

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

BASEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024, 1:00 PM VIA ZOOM



AGENDA

Call to Order/Roll: Present: 6A-Shawn Newkirk-Union; SA-Tony Reeder-Collinsville; 4A-Breck Draper-Tuttle; 3A-Pat Foster-Metro Christian; 2A-Justin James-Hartshorne; A-Ray Oakes-Thomas-Fay-Custer; B-Dale Bellamy-Ft. Cobb-Broxton; OBCA Executive Director-Randy Hughes; OSSAA Director of Baseball-Grant Gower. All present.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and Possible Action to split Small School Baseball into 3 classes in the Fall and 2 additional divisions in the Spring:

Fall---2A-A-B

Spring---2A I- 2A-II, A-I- A-II, B

Survey Results-The Survey Results from the OBCA showed 80% of Baseball Coaches approved of the change. The Survey Results from the Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Head Baseball Coaches of 2A-A-B schools showed 75% approved of the change.

Motion was made by Reeder and seconded by Oakes to approve splitting Fall Baseball into 2A-A-B and Spring Baseball into 2A-I, 2A-II, A-I, A-II, B. The Timeline for Classifications/Redistricting Under Item 8 would be implemented. The motion carried 7-0.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to adjust the pitching limitation rule for the playoffs.

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Reeder to table the item for further discussion at the Baseball Coaches Clinic. The motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. Discuss moving the Spring Baseball Season back 2 weeks to allow for the winter sports to finish their season.

The discussion centered on moving the Spring Baseball Season back 2 weeks. Because of the ramifications and implications on schools and other activities, it was not seen as viable.

4. Discuss setting the State Tournament venues before the season begins.

State Baseball Tournament host sites become dependent on what sites are available and also the schools that are competing in the State Tournament. All efforts will continue to be made to secure host sites as soon as is feasible.

5. Discuss Compensation for the Host Site of the State Tournament.

The OSSAA compensates Host Sites for their expenses that are submitted to the Association.

6. Discuss State Tournament Umpire assignments

Schools have always been requested to submit a list of 5 umpires for consideration to umpire in the State Tournament. There will be continued efforts for schools to submit their recommendations.

7. Discuss Umpires working Regional Tournaments to utilize a 3-man crew.

Because of the number of Regional Tournaments that take place across the state in all classifications, it is not always viable to utilize a 3-man crew on all Regional sites. In addition, umpires received a substantial pay increase this year to officiate in the playoffs.

8. Discuss information and the timeline for Classifications and Redistricting.

Here is the Timeline that was discussed for Classifications and Redistricting:

Timeline:

May 20, 2024, Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting

May 22, 2024, OIAAA Board Meeting

June 5, 2024, OSSAA Board of Directors Meeting

Mid July 2024, ADM Numbers Received from the State Department of Education for Classification Purposes

July 23, 2024, OCA Clinic-Redistricting Meetings

August 9, 2024, Finalize Baseball Districts/Classifications

August 14, 2024, OSSAA Board of Directors Meeting to Approve Districts/Classifications

Fall 2024 Fall Baseball utilizing Class A-B Classifications

October 2024 Area Administrators Meetings

November 13, 2024, OSSAA Board of Directors Meeting to approve changes to Spring Baseball Classifications and 2024 Fall Baseball Classifications

November 18-22, 2024, Dissemination of information to Member Schools on Classification Changes

December 2024 Spring Baseball Classifications divided into 2A-I, 2A-II, A-I, A-II, B

Spring 2025 Spring Baseball utilizing the new 6A-5A-4A-3A District Assignments
Spring Baseball utilizing the new 2A-I, 2A-II, A-I, A-II, B Classifications

Fall 2025 Fall Baseball utilizing the new 2A-A-B Classifications

Spring 2026 Second Year of two-year cycle for 6A-5A-4A-3A District Assignments

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Gower

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Director of Baseball

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