



ATHLETIC DIRECTORS UPDATE

AUGUST 9, 2022



PARTICIPATION FEES

The OSSAA will waive participation fees for 2022-2023 School year, with the exception of E-Sports. This is for one year only at this time.

DIGITAL TICKETING

The OSSAA plans on being completely digital for tickets starting with the 2023-2024 school year. This year, we will still have a few cash options at some of our activities.

COMPLIMENTARY COACHES PASSES WEBINAR

This year the OSSAA will be issuing 2022-2023 OSSAA Playoff passes through GoFan, the official ticketing partner of the OSSAA.

Please join us for an informational webinar on Tuesday August 16th at 11:00 am CT, to learn more about how to access your complimentary digital pass. This webinar will include helpful information and tutorials, as well as answer any questions you may have regarding the process.

OPENING DAYS

- CROSS COUNTRY AUGUST 8
- FAST PITCH SOFTBALL AUGUST 8
- VOLLEYBALL AUGUST 8

- FOOTBALL LIMITED PRACTICE AUGUST 8

DEAD-LINES FOR ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms located at ossaarankings.com

FALL BASEBALL	AUGUST 15
VOLLEYBALL	AUGUST 15
CHEER (COMPETITIVE)	AUGUST 19
FAST PITCH SOFTBALL	AUGUST 26
CROSS COUNTRY	AUGUST 31
Academic Bowl	SEPTEMBER 7

BOARD MEETING AND APPEALS

- BOARD MEETINGS

AUGUST 10

SEPTEMBER 7

APPEAL PANEL MEETINGS

AUGUST 17

AUGUST 31

SEPTEMBER 28

RULES MEETINGS COMPLETION DATES

THE FOLLOWING RULES MEETINGS ARE ALL ON-LINE

CROSS COUNTRY	SEPTEMBER 1
CHEER	SEPTEMBER 1
FOOTBALL	SEPTEMBER 1
SOFTBALL FP	SEPTEMBER 1
VOLLEYBALL	SEPTEMBER 1
FALL BASEBAL (If not taken in the spring)	SEPTEMBER 1
AD'S ELIGIBILITY WORKSHOP	ASAP

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

COADA

- AUG 17 @ MUSTANG
- OCT 19 @ TBD
- FEB 15 @ TBD
- APRIL 5 @ TBD
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NEODA

- SEPT 14 @ JENKS
- NOV 16 @ BROKEN ARROW
- FEB 15 @ SKIATOOK
- APRIL 12 @ BARTLESVILLE

PROMOTE SPORTSMANSHIP

Be a good role model

Reinforce good sportsmanship

Talk about the relationship between sportsmanship and success

Establish rules and traditions that reinforce ideas of sportsmanship

SUSPENSION FROM ACTIVITIES FOR UNSPORTING CONDUCT OSSAA BOARD POLICY V

Any time an egregious act of unsportsmanlike conduct occurs two or more times during the same season, at the same school, in the same activity, the team and/or individual will be suspended from participation in that activity for the remainder of the season. Egregious acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will be defined as instances not within the OSSAA adopted rules of the contest. In the event the second act of misconduct occurs when there are no contests left in the current season, the penalty will be applied to the next season in the same activity. The OSSAA will notify the school that the team and/or individual has been placed on warning after the first offense. Unsportsmanlike acts under this policy will include acts by coaches, players, or spectators.

POLICY SUMMARY

The OSSAA Board of Directors has adopted a new Board Policy to address the growing concerns regarding sportsmanship in member schools. The new policy, printed below was established to address unsportsmanlike acts that are not covered by the playing rules of the game. Examples include but are not limited to incidents of fans entering the playing surface to engage in acts such as fighting or confronting a game official. Any unsportsmanlike act such as two technical fouls assessed a player or coach during a basketball contest resulting in an ejection, or any other ejection of a coach or player by a contest official would not be categorized as “egregious” since the penalty is covered by the playing rules of the game.

“In education-based activities, it is our priority to ensure the safety of all involved as well as to provide a wholesome environment for students to participate. In an effort to keep egregious acts of unsporting conduct from escalating, the Board adopted a Policy to deal with such issues should they occur. It is our hope no school is ever put in the position to implement the penalty associated with the new policy.” explained David Jackson, Executive Director of the OSSAA.

COACH THE COACH

Look for the COACH THE COACH link on the AD's corner at ossaa.com

Great video to share with young coaches

OSSAARANKINGS REMINDERS

- AD's please enter all head coaches and activities coaches (include emails)
 - First add them to the COACHES tab, then assign them as the head coach on the COACHES SPORTS tab
- Then have coaches fill out the personal information tab once they log on
- Ranking timelines will be up as soon as possible for each activity

EXTREME HEAT PRECAUTIONS

- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
- MONITOR YOUR WET BULB BEFORE AND DURING PRACTICES
- HIGHLY RECOMMEND SUBMERSION TANKS
- MAKE SURE COACHES HAVE ALL COURSE WORK BEFORE PRACTICES START
- MAKE SURE ALL STUDENT ATHLETES HAVE FORMS FILLED OUT BEFORE THEY START PRACTICE

THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAMES

- The OFBCA, OIAAA, OSSAA created a schedule for games to be played on Thursday and it is on the football page at ossaa.com
- The goal was to help solve the problem of games having no officials on Friday
- This is not required, but encouraged
- We realize many schools have already schedule events around a Friday game

VIDEO LIVE STREAMING PLAY-OFF EVENTS

- Please remind coaches and booster clubs that if they plan on video live streaming a play-off event, they will need to fill out the form found on the OSSAA web site under the media tab.
- There will be updated forms on there as the playoffs for each sport gets closer

MIDDLE SCHOOL AD NOTES

- The ELIGIBILITY WORKSHOP is up on the main page at ossaa.com
- Check out the COACH THE COACH link on the AD's corner and see if it is something you want to share with your coaches.
- Know who your official assigner is for each sport and verify officials
- Help protect middle school officials from coaches and fans
(a large portion of these officials are usually beginners)
- Verify sports schedulesHome and Away
- Promote SPORTSMANSHIP

FINE ARTS REMINDERS

- Physicals should be on file for all participants in marching band.
- All secondary music teachers need to login to the **CONTEST MANAGER WEBSITE** and update their contact information, as well as their school assignment(s) if it has changed.
- All Speech/Debate and One-Act Coaches need to make plans to attend our meeting at Rose State University on September 10th. Information will be sent to coaches directly in a few weeks.

ANY CONCERNS OR IDEAS...

- Please feel free to share any ideas or concerns with me by email at mclark@ossaa.com or call 405-840-1116