



Additional Statement on Comments Made at Norman/Midwest City State Tournament Game

After learning more about the incident where racist remarks were made by Matt Rowan toward the Norman High School Girls' basketball team, the OSSAA has committed to making sure that he or his company will never broadcast OSSAA regular season or playoff events again.

We are shocked and deeply frustrated. We reiterate that racism and bigotry have no place in our activities. We recognize the harm done to so many people by Matt Rowan's outrageous comments.

As you are aware, the OSSAA contracts with the National Federation Network for the broadcast of playoff events and the Network hires the producers and the broadcasters locally. That arrangement has been in place since the 2014-15 school year. In view of this incident, we are reviewing how media broadcasts of OSSAA playoff and championship events should be handled, how we can stop incidents like this from occurring again, and how we can keep the organization and our activities strong. We are committed to managing this process in a responsible and sensitive manner. A recommendation will be made to the OSSAA Board of Directors at the March 24, 2021 board meeting in regards to the OSSAA relationship with the NFHS Network moving forward.

We again apologize to the Norman High School girls basketball team, their families, and the Norman Public Schools, and deeply regret that these comments were made during an OSSAA-organized playoff event. Although it is difficult to see what is in a person's heart, we will be working to put measures in place that will help ensure that something like this will not happen again in our activities.