



TO: Academic Coach  
FROM: Mike Clark, Assistant  
RE: Academic Bowl Competition  
DATE: September 22, 2023

- **The school listed with an asterisk in each seeding district is responsible for calling a meeting of all schools involved in that district. The meeting may be conducted by telephone. The meeting shall be held during the week of September 25-29 OR October 2-6 for all classes.**
- At that meeting the academic coaches **will select the site** for the Academic Seeding District Tournament. This tournament will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023 for all classes.
- The academic questions will be shipped by FEDEX on Monday, October 2, 2023 to the principal of the school assigned to host the district seeding meeting. They will arrive in a white package from the OSSAA and will be labeled "**ACADEMIC BOWL DISTRICT SEEDING INFORMATION**". Open this package.
- Inside this package will be two separate envelopes. One will be a brown envelope with important information regarding the tournament, open this envelope immediately. The other will be a white envelope with the Academic Questions enclosed. **DO NOT** open the Academic Questions.
- If we have to add a late entry team to your district and have already shipped the questions and manager packet, then you will be responsible for making additional copies.
- **If the tournament is held at a site other than the site of the seeding meeting, the selected tournament manager is responsible for securing the questions from the principal of the school that hosted the district seeding meeting.**

**QUESTIONS SHALL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT!**

**ONLY THE CHIEF JUDGES AND MODERATORS WORKING THE TOURNAMENT SHALL OPEN THE QUESTIONS!!**

QUESTIONS MAY BE DISCARDED AT YOUR SITE AFTER THE TOURNAMENT

## SEEDING DISTRICT

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The school listed with an asterisk in each district is responsible for calling a meeting of all schools involved in that district.
2. The district seeding tournament is to be held on Monday, October 9, 2023.
3. The seeding tournament is a round-robin tournament in which all teams **must participate**. All teams in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and A will advance to the regional tournament and all teams in Classes 6A and 5A will advance to the area tournament.
4. Questions for the seeding tournament will be provided by the OSSAA.
5. During the seeding tournament, each team will play a maximum of three games. In the event only two teams participate in the tournament, play the best two out of three games.
6. Moderators, chief judges, scorekeepers and timers will be provided by the schools participating in the seeding tournament.
7. The district seeding tournament should not be held during regular school hours unless ALL schools participating in the tournament agree.
8. During the week of September 25-29 or October 2-6, a meeting of the coaches assigned to a district seeding tournament shall be held. The meeting may be conducted by telephone. At that meeting the following items shall be decided:
  - A. Location and time of the tournament. (if the original location changes please notify us)
  - B. Selection of the tournament manager and contact information.
  - C. Availability of trained chief judges and moderators.
  - D. Drawing the bracket for the seeding tournament.
9. Each school participating in the district tournament will provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends a tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round. One person may perform either duty, but must be trained as timer and scorer.
- 10. The questions will be shipped by Fedex on Monday, October 2, 2023 to the principal of the school assigned to host the seeding district meeting. If the tournament is held at a site other than the site of the seeding meeting, the selected tournament manager is responsible for securing the questions from the principal of the school that hosted the seeding meeting.**
11. If your school has been selected as a site for the district seeding tournament, please return the site confirmation sheet to the OSSAA office **immediately** with the street address and person responsible for receiving the questions.
12. When the tournament is complete, the manager shall forward the results of the seeding tournament to the OSSAA office. The manager should **discard** the questions at your site. **All results need to be scanned and emailed as a single PDF document no later than Thursday October 14, 2023. Do not send pictures of the results. Do not mail in your results. Please keep a copy of all results (score sheets, team/individual record sheets and tournament results) for your records.**
13. Other information regarding the seeding district tournament can be found in the academic manual.

## REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Regional Academic Bowl Tournaments will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023 for Classes 4A, 3A, 2A and A.
2. The sites for the regional tournaments have been selected and are included in this mailing.
3. The pairings for each regional will be determined by the scoring averages achieved by each team in the seeding districts. If teams do not attend the regional tournament, their position on the bracket should be treated as a bye.
4. Four teams (champion, runner-up, third and fourth place finishers) will advance to the area tournament.
5. Each school participating in the regional tournament will provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends a tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round. One person may perform either duty, but must be trained as timer and scorer.
6. The brackets for the regional tournament will be released on October 30, 2023.
7. It is the responsibility of the regional tournament site manager to employ chief judges and moderators. They, as well as the site manager, will be paid \$50.00 for the tournament by the OSSAA. (See the tournament schedule on pages 14 of the Academic Manual.)

NOTE: If your school has been selected as a site for a regional tournament, you should begin making your plans now (See page 11 of the Academic Manual, Hosting a Tournament). Please return the site confirmation sheet to the OSSAA office with the street address and person responsible for receiving the questions and trophies.

8. Questions will be shipped via FEDEX on November 6, 2023.
9. **All results need to be scanned and emailed as a single PDF document no later than Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Do not send pictures of the results. Do not mail in your results. You may discard the questions at your site. They do not need to be mailed in. Please keep a copy of all results (score sheets, team/individual record sheets and tournament results) for your records.**

## AREA TOURNAMENTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Area Academic Bowl Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 for all classes.
2. The sites for the area tournaments have been selected and are included in this mailing.
3. Teams in Classes 4A 3A, 2A, and A will be seeded on the area tournament bracket based on their finishing place in the regional tournament. Teams in Classes 6A and 5A will be seeded on the area bracket based on their performance in the district seeding tournament.
4. Two teams will advance to the state tournament from each area tournament.
5. Each school participating in the area tournament will provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends a tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round. One person may perform either duty, but must be trained as timer and scorer.
6. The brackets for the area tournament will be released on November 22, 2023.
7. It is the responsibility of the area tournament site manager to employ chief judges and moderators. They, as well as the site manager, will be paid \$50.00 for the tournament by the OSSAA. (See the tournament schedule on page 15 of the Academic Manual.)

NOTE: If your school has been selected as a site for an area tournament, you should begin making your plans now (See page 11 of the Academic Manual, Hosting a Tournament). Please return the site confirmation sheet to the OSSAA office with the street address and person responsible for receiving the questions and trophies.

8. Questions will be shipped via UPS on January 8, 2024.
- 9.. **All results need to be scanned and emailed as a single PDF document no later than Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Do not send pictures of the results. Do not mail in your results. You may discard the questions at your site. Please keep a copy of all results (score sheets, team/individual record sheets and tournament results) for your records.**

## STATE TOURNAMENT

1. The State Academic Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024.
2. The state tournament will be held at Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma.
3. Each school participating in the state tournament will provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends a tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round. One person may perform either duty, but must be trained as timer and scorer.



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The remaining pairings and information sheet for the regional, area, and state will be posted on the OSSAA website. The address is [www.ossaa.com](http://www.ossaa.com). From the home page, click on non-athletics and then click on Academic Bowl. There will be no further correspondence from the OSSAA regarding future pairings.

If you are hosting a district, regional, and/or area tournament, please include an emergency contact number in your information that you send to participating schools. This should be a number for which schools can contact the host site on the day of the tournament in case of an emergency.

For a list of available judges and moderators for the playoff tournament, please contact Mike Clark at [mclark@ossaa.com](mailto:mclark@ossaa.com). This list is to assist you in finding judges and moderators for your playoff tournament. If you have officials that you have trained yourself and are not on the list, that is fine. The list is **not meant** to be exclusive, but only to assist you if you need help.

Good luck with your Academic Bowl season.



**OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

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TO: Principal/Academic Coach  
FROM: Mike Clark, Assistant  
RE: Academic Bowl: Site Confirmation  
DATE: September 22, 2023

If your school is selected to host a District Seeding Tournament or is listed to host a Regional or Area Academic Tournament, please complete the information below, scan and email to Mike Clark at [mclark@ossaa.com](mailto:mclark@ossaa.com).

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\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Site Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tournament(s) Assigned

\_\_\_\_\_  
H.S. Principal/Supt. Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Coach Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Classification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree, in accordance with the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association rules, that I will become appropriately prepared to participate as a coach and/ or official in Academic Bowl competitions prior to individual matches and/or tournament play.

School \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Judge/Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial the following statements regarding preparedness:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the OSSAA Academic Bowl Rules Book.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attended a rules meeting, watched the Rules Presentation Video, or received other specialized training.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed new rules and procedures; specifically those involving stall counts and substitutions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the role of the moderator includes arriving early to review questions, reading questions clearly and efficiently, and responding yes or no.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the role of the chief judge includes arriving early to review questions, checking that the site is properly prepared, recognizing students by school and name, and arbitrating protests.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that teams are required to supply a properly trained scorekeeper or timer, and officials will monitor those students to makes sure they are properly executing their assignments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that as an official will be fair but firm with students and coaches.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all participants need to remain respectful during high stress situations.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all protests must be resolved before the completion of each quarter, that protests must be resolved within the competition room, and that all resolutions are final.

\_\_\_\_\_ I appreciate that the purpose of the OSSAA Academic Bowl is to enhance the learning and intellectual pursuit of Oklahoma students and the competition should assist learners in appreciating the opportunities of advancing their knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_ Print

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Staff Use:**

\_\_\_\_\_ OACA Administrator recognition of receipt

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Point award

## What about bad weather?

**Postponing the tournament will be made much easier if a plan is made in advance!!!**

1. Have the tournament later in the day, after the roads have cleared.
2. Have the tournament on Sunday afternoon.  
Begin at 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m.
3. Have the tournament on Monday afternoon, beginning no earlier than 1:00 p.m.
4. Set up a phone relay in case the tournament must be postponed. Communicate with the schools and officials beforehand.
5. Postpone ONLY if it is absolutely, positively necessary!!!!



# SPORTSMANSHIP

The OSSAA's vision for sportsmanship is built on expectations. Expectations that the school community—administrators, teachers, coaches, students, and patrons strive for displaying only positive behavior and good sportsmanship in everything they do at all interscholastic contests.

As educators we have the unique opportunity to teach the value of discipline, dignity, integrity, fairness and respect to young people each day.

We encourage all school personnel to take advantage of the opportunity and make a lasting difference.



## ACADEMIC PAIRINGS CLASS 5A

### SEEDING DISTRICT #1

- \* 1. **Macarthur**  
srogers@lawtonps.org
- 2. Altus
- 3. Duncan
- 4. Elgin

### SEEDING DISTRICT #2

- \* 1. **El Reno**  
pking@elrenops.org
- 2. Guymon
- 3. Guthrie

**AREA I TOURNAMENT SITE**  
**Manager - Patrick King**

**(Districts 1 & 2) El Reno**  
**Email – pking@elrenops.org**

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### SEEDING DISTRICT #3

- \* 1. **McAlester**  
memery@mcalester.k12.ok.us
- 2. Durant
- 3. Shawnee

### SEEDING DISTRICT #4

- \* 1. **Carl Albert**  
bbeasley@mid-del.net
- 2. Del City
- 3. Noble
- 4. Midwest City

**AREA II TOURNAMENT SITE**  
**Manager - Brooke Beasley**

**(Districts 3 & 4) Carl Albert**  
**Email – bbeasley@mid-del.net**

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### SEEDING DISTRICT #5

- \* 1. **Pryor**  
nofsingerj@pryorschools.org
- 2. Grove
- 3. Tahlequah

### SEEDING DISTRICT #6

- \* 1. **Claremore**  
Drew.cummings@claremore.k12.ok.us
- 2. Collinsville
- 3. Thomas Edison
- 4. Coweta

**AREA III TOURNAMENT SITE**  
**Manager - Jamie Nofsinger**

**(Districts 5 & 6) Pryor**  
**Email – nofsingerj@pryorschools.org**

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### SEEDING DISTRICT #7

- \* 1. **Bishop Kelley**  
mbendel@bishopkelley.org
- 2. Will Rogers
- 3. Nathan Hale

### SEEDING DISTRICT #8

- \* 1. **Sapulpa**  
rbraswell@sapulpaps.org
- 2. Memorial (Tulsa)
- 3. Booker T. Washington
- 4. East Central

**AREA IV TOURNAMENT SITE**  
**Manager - Amy Jones**

**(Districts 7 & 8) Memorial (Tulsa)**  
**Email – jonesam@tulsaschools.org**

\* - Schools in bold and listed with emails in *red* are responsible for calling a meeting to decide District site.

**Please notify the OSSAA prior to the District Seeding Tournament if the school designated with an asterisk changes. Otherwise questions will be sent to these schools.**