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TO: Principals/Soccer Coaches

FROM: Wes Ruth, Assistant

RE: 2023 Soccer Play-Off Series Information

DATE: April 25, 2023

Below you will find an OSSAA play-off bracket and other pertinent information for the soccer play-offs.

The financial form will be posted on Soccer page on our website for each round of the playoffs. You are to return the form immediately after each playoff game your site hosts. Admission for non-championship rounds will be \$7.00 for students and adults. Tickets will be available via GoFan. A link is available on the OSSAA Homepage @OSSAA.COM.

Match officials from the OSSAA certified official's list shall be selected and contracted by the two schools involved in all first and second rounds of the play-offs. The OSSAA will assign officials for the semi-final and final rounds. A list of certified officials can be found on the OSSAA website at www.ossaa.com. Click on the Officials link, then scroll down to List of Eligible Officials. The access code has been sent to your high school principal. THERE MUST BE MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS BEFORE OFFICIALS ARE ASSIGNED. These officials will be paid by the game manager. Officials should be selected from within a reasonable distance. The officials shall be paid \$60.00 for the center official and \$45.00 for each line judge, plus an amount equal to their distance from the site as per the per diem chart (chart is below). If officials ride together, only the driver shall be paid the per diem amount. A three-person officials' crew will be used in all play-off matches. **In the first and second rounds there should be mutual agreement between competing teams concerning the match officials. The host school will contact the visiting school for input prior to hiring officials. If an official has to be replaced after mutual agreement has been reached, the host team should notify the visiting team.**

The host school should provide security for officials as they enter and leave the soccer match.

All other expenses incurred in handling the play-off matches shall be borne by the team designated as the home team. The home team shall have all concession rights. The home school shall furnish a new ball or an acceptable used ball for the match. After the fee for the match officials has been taken out, the host school shall retain the following amount: Class 6A \$300 per game, Class 5A \$250 per game, Class 3A and 4A \$200 per game. Any remaining proceeds will be sent to the OSSAA.

Winners of each match should immediately post scores on ossaarankings.com.

The following criteria will be used to determine the home field in the play-off series:

1. The first round of the play-offs shall be played on the home field of the district winners and runners up on **May 1, 2023 for Classes 3A and 4A and May 2, 2023 for Classes 5A and 6A.**
2. The second round of the play-offs shall be played on **May 4, 2023 for Classes 3A and 4A and May 5, 2023 for Classes 5A and 6A.** The home field for all second round games shall be played on the home field of the district winner providing the district winner advances. In the event that they do not advance, the team that did not host a game in the first round shall have the home field unless neither team had a home game in the first round, then the team on the even-numbered line of the respective championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years will host and the teams on the odd-numbered lines of the respective championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years will host.
3. The semi-final round for all classes shall be played **May 9, 2023.** Total the number of home play-off matches each team has played. If one team has played more matches at home than the other team, the home team shall be the team with the least number of home matches.

If both teams have played the same number of home matches, the home field shall be determined by the team which did not host a home match in the immediate preceding round. If both teams have played the same number of home matches and in the event both teams hosted or did not host a match in the immediate preceding round, the home field shall be determined by the team representing the odd-numbered lines on the play-off series bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years and the even-numbered lines in the even-numbered calendar years.

The visiting team shall wear white jerseys and white socks.

By mutual agreement between schools, either home field or a neutral field may be selected for the play-off site.

A representative of the home school shall serve as the play-off match manager. If the match is to be played on a neutral field, a school official shall be mutually agreed upon to serve as match manager. The match manager shall be responsible for all match arrangements.

In the playoffs, unless mutually agreed upon by the participating schools, game times shall be 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm for sites hosting two playoff games, and 7:00 pm for sites hosting one game.

Schools that are hosting both a girls game and a boys game shall play the girls game first throughout the play-offs.

In the State Tournament, no contest may be started or (resumed) after 3 hours from the original scheduled start time. (Unless mutually agreed upon prior to the game.) For example, a game is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. if interrupted and not resumed by 9:00 p.m. it shall be considered a complete game if 60 minutes have been played. If less than 60 minutes have been played it shall be suspended for that day. (This creates a 3 hour window from the start of the scheduled kick-off.)

In the State Tournament games, all matches will not be considered complete until at least 60 minutes have been played.

Teams may suit up a maximum of 22 squad members for the play-off series.

The OSSAA may adjust play-off dates due to head coaching conflicts or any other unforeseen circumstance.

Schools should notify the OSSAA in advance of the play-offs of potential prom or end-of-school conflicts. The OSSAA will cooperate with all the member schools to aid in avoiding end-of-school conflicts.

No plaques, trophies, or medals will be awarded in the first two rounds of play-offs. Team plaques will be awarded to the quarter-final round winners and the semi-final round winners. Plaques will be mailed to the winning schools.

The overtime procedure for all playoff games is located on pages SC6 of the 2022-2023 OSSAA soccer manual.

In accordance with NFHS rule, anytime after completion of one half, the differential reaches ten, the game shall be ended.

Teams and fans shall be placed on opposite sides of the playing field unless facilities would prohibit it.

Only the team, coaches, trainers, managers, school personnel, etc., shall be permitted on the sideline during a contest.

The OSSAA recommends that the host school provide ball shaggers in all play-off matches to eliminate wasted time.

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.

Academic Achievement Application form must postmarked, faxed or emailed no later than May 2, 2023.

The 2023 State Championships will be played at Rogers State University in Claremore.

**Friday or Saturday, May 12-13, 2023
Times TBA**

In the event two **west** side teams meet in the finals, the games will be played at **Newcastle High School**. If you have questions, please call.

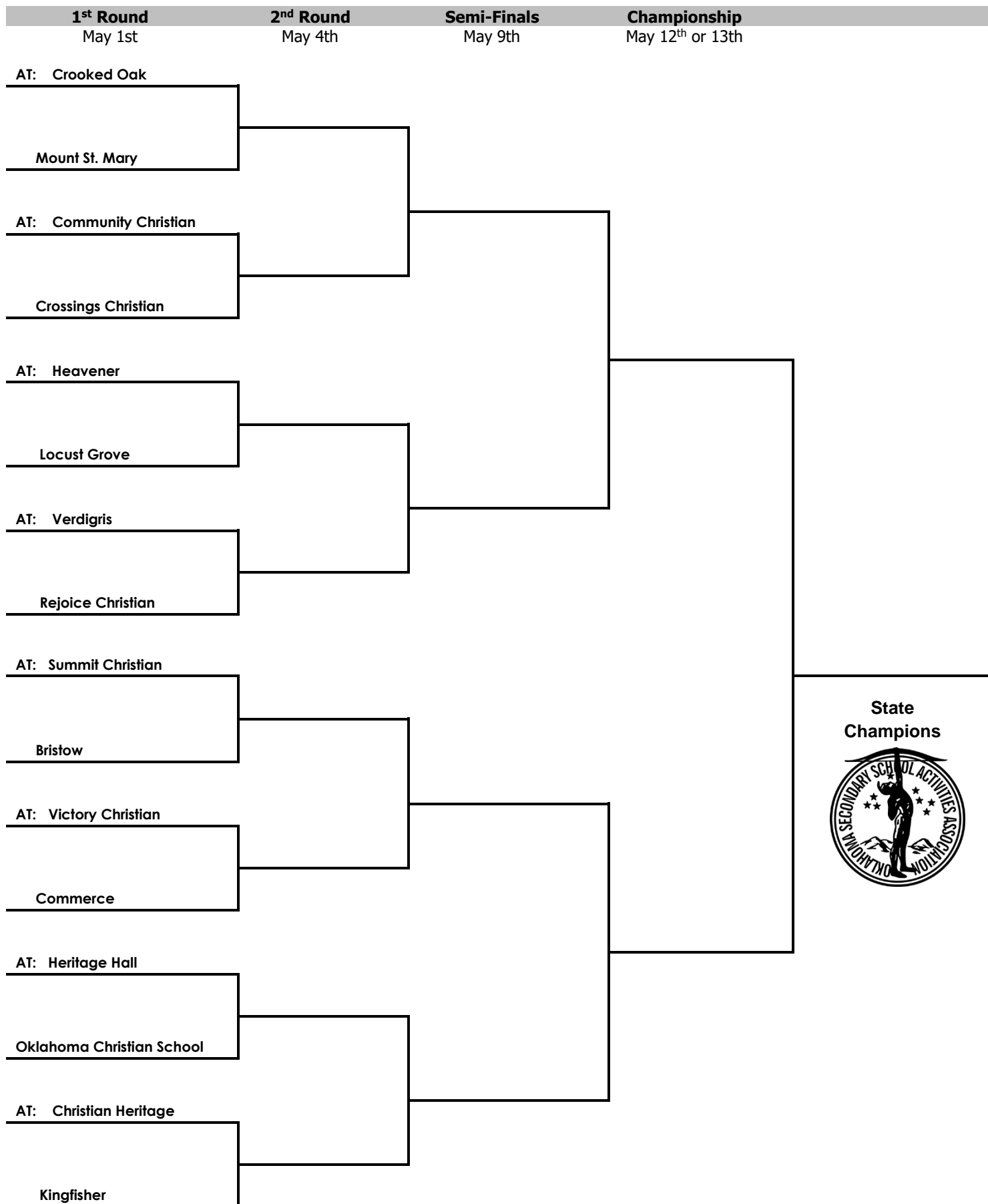
Note: Principals, please copy and give this information to your soccer coach and play-off manager.

Travel by Car: *(Do not claim mileage expense if you are driving a school vehicle)*

ROUND TRIP TRAVEL

MILES CLAIMED	AMOUNT PAID
0 – 600 miles	\$0.35/mile
over 600 miles	\$0.25/mile
above scale is round trip	

2023 OSSAA BOYS CLASS 3A SOCCER



State
Champions



2023 OSSAA GIRLS CLASS 3A SOCCER

1st Round

May 1st

2nd Round

May 4th

Semi-Finals

May 9th

Championship

May 12th or 13th

AT: OCS

Cushing

AT: Community Christian

Crossings Christian

AT: Victory Christian

Riverfield

AT: Verdigris

Claremore-Sequoyah

AT: Locust Grove

Rejoice Christian

AT: Porter-Consolidated

Summit Christian

AT: Heritage Hall

Crooked Oak

AT: Christian Heritage

Mount St. Mary

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