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TO: High School Principal/ Fast-Pitch Coach

FROM: Mike Clark, Assistant

SUBJECT: 2023 Girls' Fall Fast-Pitch Softball Classes B and A District Tournament Assignments, District

Tournament Meeting, and Additional Information.

DATE: September 8, 2023

Below are the 2023 district tournament assignments for Classes B and A fast-pitch softball. Information for conducting each district meeting is included along with additional district tournament information. Please review this material carefully with your softball coach. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

NOTE: District tournament meetings are scheduled to take place between September 13 and September 15.

2023 Classes B and A Fast-Pitch Softball District Assignments

(To be completed by September 23)

- 1. The host site for each district tournament will be the first school listed in each district. (Refer to district tournament pairings sheet below.)
- 2. The district tournament chairperson will be the principal of the first school listed in each district, which is also the host site for that assigned district. At the district tournament meeting, an assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all coaches of the teams assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval.
- 3. The district tournament chairperson should call a meeting of the schools assigned to his/her district no earlier than September 13, and no later than September 15. Each district tournament meeting chairperson should notify each participating school of the date, time, and site of the district meeting. **District meetings should be done by phone.**
 - 4. The winner of each **double elimination** district tournament will advance to regional tournament competition. REFER TO <u>2023-2024 OSSAA FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL MANUAL</u> FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION.
- 5. In the district tournament meeting, the following should be decided:
 - a. Draw the tournament brackets. In district tournament play, no team will be required to play more than three games during any day of the tournament unless there is consent by the team's head coach.
 - b. <u>Umpires should be agreed upon</u>. Two umpires are to be used in each game. The umpires should be eligible OSSAA fast-pitch softball umpires (having paid the 2023-2024 school year enrollment fee; taken and passed the current National Federation Softball Test.) The most recent list of eligible umpires is available at www.ossaa.com, on the Officials link click Observers and Coordinators.
 - c. Plan in general for the tournament.
- 6. For seeding purposes, teams will include their records of wins and losses through September 11, 2023. Tied percentage records shall be decided by a coin toss. A minimum of fifteen (15) games played will be required for seeding purposes. The Activities Association may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season.

7. When three teams are involved in a tournament teams will be seeded by the most recent rankings from ossaarankings.com. If a team(s) is not ranked, their won-lost record will be used. The team with the lowest ranking will choose either seeded team, automatically placing the bye.

Team A will be the team that received the bye.

Team B will be the team chosen to be played by Team C.

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.

- A copy of each district tournament bracket should be sent, or a FAX may be sent, to the Activities Association. The Activities Association FAX number is (405) 840-9559.
- 9. When the district tournament is complete, **district winners should call the Activities Association** and notify Mike Clark. Please do so by Saturday at midnight, September 23. After hours office phone (405) 840-1116 ext 114 or email mclark@ossaa.com
- 10. Academic Achievement Fast-Pitch Softball the roster of academic achievement participants will consist of the 22 team members or lesser number suited up for Classes B-A-2A-3A district tournament play, and Classes 4A-5A-6A regional tournament play. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) Applications for Classes B-A-2A-3A must be submitted by **September 25.** The link can be found on the fastpitch page of our website.

ADDITIONAL FALL FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL DISTRICT INFORMATION

- 1. In district tournament play, the host school will use its own tickets. A record of tournament tickets sold and expenses should be kept. A financial report will be required by the Activities Association if a deficit is reported concerning umpire expenses. Each participating team should provide a top-grade fast-pitch softball for each game played in the district tournament. Thus, expenses for softballs should not be included in tournament expenses. NOTE: Any profit in district tournament play is to be kept by the host school.
- 2. The Activities Association will reimburse the host school fifty percent of losses considering only the expenses of the umpires if the gate receipts are not sufficient to defray umpire expenses.
- 3. In district tournament play, the host school shall charge \$5.00 for adult and student admission. The 2023-2024 OSSAA Pass is the only pass that will admit the holder to a play-off event. A driver's license must be shown with all passes. The passes will not be valid to anyone except the card holder. These passes are non-transferable.
- 4. The umpires pay shall equal \$75.00 per game plus expenses as per the "OSSAA PER DIEM CHART".
- 5. For each game played in district and regional tournaments, a team shall furnish one official top-grade fast-pitch softball. The Wilson WTA 9611 optic yellow, 12-inch, polycore, leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the play-offs. If for some reason the official Wilson softball is not available, the coaches may agree to use another 12-inch softball. All transactions must be approved by the umpire-in-chief.
- 6. The ten-run rule will be in effect throughout the play-off series.

7. THE TIE BREAKER IS NOT TO BE USED DURING PLAY-OFFS.

- 8. Trophies and/or plaques will be awarded to the champions of each district and regional tournament. District tournament plaques will be sent to the host school from Midwest Trophy.
- 9. For the OSSAA play-off fast-pitch tournaments, each team will be limited to twenty-two (22) suited squad members.

If you have any questions, please call.

GAME OFFICIAL MILEAGE:

MILES CLAIMED	AMOUNT PAID
All miles are round trip	\$0.65/mile

2023 Girls' Fall Fast-Pitch Softball 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.	Turner, Springer
2.	Tupelo, Milburn
3.	Frontier, Olive
4.	Mt. View-Gotebo, Granite
5.	Kiowa, Stringtown
6.	Stuart, Graham/Dustin
7.	Leedey, Geary
8.	Moss, Schulter
9.	Hammon, Vici
10.	Kremlin-Hillsdale, Cimaron
11.	Arnett, Tyrone
12.	Lookeba-Sickles, Paoli, Calumet
13.	Whitesboro, Ft. Towson, Haileyville
14.	Chattanooga, Big Pasture, Olustsee-Eldorado
15.	Buffalo Valley, Pittsburg, Boswell
16.	Asher, Carney, Agra
17.	Geronimo, Ryan, Temple
18.	Caney, Bowlegs, Sasakwa
19.	Smithville, Battiest, LeFlore
20.	Maysville, Earlsboro, Roff
21.	Shidler, South Coffeyville, Welch
22.	Grandfield, Alex, Bray-Doyle
23.	Ft. Cobb-Broxton, Blair, Duke
24.	Maud, Varnum, New Lima
25.	Thackerville, Achille, Soper
26.	Mason, Paden, McCurtain
27.	Coleman/Legacy Christian, Millcreek, Wapanucka
28.	Macomb, Mulhall-Orlando, Dover
29.	Beaver, Boise City, Waynoka
30.	Buffalo, Balko/Forgan, Timberlake
31.	Oilton, Covington-Douglas, Copan
32.	Prue, Wilson (Henryetta), Bluejacket

2023 Girls' Fall Fast-Pitch Softball 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

Caddo, Clayton/Moyers
Arapaho-Butler, Cordell
Red Oak, Gans
Sterling, Ninnekah
Cyril, Velma-Alma
Ripley, Liberty
Tushka, Quinton
Dewar, Gore
Navajo, Snyder
Binger-Oney, Union City
Rattan, Wright City, Talihina
Shattuck, Fargo-Gage/Ft. Supply, Cherokee
Waukomis, Oklahoma Bible, Okeene
Fletcher, Riverside, Rush Springs
Drummond, Pond Creek-Hunter, Medford/Deer Creek (Lamont)
Verden, Wellston, Thomas-Fay-Custer
Cheyenne/Reydon, Burns Flat-Dill City, Ringwood
Mooreland, Turpin, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale
Seiling, Coyle, Canute
Wilson, Strother, Vanoss
Weleetka, Empire, Webber Falls
Hydro-Eakly, Konawa, Davenport
Wetumka, Carnegie, Keota
Porum, Cameron, Crowder
Hominy, Quapaw, Porter Consolidated
Woodland, Barnsdall, Foyil
Central High, Waurika, Hollis
Wayne, Sentinel, Bennington
Depew, Drumright, Glencoe
Garber Laverne, Okarche
Indianola, Rock Creek, Arkoma
Ringling, Apache, Stonewall