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I. VOLLEYBALL DATES TO REMEMBER

- A. July 15, 2024 - Organized Practice Begins
- B. August 1 - Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Volleyball Online Entry form due. **Form can be found on www.ossaarankings.com.**
- C. August 12 - Season Opens
- D. September 1 – All head coaches must complete their state rules meeting by this date.
- E. September 20 - Classes 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A Coaches Officials Recommendation link posted to ossaarankings.com.
- F. September 27 – Class 3A and 4A Coaches Officials link closed.
- G. October 1 - Classes 3A and 4A Academic Application must be received no later than **October 1**. **The form can be found on the Volleyball sports link at www.ossaa.com.**
- H. October 2 - Classes 3A and 4A Regional Pairings Released
- I. October 4 - Classes 5A and 6A Coaches Officials Recommendation link closes.
- J. October 8 - Classes 5A and 6A Academic Application must be received no later than **October 8**.
- K. October 9 – Classes 5A-6A Regional Pairings Released
- L. October 12 - Classes 3A and 4A Regional Tournament (must be played by this date)
- M. October 14- Class 5A Regional Tournament shall be played on this date
- N. October 15 - Class 6A Regional Tournament shall be played on this date
- O. October 17,18,19 - Classes 3A and 4A State Championship
- P. October 24,25,26 - Class 5A and 6A State Championship
- Q. **Rules Meeting:**
 - July 20, 2024 – Shawnee High School – 2:00 p.m.**
 - July 23, 2024 - Coaches Clinic-Tulsa - 2:00 p.m.**
 - July 26, 2024 – Rules meeting available online**

II. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Volleyball will use the end-of-year Annual Statistical Report from the State Department of Education and the agency-certified ADM numbers from non-public schools. High schools that plan to participate in 2024 Girls Volleyball shall complete the Volleyball Entry Form on or before August 1, 2024 (**form found on www.ossaarankings.com**). Schools adding or dropping volleyball after the date when the classifications are released will not affect any classifications.
 - 1. Class 6A – 32 largest volleyball playing schools.
 - 2. Class 5A – next 32 largest Volleyball playing schools.
 - 3. Class 4A – next 32 largest Volleyball playing schools.
 - 4. Class 3A – all remaining Volleyball playing schools.

III. SEASON AND ALLOWED SCHEDULE

- A. Organized practice for volleyball may begin no earlier than July 15. The volleyball season shall open on August 12 or the first day of school if a school's starting date is before August 12. This is the first date a match may be played. Organized practice is defined as school or anticipated school personnel directly or indirectly giving individual or team instruction concerning the fundamentals of a particular sport. From the close of the season to the start date for that sport in the following school year, no organized practice in that sport may take place. However, certified school coaching personnel for that sport are permitted to provide instruction in that sport in a physical education class during the regular school day. If a member school does not schedule a physical education class during the regular school day, then an additional period may be scheduled immediately after the close of the regular school day, not to exceed one hour, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class, and instruction in a particular sport may be provided by certified school coaching to students during that additional one hour period.
- B. Each head coach of all varsity teams shall attend an OSSAA state rules meeting for that sport for the current school year. If the head coach does not attend a meeting, an online rules meeting is available at www.ossaa.com. Written verification of the online rules meeting must be submitted to the OSSAA. All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an online rules meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.
- C. High school teams are allowed fifteen matches and three tournaments or twelve matches and four tournaments plus six scrimmage dates. (Two scrimmage dates may be played after the season opens). No instructional time will be lost because of travel to a scrimmage or because of the scrimmage itself. Tournaments and matches will have the option of playing the best two out of three format or the best three out of five format. Tournaments are restricted to a maximum of eight teams and must be played in either one or two consecutive days (except conference tournaments and out-of-

state tournaments). **No student is allowed to participate in more than four tournaments.** A ninth-grade student is allowed to participate on both the junior high and senior high teams. Junior high teams are allowed thirteen matches and two tournaments. Tournaments are restricted to a maximum of eight teams (except conference tournaments) and must be played in one day. The format for junior high matches and tournaments shall be the best two out of three games. A scrimmage is defined as competition against another school without keeping records, such as scores, etc.

- D. For out-of-state tournaments, there is no limit to the teams involved but the following restrictions do apply:
 - a. No more than 6 matches can be played in an out-of-state tournament consisting of the best 3 out of 5 games.
 - b. No more than 9 matches can be played in an out-of-state tournament consisting of the best 2 out of 3 games.
- E. Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular activity have been exceeded by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied:
 - 1. The contest(s) that exceed the limits must be forfeited.
 - 2. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season, and any championship play-off events for that school year.
 - 3. The head coach in that activity may also be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, in the subsequent season for that activity.
 - 4. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred.
 - 5. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.
- F. Teams/individuals cannot miss more than two school days per week where the loss of instructional time is involved. This would include traveling to the competition or because of the competition itself.
- G. No student shall play on two different teams in the same tournament.
- H. Schools are allowed only one varsity team each season.
- I. Volleyball participants are restricted to the following number of sets per day:
 - 1. Best two out of three series (Dual or Triangular)
 - a. Maximum seven sets
 - 2. Best three out of five series (Dual)
 - a. Maximum seven sets
 - 3. Best three out of five series (Triangular)
 - a. Maximum eleven sets
 - 4. Festivals (Four or more teams)
 - a. No limit
 - 5. Tournaments
 - a. No limit
- J. Two officials should be used for all varsity matches unless there is a mutual agreement between the two schools to use one official.
- K. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA playoff contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- L. Teams playing the best three out of five format; games shall be played to 25 points, must win by two, with no cap. The fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points, must win by two, no cap. Teams playing the best two out of three format; the third and deciding game shall be played to 25 points, must win by two, with no cap competition format.
 - 1. In accordance with NFHS Rule 1. Section 2. Art 1.2:
 - a. OSSAA adoption of best two of three format; the third and deciding game shall be played to 15 points, must win by 2, with no cap for any Sub Varsity (*JV, 9th Grade, Middle School*) dual matches will be allowed by agreement of head coaches, but not mandatory.
 - b. In varsity matches that are not a dual (Tri, Quad, Tournament, etc...), OSSAA adoption of best two of three format; the third and deciding game shall be played to 15 points and must win by 2, with no cap may be used and determined by the home site.

IV. REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT

- A. The following dates will apply to the 2024 regional and state tournaments:
 - 1. Classes 3A & 4A - Regional tournament must be played by October 12; State tournament will be held October 17,18,19.
 - 2. Class 5A - Regional tournament shall be played on October 14; State tournament will be held October 24,25,26.
 - 3. Class 6A – Regional tournament shall be played on October 15; State tournament will be held October 24,25,26.
- B. Volleyball entry forms can be found at (www.ossaarankings.com.) Classes 3A-4A-5A-6A volleyball entry form is due on or before August 1. Coaches Officials Recommendation is due by September 27 for Classes 3A and 4A and October 4, for Classes 5A and 6A.

- C. The OSSAA has an online ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the general public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com).
- For the sports of Football, Fall Baseball, Spring Baseball, Basketball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Slow-Pitch Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments), and Golf (team score), it is mandatory that results from each regular season contest be entered into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. Once any athletic activity, with the exception of Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field, and Tennis, enters the play-off series for that activity, those results must also be entered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the play-off contest.
- Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.
- D. Regional tournament play will be single elimination with the best three out of five games for Classes 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A.
- E. In Classes 3A/4A there will be eight, four-team (or more), single-elimination regional tournaments. The sites for the regional tournaments will be assigned by the OSSAA. 3A/4A regional tournaments shall not begin before 10:00 am. Times must be mutually agreed upon by all participating teams.
- F. In classes 5A/ 6A there will be eight, four-team, single-elimination regional tournaments. The sites for the regional tournament will be assigned by the OSSAA. Times for the regional tournament will be 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the semi-finals and 7:30 p.m. for the championship finals. The host site will play the 4:30 p.m. semi-final game.
- G. In a three-team regional, the highest-rated team will be the top seed and receive a bye in the first round. The other two teams will play each other in a single elimination match. The winning team will then play the top-seeded team in the same format.
- H. For Regional Tournament play in all classifications, the top teams will be paired in the proper numerical sequence (1-16, 2-15, 3-14...). The remaining teams will be seeded based on the following criteria:
- OSSAARankings (up to 16)
 - Head-to-head competition
 - Common opponents
 - Composite record
- I. Teams must have played at least fifteen matches to be considered for seeding placement on the bracket in the regional tournament. Teams that have played less than fifteen matches will be allowed to participate in the regional tournament.
- J. Regional champions will receive a team plaque.
- K. The host regional tournament sites will pay the officials from the tournament gate receipts.
- L. State tournament play will be single elimination with the best three out of five games (sample bracket found in the OSSAA Volleyball Manual).
- M. No balloons, confetti, banners, emblems, signs, or placards will be permitted during the regional or state tournament. Any exception to the above regulations would be considered at the state tournament site only and must have approval of the OSSAA and the principal of participating schools.
- N. Seeding for the state tournament brackets will be determined in the following manner:
- Teams will be seeded by the OSSAA one through eight according to the final rankings from the eight participating teams (one vs. eight, four vs. five, three vs. six, and two vs. seven)
 - The final rankings on OSSAARankings.com will open at 9:00 am and close at 1:00 pm on the following dates:

Classes 3A and 4A	Monday, October 14
Class 5A	Tuesday, October 15
Class 6A	Wednesday, October 16
 - If there is a tie based on the final rankings, the tie-breaking procedure will be as follows:
 - Head-to-Head competition.
 - Win/Loss percentage.
 - Bye lot.
- O. State tournament champions and runner-up teams will receive team trophies, fifteen individual medals, and coach's achievement plaques for the head coach.
- P. Three officials will be used at the state tournament and schools should be represented by a minimum of one official from each side of the state per classification. If feasible, use OSSAA-certified officials as line judges.
- Q. Honor Calls will be accepted throughout regional and state tournament play.
- R. At the Classes 3A and 4A state volleyball tournament, alternate every other year two officials from the east and two officials from the west with the third official selected from the opposite side of the state.
- S. Teams are limited to fifteen players suiting up at the regional and state tournament.
- T. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for the regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.

- U. Tickets will not be sent for regional tournaments. However, the host school should charge admission to defray expenses concerning officials which the tournament chairman shall employ. Admission prices have been set by the Board of Directors: **Regionals** - \$7.00 per online ticket plus a convenience fee or a \$10 cash option. **State Tournament** - \$10.00 per ticket plus a convenience fee or a \$13 cash option
- V. If feasible, the class 3A,/4A and the class 5A/6A State Volleyball Tournament will alternate between the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. The best available state tournament sites shall be determined by the OSSAA.
A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA playoff contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.
- W. Only the following people shall be permitted on the floor during team warm-ups and on the bench during the regional and state tournament: coaches under contract by their school, fifteen uniformed players, and a maximum of three other school-approved personnel.
- X. Play-off assignments will be released to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. of the release date. All information regarding playoff assignments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school by regular mail.
- Y. In the championship matches, the OSSAA will only reimburse the traveling teams at a rate set by the OSSAA Board of Directors at their annual June meeting.

V. NOISE MAKERS

For indoor activities: Any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc. will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contests.

For outdoor activities: Noisemakers 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.

VI. TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTEST

- A. No member school shall compete in athletics in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested state associations including the National Federation, if required.
- B. All athletic events where three or more schools participate in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the OSSAA sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school host, or any non-school individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the OSSAA office for approval.
- C. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the Activities Association for endorsement and approval.

VII. RECOMMENDATION TO ADMINISTRATORS OF ATHLETIC CONTEST

It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet with the officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre- and half-time activities, etc. The game administrator should also record official's ID number. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge should advise the head official as to the location where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise. Someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest. This applies to regular season as well as playoff contests.

VIII. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provides that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and OSSAA-sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the OSSAA and have passed Part I of the National Federation rules examination for that sport. The regulations also apply to regular season competitions in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades.
- B. **NOT HONORING A PROTEST**
OSSAA will not consider requests to overturn the determinations of game/contest officials in interpreting or enforcing rules at games or contests. In agreeing to participate in a game or contest, a member school, the individual participants, and the coaches or sponsors representing that member school, accept the risk that game/contest officials may make errors in interpreting or enforcing rules at games of contests. Any errors by game/contest officials should be raised with those officials, in a respectful manner, and in accordance with the rules established for that particular activity. The decisions of the game/contest officials are accepted as final.

An exception to this Policy may be granted if in the case of an ejection of a participant from a contest, the game/contest official misidentifies the individual who should have been ejected. The request to review the misidentified player must be submitted to the OSSAA in writing.

- C. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include a warning or suspension.

Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.

IX. CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

- A. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal. A disqualified student shall forfeit the right to participate in at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing, or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays. Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; biting, or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post-game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.
- B. Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or videotape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and playoff games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA-sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

X. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. To qualify for an academic award, a team must have 15 players or a minimum of nine suited up for the regional tournament. All players in uniform must be listed. The GPA shall be based on grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) The state champion shall be the team with the highest GPA.
- B. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
- C. Entries must be submitted by the entry deadline in order to be considered. the OSSAA office the day following the Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes to your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
- D. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
- E. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual student's GPA.
- F. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.
- G. Each class of girls' volleyball may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards.
1. Academic Achievement Certificates: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.

2. Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 3. State Academic Champion: The team with the highest GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.
- H. Awards Presentation
1. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship tournament.
 2. The state championship trophy will be presented to the winning team at the state championship tournament.
- I. **Academic Achievement form can be found on Volleyball link at www.ossaa.com.** The Application will not be considered if received later than **October 1**, for Classes **3A and 4A** or **October 8**, for Classes **5A and 6A**.

XI. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. All first-year athletic coaches and any adjunct athletic personnel will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course prior to their participation as a coach in an OSSAA regular season contest.
- B. All coaches in grades 7-12 are required to complete the online Concussion Management video and the Heat Illness video at www.nfhslearn.com. Schools are responsible for implementing a system to make sure their coaches are in compliance with the regulation.
- C. In addition, any coach who has been ejected from an OSSAA contest will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course. This course must be completed within seven (7) days after being ejected. The coach can be reinstated after verification of his/her completion of the course and any sit-out time that is required by OSSAA rules.
- D. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- E. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- F. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- G. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, nor seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- H. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- I. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- J. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- K. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- L. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- M. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- N. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- O. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- P. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- Q. Coaches are expected to participate in the weekly rankings process and post game results on the OSSAA Ranking site.
- R. Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include a warning or suspension.
Public criticism includes, but is not limited to, comments made to the media or during a broadcasted event, and comments made in a public forum.
- S. Any time a coach who does not hold a valid Oklahoma teaching certificate (lay or volunteer coach) is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to arguing a call, language or gestures directed toward a game official, he or she will be required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course within seven (7) days of the ejection, the course can be found at NFHSLearn.com. Additionally, personnel not holding a valid Oklahoma teaching certificate must meet with a representative of the OSSAA prior to being reinstated to coach the school team. A school administrator will also be required to attend the meeting.

XII. HIV AND HEPATITIS B RELATED TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

See OSSAA Board Policy LIV.

XIII. VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTION, RULES, REGULATIONS OR OSSAA POLICIES

When a violation of OSSAA's Constitution, Rules, Regulations, or Policies has been determined to have occurred, the Executive Director is authorized to impose sanctions or remedies, which may include suspending a coach or other school

personnel from coaching and/or activity program management responsibilities or imposing limits or conditions on those coaching and/or activity management responsibilities.

XIV. EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Any time a member school is hosting a planned activity at a school facility there must be an Emergency Action Plan in place. The plan must be shared with any visiting school. An Emergency Action Plan, or EAP, is a formal written plan, developed by the host site, that identifies potential emergency conditions at the event site and prescribes the procedures to be followed to minimize or prevent loss of life and property.

XV. HAZING

Hazing incidents have no place in the activity programs of our member schools. The OSSAA encourages each member school to develop procedures to inform their students that this type of behavior is not acceptable and should not be tolerated.

XVI. TAUNTING

Any form of taunting which is intended or designed to anger, bait, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others is subject to penalty.

XVII. EDUCATION-BASED ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

The National Federation of State High School Associations and the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association recognize the numerous potential benefits of participation by students in education-based activities. While education-based activities may differ between the stakeholder groups, all should be centered on optimizing the student's scholastic activity experience. Students will change, develop and expand abilities over time; coaches, administrators, and parents should not only be cognizant of the fluid process but also foster a safe, positive environment in which development can occur. Education-based activities must always be viewed as an evolving and unpredictable path.

The NFHS and the OSSAA recognize the influential role played by coaches and directors in all activities, and therefore emphasis should be placed on those individuals to instill and reinforce fundamentals and best practices, not only to minimize risk but also to promote an environment in which a student has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. The common goal for all the stakeholders involved with education-based activities should be to make the experience enjoyable and rewarding for all.

While our position is not intended to squelch dreams of achieving a college scholarship or professional or Olympic glory, we do place emphasis on the student's entire scholastic activity experience with the goals of enhancing participation, reducing injury risk, and optimizing performance and success (however defined) during the student's high school career. The ultimate goal; Producing an individual who is competent, confident, connected to his or her peer group and community, and of high character. This essential principle is at the core of the scholastic activity experience and is fundamental to the mission of the OSSAA and NFHS.

XVIII. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI)

Promoting education and the understanding of groups that have social and cultural differences is an integral part of education-based activities. Every student participating in activities at an OSSAA member school is entitled to participate in a safe school environment that is free from bias. Any form of bias (including demeaning comments, racial, ethnic, or homophobic slurs) based on social or cultural differences will not be tolerated in education-based activities.

XIX. OFF-SEASON TRY-OUTS

Only students attending school in the district for which the try-out is held may be permitted to participate in a try-out. Try-outs should only be conducted for the purpose of the selection of a school team and may not be used for practice time. Each day of the try-out may be up to 2 hours in length. No off-season try-out will be allowed for more than three days, and all sessions of the try-out must conclude by 9 p.m. A record of all try-outs should be kept on file at the member school detailing the dates, times and grade level of all participants in the tryout. The OSSAA reserves the right to request these records from a member school. Exception: Cheerleading may conduct a clinic of no more than 4 days; each day of the try-out clinic may be up to two hours in length. All students participating in the tryout must be attending school in the district for which the try-out is being held.

XX. SUMMER TIME DEAD PERIOD

The dead period will occur during the week in July which includes the 4th of July each year. The dead period will be nine (9) days in length and begin the weekend preceding the 4th of July and the weekend following the 4th of July.

Secondary-level students enrolled or pre-enrolled at a member school may not use any member school's athletic facilities during the dead period in connection with any athletic activity governed by the OSSAA. Member school coaches, assistant coaches, and sponsors may not have any contact with secondary-level enrolled or pre-enrolled students in that member school in any athletic activity governed by the OSSAA for the purpose of coaching, training, or instructing.

Summertime policies, including beginning and end-of-season restrictions, can be found in OSSAA Board Policy XII in the Administrator's Handbook.

Violations of the summertime dead period policy will result in the coach or sponsor being suspended from the first half of the regular season in that athletic activity. School personnel not designated as a coach or sponsor in violation of the summertime dead period policy will result in the head coach being suspended from the first half of the regular season in that activity.

SUMMERTIME DEAD PERIOD QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How do I know when the dead period begins and ends each year?
Answer: The dead period will be nine (9) days in length and begin the weekend preceding the 4th of July and the weekend following the 4th of July.
2. Does the Summertime Dead Period Policy cover non-athletic activities?
Answer: No, the Summertime Dead Period Policy only applies to athletic activities that are governed by the OSSAA.
3. Can a coach and a player have any contact during the Summertime Dead Period?
Answer: No, contact between coaches, assistant coaches and sponsors with enrolled or pre-enrolled students for the purpose of coaching, teaching, training, or instructing is prohibited.
4. Can a student participate without the member school coach at member school facilities in an athletic activity during the Summertime Dead Period ?
Answer: No, school athletic facilities may not be used by enrolled or pre-enrolled students during the dead period in connection with any athletic activity governed by the OSSAA.
5. Can a member school coach use member school facilities to train, coach or instruct secondary-level students during the Dead Period?
*Answer :*No, the policy prohibits the use of member school facilities during the Dead Period for the purpose of coaching, teaching, training, or instructing. Field maintenance is not prohibited by the policy.
6. Does the Summertime Dead Period Policy prohibit participation in a National level tournament during the dead period?
Answer: No, the coach and any enrolled or pre-enrolled students who have qualified earlier in the summer for a national level tournament may participate in that tournament.

XXI. PARTICIPATION IN CAMPS AND SUMMER PRACTICES, LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

A. DEFINITIONS UNDER THIS POLICY

1. **Summertime**—Summertime begins after the conclusion of the spring semester and continues through the first full week in August with the exception of football and basketball which must conclude by July 15. (See XII-B-3)
2. **School team**—A school team is defined as a team using school equipment, school uniforms and/or school transportation.
3. **Individual camp**—An individual camp is an instructional event for a particular activity, at which instruction is focused on individual skills and techniques rather than organized team play.
4. **Team camp**—A team camp is an instructional event for a particular sport involving team members from at least three schools participating as a team during instruction, scrimmages, and/or games. All school team members must be enrolled at the school for which they participate during the team camp. No session of any summertime training camp will be approved for more than two consecutive weeks.
5. **League**—A league consists of three or more teams playing games against one another and maintaining standings according to wins and losses, and played over the course of a minimum of three consecutive weeks.
6. **Tournament**—A tournament is an event involving six or more participating teams, competing for no more than three consecutive days.
7. **Combine**—A combine is an assessment of certain sport specific conditioning drills to determine speed, strength and skill level. No instruction may be given.

B. SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND SCHOOL TEAMS

School personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches:

1. May not conduct practice for a school team, in a direct or indirect manner, during the summertime period.
2. May coach a team that includes individuals that are members of a school team during the summertime period, in a camp, summer league, or summer tournament.
3. May coach a non-school team in basketball that includes no more than two students who participate or are expected to participate on the same school team.
4. In football and basketball school personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches may not coach a school team in a league or tournament before the conclusion of the school year or after July 15.
5. In all other OSSAA athletic activities school personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches may not coach a school team in a league or tournament before the conclusion of the school year.

An exception to the above limitations may be granted by the OSSAA, but approval for such an exception must be requested and granted in writing, in advance.

C. SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND CAMPS

School personnel who are serving or are designated to serve as coaches or assistant coaches are permitted to conduct or provide instruction at individual camps in a particular sport, including camps in which members of the school team in that sport are participating, provided that:

1. No session of the camp is held before the school year has concluded or after the first week in August (except in Football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded by July 15).
2. In Cross Country, Fall Baseball, Fast-Pitch Softball and Volleyball, no session of team camp may be held after the beginning of the season. (July 15)

D. INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

An individual student who is attending or who is enrolled and planning to attend a member school in grades 7-12:

1. May participate on a non-school team in a league or tournament, including during this summertime period as defined above, (such as in AAU competition).
2. May participate in individual camps in a particular activity, however:
 - (a) after the school year has been completed, a student may only participate through the first week in August (except in Football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded by July 15);
 - (b) during the school year, a student may only participate if approved or permitted by the school, and the camp is not held at an OSSAA member school.
 - (c) no fees or expenses for the camp may be paid by the school, or by school personnel, or by any booster club or organization associated with the school, or by any non-family member; any discount or waiver of fees or expenses must be based on financial need, and must be available to all participants based on the same standards;
3. May participate in spring football and no more than one team camp, or 2 team camps and no spring football. Team camps must be completed by July 15.
4. May participate in any combination of four basketball team camps or summer tournaments.
5. A student may not accept any award other than a trophy, plaque, or medal, etc., for participation or achievement on a non-school team or in any type of camp. A student may accept items commemorating participation in a league, tournament, camp which are given to all participants, such as a T-shirt or a certificate, provided that the costs of such items are included in the fees and expenses charged for those events.
6. A student who participates in a camp in violation of any of these policies shall be ineligible unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors. A coach who violates any of these policies shall not be permitted to engage in any coaching unless and until reinstated by the Board of Directors.

E. RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLS AND BOOSTERS ORGANIZATIONS

1. A member school may conduct a camp for a particular activity, or permit a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, after the end of the school year, provided that:
 - (a) the camp is open to students from all member schools in the grade level or grade levels designated for that camp;
 - (b) the camp is concluded prior to the end of the first week in August (except in Football, any camp using OSSAA member school facilities must be concluded prior to July 15).
2. Fees for camps conducted by the school or allowed to take place on school property and/or in school facilities may be discounted for children of school employees, provided that the same discounts are available to children of all school employees on an equal basis. In addition, a volume discount may be given, based on the number of children from the same household seeking to attend, provided that the volume discount is available for all families on the same basis.
Fees also may be discounted for students who are financially unable to pay the fees and expenses of the camp. The student must be able to demonstrate by objective means that financial assistance is needed, and all students must be evaluated for and granted assistance based on the same standards.
Johnson-O'Malley funds available to the school may be used to pay or offset expenses associated with camps conducted on school property and/or in school facilities.
3. A member school is not required to obtain OSSAA approval in advance to hold a camp or to allow others to conduct a camp, on school grounds and/or in school facilities. If, however, approval is not given in advance, then the event is not sanctioned by OSSAA, and participants in the camp will not be covered by any catastrophic injury insurance obtained by OSSAA.
4. A member school may not conduct a camp, or allow a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, which is limited, or which provides preferential treatment to, certain student-athletes or to students from certain schools, or which restricts participation on an "invitation-only" basis.
5. The school, or a booster club or organization associated with the school, may pay fees and expenses of the school team to attend a team camp, provided that all members of the school team have been invited to attend,

and fees and expenses are paid for team members on an equal basis. Any monies coming from a booster club or organization for this purpose must be contributed to the school, and distributed from a school account to pay these fees and expenses.

Neither the school, nor any booster club or organization associated with the school, may pay fees and/or expenses for students to attend an individual camp. The school may allow school-owned vehicles to be used to transport students enrolled at the school to an individual camp located in Oklahoma or a bordering state, and pay the cost of fuel for those vehicles, but the school otherwise may not pay for transportation expenses for students to attend an individual camp.

6. A member school conducting a camp, or allowing a camp to be conducted on school property and/or in school facilities, must provide OSSAA, upon request, a list identifying students and personnel participating in the camp.
7. The school and/or school personnel may be penalized for any violations of these policies. If a booster club or organization associated with a school violates any of these policies, then the school may be required to end or restrict the involvement of that club or organization in school activities.

CAMP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Can a Booster Club pay for the school's team to attend a team camp?
Answer: Yes, but any monies from a Booster Club must be contributed to and distributed from a school account, and all members of the school team must be provided the opportunity to attend the camp.
2. Can a booster club pay for students to attend individual camp?
Answer: No.
3. Can a school fund-raiser be held to pay for players to attend an individual camp?
Answer: No
4. Can the school provide transportation for a student(s) to attend individual camp?
Answer: Yes, the school may allow school-owned vehicles to be used to transport students enrolled at the school to an individual camp located in Oklahoma or a bordering state, and pay the cost of fuel for those vehicles.
5. Can discounts be given to school employees, including coaches, for their children to attend individual or team camps?
Answer: Yes, as long as the discount is available to all school employees.
6. Can a member school that is sponsoring or providing facilities for an individual or team camp allow fees to be discounted for students who are financially unable to afford the fees?
Answer: Any such discount must be based on an objective measure of financial means applied equally for all participants. For example, a discount could be offered to all children who demonstrate they qualify for free or reduced lunches where they regularly attend school.
7. Can a member school sponsoring or providing facilities for an individual or team camp allow an additional discount to a family with multiple children participating in the camp?
Answer: Yes, as long as the discount is equally available to all families.
8. Does a member school sponsoring or providing facilities for an individual or team camp have to obtain OSSAA's sanction for the camp?
Answer: No. Regardless of whether a camp is sanctioned by OSSAA or not, all member schools and their students in grades 7-12 participating in the camp must still comply with OSSAA rules and policies concerning such camps. In addition, students in grades 7-12 attending a camp sanctioned by OSSAA receive insurance coverage through OSSAA for catastrophic injury while participating at the camp. This coverage does not apply if the camp is not sanctioned by OSSAA.
9. If a member school is allowing its facilities to be used by others who have no connection or affiliation with the school, does the camp still have to comply with all OSSAA rules and policies concerning camps?
Answer: Yes, if a camp is being conducted at your school's facilities, entirely or in part, then the school is responsible for making sure that the camp is conducted in compliance with OSSAA rules and policies concerning camps.
10. Can a student attend an individual camp during the school year?
Answer: Yes, with permission from their respective school, a student may attend an individual camp during the school year as long as the camp is not being conducted at an OSSAA member school.
11. Can a student who has not yet enrolled at our school attend a team camp with our school team?
Answer: No. A student must have at least pre-enrolled to attend your school in the next semester before that student is permitted to attend a team camp with your school's team.
12. Can a non-family member pay for or help pay a student's fees for an individual or team camp?
Answer: No.

XXII. PAST STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2023	6A Jenks 5A Bishop McGuinness 4A Community Christian	1999	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cascia Hall
2022	3A Christian Heritage 6A Edmond Memorial 5A Mount St. Mary 4A Lincoln Christian 3A Holland Hall	1998	5A Bishop Kelley 4A Glenpool
2021	6A Jenks 5A Mount St. Mary 4A Victory Christian 3A Community Christian	1997	5A Jenks 4A Okay
2020	6A Bishop Kelley 5A Victory Christian 4A Lincoln Christian 3A Community Christian	1996	5A Jenks 4A Heritage Hall
2019	6A Edmond North 5A Victory Christian 4A Lincoln Christian 3A Metro Christian	1995	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Heritage Hall
2018	6A Edmond Santa Fe 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Victory Christian 3A Lincoln Christian	1994	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Heritage Hall
2017	6A Edmond Santa Fe 5A Victory Christian 4A Christian Heritage 3A Crossings Christian	1993	5A Broken Arrow 4A Edmond Santa Fe
2016	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Mount St. Mary 4A Christian Heritage 3A Community Christian	1992	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Heritage Hall
2015	6A Edmond North 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Christian Heritage 3A Community Christian	1991	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Collinsville
2014	6A Jenks 5A Heritage Hall 4A Christian Heritage 3A Regent Preparatory	Fall-1990	5A Norman 4A Collinsville
2013	6A Edmond Santa Fe 5A Heritage Hall 4A Mt. Saint Mary	Spring-1990	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Collinsville
2012	6A Bishop Kelley 5A Cascia Hall 4A Elgin	1989	5A Tulsa Kelley 4A Collinsville
2011	6A Bishop Kelley 5A Cascia Hall 4A Lincoln Christian	1988	5A Edmond 4A Cement
2010	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Cache	1987	4A Edmond 3A Cement
2009	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Clinton	1986	4A Edmond 3A Cement
2008	6A Owasso 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1985	4A Norman 3A Cement
2007	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1984	4A Mustang 3A Jet-Nash
2006	6A Jenks 5A McAlester 4A Heritage Hall	1983	4A Mustang 3A Chattanooga 4A Mustang
2005	6A Edmond Memorial 5A Bishop Kelley 4A Heritage Hall	1982	3A Ft. Towson 4A Norman
2004	5A Edmond Santa Fe 4A Cascia Hall	1981	3A Ft. Towson 4A Mustang
2003	5A Bishop McGuinness 4A Cascia Hall	1980	4A Mustang 3A Cement
2002	5A Bishop Kelley	1979	4A Mustang 3A Ft. Towson
		1978	Mustang
		1977	Norman
		1976	Tulsa Washington
		1975	Putnam City West
		1974	Kremlin
		1973	Collinsville
		1972	Noble
		1971	Sequoyah Claremore
		1970	Sequoyah Claremore
		1969	Sequoyah Claremore
		1968	Kremlin
		1967	Kremlin
		1966	Sequoyah Claremore
		1965	Oologah
		1964	Meet not held
		1963	Tushka
		1962	Tushka
		1961	Oologah
		1960	Tushka
		1959	Tushka
		1958	Gould
		1957	Tushka
		1956	Tushka
		1955	Tushka

2001	4A Cascia Hall
	5A Bishop Kelley
2000	4A Cascia Hall
	5A Bishop Kelley
	4A Cascia Hall

XXIII. STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET - CLASSES 3A - 4A - 5A - 6A

Highest Seed will be the Home Team



Note: In classes (3A,4A,5A,6A) games 1-4 will be played on Thursday, games 5 and 6 will be played on Friday, and game 7 will be played on Saturday.