OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 14590, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73113-0590 (405) 840-1116

TO: High School Principals/Fall Baseball Coaches

FROM: Grant Gower, Assistant

SUBJECT: 2023 Fall Baseball District Assignments

DATE: September 8, 2023

- 1. District Tournaments in Classes A and B must be completed no later than Saturday, September 23, 2023. The tournament dates must be decided by mutual agreement and shall be played in one, two or three consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. A list of the teams that comprise a district is included. The chairman, principal of the host school, should call a meeting of the schools assigned not prior to Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and no later than Friday, September 15, 2023. They shall agree on umpires and plan for the district tournament. Team records played through Tuesday, September 12, 2023 will be used to determine seeding.
- 2. This is a double elimination district tournament. Refer to the 2023-2024 OSSAA Baseball Manual for bracketing information on page BA12. There is a new format for a three team tournament. You must utilize this format. For a three team tournament, see Section X, paragraph 2, on page BA9 Four team tournament districts shall have four games the first day of tournament, two games the second day with the "if game" on the third day. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools if the majority wish to change the tournament times and dates. The run rule is ten (10) after five innings.
- 3. It is recommended the host school charge \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students to defray expenses. The host school shall furnish the game balls and umpires. Umpires must be agreed upon by the competing teams. The umpires are to be paid \$85 per game game plus game officials mileage will be reimbursed at \$0.65 per mile round trip. Umpires should be hired from the list of eligible officials. Eligible officials list is located on the school membership site. Umpires should be selected within a reasonable distance of the tournament site. No more than two umpires are to be used in district and regional tournaments. Tickets will not be sent for district play. Trophies will be shipped from MTM Recognition. When a deficit occurs the OSSAA will reimburse the host site 50% of the loss after gate receipts are subtracted from the cost of baseballs and umpires. There is no financial reconcilliation statement with the Association for district play.
- 4. Coaches need to post results of contests on OSSAA Rankings.
- 5. District winners must phone the association office (405) 840-1116 after completion of their district providing their record and other important information. If the office is closed **text Grant Gower** at (405) 642-4521. Please give me the winners and team records.
- 6. The regional assignments will be made and released on Monday, September 25, 2023, by noon. The regional tournaments will be held on September 28, 29 and 30, 2023.
- 7. There cannot be a suspended game after completing 5 innings of play. Example: Home Team 4; Visitors 3 when inclement weather causes the game to be stopped and which cannot be resumed. This will be recorded as a completed ball game.
- 8. <u>Each coach is responsible for knowing the pitching rule.</u> <u>Refer to 2023-2024 OSSAA Baseball Manual, page BA5, paragraph IV, sub-paragraph A, B, C, D and E.</u>
- 9. In district, bi-district and regional tournaments a Designated Pitch Count Recorder shall be designated by the host school (DPCR). (At the state level, OSSAA will provide a DPCR.)
 - 1. During the game, pitch counts will be recorded by the DPCR and are to be reviewed between innings. Any discrepancy shall be settled by the DPCR without umpire involvement and that record shall be considered final.
 - 2. A protest over a discrepancy in pitch counts discovered in a later inning from an earlier inning in the game will not be permitted due to end of inning verification.
 - 3. At game's conclusion both head coaches or designated representatives will verify pitch count in the official book.
 - 4. Any discrepancy found after the game will be reported to the OSSAA.
 - 5. The use of a pitcher not eligible to pitch by the pitch count restrictions shall constitute the use of an ineligible player and result in contest forfeiture and a one-game suspension for the head coach. Only OSSAA may declare a forfeit.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Coaches are required to submit their team's record to district meeting chairman prior to the district meeting.
- 12. The OSSAA reserves the right to move playoff tournaments to an adequate and available field if weather delays the tournament to Monday.
- 13. Teams are restricted to a ten (10) minute time limit during all playoff games for infield practice. Teams are also restricted to their dugout area while the opposing team is taking infield practice.
- 14. The Fall 2023 State A and B Baseball tournaments will be held October 5-6-7, 2023. The Class A and B championship games will be played at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.
- 15. Please refer to the 2023-2024 OSSAA Baseball Manual when planning your tournament. **Determining home team in all OSSAA** playoff games shall be determined by coin toss. (Coaches may agree on home team without coin toss.)

2023 Fall Baseball Class A District Assignments

(To be completed by September 23)

First team listed is the host school.

District number will have no significance in assigning teams to regional tournament.

Class A:

1.	Oktaha, Cameron, Okay
2.	Wister, Clayton, Howe
3.	Rattan, Crowder, Haworth
4.	Amber-Pocasset, Binger-Oney, Verden
5.	Silo, Colbert, Vanoss
6.	Dale, Frontier, Wellston
7.	Preston, Prue, Varnum
8.	Tushka, Rock Creek, Stonewall
9.	Wright City, Bennington, Red Oak
10.	Okarche, Drummond, Fargo-Gage/Ft. Supply, Vici
11.	Byng, Fletcher, Indianola, Stringtown
12.	Sterling, Ninnekah, Santa Fe South, Union City
13.	Latta, Calera, Earlsboro
14.	Navajo, Canute, Cheyenne/Reydon, Geronimo/Cement
15.	Arapaho-Butler, Hydro-Eakly, Riverside, Sentinel
16.	Ripley, Glencoe, Oilton, Oklahoma Christian Academy

Host team managers must contact Grant Gower at the conclusion of your district. During office hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) call 405-840-1116. After hours text 405-642-4521. Please provide the winning team name and record.

2023 Fall Baseball Class B District Assignments

(To be completed by September 23)

First team listed is the host school.

District number will have no significance in assigning teams to regional tournament.

Class B:

1.	Ft. Cobb-Broxton, Chattanooga, Erick
2.	Calumet, Carney, Dover
3.	Tupelo, Calvin, Haileyville
4.	Stuart, Braggs, McCurtain
5.	Caney, Buffalo Valley, Milburn
6.	Kiowa, Bokoshe, LeFlore
7.	Hammon, Cimarron, Lomega
8.	Granite, Blair, Duke
9.	Mulhall-Orlando, New Lima, Shidler
10.	Mill Creek, Moss, Schulter
11.	Asher, Coleman, Wanette, Wapanucka
12.	Boswell, Battiest, Pittsburg, Whitesboro
13.	Big Pasture, Olustee-Eldorado, Turner
14.	Leedey, Arnett, Lookeba-Sickles, Sweetwater
15.	Roff, Butner, Mason, Paden
16.	Achille, Ft. Towson, Smithville, Soper

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