

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 5, 2019

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 arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to his/her district no earlier than April 8 and no later than April 10. At the district tournament meeting, the following items need to be determined:

1. District tournaments are to begin no sooner than April 15 and must be completed by April 20, 2019 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 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.

- b. Three Team districts – 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 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

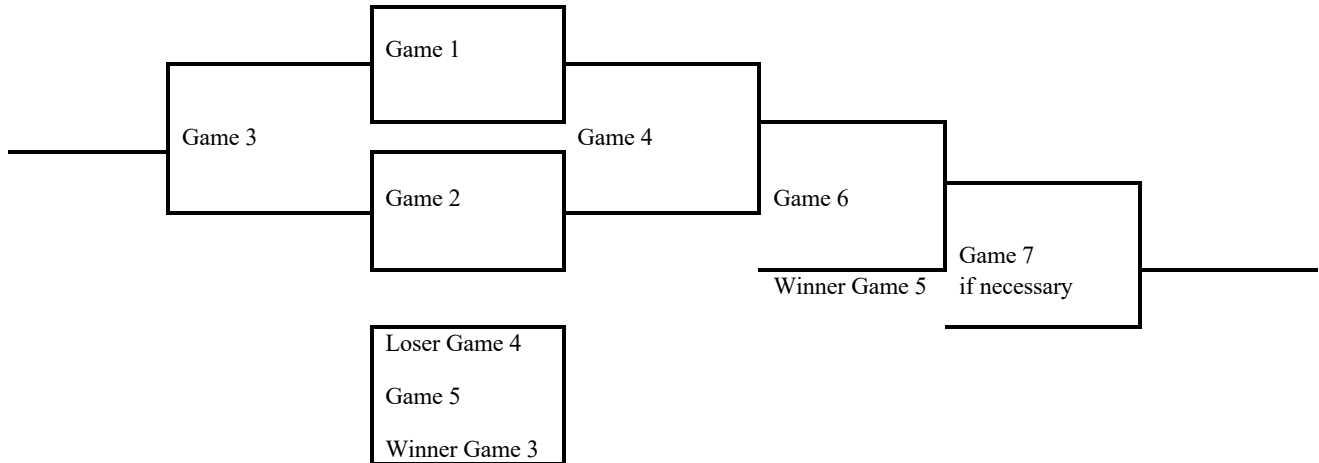
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Game 4-If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C

Game 5-Winner Game 4 plays Team A

- c. Four team districts – Rate and seed two teams using ratings from ossaarankings.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 represented at the seeding meeting, the team's won-lost record should be called into the district tournament chairman. A majority of the coaches represented 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 (405-990-7752) or acassell@ossaa.com 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 22, 2019. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The Regional Tournaments must be completed by April 25 for all classifications.

The Rules of Play will be those of the 2019 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 2018-2019 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual online at www.ossaa.com for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

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

All bats will be tested prior to the 2019 Slow-Pitch Regional tournaments. Sites, dates, and times are listed below:

Saturday, April 20th – 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

Wednesday, April 24th – 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Dale High School – Jim Mathews

Elk City High School – Joey Bales

Fairview High School – Gary Matli

Pittsburg County Softball Complex (McAlester) – Brad Inman

Tulsa Union Indoor Facility – Terry Armstrong

Wilson High School – Stuart McPherson

Mustang High School – Charlie Poole

Bats used at the State tournament will be re-tested at the State tournament site. This year's State Tournament will be played at The Ballfields at Firelake in Shawnee. 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 or faxed by April 24, 2019. The form is located on the OSSAA website.

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

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 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.

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FIRST TEAM LISTED IS THE HOST SCHOOL

CLASS A

1. Arnett, Waynoka, Timberlake, Buffalo
2. Leedey, Cimarron, Dover
3. Hammon, Erick, Corn Bible Academy
4. Duke, Granite, Olustee-Eldorado, Grandfield
5. Blair, Chattanooga, Temple, Cement
6. Mt. View-Gotebo, Maysville, Paoli, Geary
7. Lookeba-Sickles, Calumet, Bowlegs, Mill Creek
8. Caney, Coleman, Milburn, Wapanucka
9. Kiowa, Pittsburg, Tupelo
10. Varnum, Butner, Sasakwa
11. Carney, Paden, Mason, Wilson (H)
12. Covington-Douglas, Pond Creek-Hunter, Shidler, South Coffeyville
13. Red Oak, Indianola, Braggs, Webbers Falls
14. LeFlore, Battiest, Boswell, Stringtown
15. McCurtain, Bokoshe, Oaks, Bluejacket
16. Moss, New Lima, Calvin, Graham-Dustin

CLASS 2A

1. Shattuck, Fargo-Gage/Ft. Supply, Cherokee
2. Binger-Oney, Verden, Okarche, Glencoe
3. Stuart, Porum, Arkoma, Cave Springs
4. Canute, Sentinel, Tipton, Cheyenne/Reydon
5. Fletcher, Cyril, Agra, Davenport
6. Roff, Wanette/Macomb, Maud, Weleetka
7. Stonewall, Haileyville, Keota, Cameron
8. Bennington, Ft. Towson, Smithville, Achille/Victory Life Academy
9. Waukomis, Drummond, Garber, Frontier
10. Asher, Earlsboro, Prue, Welch
11. Ft. Cobb-Broxtton, Union City, Oilton, Olive
12. Dewar, Crowder, Okay, Watts
13. Hydro-Eakly, Arapaho-Butler, Thomas-Fay-Custer, Okeene/Aline-Cleo
14. Vici, Ringwood, Oklahoma Bible Academy, Kremlin-Hillsdale
15. Sterling, Geronimo, Ryan, Central High
16. Bray-Doyle, Turner, Thackerville, Whitesboro

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CLASS 3A

1. Rattan, Haworth
2. Tushka, Vanoss
3. Navajo, Snyder, Empire
4. Ripley, Wellston, Wetumka
5. Strother, Canadian, Quinton
6. Caddo, Rock Creek, Soper
7. Preston, Warner, Gore
8. Fairland, Barnsdall, Hominy
9. Clayton/Buffalo Valley, Talihina, Wright City
10. Amber-Pocasset, Elmore City-Pernell, Healdton
11. Minco, Wayne, Allen
12. Crescent, Carnegie, Mooreland
13. Merritt, Burns Flat-Dill City, Beaver/Forgan
14. Hinton, Ninnekah, Wilson
15. Wister, Gans, Central (Sallisaw)
16. Morrison, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale, Depew

CLASS 4A

1. Dale, Community Christian
2. Silo, Konawa, Wewoka
3. Stroud, Alva, Hennessey
4. Valliant, Antlers, Vian
5. Howe, Panama, Colcord
6. Okemah, Calera, Kiefer
7. Prague, Luther, Mounds
8. Mangum, Fairview, Watonga
9. Oktaha, Salina, Ketchum
10. Washington, Dibble, Hobart
11. Henryetta, Haskell, Chelsea
12. Colbert, Coalgate, Savanna
13. Stratford, Wynnewood, Boone-Apache
14. Hartshorne, Eufaula, Meeker
15. Pocola, Hulbert, Wyandotte
16. Latta, Davis, Holdenville

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CLASS 5A

1. Ft. Gibson, Checotah
2. Kellyville, Sperry
3. McCloud, Crooked Oak, Chandler
4. Cushing, Bristow, Blackwell
5. Sulphur, Madill, Marietta
6. Heavener, Stigler, Spiro
7. Perkins-Tryon, Kingfisher, Chisholm
8. Sequoyah (Tahlequah), Morris, Locust Grove
9. Muldrow, Sallisaw, Roland
10. Beggs, Okmulgee/Schulter, Berryhill
11. Kingston, Hugo, Idabel
12. Byng, Bethel, Seminole
13. Lexington, Plainview, Dickson
14. Lindsay, Cache, Blanchard
15. Anadarko, Elk City, Weatherford
16. Purcell, Riverside, Newcastle