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**TO:** Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches  
**FROM:** Amy Cassell, Assistant  
**RE:** Class 6A Regional Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament  
**DATE:** April 16, 2021

Below you will find the pairings for the Class 6A regional slow-pitch softball tournament, and the regional tournament sites. The tournament chairman will be the Athletic Director or his/her designee of the first school listed in each regional. The regional tournament chairman shall arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to his/her regional no earlier than April 19 and no later than April 21. (**Note:** An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all the schools assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval.) At the regional tournament meeting, the following items need to be determined:

1. Regional tournament times will be agreed upon by all schools in the tournament. The Regional tournament **must** be completed by April 29, 2021 **and shall be played in one day.**
2. 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](http://www.ossaa.com). Two umpires are to be used in each game.
3. General planning of the tournament.
4. Draw the regional tournament bracket:
  - a. For seeding purposes, teams will use the coaches' ratings from [ossaarankings.com](http://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. The OSSAA may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season.
  - b. Three Team regionals – Rate and seed the teams using ratings from [ossaarankings.com](http://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 highest ranking and they will receive the bye.

Team B will be the team with the second highest ranking.

Team C will be the team with the third highest ranking.

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

Regional tournaments will be double elimination.

5. If a coach or representative cannot be on the call for the seeding meeting, the team's won-lost record should be called into the regional tournament chairman.



**REGIONAL BAT TESTING:**

All bats must be tested prior to the 2021 Slow-Pitch Regional tournaments. Sites, dates, and times are listed below:

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. until NOON  
 Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**SAND SPRINGS-** 500 N ADAMS—ED DUBIE FIELDHOUSE

**TUSHKA HIGH SCHOOL-**2661 W. BOGGY DEPOT RD

**HERITIAGE HALL-**STEPHENSON FIELD HOUSE 1800 NW 122ND OKLAHOMA CITY—MCLENDON ATHLETIC CENTER LOBBY APRIL 24; CHARLIE STEPHENSON INDOOR FACILITY (BASEBALL FIELD) APRIL 28

**BOONE-APACHE HIGH SCHOOL--** 101 POHLEMAN DRIVE—WARRIOR EVENT CENTER LOBBY

**WEATHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL—**1500 N. WASHINGTON—HIGH SCHOOL GYM LOBBY

**CHISHOLM HIGH SCHOOL—**4018 CARRIER RD. ENID—FIELDHOUSE ON THE WEST END OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD

**SULPHUR HIGH SCHOOL—**1021 W 9<sup>TH</sup>—HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**HENRYETTA HIGH SCHOOL—**1801 TROY AIKMAN DR—INDOOR FACILITY AT SOFTBALL FIELD

**MCALESTER SOFTBALL COMPLEX—**2500 W HIGHWAY 270

- Tickets will be sent to the host school via FedEx from the OSSAA office. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults and students.
- The host school should furnish balls and pay the umpires. The Wilson (DeMarini) .44 COR-375 compression optic yellow leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the playoffs.

The umpires will be paid \$50.00 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 regional tournament is completed, **the host school is required to immediately report the results.** Please call the OSSAA 405-840-1116 Ext. 132; email Amy Cassell [acassell@ossaa.com](mailto:acassell@ossaa.com) or call or text 405-990-7752 and give the winning team and their won/loss record.

The OSSAA will draw the bracket for the state championship tournament and it will be released on the OSSAA website ([www.ossaa.com](http://www.ossaa.com)) on Friday afternoon, April 30, 2021. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The state championship is single elimination.

The Rules of Play will be those of the 2020 National Federation Softball Rule Book. (The NFHS will not publish a new rulebook until January 2022.)



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.

A championship plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the regional site.

Refer to the 2020-2021 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

### **MANDATORY BAT TESTING PROCEDURES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

All bats will be tested at the State Tournament site. Every bat to be used in the tournament **MUST** be tested prior to the first game for each respective team. Bats that have been tested prior to the State Tournament must be re-tested at the site. A different sticker than the one used during the regular season and at regional tournaments will be used.

Any batter entering the batter's box with an untested bat will be automatically out, and the coach from that team will be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the contest.

A schedule for bat testing will be released with the State Tournament brackets.

### **STATE TOURNAMENT SITE:**

This year's State Tournament will be played in two-days. The first day (May 4) will be the quarter and semi-final rounds all classifications will be played at The Ballfields at Firelake in Shawnee. The second day (May 5) will be the championship games for all classifications, all games will be played at USA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City.

**Suspended game:** 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 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.

Ill-fitting batting helmets are a growing concern among game officials. Umpires have reported several incidents where the batter and/or base runner's helmet has come off the head while a player is running the bases. A helmet that fits properly will not easily come off the head. It is the responsibility of each school to properly equip your softball players for safety reasons. Please make sure you have enough helmets in various sizes for your team to wear. Also, chin straps can easily be purchased or made for helmets.



**Application for academic achievement award must be postmarked or faxed or emailed by April 28, 2021.** The form is located on the OSSAA website, [www.ossaa.com](http://www.ossaa.com).

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

Designated Media Area – National Federation Softball 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. (Rule 1-1-7)

The OSSAA is asking each host site to cooperate with the media and provide a designated area outside of live ball territory. 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 however NFHS Rule prohibits the area to be in live ball territory .

### **REGIONAL RESULTS:**

At the conclusion of each Regional tournament, the host school is required to contact Amy Cassell with the winner of the tournament. Call or text 405-990-7752; email: [acassell@ossaa.com](mailto:acassell@ossaa.com) or leave a message at 405-840-1116 Ext. 132.

Each team participating in the regional tournaments should email a team picture and roster to [programs@vype.com](mailto:programs@vype.com) no later than April 30.

### **CLASS 6A** **REGIONAL SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL PAIRINGS**

The regional tournament site will be the first school listed in each pairing. The Athletic Director or his/her designee will act as the tournament chairman.

1. Southmoore, Enid
2. Moore, Sand Springs, Putnam City
3. Broken Arrow, Pryor, Muskogee
4. Jenks, Bixby, McAlester
5. Mustang, Guthrie, Putnam City North
6. Westmoore, Tahlequah, Sapulpa
7. Deer Creek, Owasso, Norman
8. Choctaw, Union, Norman North