

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

TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Amy Cassell, Assistant Director
RE: Classes A-2A-3A-4A-5A Regional Tournaments
DATE: April 22, 2019

Listed below you will find the brackets for the 2019 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. The school administration should be involved in the decision to change the tournament format. Conflicts could result from proms or other school activities. We ask you to be cooperative in this manner.

All regional tournaments shall be completed by April 25, 2019.

The host school will secure 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 call the OSSAA (405-840-1116 Extension 132) or email Amy Cassell at acassell@ossaa.com and report the Regional winner and Runner Up, please include the won-lost record for both teams. Also please call The Oklahoman (405-475-3313) and the Tulsa World (1-800-944-7529) to report the game scores.

REGIONAL BAT TESTING INFORMATION (ALSO RELEASED WITH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION):

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

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 April 26, 2019 by 4 p.m.. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The state championship is single elimination. The tournament for Classes A, 2A and 3A will be played in one day at The Ballfields at Firelake in Shawnee on April 30. Classes 4A, 5A and 6A will be played at The Ballfields at Firelake on May 1.

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 2018-2019 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

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MANDATORY BAT TESTING PROCEDURES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT TEAMS

All bats will be tested at the State Tournament site at The Ballfields at Firelake, Shawnee, 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 inside the main entrance at The Ballfields at Firelake.

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 outside of live ball territory.

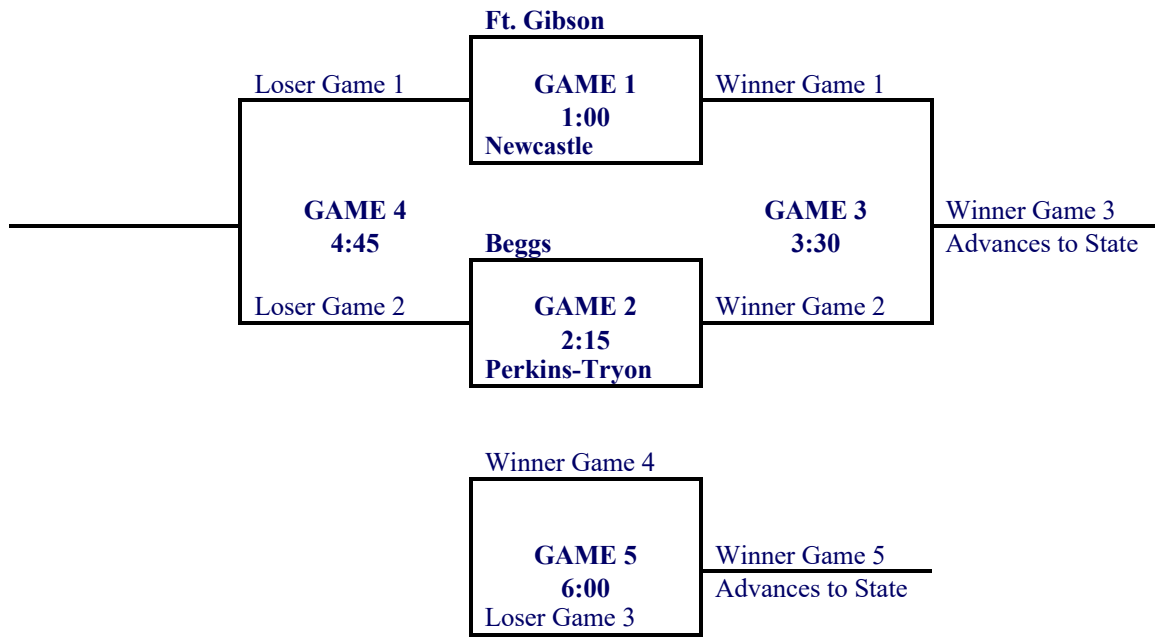
It is the responsibility of each school to properly equip your softball players for safety reasons. Please make sure you have enough helmets in various sizes for your team to wear. Also, chin straps can easily be purchased or made for helmets.

Please send a copy of your roster and team picture to programs@vype.com no later than April 25.

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Site: FT. GIBSON
Date: APRIL 25, 2019
Manager: PRINCIPAL
Class: 5A

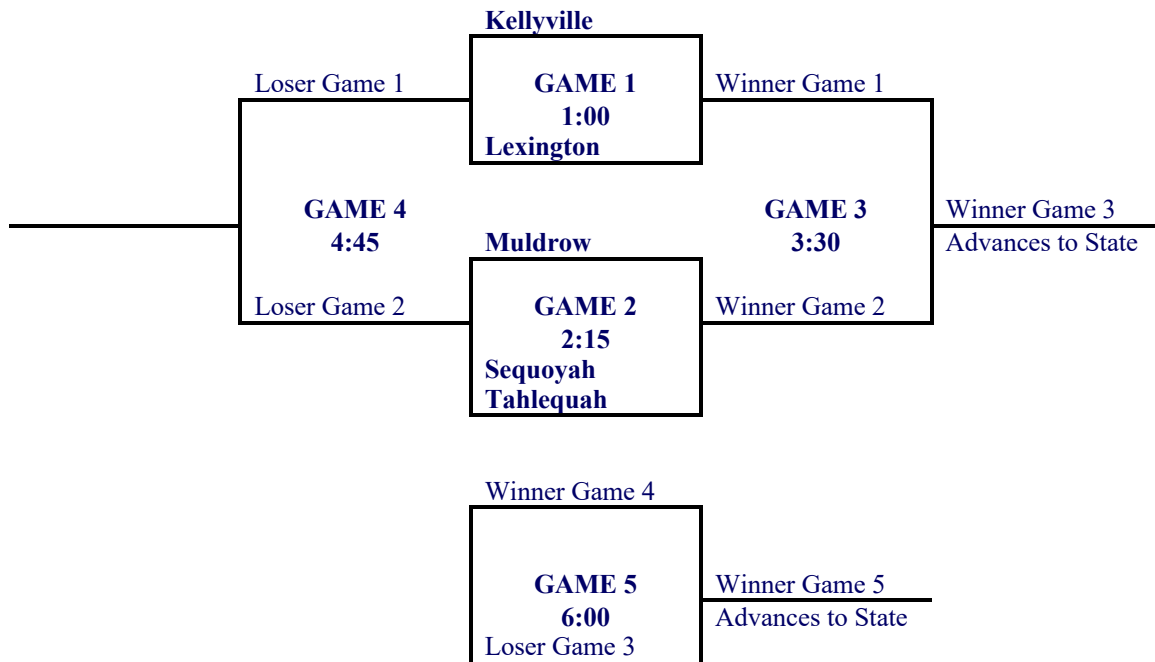


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Site: KELLYVILLE
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Class: 5A

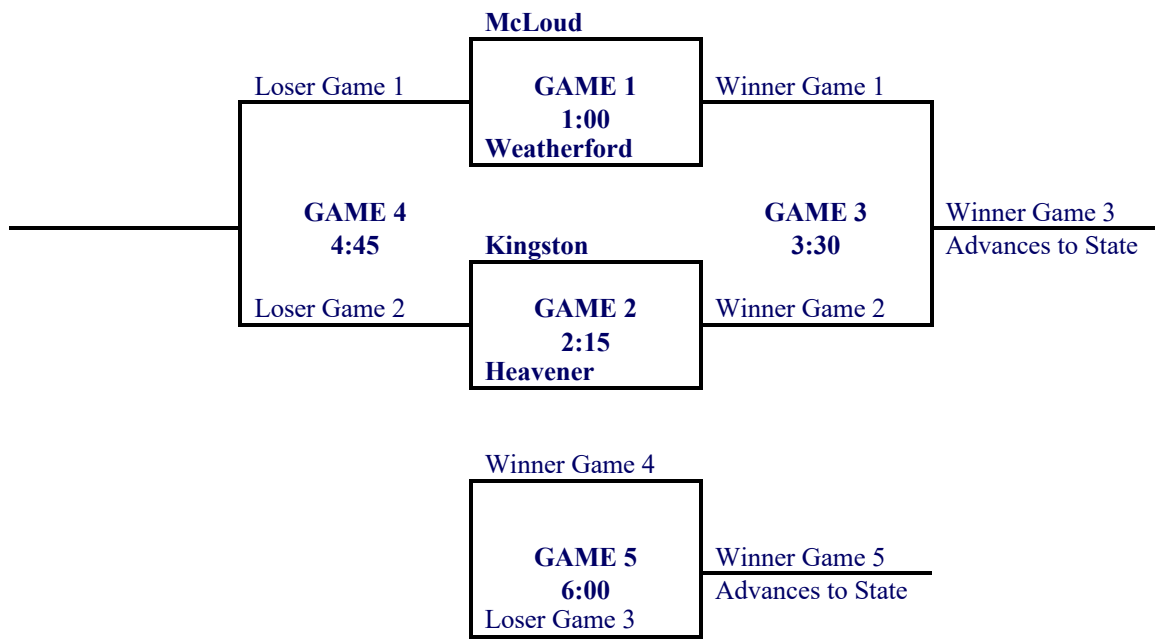


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