



# OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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TO: Academic Coach  
FROM: Mike Clark, Assistant Director  
RE: Academic Bowl - Area Assignment  
DATE: November 24, 2025

Congratulations to your academic team for advancing to the 2026 Area Academic Bowl Tournament! Enclosed you will find the tournament bracket. The area tournament will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, for all classes.

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL SCHOOLS

- A. Teams in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and A were seeded on the area tournament bracket based on their finishing place in the regional tournaments. Classes 6A and 5A were seeded on the area tournament bracket based on the scoring averages achieved by each team in the district seeding tournaments.
- B. Champion and runner-up teams will advance to the state tournament from each area tournament.
- C. Each school participating in the area tournament will provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If your school attends the tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round.
- D. A first-place plaque will be awarded to the area champion.
- E. Refer to the 2025-2026 OSSAA Academic Bowl Competition manual for further information.
- F. If your team advances to the state tournament, please email a copy of your roster and a 300-dpi photograph to [Rod.coulter@vype.com](mailto:Rod.coulter@vype.com) no later than Friday, January 23, 2026.
- G. The State Academic Bowl Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Rose State College in Midwest City.

## II. GENERAL INFORMATION - HOST SCHOOLS

- A. It is the responsibility of the area tournament site manager to employ chief judges and moderators. They, as well as the site manager, will be paid \$50.00 for the tournament by the OSSAA.
- B. Questions will be shipped via UPS on Monday, January 12, 2026. **DO NOT** open questions until the day of the tournament.
- C. **Please scan and email the result sheet and score sheets as a single PDF immediately after the competition. Do not send pictures of the results.** Please have your judges, moderators, and site managers address the enclosed envelopes and return along with the claim form for payment.

**NOTE: If the tournament manager changes the time schedule from what is shown on the bracket, he or she must have written confirmation from all schools involved concerning the time change.**

## AREA TOURNAMENTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Area Academic Bowl Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026 for all classes.
2. The sites for the area tournaments have been selected and are included in this mailing.
3. Teams in Classes 4A 3A, 2A, and A will be seeded on the area tournament bracket based on their finishing place in the regional tournament. Teams in Classes 6A and 5A will be seeded on the area bracket based on their performance in the district seeding tournament.
4. Two teams will advance to the state tournament from each area tournament.
5. Each school participating in the area tournament will provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends a tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round. One person may perform either duty, but must be trained as timer and scorer.
6. The brackets for the area tournament will be released on November 24, 2025.
7. It is the responsibility of the area tournament site manager to employ chief judges and moderators. They, as well as the site manager, will be paid \$50.00 for the tournament by the OSSAA. (See the tournament schedule on page 15 of the Academic Manual.)

NOTE: If your school has been selected as a site for an area tournament, you should begin making your plans now (See page 11 of the Academic Manual, Hosting a Tournament). Please return the site confirmation sheet to the OSSAA office with the street address and person responsible for receiving the questions and trophies.

8. Questions will be shipped via FEDEX on January 12, 2026.
- 9.. **All results need to be scanned and emailed as a single PDF document no later than Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Do not send pictures of the results. Do not mail in your results. You may discard the questions at your site. Please keep a copy of all results (score sheets, team/individual record sheets and tournament results) for your records. MAIL YOUR EXPENSE SHEET AND ENVELOPES BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026.**

## STATE TOURNAMENT

1. The State Academic Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026.
2. The state tournament will be held at Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma.
3. Each school participating in the state tournament will provide a timer or a scorekeeper to work the tournament. If the school attends a tournament without a trained student or adult volunteer, the team will forfeit that round. One person may perform either duty, but must be trained as timer and scorer.



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January 12, 2026

Dear Academic Coach,

VYPE Oklahoma will be producing the programs for the state academic tournament again this year. To make this the most complete and accurate program for you and your students, we will need the following things:

1. A complete roster of participating students, including all coaches and/or advisors.
2. A full color picture of your team.

To ensure that your squad is properly included in the state championship program, **please email** Rod Coulter at [programs@vype.com](mailto:programs@vype.com) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rod at 918-232-1197.

Each team that qualifies for state will be featured in the program.

There is no cost to you or your school to be in the program.

Programs will be sold for \$5 at the event. They can also be pre-ordered if you would like to do that and pick them up that day by contacting Rod.

Schools may purchase a "Spirit Page or Celebration Page" to support your team for an additional fee. You can contact Bill Huddleston at [bill.huddleston@vype.com](mailto:bill.huddleston@vype.com) for details. VYPE Oklahoma will design pages as needed.

**PLEASE SHARE A COPY WITH ALL TEAMS ATTENDING YOUR AREA TOURNAMENT.**

## **What about bad weather?**

**Postponing the tournament will be made much easier if a plan is made in advance!!!**

1. Have the tournament later in the day, after the roads have cleared.
2. Have the tournament on Sunday afternoon.  
Begin at 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m.
3. Have the tournament on Monday afternoon, beginning no earlier than 1:00 p.m.
4. Set up a phone relay in case the tournament must be postponed. Communicate with the schools and officials beforehand.
5. Postpone ONLY if it is absolutely, positively necessary!!!!

## ZeeCraft Discount

Academic Coaches:

ZeeCraft will be offering a discount on any buzzer systems used at this year's State Academic Bowl. As in previous years, all systems are sent brand new, and then are used for the first and only time at the Academic Bowl State Tournament.

If you would like to purchase any of the Challenger buzzer systems, they are for sale. The discount offered is \$100 off the price for a standard wired system and \$150 off the price of a wireless system. The discount applies to Challenger systems and buzzers that are used during the State Tournament. The standard buzzer systems, both wired and wireless, used in the tournament are 8-player Challenger II systems. If you want a customized Challenger system with the discount applied, we can construct control boxes with the desired features to be used in the tournament. All customizations **MUST** be requested ahead of time. The following features are available for custom Challenger systems:

- Challenger III control boxes (wired or wireless)
- Line-level audio output
- Wired Challenger control boxes with 16 plug-in ports (which we recommend)
- Adjustable volume knob for volume control
- Pause button for both Challenger II and Challenger III boxes
- Jacks and daisy-chain cables for multi-system play

- Bonus button (for wired systems only)
- LED lockout for Challenger III systems
- Remote reset
- Remote timer control box

Individual buzzers will also be available for purchase, as will the following additional items: power supplies, replacement lenses (including all new colors), repair kits, battery clips, etc. Carrying cases may also be purchased, although they must be requested ahead of time.

Anyone 'reserving' a system ahead of time will be guaranteed their request, up to the point of availability of systems. While all reservations for ZeeCraft products will be guaranteed, there will still be items that can be purchased at the tournament. Please establish all reservations for special features by **12:00 PM ET on January 7th, 2026**. Any reservations for standard buzzer systems can be placed up to the start of the tournament.

ZeeCraft will have a representative this year at the state tournament. Repairs will also be available for those who pre-request it.

For more information, contact Scott Kroner at 800-662-7475.

# SPORTSMANSHIP

The OSSAA's vision for sportsmanship is built on expectations. Expectations that the school community—administrators, teachers, coaches, students, and patrons strive for displaying only positive behavior and good sportsmanship in everything they do at all interscholastic contests.

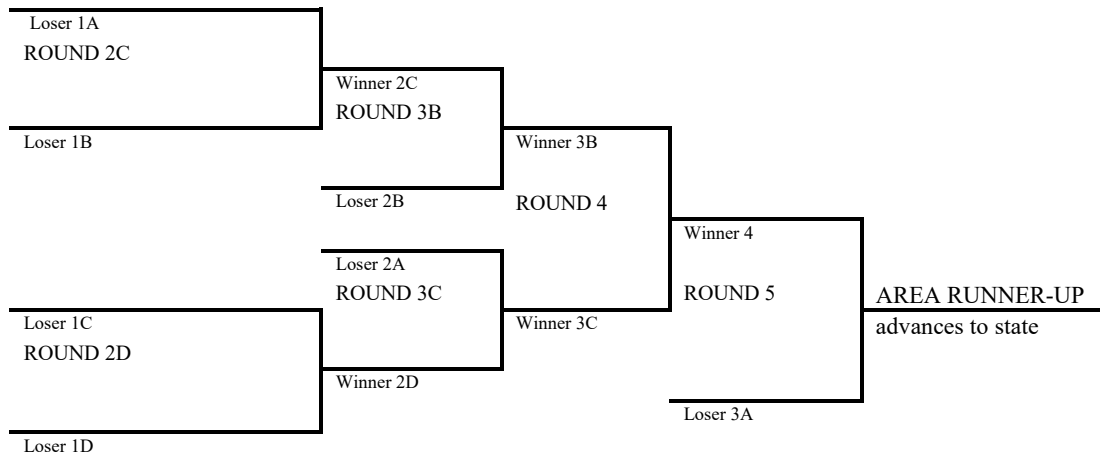
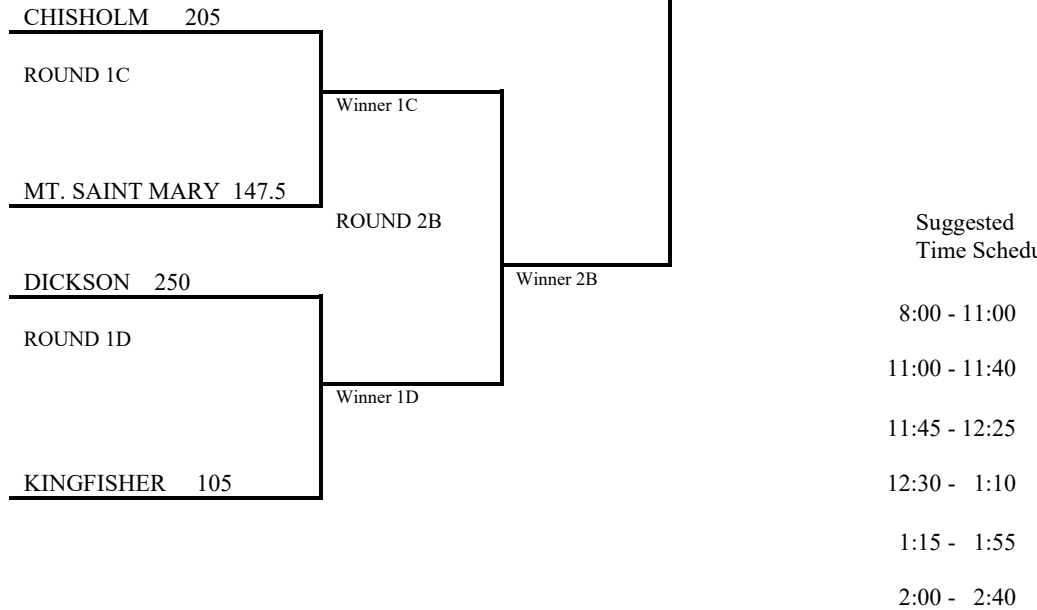
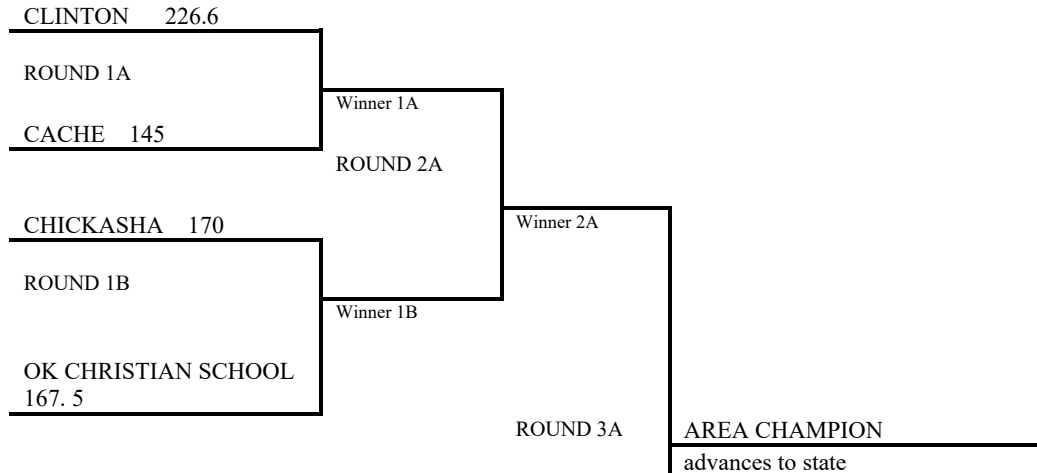
As educators we have the unique opportunity to teach the value of discipline, dignity, integrity, fairness and respect to young people each day.

We encourage all school personnel to take advantage of the opportunity and make a lasting difference.



**AREA ACADEMIC BOWL  
JANUARY 17, 2026  
CLASS 4A**

**AREA I**  
**AT: Jones**  
**MANAGER Andrew Gierhart Email- [agierhart@jonesps.org](mailto:agierhart@jonesps.org)**

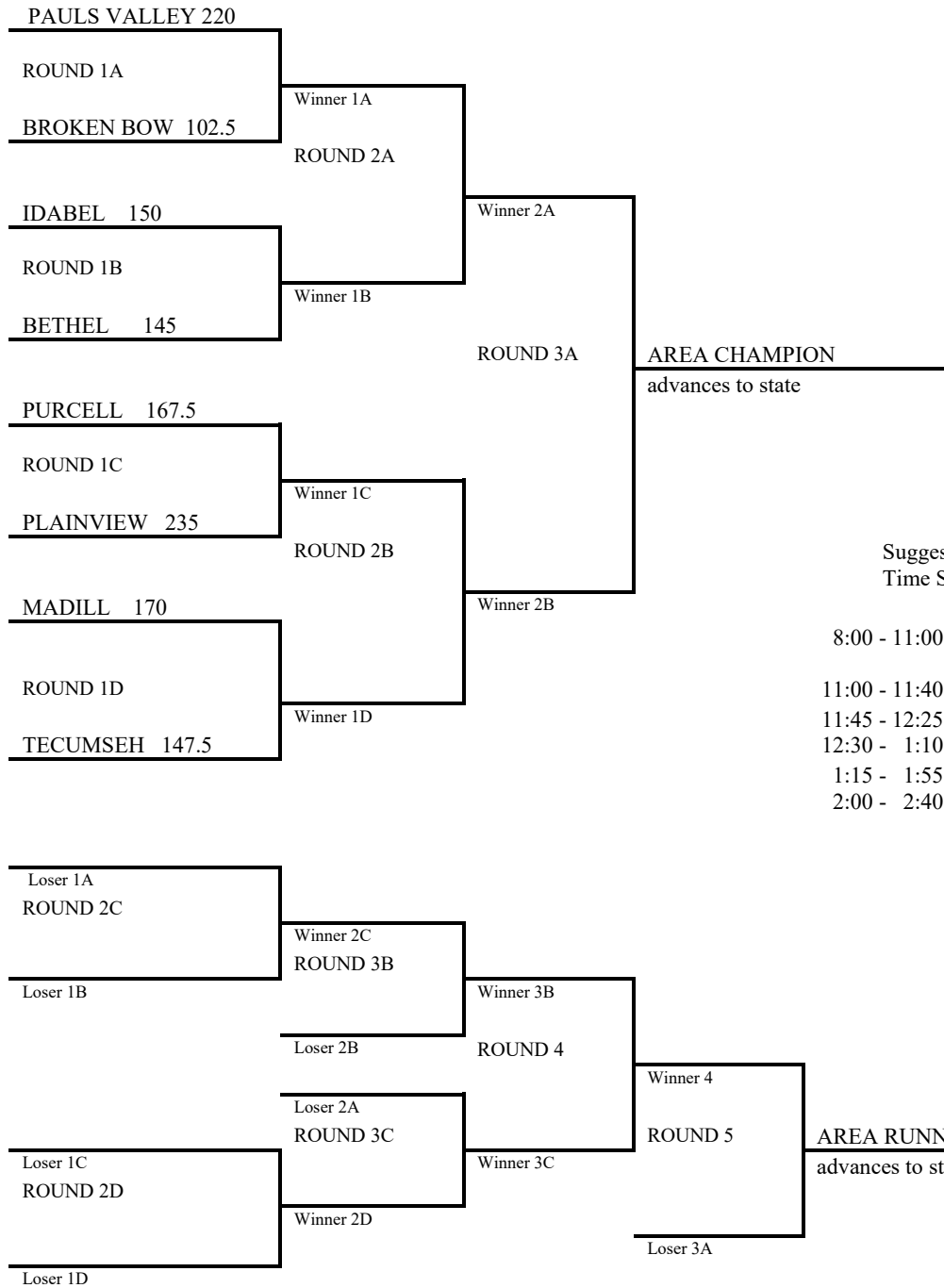




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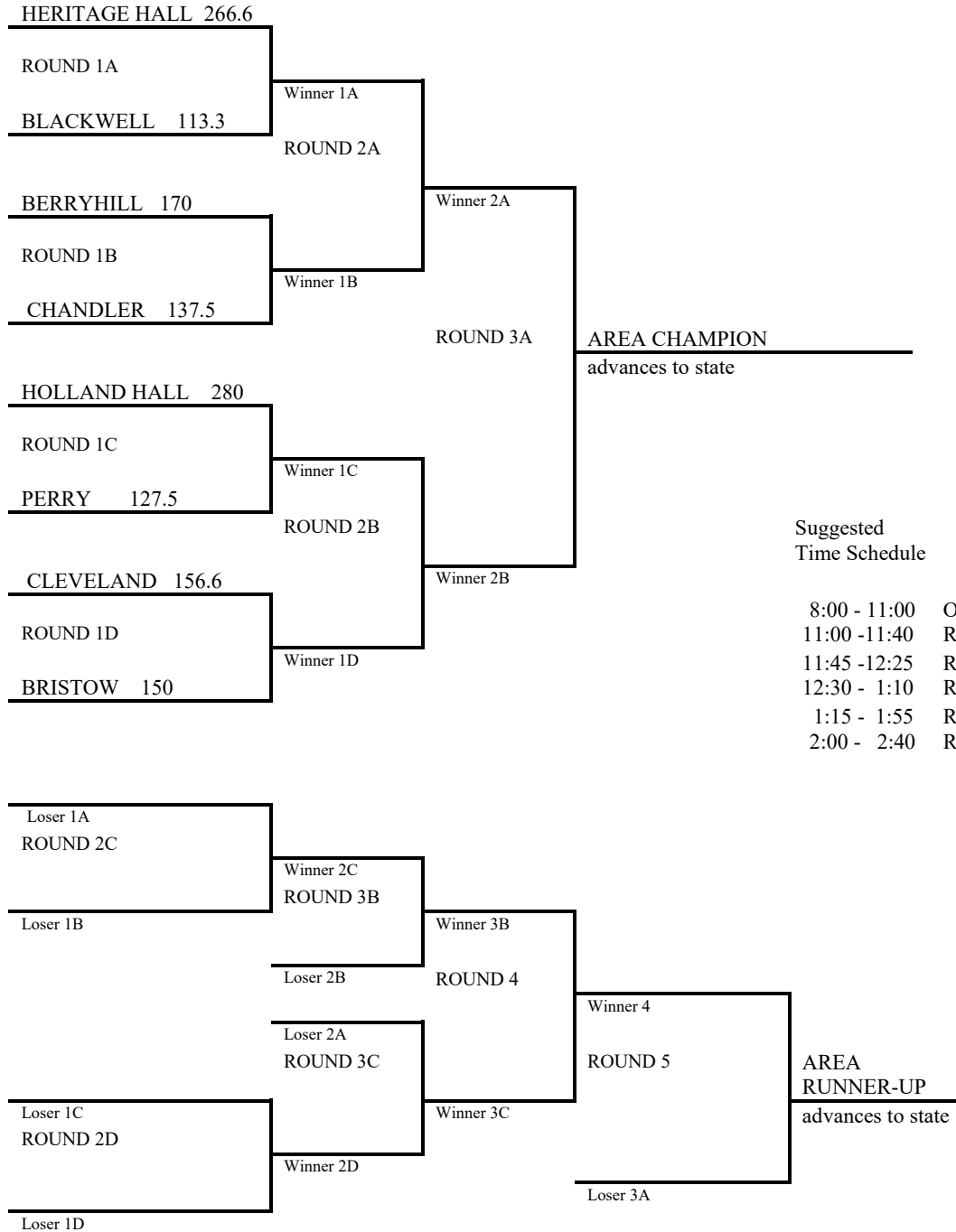
**AREA II**  
**AT: Plainview**  
**MANAGER Kristy Worsham**

**Email- [kworsham@plainview.k12.ok.us](mailto:kworsham@plainview.k12.ok.us)**



**AREA ACADEMIC BOWL  
JANUARY 17, 2026  
CLASS 4A**

**AREA**                    **III**  
**AT:**                    **Chandler**  
**MANAGER**       **Zachary Fisher**       **Email- [zachary.fisher@chandlerlions.org](mailto:zachary.fisher@chandlerlions.org)**



**AREA ACADEMIC BOWL  
JANUARY 17, 2026  
CLASS 4A**

**AREA**            **IV**  
**AT:**            **Wagoner**  
**MANAGER**   **Mikayla Epperson**

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