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BASEBALL CALENDAR FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

FALL BASEBALL

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WEEK **</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Season Opens	6	August 9
Entry forms due in OSSAA office ***	7	August 19
Classification released	8	August 24
First Rankings Due by noon	9	August 29
District pairings released by OSSAA	10	September 9
Count all games played through this date for pairings at district meeting	11	September 13
District Meetings	11	September 14 (not prior to) September 16 (no later than)
Last Ranking Due 12:00 noon	12	September 19
District tournaments must be completed by	12	September 24
Regional pairings released	13	September 26
Regional tournaments	13	Sept. 29, 30, October 1
State tournament pairings released	14	October 3
State tournament	14	October 6, 7, 8

SPRING BASEBALL

Rules Meeting - Lawton High School 7:00 pm	29	January 18
Rules Meeting - Woodward High School 7:00 pm	29	January 19
Rules Meeting - Durant High School 7:00 pm	30	January 26
Rules Meeting - Tulsa Service Center 7:00 pm	31	February 1
Scrimmages allowed (A-B)	32	February 6
Entry form due in OSSAA office (All Classes) ***	32	February 10
Scrimmages allowed (2A-6A)	33	February 13
Season Opens (A-B)	34	February 20
Season Opens (2A-6A)	35	March 1
District pairings released (A-B)	40	April 6
Count all games played through this date for pairings at district meeting (A-B)	41	April 10
District meetings (A-B)	41	April 11-12
District pairings released (2A-3A-4A)	41	April 13
Last Ranking Due 12:00 noon A/B	42	April 16
Count all games played through this date for pairings at district meeting (2A-3A-4A)	42	April 17
District meetings (2A-3A-4A-5A-6A)	42	April 18-19
District tournaments to be completed (A-B)	42	April 21
Academic Achievement Applications due (A-B) or faxed no later than April 24 ***	43	April 23
Regional tournament pairings released (A-B)	43	April 23
Last Ranking Due 12:00 noon 2A-3A-4A	43	April 23
Regional tournament (A-B)	43	April 26, 27, 28
District tournament to be completed (2A-3A-4A)	43	April 28
District play complete (5A-6A)	43	April 26
Make-up Date 5A-6A District Play	43	April 27, 28
Regional tournament pairings released (2A-3A-4A, 5A-6A)	44	April 30
State tournament pairings released (A-B)	44	April 30
Academic Achievement Application due (2A-6A) or faxed no later than May 1***	44	April 30
Regional tournaments (2A-6A)	44	May 3, 4, 5
State tournaments (A-B)	44	May 3, 4, 5
State tournament pairings released (2A-6A)	45	May 7
State tournaments (2A-3A-4A-5A-6A)	45	May 10, 11, 12

**WEEK NUMBER CORRESPONDS WITH OSSAA PLANNING CALENDAR

***CAN be found on the ossaa.com website on the sports page under the baseball tab.

GENERAL BASEBALL REGULATIONS

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS (Regular Season/Play-off)

- A. It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet with the game officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, and pre-game activities. The game administrator should also record the official's ID number. The administrator in charge should advise the head official as to where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise.
- B. Someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest.

II. CRITERIA USED IN BASEBALL PAIRINGS

- A. Coaches state rankings will be the initial criteria used in pairing and seeding the play-off tournaments in classes B, A, 2A, 3A, 4A. (NOTE: If the coach feels the rankings are inaccurate to the point of disadvantaging a team, he should notify the OSSAA office prior to the release date for playoff pairings.) **Coaches are expected to participate in the ranking process on a weekly basis throughout the season.**
- B. Records will be considered when teams are not ranked in the top twenty in their classification by ok rankings.
- C. Geographics and playoff history will also be a consideration when pairing the baseball tournaments.

III. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. Spring baseball teams will be eligible for an academic achievement award. The 22 players in Classes 6A-5A-4A-3A-2A-A and B (include all players suiting up if the number is less than 22) who suit up for the first district/regional tournament game will be eligible. The GPA shall be based on the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: an approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) The academic GPA will be based on a 4.0 point system and computed to the nearest thousandth. There will be three levels of awards for academic achievement:
 1. Academic Achievement Certificate - Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque - Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 3. State Academic Champion - The team with the highest GPA will be declared the State Academic Champion.
- B. The entries must be postmarked no later than April 23 or faxed no later than April 24 for Classes A and B; April 30 or faxed no later than May 1 for Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.
- C. **The Application for Academic Achievement Award is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.**

IV. PITCHING

- A. A pitcher may pitch a full game of any length in a day. If he pitches less than six innings in a game, he may pitch in a second game that day, but he may not pitch more than a total of ten innings in the two games. (NOTE: A pitcher who pitches five innings in the first game and makes an appearance in the second game the same day shall not be eligible the next day.) An appearance during an inning shall count as a full inning. The pitcher taking the mound and the ball becoming live constitutes an appearance. A player who has pitched six innings or more in a day shall not be used as a pitcher the following day. A player who has pitched five (5) innings or less in a day is eligible to pitch the next day, with the same restrictions as a player who had not pitched. (Example: In a double header, a pitcher may go 1-9, 2-8, 3-7, 4-6, 5-5, but cannot go 6-4, 7-3, 8-2, 9-1, in the same day.) A pitcher may not appear in 3 games in any one day.
- B. NEXT DAY INTERPRETATION - Next day will begin at daylight the morning following the game and will last until daylight the next day. (EXAMPLE: Game played at 5:15 p.m., Thursday. Pitcher will not be able to throw again until daylight, Saturday.)
- C. There will be no change made in the pitching rule and each coach is responsible for knowing the rule. In play-off tournaments, the official scorer should have the coach sign the scorebook at the end of each game if their team will be playing another game in the tournament. Also, the tournament manager shall post a record of all innings pitched the previous day in the press box. This shall be done prior to games the next day. The OSSAA will be the only one who can declare a forfeit. (Regulation) The coach should go directly to the scorer immediately after the game and sign the book before talking to the press or anyone other than his team.
- D. The pitching regulations shall apply to regular season games as well as tournaments and any violation of such rule constitutes game forfeiture. (NOTE: The game is a forfeiture at the time of the pitching rule violation. By mutual agreement the game may continue to its normal conclusion with the outcome already decided.)
- E. Suspended games. The pitching rule remains intact during a suspended game. "Intact" should be interpreted to mean the pitching rules in effect at the time the game was suspended are continued when the suspended game is continued.

V. PRACTICE

Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.

VI. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. No games will be counted for the purpose of rating or seeding for the baseball playoffs if the games are less than a complete game according to National Federation baseball rules. Rated teams are seeded higher than non-rated teams.
- B. Coaches are required to submit a season record form (located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website) for the first round play-off games.
- C. The OSSAA can move play-off tournaments to an adequate available field if weather delays the tournament to Monday after the tournament was scheduled to be completed.

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- D. Teams that forfeit games during the regular season or playoffs without valid reasons could be subject to penalties by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- E. Schools interested in hosting baseball play-off tournaments should complete the site request form. The site request form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.
- F. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest were delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- G. A regular season designated JV game shall not be counted on a team's record unless a JV team has entered an invitational tournament.
- H. In addition to the OSSAA sponsored championship tournament series, high school and junior high teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. This regulation shall apply separately to fall and spring baseball. Outside of tournament games, each game shall be counted as a match game. The game limits for varsity teams are 22 games and three tournaments. Junior High teams are limited to 14 games and two tournaments. (Junior High teams may play a third tournament by reducing the match game count by three.) A 9th grade student is eligible to participate on both the junior high and senior high teams but is limited to three tournaments.

Tournament: In bracket or pool play tournament format a champion is determined. In bracket play, succeeding games are determined by winning or losing. In pool play, pools are predetermined and defined before the beginning of play and succeeding games are predetermined. In pool play format, if there is an opportunity to play two or more games after completion of pool play then all pool play games shall count against the regular season limitations.

Festival: A festival is defined as any number of teams coming together to play predetermined opponents at predetermined times. No champion is determined or awards given. All games in the festival count as part of the regular season limits.

Scrimmage: A scrimmage is defined as a competition against another school without charging admission, or keeping records. In fall baseball, no scrimmage may take place after the beginning date of the season—August 9, 2011. In spring baseball, no team shall be permitted to scrimmage another school after the state basketball tournaments for that classification. Scrimmages held outside the limits described shall then count as games toward the regular season limitations. There shall be no loss of instruction time for scrimmages.

- I. Round robin tournaments will not be approved when more than four teams are involved.
- J. No Tournament or Festival game may begin before 10:00 am on a school day.
- K. A 9th grade student is eligible to participate on both a school team for students at the ninth grade level or below, and on a school team for students above the ninth grade level, but cannot participate on both of those teams in the same tournament.

VII. DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

- A. Teams may be added to a district due to late entries or a school deciding not to participate.
- B. The tournaments shall be played in one day or two consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise.
- C. Tickets will not be furnished for the district tournament.
- D. The host school should charge \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.
- E. Trophies for district tournament winners will be sent from Midwest Trophy Company.
- F. When a deficit occurs in district tournaments, the Association will reimburse the host school 50% of the loss after gate receipts are subtracted from the cost of baseballs and umpires. The host school will pay the umpires. (Tournament management should refer to Section X - OSSAA Play-off Tournaments.)
- G. District winners should contact the Association office after completion of the tournaments.
- H. Coaches must submit the regular season record form (located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website) at the district or regional meeting.
- I. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)
- J. Teams that receive a bye at the district tournament can play up to two additional games beyond the set contest limit against other teams that have received a bye at the district level.

VIII. REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. Regional tournaments shall be double elimination. Regional tournaments in classes B-A-2A-3A-4A will be seeded using the coaches' state rankings as a guideline. Regional Tournaments in class 5A/6A will be seeded by District standings. Teams not ranked in the top 20 in class B-4A by ok rankings will be seeded by win/loss record.
- B. Tickets will be sent to the host school from the OSSAA. Admission prices will be \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.
- C. Trophies will be sent from Midwest Trophy Company.
- D. Tournament management refer to Section X - OSSAA Play-off Tournaments.
- E. When a deficit occurs in regional tournaments, the Association will reimburse the host school 75% of the loss after the gate receipts are subtracted from the cost of the baseballs and umpires.
- F. In regional tournaments, the host school manager shall immediately contact the visiting schools concerning officials to be employed for the regional baseball tournament. The visiting schools shall contact the host manager concerning the assignment of regional officials. These contacts must be made as quickly as feasible after the regional tournament pairings are released from the OSSAA.
- G. Regional Tournaments in Class 5A/6A will be seeded by District standings. The host school principal will serve as tournament manager.
- H. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

IX. SUSPENDED GAME AND GAME ENDING PROCEDURES

A regulation high school baseball game ends when the team behind in score has completed its turn at bat in the seventh inning, or any inning thereafter if extra innings are necessary. The National Federation now allows states to adopt game-ending procedures for baseball. By Oklahoma adoption, games can be shortened by the following:

- A. After five innings of a seven inning game, a team ten (10) or more runs behind has completed its turn at bat. (NOTE: If the home team is ahead ten (10) or more runs a game can end after 4½ innings.)
- B. If weather, darkness or other circumstances interfere 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 suspended 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. The pitching rule remains intact during a suspended game. "Intact" should be interpreted to mean the pitching rules in effect at the time the game was suspended are continued when the game is continued.

NOTE EXCEPTION: State tournament games will be regulation (7) inning games, unless the run rule is in effect. 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. The pitching rule remains intact during a suspended game.

- C. Any further play may be shortened according to National Federation Rules.

X. OSSAA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS

The following criteria will be used in baseball contests that are OSSAA play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn at the district tournament level. Seeding for classes B-A-2A-3A-4A playoff tournaments; district, regional and state, shall be based on the final ok rankings in each class for the first 20 teams. Teams not in the top 20 of their class will be seeded on percentage of games won/lost. NOTE: No team shall be seeded that has not played at least 15 games.

1. Two team district – Teams shall play best two of three series. A doubleheader should be scheduled at the host site. The "if necessary game" would be scheduled for the following day. (Three games may be played in one day should both teams agree.)
2. A three team double elimination bracket shall be played in the following manner:

Team A will be the team with the highest ranking and they will receive the bye.

First day of tournament:

Game 1 - Team B plays Team C

Game 2 - Loser Game 1 plays Team A

Game 3 - Winner Game 1 plays Team A

Second day of tournament:

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

3. Four Teams - Seed the teams based on ranking. The number one seed will be placed on the top of the bracket. The second seed will be placed on the bottom of the bracket. The number one seed will choose between the third and fourth best seed to be placed on their side of the bracket, automatically placing the other team. If a school withdraws from the tournament creating a bye in the second round, the bracket should be re-drawn.
4. Teams may be added to a district due to late entries or a school deciding not to participate. If teams withdrawing from playoff tournaments create byes in the second round of the tournament, the tournament shall be re-drawn.
5. Beginning with the REGIONAL tournaments, tickets will be furnished by the Association. After local expenses are paid the remaining monies should be sent to the Association.
6. The umpires shall be employed and paid by the host school. The host school shall also furnish the balls.
7. In all play-off tournaments, except the state tournament, the tournament manager is responsible for employing the umpires. The regional host school manager shall immediately contact the visiting schools concerning officials to be employed for the regional baseball tournament. The visiting schools shall contact the host manager concerning the assignment of regional officials. These contacts must be made as quickly as feasible after the regional tournament pairings are released from the OSSAA.
8. All umpires used in team games, any tournaments or any state elimination games are to be eligible officials and in good standing in the Association. Eligible officials are enrolled and have passed Part 1 of the NFHS Baseball Rules Examination.
9. Only two umpires per game will be used in play-off games in the district and regional rounds.
10. The National Federation Baseball Rules will govern in all contests, specifically including (1) the Re-entry Rule, and (2) the rule on coaches permitted in the coach's box. Each batter and each base runner in a game are required to wear a head protector. THE ASSOCIATION HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:
 - a) Uniforms are strongly recommended for players and coaches.
 - b) Designated Media Area - National Federation Baseball Rules require the home team or game management to designate a lined area for the media. This area shall be considered a dead ball area. This rule also prohibits media from being in a live ball area. (Rules 1-2-3) 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 each park is built different and 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.
11. Radio broadcasts will be permitted without a fee for the 2011-2012 season during the playoffs.

12. One of the calculated risks that a coach must accept is that he, his players, or the umpires may make mistakes during the course of the ball game. The OSSAA Board of Directors has established a policy of NOT HONORING A PROTEST based upon a rule situation nor a situation, which involved judgments on the part of the umpires.
13. When play-off tournaments are delayed, teams are expected to play two games in one day in order that a representative be determined as early as feasible. In an emergency situation Sunday afternoon shall be used unless your school does not allow Sunday play. Sunday play can begin after 2:00 p.m.
14. Teams may play three games in one day by mutual agreement.
15. All play-off tournaments must be played in one day or consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. Schools are encouraged to complete the tournament(s) as early in the tournament week as possible.
16. Graduations, proms, banquets, etc., should not be scheduled to conflict with the playoffs. All state tournament qualifiers should contact the OSSAA office as soon as possible to inform of any potential conflicts on the days of the scheduled state tournament. All conflicts may not be avoided, but every effort will be made to accommodate as many schools as possible when the state tournament is delayed because of inclement weather.
17. There will be no delay in starting OSSAA play-off tournaments if the previous play-off tournaments are completed.
18. The tournament chairman shall furnish at least a No. 2 grade baseball in the playoffs, which is to be used throughout the tournament. Reebok is the official ball for all OSSAA baseball playoff contests.
19. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the district tournaments, winners and runners-up of the fall regional tournaments, winners of the spring regional tournaments, and to the winner and runner-up at the state tournament. Individual awards will be given to members of the State runner-up and championship teams.
20. Both teams shall remain on the field until ALL award presentations have been completed.
21. Tobacco shall not be used by players, coaches, or umpires while on the field during the playing of games.
22. Please see the Athletic Director or Principal for precautionary recommendations regarding AIDS and Hepatitis B.
23. Teams are restricted to a ten (10) minute time limit during all playoff games for infield practice.
24. Teams are restricted to their dugout area while the opposing team is taking infield practice.
25. State rules meetings are mandatory for head coaches. If you are unable to attend one of the face-to-face meetings, the meeting is also available on line at www.ossaa.com, click on the Sports page, then baseball link for instructions. Proof that you have completed the on-line rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA.
26. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

XI. TEAM MEMBERS LEAVING BENCH OR DUGOUT AREA, ETC.

- A. The OSSAA Board of Directors at their April 19, 1995, meeting adopted the following definition of fighting for all OSSAA sponsored activities: "Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s) foot (feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities."
- B. Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercations and a minimum of two games if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities.
- C. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- D. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or participating in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

XII. COACHES CONDUCT

- A. The school administration should designate a qualified coach that shall be in charge of contestants.

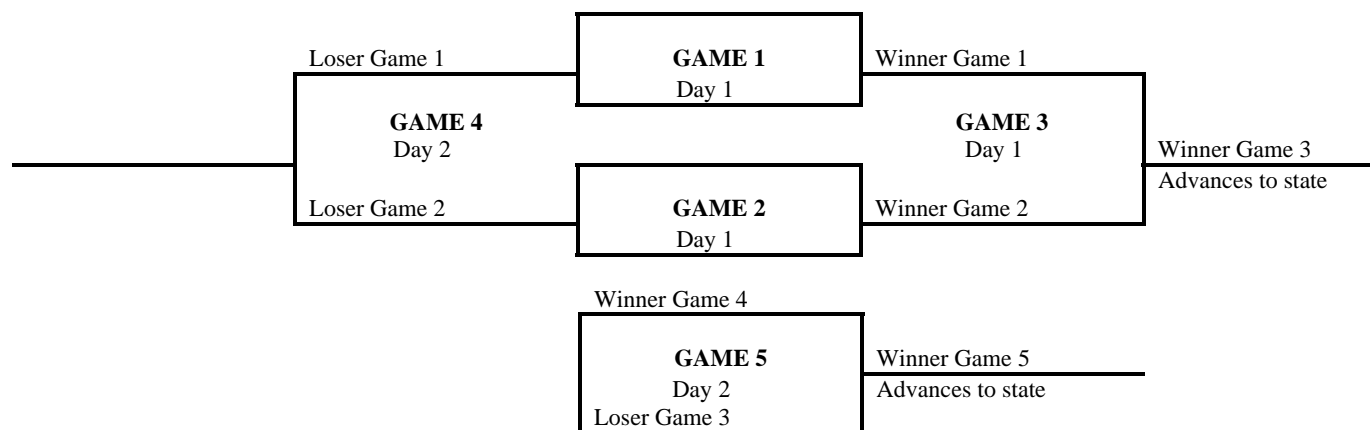
- B. When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the game or contest and there is no other qualified assistant or faculty member (according to OSSAA and SDE mandates) present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation shall be placed on warning.
- C. Any time a coach is ejected from a game, meet, or contest, the Board of Directors, through the Executive Director, will require that the coach not be allowed to occupy his/her normal coaching position during the next game, meet, or contest in which that team participates. NOTE: This includes being in the press box during the game, dressing room after the game begins, and court before and during the game. The coach is to send no instructions to his/her team once the game begins. Any time a coach is ejected from a game, meet or contest for a second time during the same season, the coach will be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- D. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game or contest shall be forfeited and the school or team automatically placed on probation.
- E. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules.

FALL BASEBALL REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The season may begin on August 9 or when school starts, whichever is first.
- B. Send the Fall Baseball entry to the Activities Association on or before August 19, 2011. **The Fall Baseball entry form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website**
- C. Only schools not playing football are eligible to enter the fall baseball play-off series.
- D. Fall Baseball playing schools will be divided evenly between Class A and Class B with the largest number of schools in Class B if the numbers are not even. Schools adding or dropping Fall Baseball after the date classifications are released will not affect any classifications. (NOTE: Co-op baseball teams will be placed in the classification in which the combined ADM of the two co-op schools places them.)
- E. No school will be allowed to enter into a co-op agreement in any sport that is offered by that particular school at any time during the school year. (Example: Baseball is fall and spring baseball; softball is fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball) The OSSAA Board of Directors may make exceptions in circumstances caused by annexation or consolidation.
- F. Schools participating in fall baseball are not allowed to participate against non-school teams.
- G. District representatives in Classes A and B shall be determined by September 24, 2011. The tournament shall be played in one day or consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. A list of the teams that comprise a district will be posted on the ossaa.com website on or before September 9, 2011. The Association shall set the site or determine as to how the selection is made. The principal of the playing site shall act as chairman. The chairman should call a meeting of the schools assigned not prior to September 14, 2011, and not later than September 16, 2011. They shall draw up brackets, agree on umpires and plan for the district tournament in general. The records of wins and losses should be through September 13, 2011. (NOTE: No team shall be seeded that has not played at least 15 games.)
- H. Coaches, may send a list of five officials you would recommend for use in the fall state tournament using the form on the ossaa.com website.
- I. Double elimination should be used in both Classes A and B through the district playoffs. Two-team tournament districts shall refer to General Baseball Regulations in this manual under OSSAA Playoff Tournament Section X-1. For three team tournament districts, shall refer to OSSAA Playoff Tournaments Section X-2. Four team tournament districts shall refer to OSSAA Playoff Tournament section X-3. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools if the majority wish to change the tournament times and dates.
- J. District winners should phone the Association office (405) 840-1116 after such districts are completed with the results from the district tournament.
- K. Both classes will be assigned four regional tournaments to be played on September 29, 30, October 1, 2011, a Format 2 bracket should be used.
- L. The Activities Association for state championship games shall assign the four regional winners, along with the four consolation winners. The State Tournament will be played on October 6, 7, 8, 2011. The four regional winners will be seeded based on the final ranking in okrankings.com. The four regional runner-ups will be placed opposite in the bracket from their regional champion and seeded based on their final ranking in okrankings.com.

Format 2 Bracket (Fall Baseball, 2-team Advance) Regional



- M. The game shall end when, after five innings of a seven-inning game, a team is ten (10) or more runs behind and has completed turn at bat. (EXCEPTION: State Tournament games will be seven innings unless the run rule is in effect. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game.)
- N. Teams are limited to 22 players in any play-off game in Classes A and B.
- O. Please see the general baseball regulations for other information.
- P. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

SPRING BASEBALL REGULATIONS

I. CLASSIFICATION

A. Schools will be classified in the following manner for spring baseball:

1. 6A - 32 largest schools
2. 5A - Next 32 largest schools
3. 4A - Next 64 largest schools
4. 3A - Next 64 largest schools
5. 2A - Next 64 largest schools
6. A - Next 96 largest schools
7. B - All remaining schools

B. Note: Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, 5A-6A schools will remain in the same class for two consecutive years. Co-op baseball teams will be placed in the classification in which the combined ADM of the two co-op schools places them. Classification of other schools could change due to the co-ops.

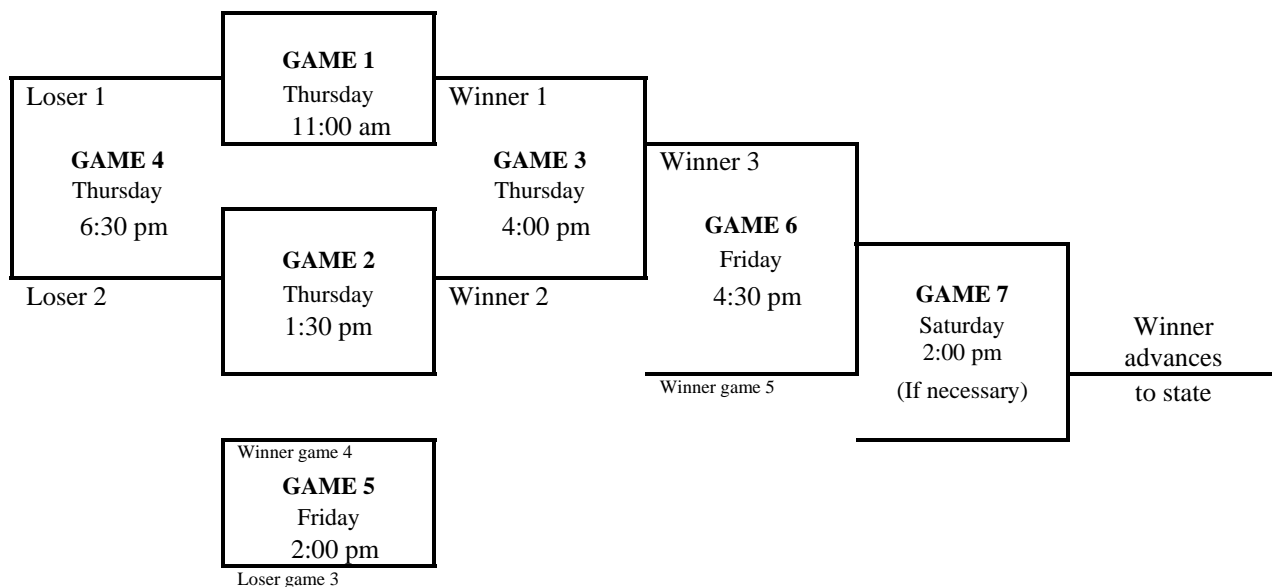
II. EXPENSE - STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

OSSAA Board of Directors will determine baseball reimbursements.

III. CLASSES 4A, 3A, 2A, A, AND B BASEBALL REGULATIONS

- A. Send the Spring Baseball entry form to the Activities Association on or before February 10, 2012. **The Spring Baseball entry form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.**
- B. Schools are divided into Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, A, and B for the baseball championship series and are assigned by class to thirty-two districts each. Each school must compete in its own class.
- C. District representatives in Classes A and B shall be determined by April 21; Classes 2A, 3A and 4A shall be determined by April 28. The tournament shall be played in one day or two consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. A list of teams that comprise a district tournament will be posted on the ossaa.com website on or before April 6 for Classes A and B and April 12 for Classes 2A, 3A and 4A. The Association shall set the site or determine as to how the selection is made. The principal or athletic director of the playing site shall act as chairman. The chairman should call a meeting of the schools assigned on April 11 or 12 for Classes A and B and April 18 or 19 for Classes 2A, 3A and 4A. They shall draw brackets, agree on umpires and plan for the district tournament in general. The record of wins and losses should be through April 17 for A and B. (NOTE: No team shall be seeded that has not played at least 15 games.)
- D. Schools winning district championships shall notify the Association office as soon as district representatives are determined.
- E. One copy of the completed bracket should be mailed to the Activities Association office WITH RECORD OF ALL TEAMS. The chairman should notify all teams concerning the times all games are to be played by supplying a bracket.
- F. Double elimination shall be used in districts and regionals.
- G. District play sites shall be determined by the Association. The host school shall furnish the balls and umpires after recommendations are made from competing schools on such umpires.
- H. Four teams will be assigned to each of the eight regional tournaments. The district in, which a team has played, will not determine the regional tournament to which it will be assigned. The regional tournament will be seeded according to the top 20 teams listed on okrankings.com.
 - #1 Seed - Highest Rated Team
 - #2 Seed - Second Highest Rated Team
 - #3 Seed - Third Highest Rated Team
 - #4 Seed - Fourth Highest Rated Team

The #1 seed will play #4 seed; the #2 seed will play #3 seed.
 (NOTE: If teams are not rated in the top 20 of okrankings.com they will be seeded according to record. Teams that are not rated shall not be seeded higher than rated teams, regardless of records. 15 games minimum required to be seeded.)
- I. Teams are limited to 22 players in any play-off game.
- J. These schools will be assigned to eight different regionals, which will be double elimination. See Format 1 Bracket. All regionals are scheduled to begin on Thursday with four games on Thursday, two games on Friday, and one game (if necessary) on Saturday, with Sunday being a make-up day if everyone agrees prior to the tournament beginning. Regional tournament times and dates may be changed by mutual agreement. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools if the majority wish to change regional tournament times and dates. All regional tournaments must be scheduled for consecutive days. The OSSAA office shall be notified of any change in the regional bracket.
- K. The ten run rule is in effect for all OSSAA playoff games.

FORMAT 1 BRACKET

L. The eight regional winners will be assigned to the state championships, which will be single elimination.

M. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

IV. CLASSES 6A AND 5A BASEBALL REGULATIONS

A. Send the Spring Baseball entry form to the Activities Association on or before February 10, 2012. **The Spring Baseball entry form is located on the Sports page (baseball link) of the ossaa.com website.**

B. The 32 schools with the largest ADM are in Class 6A and the next 32 in size are in Class 5A.

C. The ten run rule is in effect for all OSSAA playoff games.

D. Determining home team in all OSSAA playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

CLASS 5A AND 6A DISTRICTS

There will be four 8-team districts in Classes 5A and 6A. Districts will be for a two-year cycle. The 2011-2012 OSSAA ADM Classification Sheet that is based on the ADM from the 2010-2011 school year will be used to determine the Districts for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. The OSSAA will take input from the Baseball coaches when determining Districts. Plans submitted to the OSSAA must be approved by the OSSAA Staff and are subject to change before being submitted to the OSSAA Board of Directors for approval.

Additionally, since there may be an uneven split between East and West teams, the OSSAA will select teams to travel to either the East or West side of the State. The OSSAA will take input from schools where there may be an imbalance of teams, but the OSSAA will have the final say when determining the East/West split.

PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 5A AND 6A

1. District standing: District standing will be determined by a percentage of games won/lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won/lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and the next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:
 - When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. (In the event the teams split the games played between each other in district play, the team with the highest marginal point total in the two games played between the two tied teams will be given the highest position in the standings. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. In the event the two teams have tied in marginal points the team that won the first game of district play between the two tied teams will be given the highest position in the district standing.) The team that lost to the other tied team will be given the next highest available position in the district standings.
 - When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest position available in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district

standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.

- When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:
 - a) Total the marginal points each tied team had in all games between tied teams. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than ten points in any district game. The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points, refer to the process for breaking a two-team tie.
 - b) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four or more teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won over the other in district play.
- Should it become necessary for a position to be determined by lot, the OSSAA will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the position.

2. Forfeited/Canceled District Games

- a) A forfeiture of a district game will require the forfeiting team to subtract 10 marginal points per game forfeited from their marginal point total. The team receiving the forfeit will gain 10 marginal points for each game forfeited. Forfeiture only affects the two teams involved. All other standing for other teams in the District will remain. Any time a team forfeits a game, the team will automatically be placed on probation. Probation status prohibits the team from participating in invitational tournaments and any post-season contest. A team placed on probation has the right to appeal their status to the OSSAA staff.
 - b) A scheduled district game that is canceled will be treated as a forfeited contest.
 - c) In the event that a re-scheduled game(s) cannot be played prior to April 27th, the re-scheduled games have no impact on the final district standings for either team and both teams agree not to play the contest(s); the teams involved may seek approval from the OSSAA to eliminate those contest(s) from the district schedule without declaring forfeiture.
3. On Week 44 of the OSSAA calendar for Baseball each team will be assigned to one of eight 4-team regional to determine the eight regional champions that will advance to the State Tournament, see Diagram 1.
 4. Regional play will be double elimination format with seeding determined by district standings. Refer to Diagram 1. Host sites for regional tournaments will be determined by the OSSAA. Refer to Format 1 Bracket
 5. Regional champions will advance to the State Tournament and placed on the single elimination bracket per Diagram 2.

Diagram 1

District 1 and District 2 (West)
District 3 and District 4 (East)

Regional 1-4 West

Regional 1

District 1 winner plays District 2 number 8
District 2 number 4 plays District 1 number 5

Regional 2

District 1 runner up plays District 2 number 7
District 2 number 3 plays District 1 number 6

Regional 3

District 2 winner plays District 1 number 8
District 1 number 4 plays District 2 number 5

Regional 4

District 2 runner up plays District 1 number 7
District 1 number 3 plays District 2 number 6

Regional 5-8 East

Regional 5

District 3 winner plays District 4 number 8
District 4 number 4 plays District 3 number 5

Regional 6

District 3 runner up plays District 4 number 7
District 4 number 3 plays District 3 number 6

Regional 7

District 4 winner plays District 3 number 8
District 3 number 4 plays District 4 number 5

Regional 8

District 4 runner up plays District 3 number 7
District number 3 plays District 4 number 6

DIAGRAM 2—State Bracket for Classes 5A and 6A



- V. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES**
- A. Classes A and B – April 26, 27, 28, 2012
 - B. Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A – May 3, 4, 5, 2012
- VI. SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**
- A. Classes A and B - May 3, 4, 5, 2012
 - B. Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A - May 10, 11, 12, 2012
- VII. STATE TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION**
- A. Coaches may submit a list of five officials to recommend for use in the state tournaments using the form on the ossaa.com website.
 - B. There will be a limit of ten (10) minutes per team for infield practice.
 - B. Teams are restricted to their dugout area while the opposing team is taking infield practice.
 - D. If the state tournament is played on a field with a tarp and the field needs to be covered, the following steps will be used:
 - 1. The winning team from the final game of the day will help put the tarp in place.
 - 2. The two teams scheduled to play the first game the next day will arrive early at the park and help remove the tarp before their game.
 - E. The following procedure will be used for the awards presentation after the State Championship game:

1. Teams will line up on their respective baselines within five minutes of the final out.
2. Individual awards and team trophy will be given to the state runner-up.
3. Individual awards and team trophy will be given to the state champion.
4. Any team that reaches the state championship game and wishes to have a representative from their school involved in the trophy presentation should inform the OSSAA staff prior to the game as to whom will be involved.

VIII. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during halftime or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of, and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- N. Coaches are expected to participate in the weekly ranking process.
- O. Coaches must take an OSSAA Baseball Rules meeting each calendar year.

2011-2012
BASEBALL RULES MEETINGS
(7:00 P.M.)

January 18	Lawton High School
January 19	Woodward High School
January 26	Durant High School
January 28	OBCA Clinic in OKC (Time to be Announced)
February 1	Tulsa Service Center

HISTORY OF SPRING BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS 6A</u>	<u>CLASS 5A</u>	<u>CLASS 4A</u>	<u>CLASS 3A</u>	<u>CLASS 2A</u>	<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>CLASS B</u>	<u>CLASS C</u>
1947					Co-Champs	Capitol Hill	Southside (Elmer)	
1948						Central (Tulsa)		
1949						Central (Tulsa)	Friendship (Altus)	
1950						Altus	Byng	
1951						Central (Tulsa)	Burns Flat	
1952						McAlester	Byng	Burns Flat
1953						Capitol Hill	Choctaw	Southside
1954						Capitol Hill	Byng	Southside
1955						Will Rogers (T)	Byng	Friendship
1956						Central (Tulsa)	Bethany	Tupelo
1957						Capitol Hill	Byng	Arnett (H)
1958					N.W. Classen	Stillwater	Byng	Tupelo
1959					D. Webster (T)	Norman	Byng	Broxton
1960					Lawton	D. Webster (T)	Mangum	Gotebo
1961					Central (T)	Anadarko	Byng	Dover
1962					Edison (T)	D. Webster (T)	Garber	Arnett (H)
1963					Lawton	D. Webster (T)	Buffalo	Oney
1964					Enid	Anadarko	Garber	Asher
1965					Lawton	D. Webster (T)	Binger	Navajo
1966					Lawton	Altus	Holdenville	Broxton
1967					Nathan Hale (T)	Chickasha	Sulphur	Gould
1968				Will Rogers (T)	McLain (T)	El Reno	Holdenville	Capron
1969				College (B'ville)	Star-Spencer	Holdenville	Asher	Roff
1970				D. Webster (T)	D. Webster (T)	Holdenville	Granite	Gracemont
1971			E. Central (T)	Tahlequah	Anadarko	Granite	Asher	
1972			Edison (T)	Ardmore	Holdenville	Depew	Asher	
1973			Putnam City	Owasso	Byng	Pocola	Asher	
1974			Will Rogers (T)	Choctaw	Weatherford	Granite	Asher	
1975			Muskogee	Choctaw	Lindsay	Lone Grove	Asher	
1976			Nathan Hale (T)	Owasso	Anadarko	Kellyville	Leedey	
1977			Nathan Hale (T)	B. Kelley (T)	Harrah	Granite	Binger	
1978			N.W. Classen	Charles Mason (T)	Meeker	Ketchum	Asher	
1979			Will Rogers (T)	B. Kelley (T)	Bixby	Dewar	New Lima	
1980			Will Rogers (T)	Union	Blanchard	Stonewall	Asher	
1981			Memorial (T)	College (B'ville)	Blanchard	Barnsdall	Asher	
1982			Memorial (T)	U.S. Grant	Sperry	Rattan	Asher	
1983			Yukon	Mustang	Sperry	Stuart	Asher	
1984			Nathan Hale (T)	Western Heights	Sperry	Stuart	Stringtown	
1985		Memorial (T)	U.S. Grant	Mannford	Haskell	Binger	Asher	
1986		Bartlesville	D. Webster (T)	Stilwell	Rattan	Granite	Asher	
1987		Enid	Ardmore	Broken Bow	Drumright	Asher	Braggs	
1988		Owasso	Miami	Stilwell	Hennessey	Asher	Braggs	
1989		Midwest City	McAlester	Tuttle	Mt. St. Mary	Asher	Lookeba-Sickles	
1990		Union	Guthrie	Ada	Latta	Cameron	Turner	
1991		Union	Stilwell	Sperry	Hobart	Cameron	Bokchito	
1992		Broken Arrow	El Reno	Spiro	Dale	Sentinel	Asher	
1993		Edmond	El Reno	Ada	Salina	Binger-Oney	Asher	
1994		Edmond	Claremore	Ada	Latta	Cameron	Asher	
1995		Westmoore	Nathan Hale (T)	Clinton	Dale	Cameron	Asher	
1996		Norman	MacArthur	Weatherford	Dale	Cameron	Asher	
1997	Tahlequah	McAlester	Oologah	Haskell	Latta	Cameron	Turner	
1998	Jenks	Nathan Hale	Grove	Chandler	Rattan	Cameron	Taloga	
1999	Owasso	McAlester	Weatherford	Chandler	Dale	Cameron	Eakly	
2000	Owasso	Claremore	Coweta	Heritage Hall	Latta	Rock Creek	Sentinel	
2001	Jenks	McAlester	Weatherford	Plainview	Dale	Rock Creek	Lookeba-Sickles	
2002	Owasso	Ada	Byng	Metro Christian	Dale	Fletcher	Dover	
2003	Jenks	Chickasha	Bishop McGuinness	Verdigris	Dale	Silo	Dover	
2004	Owasso	Claremore	Weatherford	Henryetta	Latta	Rattan	Buffalo Valley	
2005	Owasso	Bishop Kelley	Skiatook	Sulphur	Latta	Roff	Taloga	
2006	Union	Claremore	Oologah	Chandler	Latta	Silo	Tupelo	
2007	Union	Bishop Kelley	Tuttle	Sperry	Dale	Roff	Chattanooga	
2008	Owasso	Carl Albert	Berryhill	Bethel	Dale	Rock Creek	Tupelo	
2009	Owasso	Bixby	Bishop McGuinness	Sperry	Silo	Ft Cobb-Broxton	Red Oak	
2010	Owasso	Carl Albert	Tuttle	Sperry	Silo	Soper	Roff	
2011	Union	Collinsville	Weatherford	Bethel	Silo	Fletcher	Roff	
2011	Broken Arrow	Bishop Kelley	Locust Grove	Verdigris	Wister	Roff	Red Oak	

HISTORY OF FALL BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS A</u>	<u>CLASS B</u>	<u>CLASS C</u>
1955		Kansas	Arnett (H) & Macomb
1956		Varnum	Broxton
1957		Moss	Gotebo
1958		Moss	Atwood
1959		Ft. Cobb	Arnett (H)
1960		Granite	Davidson
1961		Webbers Falls	Gotebo
1962		Warner	Asher
1963		Warner	Gould
1964		Latta	Gould
1965		Pocola	Tupelo
1966		Latta	Braggs
1967		Ft. Cobb	Gould
1968		Granite	Gould
1969		Elgin	Asher
1970	Byng	Asher	
1971	Welch	Asher	
1972	Lone Grove	Asher	
1973	Ft. Cobb	Asher	
1974	Meeker	Asher	
1975	Dale	Asher	
1976	Meeker	Eakly	
1977	Lookeba-Sickles	Asher	
1978	Smithville	Asher	
1979	Dale	Asher	
1980	Byng	Eakly	
1981	Rattan	Asher	
1982	Byng	Asher	
1983	Wister	Asher	
1984	Rattan	Asher	
1985	Smithville	Asher	
1986	Byng	Braggs	
1987	Asher	Bokchito	
1988	Cameron	Leedey	
1989	Cameron	Bokchito	
1990	Byng	Lookeba-Sickles	
1991	Binger-Oney	Asher	
1992	Latta	Granite	
1993	Latta	Asher	
1994	Cameron	Asher	
1995	Rattan	Asher	
1996	Rattan	Taloga	
1997	Rattan	Taloga	
1998	Rock Creek	Asher	
1999	Dale	Lookeba-Sickles	
2000	Dale	Stonewall	
2001	Latta	Lookeba-Sickles	
2002	Rattan	Lookeba-Sickles	
2003	Dale	Buffalo Valley	
2004	Byng	Ft Cobb-Broxton	
2005	Dale	Dover	
2006	Silo	Lookeba-Sickles	
2007	Silo	Tupelo	
2008	Dale	Red Oak	
2009	Oktaha	Roff	
2010	Silo	Red Oak	