



TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Mike Clark, Assistant
RE: Class 6A Regional Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament
DATE: April 12, 2024

Below you will find the pairings for the Class 6A regional slow-pitch softball tournament, and the regional tournament sites. The tournament chairman will be the Athletic Director or his/her designee of the first school listed in each regional. The regional tournament chairman shall arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to his/her regional no earlier than April 18 and no later than April 20. (Note: An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all the schools assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval.) At the regional tournament meeting, the following items need to be determined:

- 1. Regional tournament times will be agreed upon by all schools in the tournament. The Regional tournament must be completed by April 25, 2024 and shall be played in one day.
2. Umpires from the OSSAA List of Eligible Officials should be agreed upon by the competing schools. The list is available on-line at www.ossaa.com. Two umpires are to be used in each game.
3. General planning of the tournament.
4. Draw the regional tournament bracket:
a. For seeding purposes, teams will use the coaches ratings from ossaarankings.com. The top 16 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. A minimum of fifteen games played will be required for seeding purposes. The OSSAA may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season.
b. Three Team regionals – Rate and seed the teams using ratings from ossaarankings.com. Unranked teams will use won/loss percentage. The team with the highest ranking will be placed on the top of the bracket. The team with the second highest ranking will be placed on the bottom of the bracket. The team with the highest ranking receives the bye, placing #2 against #3.

Team A will be the team with the highest ranking and they will receive the bye.
Team B will be the team with the second highest ranking.
Team C will be the team with the third highest ranking.

- 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

Regional tournaments will be double elimination.

- 5. If a coach or representative cannot be on the call for the seeding meeting, the team's won-lost record should be called into the regional tournament chairman.

6. The link for tickets can be found on the homepage of OSSAA.com. Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 22 at 9 am. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults and students. There will also be a cash option at each site of \$10.00 for adults and students.
7. The host school should furnish balls and pay the umpires. The Wilson (DeMarini) .44 COR-375 compression optic yellow leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the playoffs.

The umpires will be paid \$80.00 per game plus expenses as per the “OSSAA Travel Chart” for the driver only. The umpires should be selected from within a reasonable driving distance of the tournament site.

ROUND TRIP TRAVEL

MILES CLAIMED	AMOUNT PAID
0 – 600 miles	\$0.65/mile

When the regional tournament is completed, **the host school is required to immediately report the results.** Please call the OSSAA 405-840-1116 Ext. 114; email Mike Clark mclark@ossaa.com or call or text 405-431-6369 and give the winning team and their won/loss record.

The **Class 6A State Championship tournament will be held at USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium on April 30, 2024.** The tournament will be played in one day. The OSSAA will draw the bracket for the state championship tournament and it will be released on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) on Friday afternoon, April 26, 2024. There will be no mailouts sent to your school. The state championship is single elimination.

The Rules of Play will be those of the 2023-2024 National Federation Softball Rule Book.

All play-off games will be regulation seven inning games unless the run rule is in effect. The run rule will be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings in effect throughout the play-off series. The host school shall inform the umpires of this regulation prior to the tournament beginning.

Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher or catcher. Any substitute may run for the pitcher or catcher, but not both.

The OSSAA has adopted the National Federation extra player as in rule 3-1-1.

For the OSSAA play-off tournaments, each team will be limited to twenty-two (22) suited squad members.

A championship plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the regional site.

Refer to the 2023-2024 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

ONLY ALLOY BATS ARE PERMITTED.

Application for academic achievement award must be received by April 24, 2024. The link is located on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com.

If weather conditions look unfavorable, please contact the site manager before leaving for the tournament.

Designated Media Area – National Federation Softball Rules require the home team or game management to designate a lined area for the media. This area shall be considered a dead ball area. This rule also prohibits media from being in a live ball area. (Rule 1-1-7)

The OSSAA is asking each host site to cooperate with the media and provide a designated area outside of live ball territory. We realize each park is built different and the above recommendation may not be feasible. An area that affords the best possible coverage with the least possibility of an interference situation should be selected however NFHS Rule prohibits the area to be in live ball territory .

Each team participating in the regional tournaments should email a team picture and roster to programs@vype.com no later than April 22.

CLASS 6A
REGIONAL SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

The regional tournament site will be the first school listed in each pairing. The Athletic Director or his/her designee will act as the tournament chairman.

1. CHOCTAW, NORMAN, PUTNAM CITY NORTH
2. SOUTHMOORE, MUSKOGEE, LAWTON
3. BROKEN ARROW, ENID, UNION
4. MUSTANG, TAHLEQUAH, EISENHOWER
5. MOORE, JENKS, NORMAN NORTH
6. WESTMOORE, GUTHRIE, MACARTHUR
7. DEER CREEK, BIXBY, SANTA FE SOUTH
8. BARTLESVILLE, OWASSO, CLAREMORE