



TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Mike Clark, Assistant
RE: Class B-A-2A-3A-4A-5A Regional Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament
DATE: April 22, 2024

Below you will find the brackets for the Class B-A-2A-3A-4A-5A regional slow-pitch softball tournament, the regional tournament sites and game times. The tournament chairman will be the Principal or his/her designee of the host school.

1. 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. Tickets will be available online. The link for the tickets will be opened on April 22 at 9:00a.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for Regional tournaments. There will be a cash option of \$10.00 at the site.
4. 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 site** should immediately contact Mike Clark with the Regional Winner and the Regional Runner-Up. Call or text 405-431-6369 with the information, or email mclark@ossaa.com.

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.

This year’s State Tournament will be played in one day.
 Classes **4A, 5A, and 6A** will play April 30. Classes **B, A, 2A, and 3A** will play May 1.
 All State tournament games will be played at USA Hall of Fame Stadium located at 2801 NE 50th Street in Oklahoma City.

TICKETS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

State Tournament Tickets will be sold online. Tickets may be purchased from the OSSAA.com homepage. The link will open on Friday April 26 at 10 am. Tickets are \$10.00 and are good for one day. Separate tickets will be required each day.

Cash tickets will be available at the site, the cash price is \$13. The additional \$3 collected each day will be divided amongst the schools participating during that session of the tournament.

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.

Awards 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 in OSSAA Slow Pitch games.

Suspended game: If weather, darkness, or other circumstances interfere with play so that a play-off tournament game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: (a) five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension.

Ill-fitting batting helmets are a growing concern among game officials. Umpires have reported several incidents where the batter and/or base runner's helmet has come off the head while a player is running the bases. A helmet that fits properly will not easily come off the head. It is the responsibility of each school to properly equip your softball players for safety reasons. Please make sure you have enough helmets in various sizes for your team to wear. Also, chin straps can easily be purchased or made for helmets.

Application for academic achievement award must be postmarked or faxed or emailed 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)

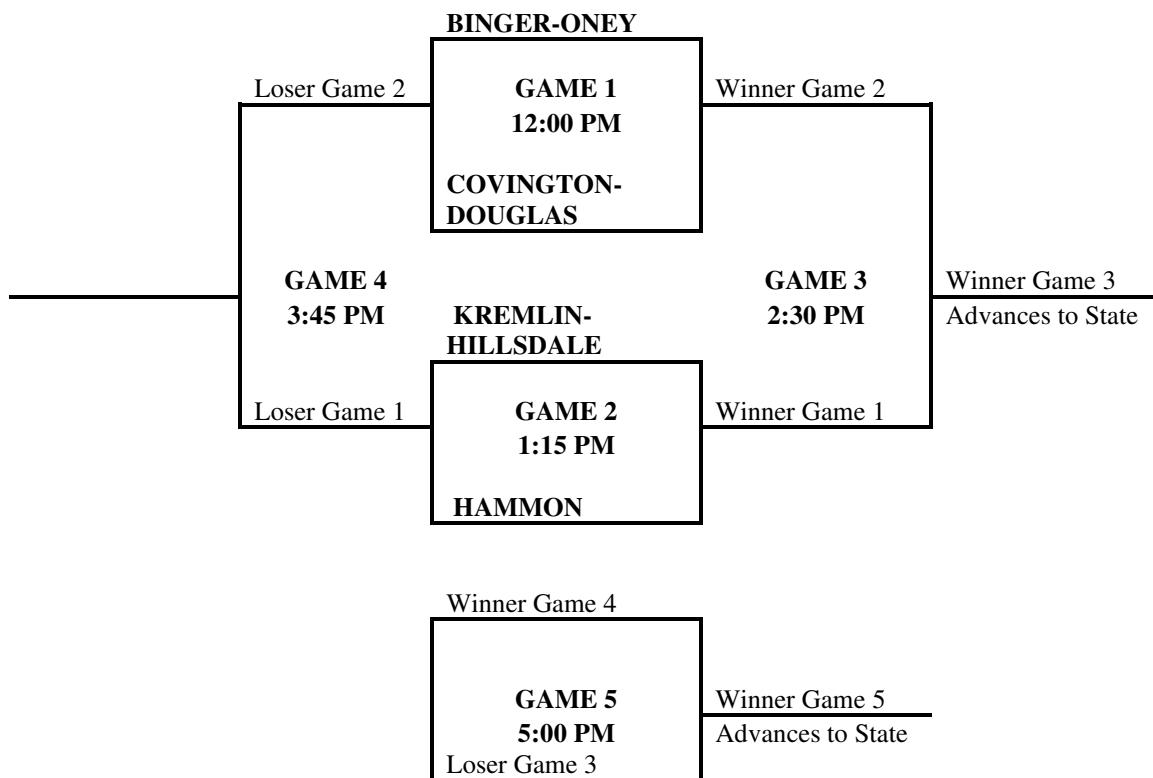
The OSSAA is asking each host site to cooperate with the media and provide a designated area outside of live ball territory. We realize each park is built different and the above recommendation may not be feasible. An area that affords the best possible coverage with the least possibility of an interference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



2024 Regional Tournament
Slow-Pitch Softball

Site: BINGER-ONEY
Date: TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 25, 2024
Manager: PRINCIPAL
Class: A



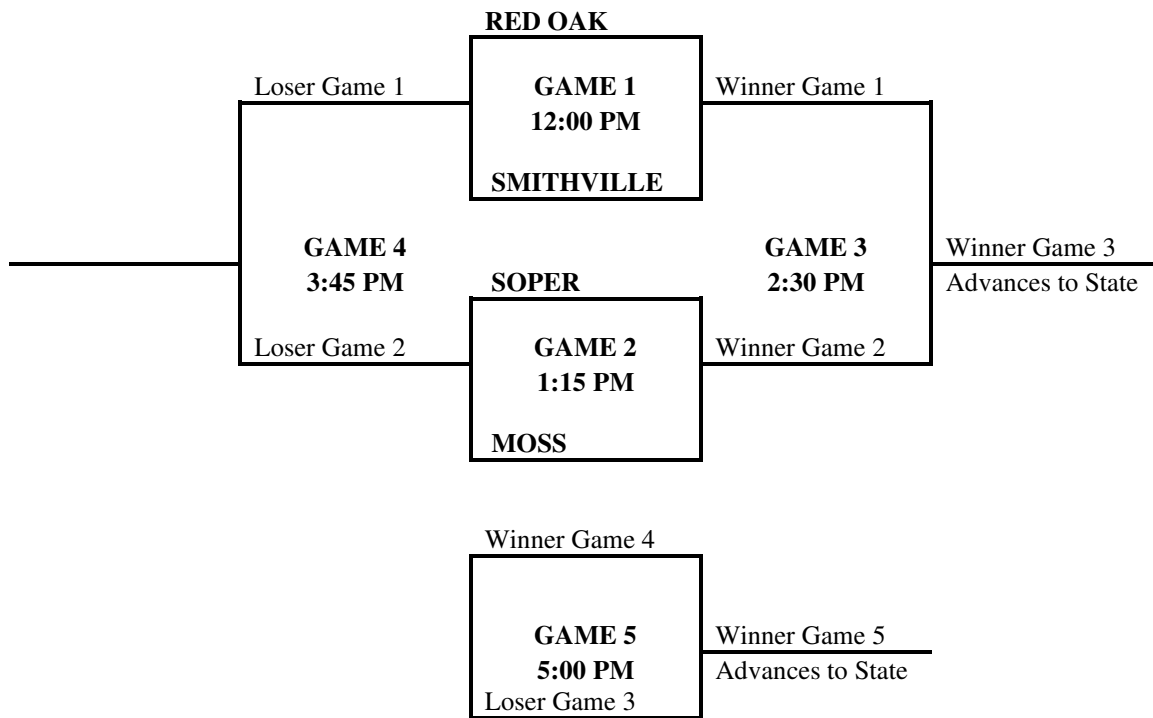
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2024 Regional Tournament
Slow-Pitch Softball

Site: RED OAK
Date: TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 25, 2024
Manager: PRINCIPAL
Class: A



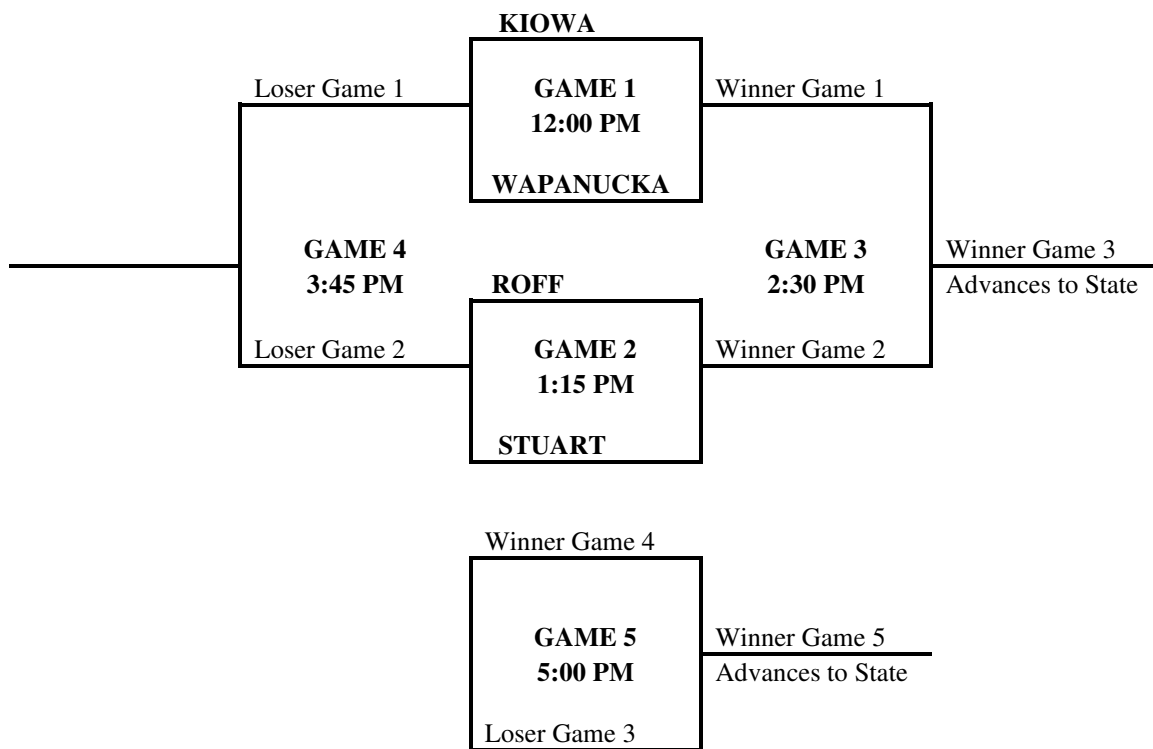
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Manager: PRINCIPAL
Class: A



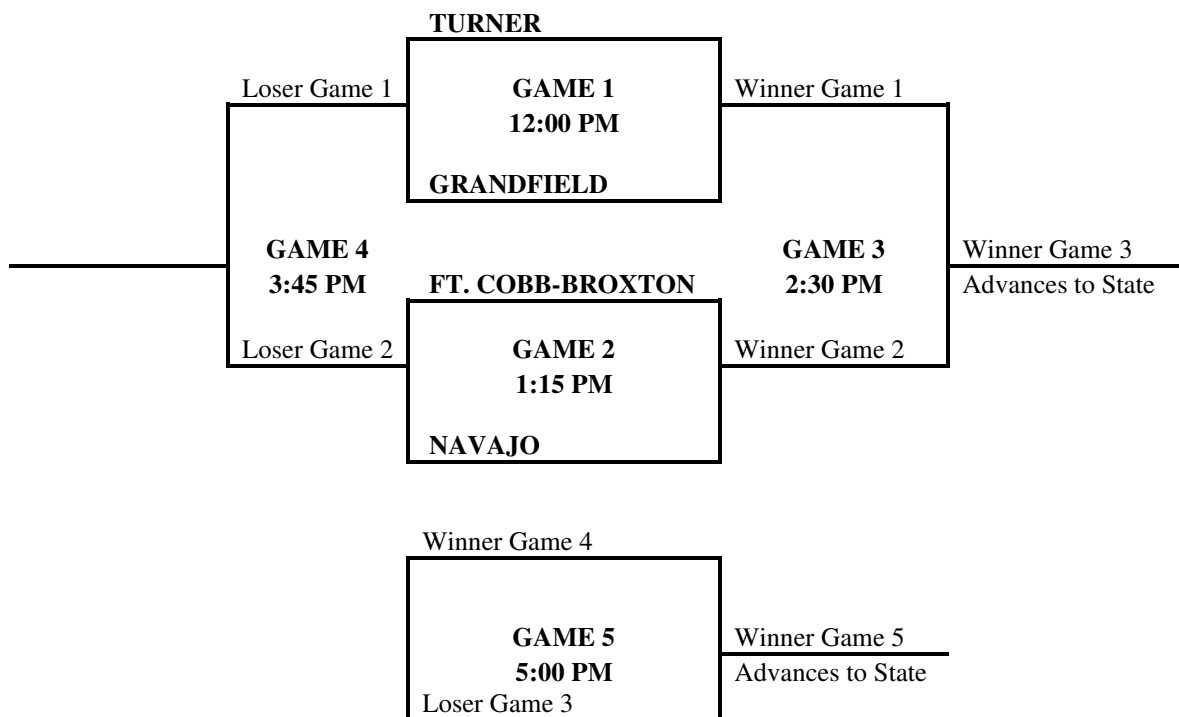
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Class: A



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