



TO: Principals/Soccer Coaches
FROM: Wes Ruth, Assistant
RE: 2024 Soccer Play-Off Series Information
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Below you will find an OSSAA play-off bracket and other pertinent information for the soccer play-offs.

The financial form will be posted on Soccer page on our website for each round of the playoffs. You are to return the form immediately after each playoff game your site hosts. Admission for non-championship rounds will be \$7.00 for students and adults. Tickets will be available via GoFan or a link is available on the OSSAA Homepage @OSSAA.COM. There will also be a cash option of \$10.00 available at the site.

Match officials from the OSSAA certified official's list shall be selected and contracted by the two schools involved in all first and second rounds of the play-offs. The OSSAA will assign officials for the semi-final and final rounds. A list of certified officials can be found on the OSSAA website at www.ossaa.com. Click on the Officials link, then scroll down to List of Eligible Officials. The access code has been sent to your high school principal. THERE MUST BE MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS BEFORE OFFICIALS ARE ASSIGNED. These officials will be paid by the game manager. Officials should be selected from within a reasonable distance. The officials shall be paid \$70.00 for the center official and \$55.00 for each line judge, plus an \$0.65 per mile round trip. If officials ride together, only the driver shall be paid the per diem amount. A three-person officials' crew will be used in all play-off matches. **In the first and second rounds there should be mutual agreement between competing teams concerning the match officials. The host school will contact the visiting school for input prior to hiring officials. If an official has to be replaced after mutual agreement has been reached, the host team should notify the visiting team.**

The host school should provide security for officials as they enter and leave the soccer match.

All other expenses incurred in handling the play-off matches shall be borne by the team designated as the home team. The home team shall have all concession rights. The home school shall furnish a new ball or an acceptable used ball for the match. After the fee for the match officials has been taken out, the host school shall retain the following amount: Class 6A \$300 per game, Class 5A \$250 per game, Class 3A and 4A \$200 per game. Any remaining proceeds will be sent to the OSSAA.

Winners of each match should immediately post scores on ossaarankings.com.

The following criteria will be used to determine the home field in the play-off series:

1. The first round of the play-offs shall be played on the home field of the district winners and runners up on **April 29, 2024 for Classes 5A and 6A and April 30, 2024 for Classes 3A and 4A.**
2. The second round of the play-offs shall be played on **May 2, 2024 for Classes 5A and 6A and May 3, 2024 for Classes 3A and 4A.** The home field for all second round games shall be played on the home field of the district winner, providing the district winner advances. In the event that they do not advance, the higher seeded team based on their district finish will be the home site.
3. The semi-final round for all classes shall be played **May 7, 2024.**
District Champions shall be the home team/host. In the event that neither team are District Champions, the game shall be played on the home field of the higher seeded team based on their district finish.
In the event that both teams are District Champions or seeded the same, the home team shall be determined by the team representing the odd-numbered lines in the odd-numbered calendar years and the even-numbered lines in the even-numbered calendar years.

The visiting team shall wear white jerseys and white socks.

By mutual agreement between schools, either home field or a neutral field may be selected for the play-off site.

A representative of the home school shall serve as the play-off match manager. If the match is to be played on a neutral field, a school official shall be mutually agreed upon to serve as match manager. The match manager shall be responsible for all match arrangements.

In the playoffs, unless mutually agreed upon by the participating schools, game times shall be 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm for sites hosting two playoff games, and 7:00 pm for sites hosting one game.

Schools that are hosting both a girls game and a boys game shall play the girls game first throughout the play-offs.

In the State Tournament, no contest may be started or (resumed) after 3 hours from the original scheduled start time. (Unless mutually agreed upon prior to the game.) For example, a game is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. if interrupted and not resumed by 9:00 p.m. it shall be considered a complete game if 60 minutes have been played. If less than 60 minutes have been played it shall be suspended for that day. (This creates a 3 hour window from the start of the scheduled kick-off.)

In the State Tournament games, all matches will not be considered complete until at least 60 minutes have been played.

Teams may suit up a maximum of 22 squad members for the play-off series.

The OSSAA may adjust play-off dates due to head coaching conflicts or any other unforeseen circumstance.

Schools should notify the OSSAA in advance of the play-offs of potential prom or end-of-school conflicts. The OSSAA will cooperate with all the member schools to aid in avoiding end-of-school conflicts.

No plaques, trophies, or medals will be awarded in the first two rounds of play-offs. Team plaques will be awarded to the quarter-final round winners and the semi-final round winners. Plaques will be mailed to the winning schools.

The overtime procedure for all playoff games is located on pages SC6 of the 2023-2024 OSSAA soccer manual.

In accordance with NFHS rule, anytime after completion of one half, the differential reaches ten, the game shall be ended.

Teams and fans shall be placed on opposite sides of the playing field unless facilities would prohibit it.

Only the team, coaches, trainers, managers, school personnel, etc., shall be permitted on the sideline during a contest.

The OSSAA recommends that the host school provide ball shaggers in all play-off matches to eliminate wasted time.

Noise makers are allowed at outdoor activities unless they interrupt the normal game/contest procedure of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams or any other game/contest related activities. The game officials have the authority to stop the use of any noisemakers or disruptions that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games or contests.

Academic Achievement Application form submitted no later than May 7, 2024.

The 2024 State Championships will be played at Taft Stadium.

**Friday or Saturday, May 10-11, 2024
Times TBA**

In the event two **east** side teams meet in the finals, the games will be played at **Tulsa University**. If you have questions, please call.