

# OSSAA Athletics & Activities Almanac

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## From the Desk of David Jackson:



Dear School Administrators,

Oklahoma high school basketball will experience a dramatic change beginning with the 2026-27 school year, as the use of a shot clock will be implemented in Classes 3A through 6A. This decision comes after overwhelming support from coaches and administrators within these classifications.

This marks a pivotal step forward for high school basketball in Oklahoma, aligning with trends in other state associations. With the support and collaboration of the basketball community, the OSSAA aims to make this transition a success for players, coaches, and fans alike.

As with the shot clock decision, the OSSAA continues to emphasize the importance of gathering input from stakeholders as we prepare for other potential changes that could impact our Association. In the coming weeks, we will conduct surveys to seek feedback on various policies, procedures, and best practices. Coaches, voting delegates, and administrators are strongly encouraged to participate in these surveys to ensure that diverse perspectives are considered. We understand that this time of year is extremely busy for everyone, but your feedback is very important as we work to meet the needs of our membership.

I pray for a strong finish to your 2025-26 school year.

*David Jackson*

## Upcoming Events

**April 29th** – Music State 2A-3A-4A

**April 30th** – Music State 5A-6A-E / Golf Boys Reg

**May 1st** – Slow Pitch Reg

**May 1st – 3rd** – BB Regs (BA, B, A, 3A, 4A)

**May 5th** – Tennis Girls Regs / Soccer 3A-4A 1st Round

**May 5th – 6th** – Golf Girls State

**May 6th** – Slow Pitch State (4A-5A-6A) / Soccer 5A-6A 1st Round

**May 7th** – Slow Pitch State (B-A-2A-3A)

**May 8th** – Soccer 2nd Round (3A-4A)

**May 8th – 10th** – BB 3A-4A Area / BB Regs (BA-2A-5A-6A) / BB Class B-A State

**May 9th – 10th** – Track State (A-4A) / Tennis Girls State

**May 9th** – Soccer 2nd Round (5A-6A)

**May 10th** – Track Regs (5A-6A)

**May 12th** – Tennis Boys Regs

**May 12th – 13th** – Golf Boys State

**May 13th** – Soccer Semi-Final (All Classes)

**May 15th – 17th** – BB State (BA-2A-3A-4A-5A-6A)

**May 16th – 17th** – Track State (5A-6A) / Tennis Boys State / Soccer State (All Classes)

## Policy Review

### SUMMERTIME DEAD PERIOD

The dead period will occur during the week in July that 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 end the weekend following or including the 4th of July. The dates for the dead period begin Saturday, June 28th, and run through Sunday, July 6th.

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.

## Strategic Priority Focus

As we reflect on our progress toward the 2024-2025 strategic priorities, we seek input from our membership to inform the implementation and strategies for our 2025-2026 priorities. A survey will be sent out in the coming weeks, and we welcome feedback from school leaders on how we can better support and serve the membership.

## Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors convened for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

- Board approved the use of a shot clock for Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, and 3A, following the proposal by the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee.
- Board approved experimental use of the shot clock for Classes 2A, A, B-I, and B-II, as long as both schools mutually agree.



## OSSAA Monthly Fun Fact

### ***Adopted the Three-Class System in the 1940s***

To ensure fair competition, OSSAA divided schools into Class A, B, and C for most sports in the mid-20th century, later expanding to the multi-class system used today.