



TO: High School Principals, Girls and Boys Basketball Coaches
FROM: Brian Lester, Assistant
RE: 2025-26 Classes A and B Basketball Championship Series Information
DATE: January 26, 2026

Below you will find District tournament pairings for Classes A and B basketball.

On Monday, February 2 at **4:00 p.m.**, district meetings for Classes A and B shall be held. The purpose of the meeting will be to draw the brackets for the tournament and make composite recommendations on the game officials in order of their preference. Teams win and loss records should include all games through Saturday, January 31.

The list of fifteen game officials must be sent electronically to the Activities Association office IMMEDIATELY following the district meeting. Instructions are included below.

EACH COACH SHALL PRESENT TO THE CHAIRMAN A COMPILED ITEMIZED LIST OF WINS AND LOSSES.

****The following were recommended by the OSSAA Basketball Advisory Committee and instituted for this year.****

The following criteria will be used in all athletic contests that are OSSAA play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn on the local level.

- a) Three Teams - Rate and seed the top two teams.
CRITERIA FOR SEEDING: 1) OSSAA Rankings (top 20), 2) Won/Loss Percentage,
3) Head to Head, 4) Lot

Once the seeding is complete, the 1 seed will be placed on the top line of the bracket. The 2 seed will be placed on the bottom of the bracket and the 3 seed will be placed on the 3rd line of the bracket resulting in a bye for the 1 seed.

Tournament managers must email a copy of the tournament bracket to the OSSAA office immediately following the district meeting. The official tournament bracket for Classes BI, BII, and A will be released by Thursday, February 5, 2026.

All byes are to be in the first round. When more than one bye is to be placed on the bracket, the two seeded teams with the best records shall receive the bye. If, after the bracket is made, the chairman should learn before play begins that one or more of the teams will not participate and this would cause a bye in the second round, a new bracket shall be drawn, otherwise the bracket shall remain as drawn.

For the online officials preferential list and district bracket entry, go to the ossaarankings site. The official play-off pairings for those classes will be released Saturday, January 31, 2026, on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com). **OFFICIAL STARTING TIMES WILL BE LISTED ON THE OFFICIAL BRACKET RELEASED BY THE OSSAA OFFICE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026.**

NOTE: Coaches, the application for Academic Achievement Awards is due no later than February 23, 2026. The link is on the basketball page of our website.

PLAYOFF STARTING TIMES - DISTRICT, REGIONALS AND AREA TOURNAMENTS

1. Afternoon Sessions	1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
2. Night Sessions	6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SCOREBOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO NON-HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED.

**BRACKETS WILL BE POSTED ONLY ON THE OSSAA WEBSITE
(www.ossaa.com). BRACKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED TO THE
SCHOOLS.**

UPLOADING PREFERENTIAL LIST

After the conclusion of the district meeting, the **HOST SCHOOL** is responsible for uploading your request on the ossaarankings website.

RECORDING YOUR PREFERENTIAL OFFICIALS AND DISTRICT BRACKETS

To record the list of preferential officials and bracket entry, access the link “**Preferential Officials List and Bracket Entry Site**” located on the OSSAA Rankings website. **NOTE: Listing officials on your Preferential List that ARE NOT on the “List of Available Playoff Officials” will render your District’s Preferential List INVALID when assignments are made by OSSAA.**

LIST OF AVAILABLE PLAYOFF OFFICIALS

Click on the “**List of Available Playoff Officials**” link in the **UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER** to show the list of **AVAILABLE PLAYOFF** officials. This will show a list of available eligible officials that have indicated to OSSAA that they are available for the OSSAA playoff series. *The link will open at 4:00 p.m. on January 31 and close at noon on February 3. You may login to the OSSAA Rankings Site as if to rank.*

Enter the OSSAA ID number of a selected official and the program will populate the name and town. List officials in order of preference with the first official being your top preference. **Preferential List will not submit without 15 officials selected.**

Follow the criteria listed to complete the bracket.

List a name of an individual from each school that was involved in the selection process. **Preferential List will not submit without a name from each school.**

By clicking on the “Save Changes” button, the list will submit to OSSAA.

District manager will receive an email of receipt of verification from OSSAA and an email will be sent to OSSAA to confirm submission. **(No lists or brackets will need to be faxed to the OSSAA.)**

After clicking on the “Save Changes” button with a **full** list of 15 officials, adjustments/corrections/deletions can only be made by contacting Sheree Riddell at 405-594-0211 prior to noon on Tuesday, February 3.

REPORTING RESULTS FROM BASKETBALL PLAY-OFF CONTESTS

For Classes B, A, 2A, 3A, and 4A, beginning with the first game of the District tournament, and from that point forward into the basketball play-offs, it is mandatory that results from each contest be entered into the school's schedule after the conclusion of the contest. THIS SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME!!

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coaches' school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period on one year. A third and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

VIDEO LIVE STREAMING

The 2026 Basketball Playoffs Video Live Streaming Agreement Form can be found on the Basketball page of the OSSAA website. This agreement must be completed, signed and emailed to vsiven@ossaa.com by Monday at noon prior to the tournament starting each week. Any request made after the deadline will have a \$50 late fee added if time allows for the request to be approved. The NFHS Network has the rights to video live stream any game during any round of the tournament exclusively.

2025-26 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

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Please refer to page **BB10** of the Basketball Manual for pairings in drawing the tournament brackets.

It is imperative that the tournament managers go online and complete the preferential official page and fill in the bracket for the bracket manager by February 2.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSIGNMENTS CLASS A AREA I

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Arapaho-Butler**
Pioneer-Pleasant Vale

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Okarche**
Cherokee

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Laverne**
Turpin

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Mooreland**
Drummond

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - Okarche **SUB-SITE - Mooreland (1, 4)**

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Riverfield**
Regent Prep

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Waukomis**
Barnsdall

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Drumright**
Hominy

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Amber-Pocasset**
Yale

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Drumright** **SUB-SITE - Yale (5, 8)**

AREA SITE - Enid High School

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DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSIGNMENTS CLASS A AREA II

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Garber**
Okay

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Ripley**
OK Bible Academy (Boys Only), Mounds (Girls Only)

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Wellston**
Foyil

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Afton**
Quapaw

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - Ripley **SUB-SITES - Okay (1, 4)**

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Canute**
Snyder

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Alex**
Southwest Covenant

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Thomas-Fay-Custer**
Burns Flat-Dill City

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Hydro-Eakly**
Wayne

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Southwest Covenant** **SUB-SITE -** **Canute (5, 8)**

AREA SITE - Stride Event Center

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DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSIGNMENTS CLASS A AREA III

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Cyril**
Rush Springs

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Hollis**
Waurika

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Wilson**
Navajo

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Central High**
Fletcher

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - Navajo **SUB-SITE -** Cyril (1, 4)

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Cheyenne/Reydon**
Carnegie

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Empire**
Apache

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Velma-Alma**
Healdton

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Verden**
Elmore City-Pernell

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - Apache (Fri and Sat games) **SUB-SITE -** Carnegie (5, 8)
Velma-Alma (6, 7)

AREA SITE - Cache

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DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSIGNMENTS CLASS A AREA IV

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Caddo**
Savanna

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Rock Creek**
Wister

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Porum**
Liberty

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Canadian**
Weleetka

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Hartshorne (Fri and Sat)** **SUB-SITE** - **Caddo (1, 4)**
Porum (2, 3)

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Allen**
Arkoma

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Wright City**
Haworth

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Dewar**
Quinton

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Talihina**
Gore

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Quinton** **SUB-SITE** - **Allen (5, 8)**

AREA SITE - **Wilburton**