

Fall Baseball Notes: October 4, 2010

1. **State Baseball Tournament Coaches:** With the site for the Fall Baseball State at Norman High School, Norman North High School, and L. Dale Mitchell Park on the campus of the University of Oklahoma, please spend a few moments with reading the notes below and communicate to your players, patrons and fans:
 - **If you have a fast pitch softball team in the State Tournament, your baseball team is NOT allowed in free at the softball site and the softball team is NOT allowed in free at the baseball site. Participants are granted free admission in the sport they are participating in only.**
 - **Hotel information is posted on the website.**
 - **Parking at Norman High and Norman North High School for the noon and 2:30 pm games will be during the school day. Be mindful of the traffic problems around these two schools when school is dismissed at 3 pm. Night time parking and parking at OU will be plentiful.**
 - **Directions to the sites are posted on the OSSAA website.**
 - **Coaches should send a roster to Sheree Riddell at sriddell@ossaa.com or fax a roster to her at 405-840-9559 to assure participation certificates are printed for each participant. Remember there are NO programs at the Fall State Baseball Tournament.**
 - **Lawn chair seating at Norman High is very limited. Lawn chair seating Norman North is plentiful behind home plate and down the left field line.**

Fall Baseball Notes: September 27, 2010

1. **Regional Game Results:** Regional sites need to text the score of each regional game as soon as possible following the conclusion of each contest to Chris Willfong of the OSSAA staff at 1-918-913-1780 so the OSSAA web page brackets can be updated.
2. **State Brackets:** **State brackets will be released by noon on Monday, October 4th.**
3. **Hotel Information:** Hotel information is posted on the website for Norman and the State Tournament.
4. **Academic Awards:** No academic awards in Fall State Baseball.

Fall Baseball Notes: September 20, 2010

1. **District Results:** Call in District results as soon as complete to office at 405-840-1116 or cell 405-818-3541. Be sure to give winner and record. Note: In Regional play teams that are rated in the final top 20 of the OKRankings receives seeds and the remainder of the teams are seeded by record.
2. **Hiring Umpires:** Two umpire crew for Regional play. No exceptions. Does not have to be the same two umpires for all games.
3. **Hotel Information:** Hotel information is posted on the website for Norman and the State Tournament.
4. **Regional Pairings:** Regional pairings will be posted by noon on Monday, September 27th.

Fall Baseball Notes: September 13, 2010

1. **Bats:** Below is an email I received from Denny Crabaugh the head baseball coach at Oklahoma City University:

Mike,

Here are the sizes and prices of the bats I was talking about. All of these bats are 2010 models and still in the wrapper. They are legal for HS play in the 2010 and 2011 seasons. I appreciate you getting this info out to the coaches.

4- 33in Louisville Slugger Exogrids \$200 apiece
2-33in Louisville Slugger Omahas \$125 apiece
7-34in Louisville Slugger Exogrids \$200 apiece
1-34in Louisville Slugger Omaha \$125

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2. **Hiring Umpires:** When hiring umpires for the district and regional tournaments be sure that the officials are eligible. An "eligible" official has passed Part 1 of the 2010 NFHS Baseball Rules Test and has enrolled with the OSSAA for the school year 2010-11.
3. **District meetings:** Count games through September 14; meetings can be held as soon as September 15 and must be held by September 17. Refer to Page BA5 of the Baseball Regulations and Section X when drawing up the bracket. Note: In District play the team with the best record is the seeded team and in Regional play teams that are rated in the top 20 of the OKRankings receives seeds and the remainder of the teams are seeded by record.

4. **Game counts:** The following press release came from our office after the OSSAA Board met on September 8 and addressed the baseball game count issue:

Effective immediately, the OSSAA Board of Directors made the decision at their regularly scheduled September Board Meeting to lift the regular season contest limit restriction on individual participants in fast-pitch softball, fall and spring baseball and slow-pitch softball on a temporary basis.

The OSSAA Staff and Board in cooperation with the Advisory Committees in those respective sports, will evaluate the situation for the 2011-12 school year.

Teams are limited to 22 games, and 3 tournaments at the high school level.

Fall Baseball Notes: September 7, 2010

1. **LIGHTNING:** In the event the game must be suspended temporarily for inclement weather or lightning, the OSSAA has no specific policy on resumption of play. The NFHS has a recommendation of 30 minutes wait after a lightning flash. This is only a recommendation and should be taken as such. The OSSAA would recommend that the officials confer with school administrators from both schools to make a decision regarding return to play or cancelling the remainder of the contest.
2. **WIN-WIN WEEK:** The OSSAA in conjunction with OU Cancer Research Center are sponsoring WIN-WIN WEEK September 13-17. *(more info on WIN-WIN WEEK can be found on the Home Page of OSSAA website)* Schools in the OSSAA are encouraged to participate in "Pink Week" activities. This will include adding pink to the uniform of athletes playing in OSSAA contests during that week. Officials should be mindful of safety issues as it pertains to uniform adjustments.
3. **RULES TEST:** All Fall Baseball Head coaches must take the 2010 Baseball Rules Test on line by September 10th. Be sure you sent a verification of your meeting attendance to the office. **ALL HEAD COACHES in FALL BASEBALL SCHOOLS MUST TAKE THE 2010 BASEBALL RULES TEST by FRDAY!!!!**
4. **OKRANKINGS:** Second ranking is due by Tuesday, September 7th at noon. Update your team page each week with scores to allow other coaches to rank appropriately.

5. **DISTRICT PAIRINGS:** District pairings to be released by 4 pm on Friday, September 10th.

Fall Baseball Notes: August 30, 2010

1. **CLASSIFICATION:** Classification will post on the website by noon on August 31 on the Baseball Page and under Classifications.
2. **OKRANKINGS:** First ranking is due by Wednesday, September 1st at noon. Update your team page with scores to allow other coaches to rank appropriately.
3. **RULES TEST:** All Fall Baseball Head coaches must take the 2010 Baseball Rules Test on line by September 10th. Be sure you sent a verification of your meeting attendance to the office.

Fall Baseball Notes: August 24, 2010

1. **RULES TEST:** All Fall Baseball Head coaches must take the 2010 Baseball Rules Test on line by September 10th. Be sure you sent a verification of your meeting attendance to the office.
2. **RANKINGS:** First rankings open August 31st at noon and close on September 1st at noon. A letter on the ranking process was sent to your school.
3. **ENTRY FORM: DUE THIS FRIDAY!!!**

Fall Baseball Notes: August 17, 2010

1. **Entry form:** Fall Baseball Entry form is due by Friday, August 27th.
2. **Classification:** Classification in Fall Baseball will be released by noon on August 31st.
3. **Okrankings---**First okrankings deadline is noon on September 1st. The second ranking will be due September 7th, third ranking due by September 13th, and final ranking due by September 20th.
4. **Baseball bats:** Read the information on the BBCOR and BESR certification on the website. Composite bats are illegal without the BBCOR standard.

5. **Rules:** New OSSAA Board Policy requires that all head coaches attend a State Rules Meeting. Baseball rules meetings are available on line August 9th at the OSSAA website. Deadline for taking the rules meeting is September 10th.
6. **Championship:** Fall State Baseball Championships will be played at L. Dale Mitchell Park on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. Norman North High School and Norman High School will host play for the quarter and semi-final rounds. Motel information will be posted on the Baseball page first week of September.
7. **Umpires:** Coaches may nominate umpires for the State tournament with the form on the OSSAA website Baseball page.
8. **Ejections:** Coaches that are ejected must complete the NFHS video class for Teaching and Modeling Behavior within seven days of the ejection. That course is accessible on line at www.nfhslearn.com. The course has \$25 fee. Verification needs to be sent to the OSSAA office by fax or email.
9. **Umpires:** Must take the NFHS concussion video, Concussion in Sports: What You Need to Know, at www.nfhslearn.com in order to call in the play-offs. The video is free.
10. **Umpire Availability for State Tournament:** Umpires interested in calling in the Fall State Tournament need to fill out and send in the availability sheet located on the Officials page of the website.