Additional State Tournament Site Information:

- The gates will open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Coaches should enter the entrance gate(s) with their teams. PLEASE BE COOPERATIVE IN IDENTIFYING TEAM MEMBERS TO GATE ATTENDANTS.
- For the state tournament, each team will be limited to twenty-two (22) suited squad members. Non-suited team members will be admitted free of charge.
- The team on the top line of the tournament bracket will occupy the third base bench area, and the team on the bottom line of the tournament bracket will occupy the first base bench area. A coin toss conducted by the umpire(s) assigned to your game will determine the home and visiting team.
- Teams waiting to play may use fields 5 and 6 for warm-up while waiting.
- Teams may also use space behind the outfield fences for warm-up throwing.
- At the The Ball Fields, **you may not take ice chests, glass containers, or any type of food or drink** through the gate. **Please inform your fans of this.**
- No tobacco will be allowed in the bench or field areas.

Listed below is a state tournament bracket for your class. Please check dates and times carefully. It is your responsibility to have your team at the assigned site and ready to play at the assigned time.

Teams occupying the third base dugout will be allowed to take infield on the dirt outside of the second-third base path after the ground crew has completed dragging and marking the field for the next game. Teams occupying the first base dugout will be allowed to take infield on the dirt outside of the first-second base path after the ground crew has completed dragging and marking the field for the next game. Infield warm-up will **not** be allowed on the grass outfield.

Please be sure to review the bat testing schedule below.

Admission price will be \$7.00 for adults and students each day. Admission is good for all day.

Before each game, please bring your lineup card to the scorekeeper/announcer on your field.

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 umpires will be assigned by the OSSAA. Stuart McPherson will serve as umpire-in-chief.

Trophies will be awarded to the championship and runner-up teams of each class. Coaches' achievement plaques are awarded to each head coach. Also, twenty-two (22) team members of the championship and runner-up teams will receive individual medals.

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

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

Bat testing area will be located inside the entrance gate.

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 are threatening, please check the OSSAA website at www.OSSAA.com, for information regarding delays.

All state tournament qualifiers should notify the OSSAA office detailing any conflicts in scheduling if the tournament is delayed. 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.

Attention Coaches:

The OSSAA is offering State Championship participation certificates to all participants of the State Competition. You must use the following procedure to expedite the process.

Address email to: mliebel@ossaa.com

Subject line: Slow-Pitch Softball certificates

List Names in the body of email: LIST NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS; NO ATTACHMENTS

At the end of email: Include coach's name and school mailing address

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2019 Slow-Pitch State Championship Bracket

Class 4A

Site : The Ball Fields at Firelake
18160 Rangeline Road
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Manager : OSSAA



DALE

Mon, May 6
Field 3 - 10:00 am

HENRYETTA

WASHINGTON

Mon, May 6
Field 3 - 11:30

VALLIANT

HOWE

Mon, May 6
Field 3 - 2:30 pm

PRAGUE

OKTAHA

Mon, May 6
Field 3 - 1:00 pm

SILO

Mon, May 6
Field 3 - 4:00 pm

Mon, May 6
Field 3 - 7:00 pm

State Champion

THE TEAM ON THE TOP LINE OF THE BRACKET WILL OCCUPY 3RD BASE DUGOUT.
ADMISSION: \$7.00