



TO: 5A-6A Athletic Directors, Girls and Boys Basketball Coaches, Tournament Managers

FROM: Mike Whaley, Associate Director

DATE: February 28, 2021

RE: 2020-21 5A-6A Area Basketball Assignments/Brackets

Reminders for All Post-Season Basketball Tournaments

Schools are required to have a minimum of two school officials seated with or near the student body at all games. The administrators shall check in with the tournament manager or at the scorer's table 15 minutes prior to game time.

All high school sites are asked to use your available scorebooks for each of your tournament games. If you do not have one available, please call our office and one will be mailed to you.

NO BANDS OF ANY SIZE OR NATURE, NO NOISE MAKERS, NO CONFETTI, NO BANNERS EMBLEMS, OR PLACARDS, NO SIGN, NO THUNDERSTICKS, BALLOONS, LASER LIGHTS, OR OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY BE A DISTRACTION TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE GAME OR TO THE OTHER FANS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

In sessions where two games are scheduled, athletes from game one may warm-up on the court prior to the first contest but not to exceed one hour prior to the scheduled first game tip-off. Athletes from the second contest can only warm-up after the conclusion of the first contest (minimum of 15 minutes warm-up). Athletes from the second contest **would not be allowed** warm-up time during the halftime of the first contest.

NFHS Network and Streaming

The NFHS Network owns the video live streaming rights for all OSSAA playoff events. Any group wishing to video live stream and/or televise an OSSAA playoff contest, regardless of length or where it is shown, must fill out the 2020-21 Video Live Streaming Agreement form found on the OSSAA website under the MEDIA tab and be approved prior to the event. Failure to fill out the form for approval will result in being charged the full amount plus \$100 the first round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$200 for the second round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$300 for the third round of the playoffs, etc. NFHS Network schools must fill the form out, but they will NOT be charged to video live stream. Please e-mail all requests to vsiven@ossaa.com. A link with all approved video live streams will appear on the OSSAA website at least 24 hours before the contests take place.

REPORTING RESULTS FROM BASKETBALL PLAY-OFF CONTESTS

For Classes 5A and 6A, beginning with the first game of the Regional tournament, and from that point forward into the basketball play-offs, it is MANDATORY that scores from each contest be entered into the school's schedule on www.ossaarankings.com no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the 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 coaches' school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period on one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

Area Tournament Information ZOOM Meeting

On Tuesday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m., we will have a ZOOM meeting for sharing information on the Regional Tournaments. Links will be sent to all 5A-6A Athletic Directors by Thursday, February 18.

2021 OSSAA Basketball Play-Off Guidelines for District, Regional and Area

The OSSAA in conjunction with the Governor's Office and the State Department of Health established the maximum capacity at 50% for each facility during all sessions of the play-offs. The following minimum mandates will be implemented at each play-off site. Any host with more restrictive requirements should notify the OSSAA as well as the schools participating at their site. School administration is responsible for compliance with all mandates.

1. Facial coverings/masks will be required for all coaches, spectators and any participants not actively involved in the contest.
2. Social distancing practices will be observed.
3. Facilities will be cleaned between contests/sessions unless the same two schools are participating in the next contest.
4. Seating will be designated to meet the 50% capacity mandate.

Game times: All game times are set by OSSAA. There will be two sessions:

Afternoon session games at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Single games at 1:30 p.m.)

Evening session games at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Single games at 7:00 p.m.)

Clearing the facility between contests: The facility will be cleared between contests of a two-game session unless the same two schools are involved in the session. (The second game participants in the session come from the same schools as the first game participants)

Ticket prices: Tickets will be \$7 per session and will be sold at the site. Anyone school age or above will be required to purchase a ticket. If the facility is cleared within a session a ticket stub must be presented to re-enter the second game of a session. Sites may use a stamp in place of a ticket stub.

OSSAA Passes: A limited number of OSSAA passes will be admitted to a play-off contest. The number of passes allowed will be at the discretion of the host site and based on 50% capacity.

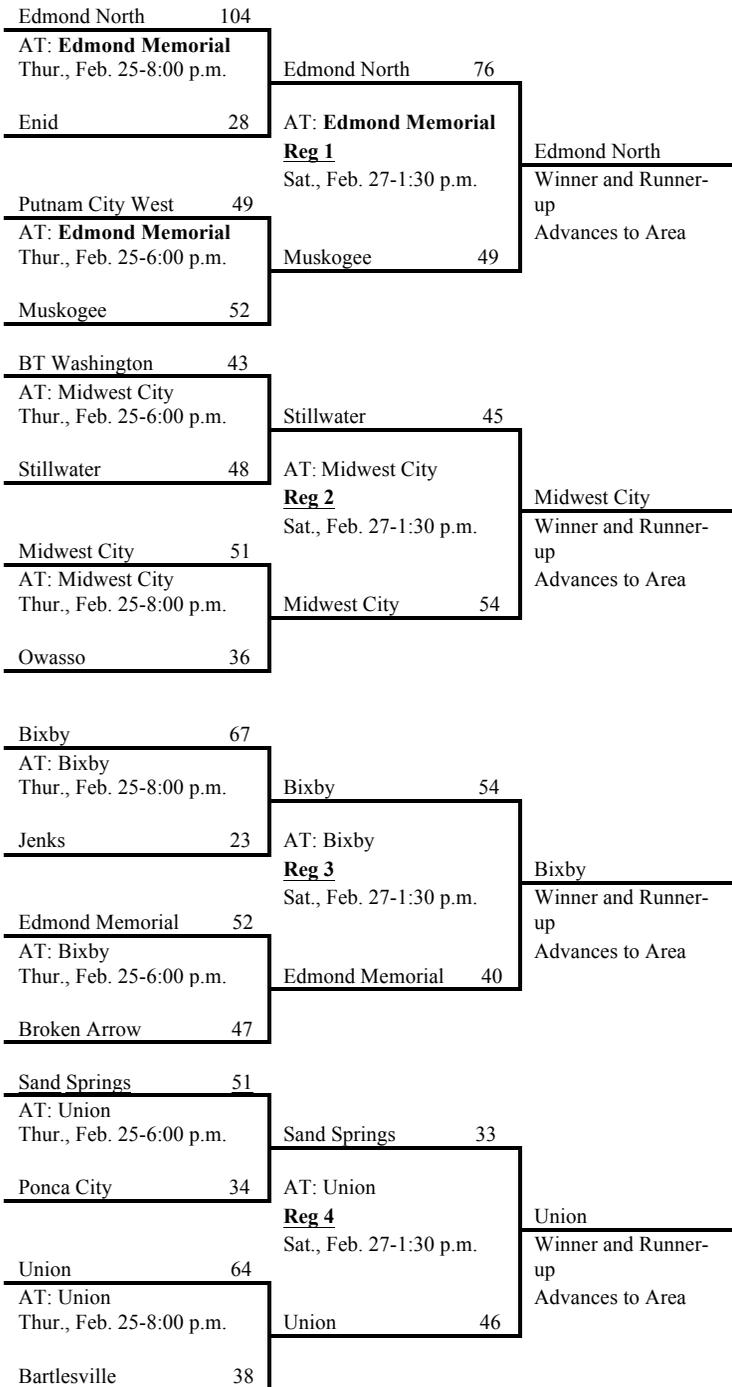
Spirit (Cheer/Pom): Each school is limited to 10 spirit squad members. All squad members are required to wear a mask.

Participation for a team halted due to COVID: Should a team qualifying for the next scheduled round of the play-off series become unable to participate in the contest due to COVID, the opponent of that team will automatically advance to the next scheduled round of the play-off series. Example: Team A is scheduled to play Team B; Team A is unable to play due to COVID; Team B automatically advances.

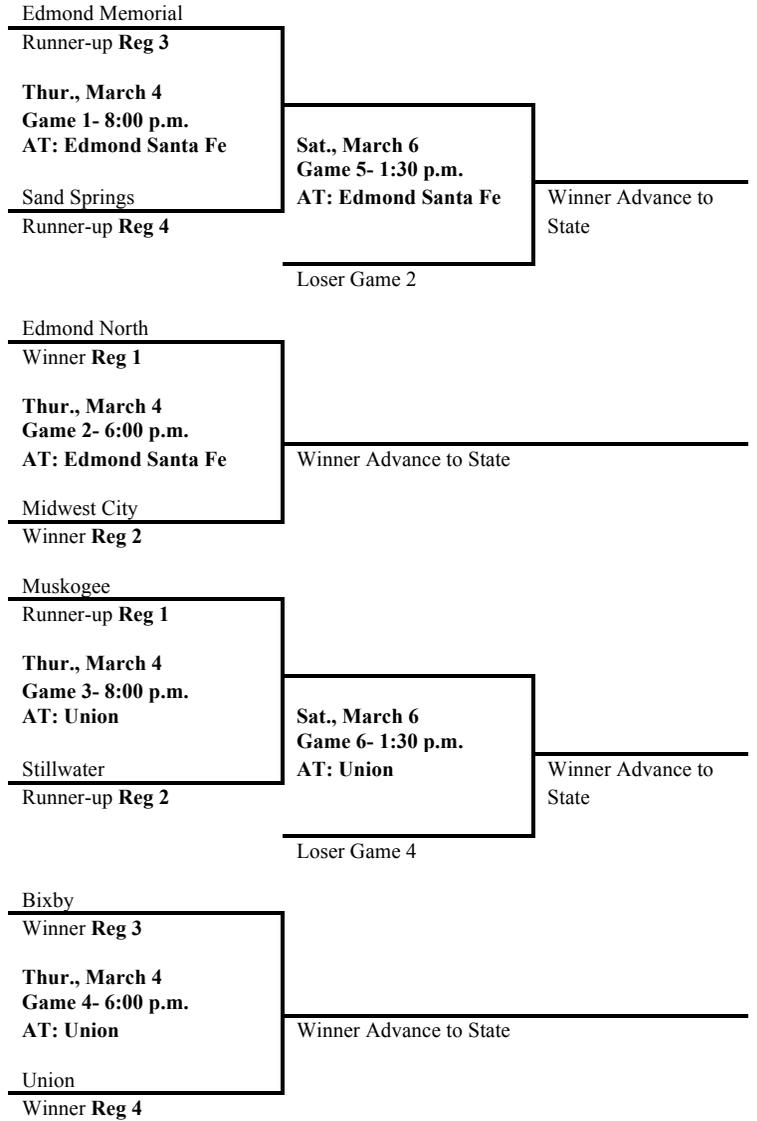
**OFFICIAL BRACKET FOR 6A GIRLS EAST
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2020-21**

AREA TOURNAMENT shall be played on neutral sites determined by the OSSAA. Area sites will be determined after regional play. GIRLS games played on Thurs., March 4 & Sat., March 6. BOYS games played on Fri., March 5 & Sat., March 6.

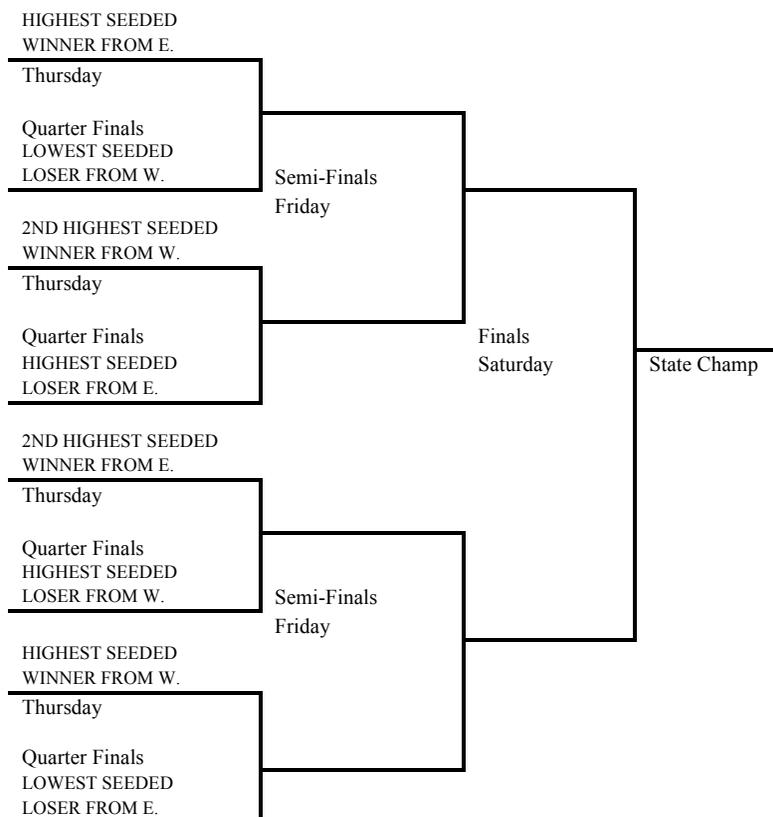
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**CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING STATE
TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS**

The highest seeded winners bracket team shall be cross bracketed with the lowest seeded losers bracket team.

The second highest seeded winners bracket teams will be cross bracketed with the highest seeded losers bracket team.

Teams on the top lines of the bracket shall wear **white** colored uniforms.

