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TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Mike Clark, Assistant
RE: Classes B-A-2A-3A-4A-5A District Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament
DATE: April 7, 2023

Below you will find the pairings for Classes B-A-2A-3A-4A-5A district slow-pitch softball tournaments. The district tournament chairman will be the principal or his/her designee of the **first school listed** in each district. The district tournament chairman should arrange a telephone conference of the schools assigned to his/her district no earlier than April 10 and no later than April 12. At the district tournament meeting, the following items need to be determined:

1. District tournaments are to begin no sooner than April 17 and must be completed by April 22, 2023 **and shall be played in one day.**
2. First team listed in each district is the host.
3. Umpires from the **OSSAA List of Eligible Officials** should be agreed upon by the competing schools. The list is available on line at www.ossaa.com on the Slow Pitch page. Two umpires are to be used in each game.
4. General planning of the tournament.
5. Draw the district tournament bracket:
 - a. For seeding purposes, teams will use rankings posted at ossaarankings.com. The top 16 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. A minimum of fifteen games played will be required for seeding purposes.
 - b. Three Team districts – Rate and seed the teams using ratings from ossaarankings.com. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. The team with the highest ranking will be placed on the top of the bracket. The team with the second highest ranking will be placed on the bottom of the bracket. The team with the highest ranking receives the bye, placing #2 against #3.

Team A will be the team with the best record and they will receive the bye.

Team B will be the team with the second best record.

Team C will be the team with the third best record.

Game 1-Team B plays Team C

Game 2-Loser game 1 plays Team A

Game 3-Winner game 1 plays Team A

Game 4-If one team has one loss and one team has no losses, they play

Game 5-If necessary

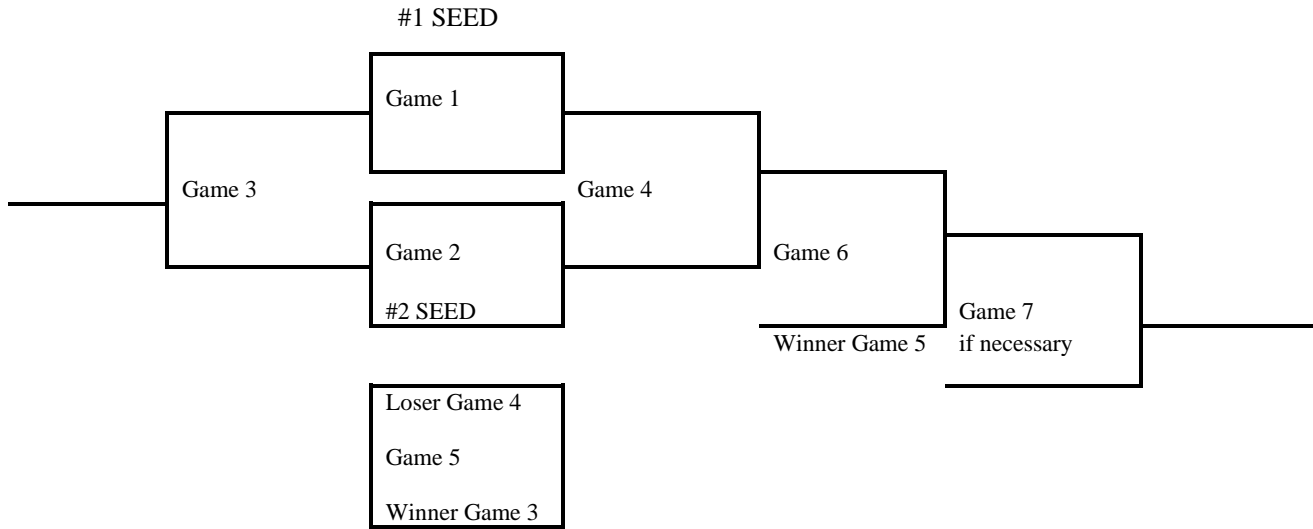
or

Game 4-If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C

Game 5-Winner Game 4 plays Team A

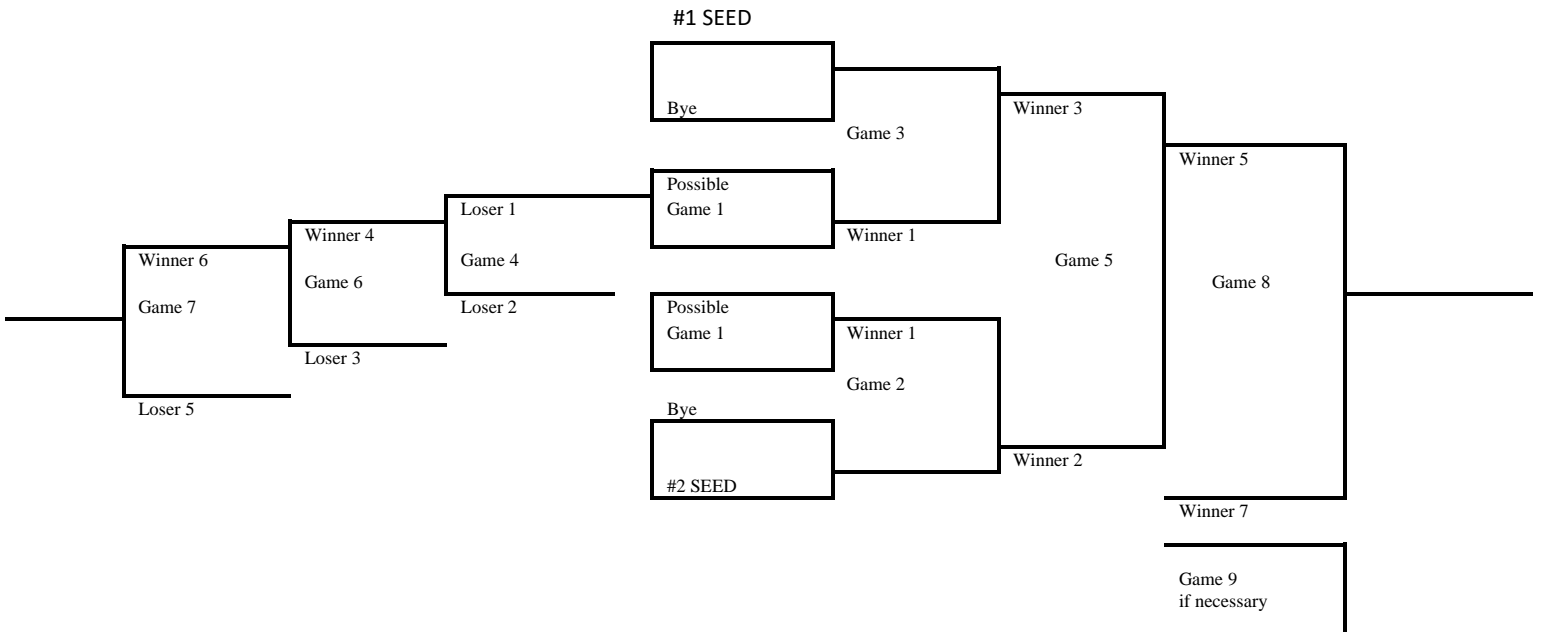
- c. Four team districts – Rate and seed two teams using ratings from ossaarankings.com which are to placed on the top and bottom of the bracket, respectively, by rating. The third best ranking shall choose either line #2 or line #3 of the bracket, which automatically places the fourth team by record on the opposite line.

FOUR TEAM BRACKET



- d. Five Teams -- Rate and seed two teams using ratings from ossaarankings.com which are to be placed on the top and bottom of the bracket, respectively, by rating. The third best ranking shall choose either line #4 in the top half or line #5 in the bottom half of the bracket, which automatically places the fourth team by ranking in the opposite half of the bracket. The fifth best ranking shall choose either line #3 in the top or line #6 in the bottom of the bracket. **NOTE:** All byes will be placed in the first round of tournament competition. When there is more than one bye on the bracket, the two seeded teams with the highest ranking shall receive byes. Any remaining byes will be placed in the opposite bracket after the team with the fifth best ranking has made its choice. If the tournament chairman is notified after the district tournament bracket has been established that one or more of the teams will not participate and this would cause a bye in the second round, a new bracket should be drawn. Otherwise, the bracket is to remain as originally drawn.

FIVE TEAM BRACKET



- e. District tournaments will be double elimination.

Within each class of B-A-2A-3A-4A-5A, each district winner will be assigned to one of four double elimination regional tournaments. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the sites for the regionals tournament. The district in which a team has played will not determine the regional tournament to which it will be assigned.

The regional assignments and playoff information will be released on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) on Monday afternoon, April 24, 2023. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The Regional Tournaments must be completed by April 29 for all classifications.

The Rules of Play will be those of the 2023 National Federation Softball Rule Book.

All play-off games will be regulation seven inning games unless the run rule is in effect. The run rule will be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings in effect throughout the play-off series. The host school shall inform the umpires of this regulation prior to the tournament beginning.

Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher or catcher. Any substitute may run for the pitcher or catcher, but not both.

The OSSAA has adopted the National Federation extra player as in Rule 3-1-1.

For the OSSAA play-off tournaments, each team will be limited to **twenty-two (22)** suited squad members.

Refer to the 2022-2023 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual online at www.ossaa.com for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

Softball bats – ONLY 100% ALLOY BATS ARE PERMITTED.

Suspended game: If weather, darkness, or other circumstances interferes with play so that a play-off tournament game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: (a) five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension.

Application for **academic achievement** award must be postmarked or faxed by **April 26, 2023**. The form is located on the OSSAA website. We cannot accept late applications.

If weather conditions look unfavorable, please contact the site manager before leaving for the tournament.

The OSSAA is asking each host site to cooperate with the media and provide a designated area. We also recommend the area be marked between home and first or third base in an area that enables adequate media coverage. We realize the above recommendation may not be feasible. An area that affords the best possible coverage with the least possibility of an interference situation should be selected.

Teams participating in the Regional Tournament should send a picture and roster to programs@vype.com no later than April 24.

6. If a coach or representative cannot be represented at the seeding meeting, the team's won-lost record should be called into the district tournament chairman. A majority of the coaches represented will make the absent coaches' selection if necessary.

7. The host school should charge an admission to defray expenses. The OSSAA recommends \$5.00 for adults and students. (OSSAA tickets will **not** be sent and each host school shall provide their own tickets.)
8. The host school should furnish balls and pay the umpires (see below for umpire pay schedule and mileage chart) The Wilson (DeMarini) .44 COR, 375 compression optic yellow leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the playoffs.

A championship plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the district chairman of the school hosting the district tournament.

The umpires will be paid \$45.00 per game plus expenses as per the "OSSAA Travel Chart" for the driver only. The umpires should be selected from within a reasonable driving distance of the tournament site.

ROUND TRIP TRAVEL

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

When the district tournament is completed, DISTRICT WINNERS should immediately call the OSSAA (405-840-1116) or Mike Clark (405-431-6369) or mclark@ossaa.com and give the team's won-lost record.

2023 SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS
District tournaments must be completed by April 22, 2023
District tournaments shall be played in one day



FIRST TEAM LISTED IS THE HOST SCHOOL

CLASS B

1. CANEY, STRINGTOWN
2. LEEDEY, CORN BIBLE
3. WHITESBORO, MCCURTAIN
4. LOOKEBA-SICKLES, GEARY
5. ARNETT, WAYNOKA
6. BUFFALO VALLEY, CALVIN
7. COLEMAN/VICTORY LIFE, MILL CREEK
8. PITTSBURG, NEW LIMA
9. CHATTANOGA, TIPTON
10. GRANDFIELD, BRAY-DOYLE
11. SHIDLER, SCHULTER, PADEN
12. MT. VIEW-GOTEBO, CEMENT, DUKE
13. WAPANUCKA, ACHILLE, SASAKWA
14. ASHER, BOWLEGS, WILSON (HENRYETTA)
15. TIMBERLAKE, DOVER, MULHALL-ORLANDO
16. BIG PASTURE, RYAN, MILBURN

CLASS A

1. RED OAK, BATTIEST
2. STUART, EARLSBORO
3. KIOWA, CLAYTON
4. HAMMON, CIMARRON/ALINE-CLEO
5. BENNINGTON, FT TOWSON
6. MOSS, VARNUM
7. TUPELO, ALEX, FT. COBB-BROXTON
8. TURNER, BLAIR, INDIAHOMA
9. CAMERON, CROWDER, INDIANOLA
10. MAUD, COYLE, CALUMET
11. KREMLIN-HILLSDALE, GLENCOE, OILTON
12. MASON, PRUE, WELCH
13. VICI, BUFFALO, BEAVER
14. COVINGTON DOUGLAS, OKEEENE, OLIVE
15. THACKERVILLE, SENTINEL, ROFF
16. LEFLORE, SOPER, SMITHVILLE

FIRST TEAM LISTED IS THE HOST SCHOOL

CLASS 2A

1. SHATTUCK, TURPIN
2. BINGER-ONEY, GARBER
3. CANUTE, FARGO-GAGE/FT SUPPLY
4. CYRIL, CHEYENNE/REYDON
5. ARAPAHO-BUTLER, SEILING
6. UNION CITY, QUINTON
7. WOODLAND, OKAY
8. DAVENPORT, WEBBER FALLS
9. NAVAJO, SNYDER, GERONIMO
10. STERLING, STROTHER, STONEWALL
11. FRONTIER, YALE, BARNSDALL
12. WAUKOMIS, CHEROKEE, OK BIBLE ACADEMY
13. DEWAR, CAVE SPRINGS, GANS
14. CENTRAL HIGH, FLETCHER, DRUMMOND
15. RINGWOOD, POND CREEK-HUNTER, DEPEW
16. OKARCHE, PORUM, KEOTA

CLASS 3A

1. CADDO, SAVANAH
2. DALE, LIBERTY
3. MORRISON, HOMINY
4. RIPLEY, MOUNDS
5. TUSHKA, ALLEN, WELEETKA
6. AMBER-POCASSET, WELLSTON, CARNEY/AGRA
7. BOONE-APACHE, RIVERSIDE, WYNNEWOOD
8. COLBERT, CALERA, WILSON
9. HASKELL, GORE, KETCHUM
10. HYDRO-EAKLEY, BURNS FLAT/DILL CITY, SAYRE
11. RATTAN, TALIHINA, WETUMKA
12. MOORELAND, THOMAS/FAY-CUSTER, PIONEER-PLEASANT VALE
13. FAIRLAND, AFTON, QUAPAW
14. VANOSS, HEALDTON, KONAWA
15. STRATFORD, WAYNE, MANGUM
16. WRIGHT CITY, HAWORTH, WISTER

FIRST TEAM LISTED IS HOST SCHOOL

CLASS 4A

1. POCOLA, SPIRO
2. PRAGUE, BEGGS, WARNER
3. OKTAHA, SALINA, COLCORD
4. SILO, DAVIS, ANTLERS
5. COALGATE, WEWOKA, OKMULGEE
6. PRESTON, WYANDOTTE, HULBERT
7. VALLIANT, HARTSHORNE, WILBURTON
8. LATTA, MEEKER, OKEMAH
9. STROUD, SPERRY, VIAN
10. HEAVENER, PANAMA, ROLAND
11. CRESCENT, HENNESSEY, LUTHER
12. KELLYVILLE, PAWHUSKA, HOLDENVILLE
13. MORRIS, HOWE, CHELSEA
14. HINTON, WATONGA, FAIRVIEW
15. MERRITT, DIBBLE, COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN
16. HOBART, MINCO, LEXINGTON

CLASS 5A

1. WASHINGTON, BLANCHARD
2. NORTH ROCK CREEK, HARDING CHARTER PREP
3. TECUMSEH, LITTLE AXE
4. CACHE, ELGIN
5. BROKEN BOW, IDABEL, HUGO
6. PERKINS-TRYON, CROOKED OAK, MCLLOUD
7. STILWELL, LOCUST GROVE, SEQUOYAH TAHLEQUAH
8. BRISTOW, SEMINOLE, HENRYETTA
9. CHANDLER, ADA, BETHEL
10. DICKSON, MADILL, KINGSTON
11. MULDROW, SALLISAW, CHECOTAH
12. CHISHOLM, KINGFISHER, WESTERN HEIGHTS
13. PLAINVIEW, MARIETTA, LINDSAY
14. SULPHUR, PURCELL, BYNG
15. EUFAULA, FT GIBSON, BERRYHILL
16. HARRAH, CUSHING, NEWCASTLE