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TO: Principals, Athletic Directors and Baseball Coaches
FROM: Ed Robinson, Associate
SUBJECT: 2008 Class 5A Baseball Regional Assignments
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1. A list of the teams that make-up the regional are at the end of this letter. The Athletic Director and/or Principal of the host school is the site manager and should call a meeting or arrange a telephone conference call of the schools assigned to the regional after Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and NLT Thursday, April 24, 2008. The meeting or conference call shall begin after 4:00 p.m. Teams shall draw brackets, agree on umpires and plan for the regional tournament. Team records played through, Tuesday, April 22, 2008 will be used to determine seeding.
2. Regional Tournaments in Class 5A must be completed NLT Saturday, May 3, 2008 and be played in consecutive days. The tournaments will be scheduled to begin on Thursday, May 1, with three games on Thursday, two games on Friday, May 2, and one or two games on Saturday, May 3. Regional dates can be changed by mutual agreement, but cannot begin earlier than Tuesday, April 29. The OSSAA would encourage teams involved to work cooperatively with other schools if the majority wish to change the tournament times and dates. School administration should be involved in the decision to change the tournament format. Sunday, May 4, will be a make-up day if everyone agrees prior to the tournament beginning.
3. The regional tournament should be seeded in the following manner using the "Coaches Rankings" for the week of April the 21st. The #1 seed will play #4 and the #2 seed will play #3. If teams are not rated they will be seeded according to records (percent won vs. lost). Teams that are not rated shall not be seeded higher than rated teams, regardless of the records. Remember there is a 15 game minimum requirement for seeding.

#1 Seed – Highest Rated Team
#2 Seed – Second Highest Rated Team
#3 Seed – Third Highest Rated Team
#4 Seed – Fourth Highest Rated Team
4. This is a double elimination regional tournament. Refer to the 2007-2008 OSSAA Baseball Manual for bracketing information on page 86. For a three team tournament (in case a team drops out) see Section X, OSSAA Play-Off Tournaments paragraph 3 on page 81. The run rule is ten (10) after five innings.
5. The host school will charge \$5.00 for adults and students. Tickets will be mailed from the OSSAA Office to the host site. The host school shall furnish the game balls and umpires. Umpires must be agreed upon by the competing teams. The umpires shall be paid \$35.00 per game when more than one game a day is played and \$40.00 for a single game plus expenses per the "OSSAA Per Diem Chart". Umpires should be selected within a reasonable driving distance of the tournament site. No more than two umpires are to be used in regional tournaments. Trophies will be shipped from Midwest Trophy Company to host site.

6. Chairman and/or Principal of the host site must appoint someone to call in the results of the regional tournament to the Daily Oklahoma (405) 475-3313 or (405) 475-3314 and the Tulsa World (918) 583-2161 or 1-800-944-7529. **Winning Team Coaches must call Ed Robinson on Saturday, May 3rd, phone (405) 373-3852.**
7. Each coach is responsible for knowing the pitching rule. Refer to 2007-2008 OSSAA Baseball Manual, page 79, paragraph IV, sub-paragraph A, B, C, and D.
8. The official scorer should have the coach sign the scorebook at the end of each game if their team will be playing another game in the tournament. Also, the tournament manager shall post a record in the press box of innings pitched by a player the previous day. This shall be done prior to games the next day. The OSSAA will be the only one who can declare a forfeit during the play-offs.
9. No games will be counted for the purpose of rating or seeding for the baseball playoffs if the games are less than a complete game according to National Federation baseball rules.
10. There cannot be a suspended game after completing 5 innings of play. Example: Home Team 4; Visitors 3 when inclement weather causes the game to be stopped and which cannot be resumed. This will be recorded as a completed ball game.
11. Coaches are required to submit a "Baseball Season Record Form" located on page 91 of the 2007-2008 OSSAA Baseball Manual. This completed form must be submitted to the regional meeting chairman prior to the regional meeting.
12. Teams are restricted to a ten (10) minute time limit during all playoff games for infield practice. Teams are also restricted to their dugout area while the opposing team is taking infield practice.
13. Please refer to the 2007-2008 OSSAA Baseball Manual when planning your tournament. Wish each of you "the best" as you continue your baseball season.

Class 5A Baseball Regional Pairings
(Host School Is Underlined)

West

- I. Chickasha, Shawnee, Western Heights, Capitol Hill
- II. Carl Albert, Guthrie, NW Classen, Noble
- III. Duncan, Altus, Northeast/Classen, El Reno
- IV. Deer Creek (E), Ardmore, MacArthur, Harrah

East

- I. McAlester, Pryor, Nathan Hale, Will Rogers
- II. Bixby, Stilwell, Thomas Edison, East Central
- III. Bishop Kelley, Miami, BT Washington, Coweta
- IV. Ada, Durant, Skiatook, Central (T)