

A close-up, low-angle shot of American football players on a green field. The players are in a three-point stance, with their hands on the ground. A player in the center is holding a red football with white stripes. The image is slightly blurred, emphasizing the action and intensity of the sport.

Athletic Directors

Beginning of the Year Reminders

2025-2026

UPDATE WEB PAGES



Go to www.ossaa.com and click on the membership tab. Make sure that your Superintendent, Principal, and Athletic Director are all up-to-date.

Go to www.ossaarankings.com and make sure your head coaches are updated.

Please include your Academic Bowl, Pom, and E-sports coaches.

WWW.OSSAA.COM



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RULES, POLICIES



BOARD AND
APPEAL
MEETINGS



SPORTS AND
ACTIVITY PAGES



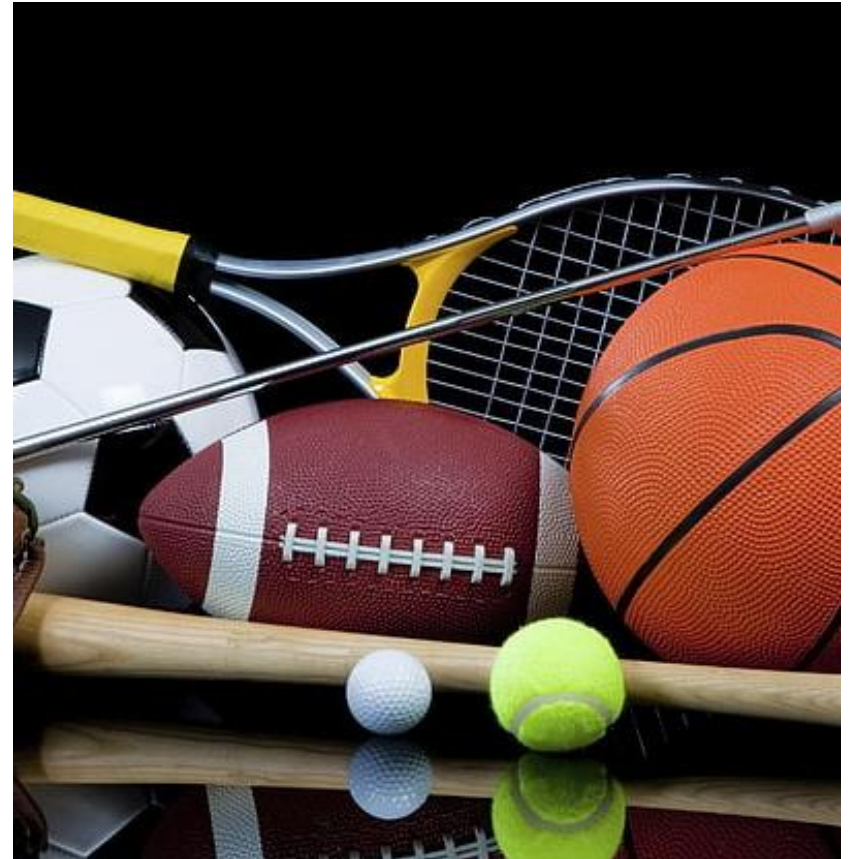
MEMBERSHIP
TAB (MAKE SURE
IT IS UPDATED)



ATHLETIC
DIRECTORS TAB



2 YEAR
CALENDAR



OSSAARANKINGS.COM

PLUG IN ALL HEAD
COACHES AND
INCLUDE YOUR
ACADEMIC BOWL
AND E-SPORTS
COACHES

INCLUDE YOUR
JUNIOR HIGH AD

ENTRY FORMS
ARE LOCATED
HERE

GO OVER
RESPONSIBILITIES
WITH HEAD
COACHES

- HOW TO GET ON
- PLUG IN SCHEDULES
AND RESULTS
- PLUG IN RANKINGS



Fall Sports Opening Day

- Cross Country
August 11
- Fast-Pitch Softball
August 11
- Volleyball
August 11
- Football Limited Practice
August 11
- Week 0 (Thursday)
August 28





Fall Entry Form Deadlines

Entry Forms are located at ossaarankings.com

Fall and Winter Co-op Entry Form Deadline:
August 15

Volleyball	August 1
Baseball (Fall)	August 15
Cheerleading (Competitive)	August 15
Softball (Fall)	August 29
Cross Country	
Boys and Girls	September 10
Academic Bowl	September 4

Please consider filling out all of your entry forms at the beginning of the year



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Board Meetings and Appeals (First Semester)

Appeal Meeting

August 6, 2025

September 3, 2025

October 1, 2025

November 5, 2025

December 3, 2025

Board Meeting

August 13, 2025

September 17, 2025

October 8, 2025

November 12, 2025

December 10, 2025



OIAAA Oklahoma Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

- OIAAA is a great asset for all Athletic Directors
- OIAAA offers a mentorship program for new ADs
- Membership includes a dual membership with NIAAA
- Please visit oklahomaaad.org for more information

SUSPENSION FROM ACTIVITIES FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

OSSAA BOARD POLICY V



Any time an egregious act of unsportsmanlike conduct occurs two or more times during the same season, at the same school, in the same activity, the team and/or individual will be suspended from participation in that activity for the remainder of the season.



Egregious acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will be defined as instances not within the OSSAA adopted rules of the contest.



In the event the second act of misconduct occurs when there are no contests left in the current season, the penalty will be applied to the next season in the same activity.



The OSSAA will notify the school that the team and/or individual has been placed on warning after the first offense. Unsportsmanlike acts under this policy will include acts by coaches, players, or spectators.



EXTREME HEAT PRECAUTIONS

- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
- MONITOR YOUR WET BULB BEFORE AND DURING PRACTICES
- HIGHLY RECOMMEND SUBMERSION TANKS
- MAKE SURE COACHES HAVE ALL COURSEWORK BEFORE PRACTICES START
- MAKE SURE ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES HAVE FORMS FILLED OUT BEFORE THEY START PRACTICE

PRE-PRACTICE FORMS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

PHYSICAL FORM

CONCUSSION FORM

SUDDEN CARDIAC FORM

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FORM

BIOLOGICAL SEX AFFIDAVIT

MISC---TRAVEL CONSENT,
PARENT CONDUCT,
INSURANCE TO TRAVEL,
DRUG TESTING.....

**ALL OTHER SCHOOL
REQUIRED**

PRE- PRACTICE COACHES ITEMS



CONCUSSION IS SPORTS (NFHS COURSE)



SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST (NFHS COURSE)



HEAT ILLNESS AND PREVENTION (NFHS COURSE)



PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF ATHLETIC INJURY (NFHS COURSE –FIRST AID, HEALTH AND SAFETY) OR COLLEGE



CPR & AED TRAINING (NFHS COURSE OR OTHER)



HOUSE BILL 3958 COMMUNICATION WITH ATHLETE'S TRAINING



FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING (FIRST-YEAR COACHES ONLY)



Emergency action plans

- Go over with coaches
 - Location of AED
 - EAP for practice
 - Eap for home games
 - Eap for away game

HARDSHIP WAIVER ASSIGNMENTS 2025-2026

- Brian Lester A-E
- Mike Clark F-M
- Wes Ruth N-R
- Trinity Johnson S-Z





New Rule 8 Transfer Waivers

- There are only 2 waivers for eligibility
 - A. Rule 8 waivers
 - B. Overage/additional semesters

Most of the waivers will fall under A. Rule 8 waivers. The link to fill out all waivers is at ossaa.com, then click on the MEMBERSHIP tab. Then click on the link labeled **HARDSHIP WAIVER APPLICATION**

OSSAA HARDSHIP WAIVER MANUAL 2025-2026

The HARDSHIP WAIVER MANUAL is located on the ELIGIBILITY tab at ossaa.com

There is also a link to the ADMINISTRATOR'S GUIDE TO SUBMITTING A HARDSHIP WAIVER

The link to file a waiver is located in two places.

- a. On the membership side at ossaa.com
- b. On the athletic director's page on ossaarankings.com

Fine arts reminders

- Physicals should be on file for all participants in marching band and all band staff members should have their band safety course completed.
- All secondary music teachers need to login to the CONTEST MANAGER WEBSITE and update their contact information, as well as their school assignment(s) if it has changed.
- All Speech/Debate and One-Act Coaches need to make plans to attend our meeting at Southern Nazarene University on September 6th. Information has been sent to coaches directly.





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