

OSSAA Athletics & Activities Almanac

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From the Desk of David Jackson:



Dear School Administrators,

The conclusion of the OSSAA winter activities season has brought a sense of pride and achievement to schools and communities across the state. This season showcased incredible performances from our student-athletes, creating unforgettable memories for those students, coaches, and fans alike. A special congratulations to those crowned champions.

This winter, we also witnessed a notable improvement in sportsmanship, both among the participating teams and the enthusiastic fans. This progress is a testament to the collective effort to develop a more respectful and positive environment for all involved. However, the journey toward improving fan behavior continues, and while strides have been made, there is still much work to be done.

As the focus shifts to the upcoming spring activities, let's carry forward the momentum of growth and sportsmanship. Together, we can build on this progress to ensure every athlete's experience is as positive and rewarding as possible. Best wishes for continued success and an outstanding spring season ahead!

David Jackson

Upcoming Events

- **April 1–18:** M. State Band
- **April 2–4:** M. State Choir
- **April 16:** Appeals Panel Meeting
- **April 17–19:** SPE State
- **April 19:** eSports State
- **April 23:** Girls Golf Regionals
- **April 23:** OSSAA Board Meeting
- **April 24–25:** M. State Vocal
- **April 29–30:** M. State Jazz/Band Combo
- **April 30:** Boys Golf Regionals

OSSAA Monthly Fun Fact

First State Football Champion (1913)

Oklahoma City Central High School won the first recognized state football championship under OSSAA regulation.

Policy Review

Summary:

Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

Member schools hosting any planned activity at a school facility are required to have a written Emergency Action Plan (EAP) in place. This plan must be shared with all visiting schools. The EAP outlines potential emergency situations and details the procedures to follow to help prevent serious injury, loss of life, or property damage.

XXVIII. 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 serious physical injury, loss of life, and property.

Strategic Priority Focus

Goal:

COMMUNICATION

Develop a structure to provide information frequently and consistently

To provide greater transparency and engagement, we have implemented the following initiatives:

Director's Weekly Communication

- Regular email updates about activities
- Video streams to share important information

Monthly Superintendent Newsletter

- Updates on policies and progress toward strategic priorities
- Recap of recent board meeting discussions and highlight the past month's events

Advisory Council

- Comprised of representatives from COSSA, OSSBA, USSA, OCA, state legislators, former OSSAA board members, and the current OSSAA Board President
- Quarterly meetings to gather perspectives and insights on key issues impacting education-based activities



Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors convened for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

During the meeting, the staff discussed ballots that will be sent to the membership for a vote regarding possible revision of several rules.

Those rules are:

- 1) Rule 14-2 : Basketball Classification
- 2) Rule 4-1-6: Conduct rule for Soccer
- 3) Rule 24 - Revised Linked Rule