

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 1:00 PM OSSAA OFFICES

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll:** Present: 6A-Shawn Newkirk, Union. 5A-Kevin Paxson, Shawnee. 4A-Breck Draper, Tuttle. 3A-Pat Foster, Metro Christian. 2A-Eddie Jeffcoat, Dale. A-Ray Oakes, Thomas-Fay-Custer. B-Scott Hamilton, Asher. Executive Director Randy Hughes. OSSAA Director of Baseball Grant Gower. All present.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **3 Team Regional:** To amend Rule X of the Baseball Manual to say: In all playoffs with a three-team double elimination bracket of the playoffs, it shall be played in the following manner:

Team A will be the team with the highest ranking. Team C will be the lowest seed.

First Day of Tournament: Game 1- Team B plays Team C

Game 2- Team A plays Team B

Game 3- Team A plays Team C

The rest of the Tournament to remain unchanged.

Motion by Draper, Second by Jeffcoat. Motion passed 7-0 OIAAA passed 17-0. Board of Directors passed 12-0.

2. **Reseed the State Tournaments for Class 6A-5A-4A-3A**

By noon on Sunday following the completion of Regional Tournaments, unless delayed by weather, the 8 head coaches from each team advancing to the State Tournament in each Class of 6A-5A-4A-3A shall rank the 8 teams with 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, and 4 vs. 5 in the State Tournament.

Motion by Paxson, Second by Foster. Motion passed 7-0 OIAAA denied 13-4.

3. **Class 2A-A-B after the District Tournaments, the 32 remaining teams re rank the 32 schools to seed the Regional and State Tournaments**

By noon on Sunday following the completion of District Tournaments, unless delayed by weather, the 32 head coaches from each team advancing to the Regional Tournaments in Class 2A-A-B shall rank the 32 remaining teams to seed the Regional and State Tournaments.

Motion by Oakes, Second by Jeffcoat. Motion passed 7-0 OIAAA passed 15-2. Board of Directors passed 12-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. The District Tiebreaker Rules:

The discussion dealt with head-to-head tiebreakers. The current rule is if the two teams split, and the marginal points were the same for the two teams, the winner of the second game of the series will be placed ahead of the other team. The discussion was to utilize total marginal points with no action taken.

2. Rating of Umpires:

Currently, coaches are encouraged to submit a list of 5 umpires for State Tournament recommendations. The Committee endorsed having coaches submit their list of 5 umpires to the OSSAA Director of Baseball by April 15th to assist in the assignment of umpires for the State Tournaments.

3. Pre-determined State Tournament sites:

The committee will discuss with the members of the OBCA at the Winter Clinic these ideas:

1. Submit 5 sub sites for State Tournaments from both the East and West sides of the state as possible State Tournament sub sites, with availability still being a key factor.
2. Discuss whether a team should be allowed to play on their home field in the State Tournament or should it be a neutral site.

4. Classifications for Fall Baseball and Spring Baseball

The Classification of Fall Baseball and Spring Baseball schools was discussed. With the alterations to the Football Classifications, the discussion centered on how to implement a similar model for Baseball that would address the number of schools participating and the Fall Baseball playing schools and the Spring only Baseball schools. With the second year of the two-year district cycle to conclude next year in 2023, more discussion will be forthcoming to prepare for the Spring of 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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