

OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 14590, Oklahoma City, OK 73113

TO: Principals/Slow-Pitch Softball Coaches
FROM: Ed Sheakley, Assistant
RE: Classes A-2A-3A-4A-5A Regional Tournaments
DATE: April 21, 2008

Listed below you will find the bracket for the 2008 Slow-Pitch Softball Regional Tournament for your class. Please check the assigned site, date, and times. If you have a conflict, contact the regional manager and through mutual agreement of all schools, site, date and times may be changed with OSSAA approval.** Conflicts could result from proms or other school activities. We ask you to be cooperative in this manner.

The host school will hire OSSAA certified umpires after recommendations are made from competing schools. Two umpires are to be used in each game.

A championship and runner-up plaque will be sent by the OSSAA to the regional site.

Tickets will be sent to the host school via UPS from the OSSAA office. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and students.

The host school should furnish balls and pay the umpires. The Wilson DeMarini A9044 12" polycore leather softball will be used in the state tournament. In regionals, use a 12" white or optic yellow softball and the coefficient of restitution (COR) shall not exceed .44.

The umpires will be paid \$25.00 per game when more than one game a day is played, and \$30.00 for a single game, plus expenses as per the "OSSAA Travel Chart" for the driver only. The umpires should be selected from within a reasonable driving distance of the tournament site.

Travel by Car :

1-25 miles	\$ 5.00
26-50 miles	\$10.00
51-75 miles	\$20.00
76-100 miles	\$25.00
Over 100 miles repeat above scale as needed	

When the regional tournament is completed, REGIONAL WINNERS should immediately call the OSSAA (405-840-1116) or Ed Sheakley (405-720-1185) and give the team's won-lost record.

The OSSAA will draw the bracket for the state championship tournament and it will be released on the OSSAA website (www.ossaa.com) on Monday afternoon, April 28, 2008. The state championship is single elimination. The quarterfinals and semi-finals for Classes 5A-6A will be played at Reaves Park located on South Jenkins between the Lloyd Noble Center and the OU Football Stadium on the east side of the road in Norman on April 30, 2008. The quarterfinals and semi-finals for Classes A-2A-3A-4A will be played at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, 2801 N.E. 50th Street in Oklahoma City on April 30, 2008. The championship finals for all classes will be played at the ASA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City on May 1, 2008.

For the OSSAA playoff tournaments, each team will be limited to **twenty-two (22)** suited squad members.

All play-off games will be regulation seven inning games unless the run rule is in effect. The run rule will be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings throughout the play-off series. The host school shall inform the umpires of this regulation prior to the tournament beginning.

Refer to the 2007-2008 OSSAA Slow-Pitch Softball Manual for further information.

The pitching distance shall be 50 feet.

Softball bats – All bats must meet National Federation specifications and shall be labeled with the permanent ASA approved 2004 certification mark or be listed on ASA’s website of legal bats. (This listing was sent out April 4, 2008.) Coaches are asked to highlight the bats they are using on the approved list to expedite the bat checking process by umpires.

Suspended game: If weather, darkness, or other circumstances interfere with play so that a play-off tournament game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: (a) five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or (b) play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning scores a run (or runs) which exceeds the opponent’s score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. Otherwise, it will be a suspended game. A suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day, with the line-up and batting order for each team the same as it was at the time of suspension.

If weather conditions look unfavorable, please contact the site manager before leaving for the tournament.

Designated Media Area - National Federation Softball Rules require the home team or game management to designate a lined area for the media. This area shall be considered a dead ball area. This rule also prohibits media from being in a live ball area. (Rule 1-1-7)

The OSSAA is asking each host site to cooperate with the media and provide a designated area. We also recommend the area be marked between home and first or third base in an area that enables adequate media coverage. We realize each park is built different and the above recommendation may not be feasible. An area that affords the best possible coverage with the least possibility of an interference situation should be selected.

Ill-fitting batting helmets are a growing concern among game officials. Umpires have reported several incidents where the batter and/or base runner’s helmet has come off the head while a player is running the bases. A helmet that fits properly will not easily come off the head. It is the responsibility of each school to properly equip your softball players for safety reasons. Please make sure you have enough helmets in various sizes for your team to wear. Also, chin straps can easily be purchased or made for helmets.

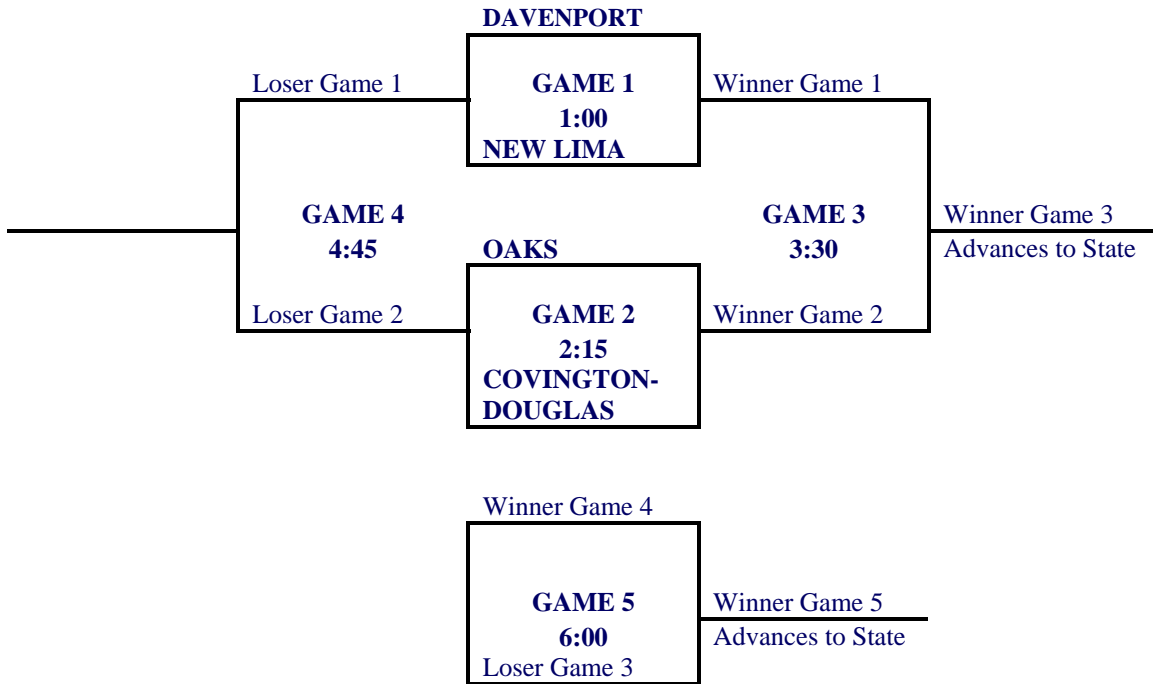
At the completion of the Regional Tournament, please call The Oklahoman (405-475-3313) and the Tulsa World (1-800-944-7529) to report the game scores.

****The school administration should be involved in the decision to change the tournament format.**

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**2008 Regional Tournament
Slow-Pitch Softball**

Site: Davenport
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2008
Manager: Principal
Class: 2A

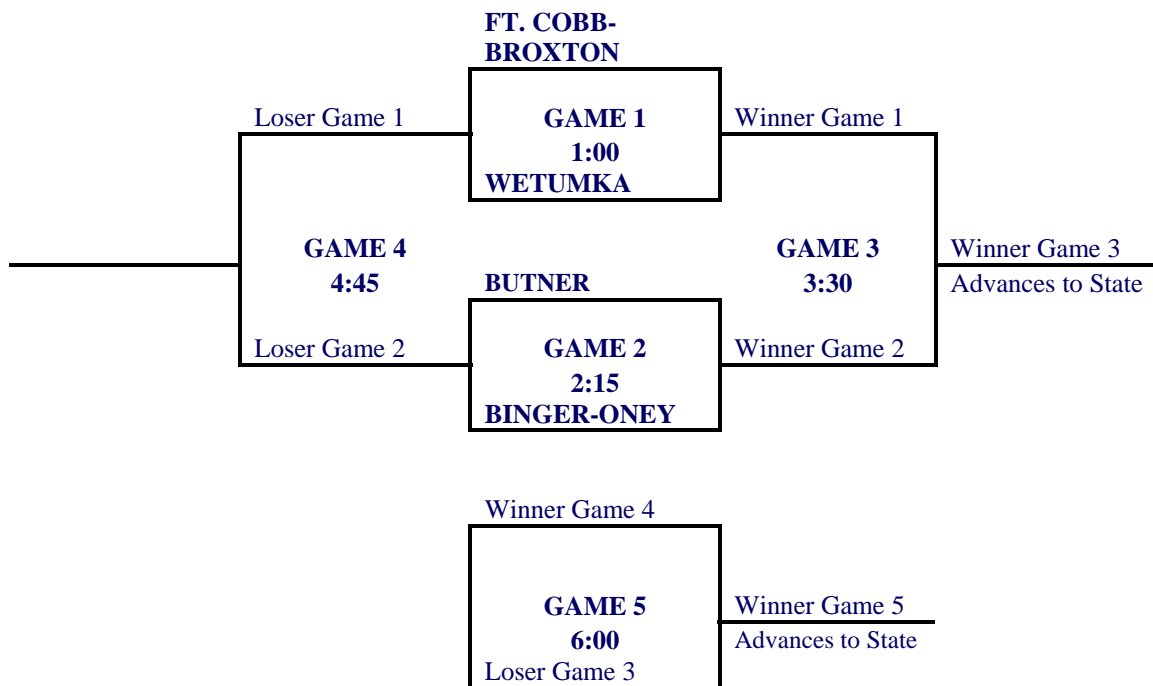


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Site: Ft. Cobb-Broxtton
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2008
Manager: Principal
Class: 2A

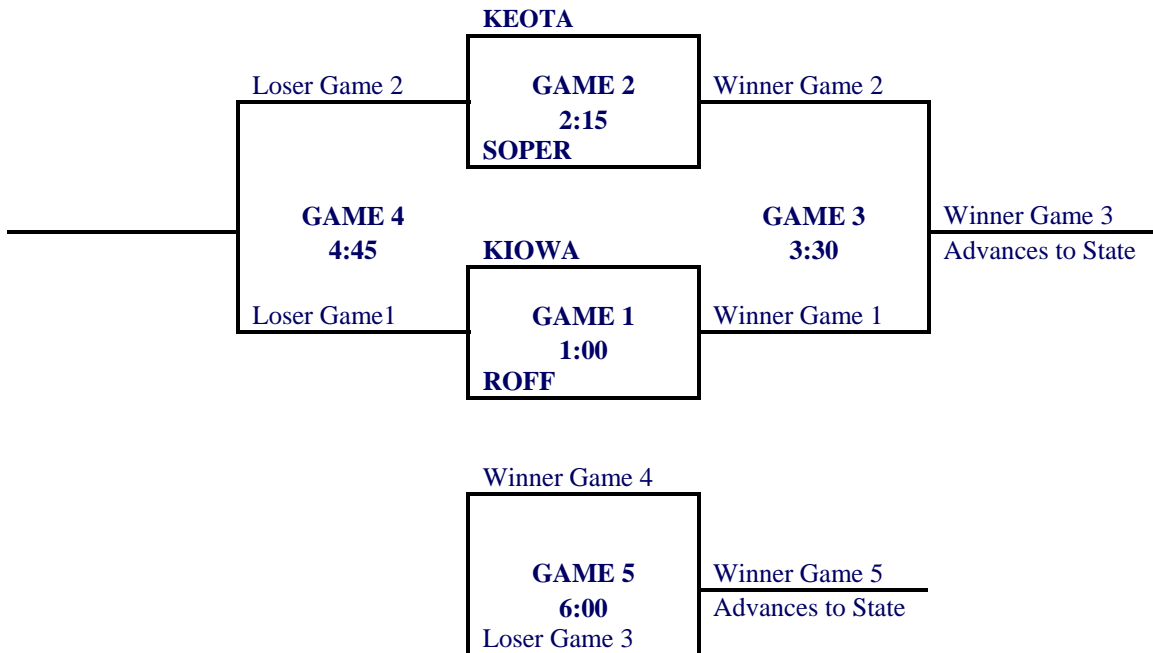


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Site: Kiowa
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Class: 2A

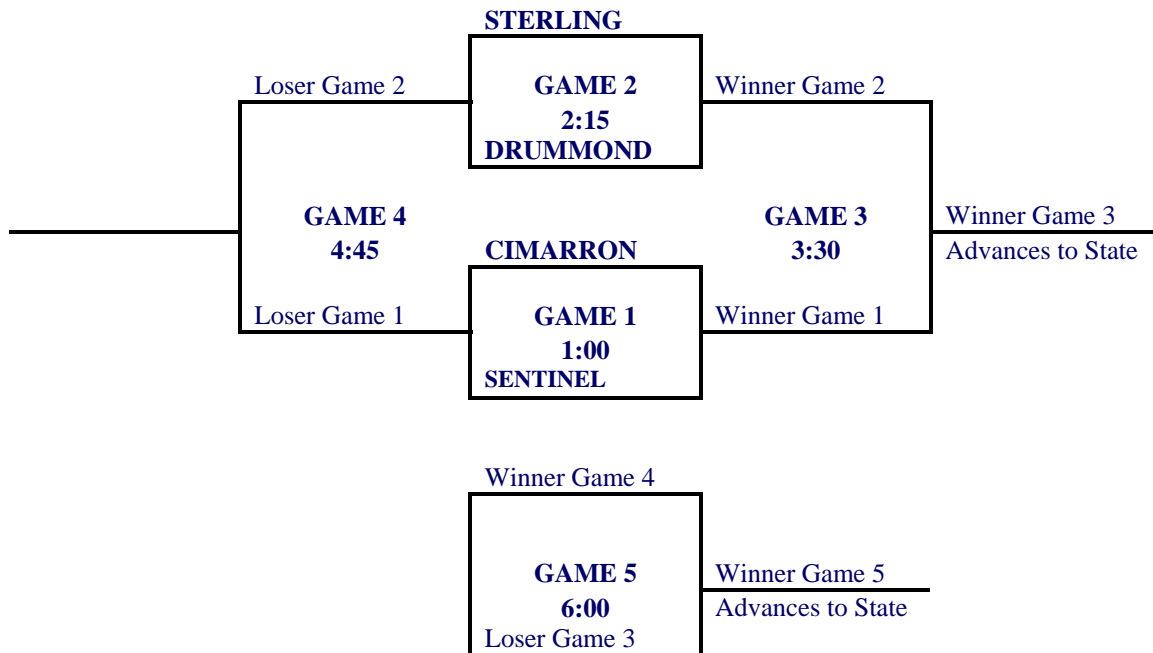


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Site: Sentinel
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