



TO: High School Principals and Baseball Coaches
FROM: Grant Gower, Assistant
SUBJECT: 2024 Class 4A Spring Baseball Area Assignments
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1. Area Tournaments in Class 4A must be completed no later than Saturday, May 4, 2024. The tournament dates must be decided by mutual agreement and shall be played in one or two consecutive days unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. A list of the teams that makeup the area assignments is below. Three games may be played in one day if both schools agree.
2. The area chairman will be the principal or his/her designee of the first school listed in each area assignment. The area tournament chairman shall call a meeting or arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to his/her area. At this meeting or conference call the following details must be covered subsequent to the release of the area assignments.
 - a. Umpires from the OSSAA List of Eligible Officials should be agreed upon by the competing schools. The list is available on-line. Two umpires are to be used in each game. **Umpires are to be paid \$90 per game plus, game officials mileage will be reimbursed at \$0.65/mile round trip. Umpires should be selected within a reasonable distance of the tournament site. No more than two umpires are to be used in district, regional and area tournaments.**
3. This is a double elimination area tournament. Refer to the 2023-2024 OSSAA Baseball Manual for bracketing information. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools if the majority wish to change the tournament times and dates.
4. 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
5. 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.
6. Trophies are being shipped via Fed-Ex directly from MTM Recognition. **Tickets will be on line through GoFan at ossaa.com (Adults & Students are \$7)** however a cash option would be available for \$10 if you choose.
7. Area winners must phone the association office (405) 840-1116 after completion of their area. **If the office is closed text Grant Gower, 405-642-4521. Board policy requires scores and pitch counts from all playoff games be entered on the OSSAA Rankings site within 24 hours of the games completion.**
8. Each coach is responsible for knowing the pitching rule. Refer to 2023-2024 OSSAA Baseball Manual, page BA5-6, paragraph IV, sub-paragraph A, B, C, D and E. The Pitch Count Rule is in effect for all playoff games.

In area 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.

9. The official scorer should have the coach sign the scorebook at the end of each game. The OSSAA will be the only one who can declare a forfeit.
10. The OSSAA reserves the right to move playoff tournaments to an adequate and available field if weather delays the tournament.
11. The host school manager shall immediately contact the visiting school concerning umpires to be employed for the tournament. The visiting school shall contact the host manager concerning the assignment of umpires. These contacts must be made as quickly as feasible after pairings are released from the OSSAA.
12. Good Luck To All!

VIDEO LIVE STREAMING

The NFHS Network owns the video rights for all OSSAA Playoff events. Any group or person (student group, booster club, parent, fan, media, etc) wishing to video live stream and/or televise an OSSAA playoff contest, regardless of length or where it is shown (**school website, YouTube, social media, GameChanger, etc**), must fill out the 2023-24 **Baseball** Video Live Streaming Agreement form found on the OSSAA website **on the Baseball page** and send it in for approval **by noon on Monday prior to the event taking place**. Failure to fill out the form for approval will result in being charged the full amount plus \$100 in the first round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$200 for the second round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$300 for the third round of the playoffs, etc. Please e-mail all requests to vsiven@ossaa.com. A link with all approved video live streams will be posted on the OSSAA website at least 24 hours before the contests take place.

2024 Spring Baseball Area Assignments
Host Site is Listed First and Underlined

CLASS 4A

1	<u>TUTTLE</u>	vs.	16	BROKEN BOW
2	<u>BLANCHARD</u>	vs.	15	ADA
3	<u>ELK CITY</u>	vs.	14	MANNFORD
4	<u>MARLOW</u>	vs.	13	NORTH ROCK CREEK
5	<u>HILLDALE</u>	vs.	12	SALLISAW
6	<u>CHICKASHA</u>	vs.	11	BETHANY
7	<u>NEWCASTLE</u>	vs.	10	PERKINS-TRYON
8	<u>CUSHING</u>	vs.	9	STIGLER

Area Tournament Format:

All Regional Champions are placed in an Area.

Area teams will be ranked 1-16 by the participating coaches.

Area round will be a best-of-three series with the higher ranked team hosting.

2 games scheduled on Thursday May 2nd, and if necessary on Friday May 3rd.

Dates and times may be altered by mutual agreement.

The winner advances to the State Tournament.

Area Tournaments are designated as follows:

#1 hosts #16

#2 hosts #15

#3 hosts #14

#4 hosts #13

#5 hosts #12

#6 hosts #11

#7 hosts #10

#8 hosts #9

Coaches Rankings

- 1 TUTTLE
- 2 BLANCHARD
- 3 ELK CITY
- 4 MARLOW
- 5 HILLDALE
- 6 CHICKASHA
- 7 NEWCASTLE
- 8 CUSHING
- 9 STIGLER
- 10 PERKINS-TRYON
- 11 BETHANY
- 12 SALLISAW
- 13 NORTH ROCK CREEK
- 14 MANNFORD
- 15 ADA
- 16 BROKEN BOW