

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
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TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Amy Cassell, Assistant
RE: Class 6A Regional Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament
DATE: April 10, 2019

Below you will find the pairings for the Class 6A regional slow-pitch softball tournament, and the regional tournament site. The tournament chairman will be the principal or his/her designee of the first school listed in each regional. The regional tournament chairman shall arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to his/her regional no earlier than Thursday, April 11 and no later than Saturday, April 13. This meeting or conference call shall begin after 4:00 p.m. (**Note:** An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all the schools assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval.) At the regional tournament meeting, the following items need to be determined:

1. Regional tournaments are to begin no sooner than April 22 and must be completed by April 25, 2019 and shall be played in one day.
2. 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.
3. General planning of the tournament.
4. Draw the regional tournament bracket:
 - a. For seeding purposes, teams will use the coaches' ratings from 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. The OSSAA may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season.
 - b. Three Team regionals – 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 highest ranking and they will receive the bye.

Team B will be the team with the second highest ranking.

Team C will be the team with the third highest ranking.

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

or

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

Game 5-Winner Game 4 plays Team A

- c. Regional tournament will be true double elimination.
5. If a coach or representative cannot be on the call for the seeding meeting, the team's won-lost record should be called into the regional tournament chairman.
 6. **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
 7. Tickets will be sent to the host school via FedEx from the OSSAA office. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and students.
 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 SEND OR FAX (405-840-9559) A COPY OF THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT BRACKET WITH EACH TEAM'S WON-LOST RECORD TO THE OSSAA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGIONAL MEETING.

A championship plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the regional site.

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.

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 regional tournament is completed, REGIONAL WINNERS should immediately call the OSSAA 405-840-1116 Ext. 132 or email Amy Cassell acassell@ossaa.com and give the team's won-lost record.

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 26, 2019. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The state championship is single elimination. The tournament will be played in one day at The Ballfields at Firelake, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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 for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

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 regular season and at regional tournaments 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.
11:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
1:45 p.m.	12:15 p.m.

The bat testing area will be located near the entrance of of the complex.

Any bats brought to the contest after the designated testing time may be brought to the testing area at any time during the day. Bat testers will be available all day.

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.

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.

Application for academic achievement award must be postmarked or faxed by April 24, 2019 The form is located on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com.

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. 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 however NFHS Rule prohibits the area to be in live ball territory .

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.

Each team participating in the regional tournaments should email a team picture and roster to programs@vype.com no later than April 26.

CLASS 6A
REGIONAL SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

NOTE: *The regional tournament site will be the first school listed in each pairing. The principal or his/her designee will act as the tournament chairman.

1. **Choctaw**, Jenks, Sapulpa
2. **Broken Bow**, Muskogee, Owasso
3. **Southmoore**, Woodward, Clinton
4. **Broken Arrow**, Harrah, Bixby
5. **Moore**, Poteau, Norman
6. **Westmoore**, Tecumseh, Norman North
7. **Union**, Sand Springs, Enid
8. **Tahlequah**, Mustang, Stilwell