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I. VOLLEYBALL DATES TO REMEMBER

- A. August 6 - Season Opens
- B. August 13 - Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Volleyball Entry form due. **Form can be found on www.ossaarankings.com.**
- C. September 14 - Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Coaches Officials Recommendation link posted to ossaarankings.com.
- D. September 19 - Class 3A and 4A Regional Pairings Released
- E. September 21 - Classes 3A and 4A Coaches Officials Recommendation link closes.
- F. September 25 - Classes 3A and 4A Academic Application must be postmarked or faxed no later than September 25. **Form found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.**
- G. September 28 - Classes 5A and 6A Coaches Officials Recommendation link closes.
- H. September 29 - Classes 3A and 4A Regional Tournament (must be played by this date)
- I. October 2 - Classes 5A and 6A Academic Application must be postmarked or faxed no later than October 2 **Form found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.**
- J. October 2 - Classes 5A and 6A Regional Pairings Released
- K. October 5-6 - Classes 3A and 4A State Championship – Newcastle High School and Moore High School
- L. October 8 - Class 5A Regional Tournament shall be played on this date
- M. October 9 - Class 6A Regional Tournament shall be played on this date
- N. October 15-16 - Class 5A and 6A State Championship– Heritage Hall School and Crossings Christian School
- O. Rules Meetings:
 - 1. July 21, 2018 - Southmoore High School - 11:15 a.m.
 - 2. July 24, 2018 - Coaches Clinic - Tulsa - TBA

II. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Athletic and non-athletic activities will be reclassified in the fall of each year based on the most current ADM figures if the ADM for all schools is finalized at least two weeks prior to the release date concerning pairings for a particular activity. High schools that plan to participate in 2018 Girls Volleyball shall complete the Volleyball Entry Form on or before August 13, 2018 (**form found on www.ossaarankings.com**). Schools adding or dropping volleyball after the date when the classifications are released will not affect any classifications.
 - 1. Class 6A – 32 largest volleyball playing schools.
 - 2. Class 5A – next 32 largest volleyball playing schools.
 - 3. Class 4A – next 32 largest volleyball playing schools.
 - 4. Class 3A – all remaining volleyball playing schools.

III. SEASON AND ALLOWED SCHEDULE

- A. Organized practice for volleyball may begin no earlier than July 15. The volleyball season shall open on August 6 or the first day of school if a school's starting date is before August 6. This is the first date a match may be played. Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport. From the close of the season to the start date for that sport in the following school year, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day. If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching to students during that additional one hour period.
- B. Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. (July 21, OOA Summer Clinic – Southmoore High School @ 11:15 A.M., July 24 – Coaches Clinic @ 2:00 P.M. – Tulsa). If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
- C. High school teams are allowed fifteen matches, three tournaments plus two scrimmage dates. No instructional time will be lost because of travel to a scrimmage or because of the scrimmage itself. Tournaments and matches will have

- the option of playing the best two out of three format or the best three out of five format. Tournaments are restricted to a maximum of eight teams (except conference tournaments and out-of-state tournaments) and must be played in either one or two consecutive days. No student can participate in more than three tournaments. A ninth grade student is allowed to participate on both the junior high and senior high team. Junior high teams are allowed thirteen matches plus two tournaments. Tournaments are restricted to a maximum of eight teams (except conference tournaments) and must be played in one day. The format for junior high matches and tournaments shall be the best two out of three games. A scrimmage is defined as competition against another school without keeping records, such as scores, etc.
- D. For out-of-state tournaments, there is no limit to the teams involved but the following restrictions do apply:
 - a. No more than 6 matches can be played in an out-of-state tournament consisting of the best 3 out of 5 games.
 - b. No more than 9 matches can be played in an out-of-state tournament consisting of the best 2 out of 3 games.
 - E. Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
 - 1. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 - 2. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 - 3. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 - 4. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.
 - F. Teams/individuals cannot miss more than two school days per week where loss of instructional time is involved. This would include traveling to competition or because of the competition itself.
 - G. No student shall play on two different teams in the same tournament.
 - H. Schools are allowed only one varsity team each season.
 - I. Volleyball participants are restricted to the following number of games per day:
 - 1. Best two out of three series (Dual or Triangular)
 - a. Maximum seven games
 - 2. Best three out of five series (Dual)
 - a. Maximum seven games
 - 3. Best three out of five series (Triangular)
 - a. Maximum eleven games
 - 4. Festivals (Four or more teams)
 - a. No limit
 - 5. Tournaments
 - a. No limit
 - J. Two officials should be used for all varsity matches unless there is a mutual agreement between the two schools to use one official.
 - K. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
 - L. Teams playing the best three out of five format; games shall be played to 25 points, must win by two, with no cap. The fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points, must win by two, no cap.
Teams playing the best two out of three format; the third and deciding game shall be played to 25 points, must win by two, with no cap.

IV. REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT

- A. The following dates will apply to the 2018 regional and state tournaments:
 - 1. Classes 3A & 4A - Regional tournament must be played by September 29; State tournament will be held October 5-6.
 - 2. Class 5A - Regional tournament shall be played on October 8; State tournament will be held October 15-16.
 - 3. Class 6A - Regional tournament shall be played on October 9; State tournament will be held October 15-16.
- B. Coaches Officials Recommendation form is due in the OSSAA office by September 21 for Classes 3A and 4A and September 28 for Classes 5A and 6A.
- C. The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).
For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments) and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country,

Swimming, Track and Field, and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

- D. Regional tournament play will be single elimination with the best three out of five games for Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.
- E. In Class 3A there will be eight single elimination regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the state tournament. There will be four western regionals and four eastern regionals. The four highest rated teams from each half of the state will host a regional tournament, if feasible, and will be given the number one seed regardless of where the tournament is held. In determining the strengths of teams within each class of girls volleyball, the OSSAA will work closely with the coaches rankings from OSSAA Ranking and the information received from the coaches Team Composite Record form.
- F. In Classes 4A, 5A and 6A there will be eight, four team single elimination regional tournaments. The sites for the regional tournament will be assigned by the OSSAA. Times for the regional tournament will be 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the semi-finals and 7:30 p.m. for the championship finals. The host site will play the 4:30 p.m. semi-final game.
- G. In a three team regional, the highest rated team will be the top seed and receive a bye in the first round. The other two teams will play each other in a single elimination match. The winning team will then play the top seeded team in the same format.
- H. In Class 6A Regionals and 5A Regionals, the top teams will be paired in the proper numerical sequence (1-16, 2-15, 3-14...). The remaining teams will be seeded based on the following criteria:
- OSSAA rankings (up to 16)
 - Head to head competition
 - Common opponents
 - Composite record
- I. For seeding purposes in Classes 3A and 4A, teams will be seeded by the most recent rankings posted on the ossaa rankings program. The top 15 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. All other teams at regionals will be seeded based on the following criteria:
- Ossaarankings (up to 15)
 - Head to head competition
 - Common opponents
 - Composite record
- J. Teams must have played at least fifteen matches to be considered for seeding placement on the bracket in the regional tournament. Teams that have played less than fifteen matches will be allowed to participate in the regional tournament.
- K. Regional champions will receive a team plaque.
- L. The host regional tournament sites will pay the officials from the tournament gate receipts.
- M. State tournament play will be single elimination with the best three out of five games (sample bracket found in the OSSAA Volleyball Manual).
- N. No balloons, confetti, banners, emblems, signs, or placards will be permitted during the regional or state tournament. Any exception to the above regulations would be considered at the state tournament site only, and must have approval of the OSSAA and principal of participating schools.
- O. Seeding for the state tournament brackets will be determined in the following manner:
- Teams will be seeded by the OSSAA one through eight according to the final rankings from the eight participating teams (one vs. eight, four vs. five, three vs. six, and two vs. seven)**
 - The final rankings on OSSAARankings.com will open at 9:00 am and close at 1:00 pm on the following dates:**

<u>Classes 3A and 4A</u>	<u>Monday, October 1</u>
<u>Class 5A</u>	<u>Tuesday, October 9</u>
<u>Class 6A</u>	<u>Wednesday, October 10</u>
 - If there is a tie based on the final rankings, the tie breaking procedure will be as follows:
 - Head to Head competition.
 - Win/Loss percentage.
 - Lot.
- P. State tournament champions and runner-up teams will receive team trophies, fifteen individual medals, and coach's achievement plaques for the head coach.

- Q. Three officials will be used at the state tournament and schools should be represented by a minimum of one official from each side of the state per classification. If feasible, use OSSAA certified officials as line judges.
- R. Honor Calls will be accepted throughout regional and state tournament play.
- S. At the Classes 3A and 4A state volleyball tournament, alternate every other year two officials from the east and two officials from the west with the third official selected from the opposite side of the state.
- T. Teams are limited to fifteen players suiting up at the regional and state tournament.
- U. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for the regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.
- V. Tickets will not be sent for regional tournaments; however, the host school should charge admission to defray expenses concerning officials which the tournament chairman shall employ (recommended admission is \$5-adults and students). Referees shall be OSSAA certified volleyball officials.
- W. If feasible, the Classes 5A and 6A State Volleyball Tournament will alternate between the Oklahoma City and Tulsa area and the Classes 3A and 4A State Volleyball Tournament will remain in the Oklahoma City area.
- X. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- Y. Only the following people shall be permitted on the floor during team warm-ups and on the bench during the regional and state tournament: coaches under contract by their school, fifteen uniformed players, and a maximum of three other school approved personnel.
- Z. Play-off assignments will be released to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. of the releasement date. All information regarding play-off assignments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail.

V. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contest.

For outdoor activities: Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

VI. TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTEST

- A. No member school shall compete in athletics in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations including the National Federation, if required.
- B. All athletic events where three or more schools participate in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the OSSAA sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the OSSAA office for approval.
- C. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the Activities Association for endorsement and approval.

VII. RECOMMENDATION TO ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTEST

It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet with the officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre- and half-time activities, etc. The game administrator should also record official's ID number. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge should advise the head official as to the location where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise. Someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest. This applies to regular season as well as play-off contests.

VIII. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provides that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and OSSAA sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the OSSAA and have passed Part I of the National Federation rules examination for that sport. The regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades.
- B. NOT HONORING A PROTEST
OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, and the individual participants and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games of contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.
An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.
- C. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.
Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

IX. CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

- A. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal. A disqualified student shall forfeit the right to participate in at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays. Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; biting, or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to

additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

- B. Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/team on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

X. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. To qualify for an academic award, a team must have 15 players or a minimum of nine suiting up for the regional tournament. All players in uniform must be listed. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) The state champion shall be the team with the highest GPA.
- B. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
- C. Entries that are mailed must be postmarked by the entry deadline in order to be considered. Entries that are faxed must be received in the OSSAA office the day following the entry deadline in order to be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
- D. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
- E. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual students GPA.
- F. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
- G. Each class of girls volleyball may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards.
 - 1. Academic Achievement Certificates: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - 3. State Academic Champion: The team with the highest GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.
- H. Awards Presentation
 - 1. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship tournament.
 - 2. The state championship trophy will be presented to the winning team at the state championship tournament.
- I. **Academic Achievement form can be found on Volleyball link at www.ossaa.com.** Application will not be considered if postmarked no later than September 25 for Classes 3A and 4A and October 2 for Classes 5A and 6A or faxed no later than September 25 for Classes 3A and 4A and October 2 for Classes 5A and 6A.

XI. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. All first year athletic coaches and any adjunct athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course prior to their participation as a coach in an OSSAA regular season contest.
- B. All coaches in grades 7-12 are required to complete the online Concussion Management video and the Heat Illness video at www.nfhslearn.com. Schools are responsible for implementing a system to make sure their coaches are in compliance with the regulation.
- C. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules.
- D. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- E. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- F. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.

- G. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, nor seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- H. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- I. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- J. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- K. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- L. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- M. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- N. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- O. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- P. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- Q. Coaches are expected to participate in the weekly rankings process and post game results on the OSSAA Ranking site.
- R. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.
Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.
- S. Any time a coach who does not hold a valid Oklahoma teaching certificate (lay or volunteer coach) is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to arguing a call, language or gestures directed toward a game official, he or she will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course within seven (7) days of the ejection, the course can be found at NFHSLearn.com. Additionally, personnel not holding a valid Oklahoma teaching certificate must meet with a representative of the OSSAA prior to being reinstated to coach the school team. A school administrator will also be required to attend the meeting.

XII. HIV AND HEPATITIS B RELATED TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

See OSSAA Board Policy LIV.

XIII. VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTION, RULES, REGULATIONS OR OSSAA POLICIES

When a violation of OSSAA's Constitution, Rules, Regulations, or Policies has been determined to have occurred, the Executive Director is authorized to impose sanctions or remedies, which may include suspending a coach or other school personnel from coaching and/or activity program management responsibilities, or imposing limits or conditions on those coaching and/or activity management responsibilities.

XIV. EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Any time a member school is hosting a planned activity at a school facility there must be an Emergency Action Plan in place. The plan must be shared with any visiting school. An Emergency Action Plan, or EAP, is a formal written plan, developed by the host site, that identifies potential emergency conditions at the event site and prescribes the procedures to be followed to minimize or prevent loss of life and property.

XV. HAZING

Hazing incidents have no place in the activity programs of our member schools. The OSSAA encourages each member school to develop procedures to inform their students that this type of behavior is not acceptable and should not be tolerated.

XVI. TAUNTING

Any form of taunting which is intended or designed to anger, bait, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others is subject to penalty.

XVII. EDUCATION-BASED ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

The National Federation of State High School Associations and the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association recognize the numerous potential benefits of participation by students in education-based activities. While education-based activities may differ between the stakeholder groups, all should be centered on optimizing the student's scholastic activity experience. Students will change, develop and expand abilities over time; coaches, administrators and parents should not only be cognizant of the fluid process, but also foster a safe, positive environment in which development can occur. Education-based activities must always be viewed as an evolving and unpredictable path.

The NFHS and the OSSAA recognize the influential role played by coaches and directors in all activities, and therefore emphasis should be placed on those individuals to instill and reinforce fundamentals and best practices, not only to minimize risk but also to promote an environment in which a student has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. The common goal for all the stakeholders involved with education-based activities should be to make the experience enjoyable and rewarding for the all.

While our position is not intended to squelch dreams of achieving a college scholarship or professional or Olympic glory, we do place emphasis on the student's entire scholastic activity experience with the goals of enhancing participation, reducing injury risk, and optimizing performance and success (however defined) during the student's high school career. The ultimate goal; Producing an individual who is competent, confident, connected to his or her peer group and community, and of high character. This essential principle is at the core of the scholastic activity experience and is fundamental to the mission of the OSSAA and NFHS.

XVIII. OFF SEASON TRY-OUTS

Only students in grades 8-11 attending school in the district for which the try-out is held may be permitted to participate in a try-out. Try-outs should only be conducted for the purpose of the selection of a school team and may not be used for practice time. Each day of the try-out may be up to 2 hours in length. No off-season try-out will be approved for more than three days, and all sessions of the try-out must conclude by 9 p.m. A record of all try-outs should be kept on file at the member school. The OSSAA reserves the right to request try-out forms from a member school. Exception: Cheerleading is exempt from the try-out Policy.

XIX. SUMMERTIME DEAD PERIOD

The dead period will occur during the week in July that includes the 4th of July each year. The dead period will be nine (9) days in length and begin the weekend preceding or including the 4th of July and the weekend following the 4th of July. School athletic facilities may not be used by enrolled or pre-enrolled students during the dead period in connection with any athletic activity governed by the OSSAA. Contact between coaches, assistant coaches and sponsors in any athletic activity governed by the OSSAA for the purpose of coaching, training, or instructing and any secondary-level students is prohibited by this Policy. Summertime policies, including beginning and end of season restrictions, can be found in OSSAA Board Policy XI in the Administrator's Handbook. Violations of the summertime dead period policy will result in the coach or sponsor being suspended from the first half of the regular season in that athletic activity. School personnel not designated as a coach or sponsor in violation of the summertime dead period policy will result in the head coach being suspended from the first half of the regular season in that activity.

XX. PAST STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2017	6A Edmond Santa Fe 5A Victory Christian 4A Christian Heritage	1994	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Heritage Hall
	3A Crossings Christian	1993	5A Broken Arrow
2016	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Mount St. Mary 4A Christian Heritage	1992	4A Edmond Santa Fe 5A Tulsa Kelley
	3A Community Christian	1991	4A Heritage Hall 5A Tulsa Kelley
2015	6A Edmond North 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Christian Heritage	Fall-1990	4A Collinsville 5A Norman
	3A Community Christian	Spring-1990	4A Collinsville 5A Tulsa Kelley
2014	6A Jenks 5A Heritage Hall 4A Christian Heritage	1989	4A Collinsville 5A Tulsa Kelley
	3A Regent Preparatory	1988	4A Collinsville 5A Edmond
2013	6A Edmond Santa Fe 5A Heritage Hall 4A Mt. Saint Mary	1987	4A Cement 4A Edmond
2012	6A Bishop Kelley 5A Cascia Hall 4A Elgin	1986	3A Cement 4A Edmond
2011	6A Bishop Kelley 5A Cascia Hall 4A Lincoln Christian	1985	3A Cement 4A Norman
2010	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cache	1984	3A Cement 4A Mustang
2009	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Clinton	1983	3A Jet-Nash 4A Mustang
2008	6A Owasso 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1982	3A Chattanooga 4A Mustang
2007	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1981	3A Ft. Townson 4A Norman
2006	6A Jenks 5A McAlester 4A Heritage Hall	1980	3A Ft. Townson 4A Mustang
2005	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1979	3A Cement 4A Mustang
2004	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Cascia Hall	1978	3A Ft. Townson Mustang
2003	5A Bishop McGuinness 4A Cascia Hall	1977	Norman
2002	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1976	Tulsa Washington
2001	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1975	Putnam City West
2000	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1974	Kremlin
1999	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall	1973	Collinsville
1998	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Glenpool	1972	Noble
1997	5A Jenks 4A Okay	1971	Sequoyah-Claremore
1996	5A Jenks 4A Heritage Hall	1970	Sequoyah-Claremore
1995	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Heritage Hall	1969	Sequoyah-Claremore
		1968	Kremlin
		1967	Kremlin
		1966	Sequoyah-Claremore
		1965	Oologah
		1964	Meet not held
		1963	Tushka
		1962	Tushka
		1961	Oologah
		1960	Tushka
		1959	Tushka
		1958	Gould
		1957	Tushka
		1956	Tushka
		1955	Tushka

XXI. STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET - CLASSES 3A - 4A – 5A – 6A

Highest Seed will be the Home Team



Note: (Classes 3A and 4A) Games 1-4 will be played on Friday and games 5-7 will be played on Saturday.
(Classes 5A and 6A) Games 1-6 will be played on Monday and game 7 will be played on Tuesday.
(This is a sample bracket only. Games 1-4 could be played in a different order as well as games 5 and 6.)