



TO: High School Principals, Girls and Boys Basketball Coaches
FROM: Brian Lester, Assistant
RE: 2025-26 Classes 2A, 3A, and 4A Basketball Championship Series Information
DATE: February 2, 2026

Below you will find District tournament pairings for Classes 2A, 3A, and 4A basketball.

On Monday, February 9 at **4:00 p.m.**, district meetings for Classes 2A 3A and 4A 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, February 7.

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 Brian Lester, blester@ossaa.com, at the OSSAA office immediately following the district meeting. The official tournament bracket for Classes 2A, 3A, and 4A will be released by Thursday, February 12, 2026. All byes are to be in the first round.

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, February 7, 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 12, 2026.**

NOTE: Coaches, the application for Academic Achievement Awards is due no later than March 2, 2026. The link is on the basketball page of our website.

PLAYOFF STARTING TIMES - DISTRICT, REGIONALS AND AREA TOURNAMENTS

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

***If there is only one scheduled game in an afternoon session, it will be played at 2:30 pm.**

***If there is only one scheduled game in an evening session, it will be played at 6:00 pm.**

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 February 7 and close at noon on February 10. 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.

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 10.

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

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 14590 or 7300 N. Broadway Extension, Oklahoma City, OK 73113-0590

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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 9.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSIGNMENTS

CLASS 2A AREA I

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Fairland**
Pawhuska

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Hooker**
OK Bible Academy (girls)

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Fairview**
Tonkawa

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Caney Valley**
Nowata

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Tonkawa**

SUB-SITES - **Pawhuska (1,4)**
Hooker (2, 3)

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Hulbert**
Chelsea, Mounds (boys only)

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Dale**
Luther

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Newkirk**
Crescent

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Okemah**
Kipp Tulsa

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Dale**

SUB-SITE - **Okemah (5, 8)**

AREA SITE - **Stride Event Center (Enid)**

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CLASS 2A AREA II

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Christian Heritage**
The Academy

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Riverside**
Hinton

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Walters**
Frederick

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Stratford**
Minco

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Riverside**

SUB-SITE - **Stratford (1, 4)**

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Hobart**
Sayre

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Mangum**
Cordell

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Cashion**
Watonga

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Merritt**
Oklahoma Christian Academy

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Watonga**

SUB-SITE - **Merritt (5, 8)**

AREA SITE - **Bridge Creek**

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CLASS 2A AREA III

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Panama**
Coalgate

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Latta**
Calera

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Colbert**
Tushka

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Wewoka**
Warner

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Latta**

SUB-SITES - **Warner (1, 4)**

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Pocola**
Wilburton

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Howe**
Porter Consolidated

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Colcord**
Commerce

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Chouteau-Mazie**
Ketchum

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Porter Consolidated**

SUB-SITE - **Chouteau-Mazie (5, 8)**

AREA SITE - **Checotah**

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CLASS 2A AREA IV

SCHOOL IN BOLD WILL HOST

BOYS & GIRLS

DISTRICT 1 - At - **Vanoss**
Konawa

DISTRICT 2 - At - **Kansas**
OK Union

DISTRICT 3 - At - **Stroud**
Summit Christian

DISTRICT 4 - At - **Dibble**
Wynnewood

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Stroud**

SUB-SITE - **Vanoss (1, 4)**

DISTRICT 5 - At - **Preston**
Pawnee

DISTRICT 6 - At - **Hartshorne**
Haskell

DISTRICT 7 - At - **Vian**
Central (Sallisaw)

DISTRICT 8 - At - **Oktaha**
Morrison

REGIONAL MAIN SITE - **Haskell**

SUB-SITE - **Oktaha (5, 8)**
Hartshorne (6, 7)

AREA SITE - **Henryetta**