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Fast-Pitch Softball

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2009 Fall Fast-Pitch Softball Dates to Remember

August 11, or the first day of school if before August 11		Season Begins
September	1	Entry Form Due
September	11	Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A District Tournament Pairings Released
September	26	Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A District Tournaments Completed
September	28	Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A Academic Achievement Applications Due
September	28	Classes 5A-6A Regional Tournament Pairings Released
October	1 - 3	Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A Regional Tournaments
October	8 - 9 -10	State Championships for B,1A, 2A, 3A, 4A
October	10	Classes 5A-6A Regional Tournaments Completed
October	12	Classes 5A-6A Academic Achievement Applications Due
October	15- 16-17	State Championships for 5A, 6A

**2009 State Fall Fast-Pitch Softball Rules Meetings
7:00 p.m.**

August	3	Putnam City High School
August	3	Vinita High School
August	4	Eisenhower High School
August	5	Wilburton (EOSC)
August	5	Clinton High School
August	10	Broken Arrow High School
August	10	Ada (Pontotoc Vo-Tech)
August	12	Enid High School
August	13	Woodward (High School)

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.

I. SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

High schools that plan to participate in 2009 girls' fall fast-pitch softball should complete and return by September 1, the Fall Fast-Pitch Softball Entry Form found in the 2009-10 OSSAA Entry Forms/Applications Booklet in the principal's or athletic director's office, or on the OSSAA website, www.ossaa.com.

II. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Class 6A 32 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- B. Class 5A next 32 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- C. Class 4A next 64 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- D. Class 3A next 64 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- E. Class 2A next 64 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- F. Class 1A next 96 largest schools on the ADM sheet
- G. Class B all remaining schools

NOTE: The OSSAA will use the most current ADM sheet available for classifying fall activities if the ADM for all schools is finalized at least two weeks prior to the releasement date for a particular activity. For 2009 girls' fall fast-pitch softball, this means the 2008-09 school year ADM will be used for classification purposes if the ADM information is received by August 17, 2009. If the 2008-09 school year ADM has not been received by August 12, the 2007-08 school year ADM will be used for the 2009 classification purposes.

III. BEGINNING OF SEASON, ALLOWED SCHEDULE, AND PLAY-OFF DATES

- A. Teams may start playing scheduled games the same day as limited football practice is allowed to begin, or the first day of school for that respective school district if the date is before August 12. Limited football practice begins Tuesday, August 11, for the 2009 season.
- B. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored Championship Tournament Series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. This regulation shall apply separately to fall and spring baseball and or softball seasons. Outside of tournament games, each game played shall be counted as a match game. Junior High teams and individuals shall be limited to the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- C. High school teams may play twenty-two (22) scheduled games and three (3) tournaments. In a pool play tournament, if there is an opportunity to play two or more games after the conclusion of pool play, then all pool play games shall count against the regular season limitation. Teams may play in any number of festivals. A softball festival is defined as any number of teams that come together to play at predetermined times against predetermined opponents. Each game played in a festival will count as one of the twenty-two allowed regular season games. No trophies, plaques, medals, or awards of any kind can be awarded during festival play. Schools are encouraged to play festivals on non-school days in order to reduce loss of school time. Three (3) tournaments also applies to the individual player. **NOTE:** Tournaments do not include the OSSAA sponsored championship tournament series.
- D. Junior high school teams may play fourteen (14) games and two (2) tournaments. Teams may play in any number of festivals (see festival definition in (C) above). Two (2) tournaments also applies to the individual player. Junior High teams may play a third tournament if the regular season schedule is reduced three games.
- E. A ninth grade student may play three (3) tournaments if she participates with the high school team. This can be totally with the high school team or a combination of junior high and high school games/tournaments. If a 9th grade student plays with the junior high team only, she is limited to two tournaments.
- F. No team shall be permitted to scrimmage in Fast-Pitch Softball after August 11 or after that schools season opens if school begins before August 11. A scrimmage is defined as competition against another school without charging admission or keeping records such as scores, etc. There shall be no loss of instructional time for a scrimmage.
- G. Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A District tournaments are to be completed by September 26, 2009.
- H. Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A Regional tournaments will be scheduled for October 1-2-3, 2009. **NOTE:** By mutual agreement of all teams involved in Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A regional tournament play; the dates and times may be altered.
- I. Classes 5A-6A regional tournaments are to be completed by October 10, 2009.
- J. State championship tournament for classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A will take place October 8, 9, 10, 2009.
- K. State championship tournament for classes 5A- 6A will take place October 15, 16, 17, 2009.

IV. PLAYOFF-STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 1A-2A-3A-4A

- A. Classes B-1A-2A will be assigned within their class to thirty-two (32) double elimination district tournaments. The winner of each district will advance to regional tournament competition.
- B. Classes 3A-4A will be assigned within their class to thirty-two (32) double elimination district tournaments. Highest rated team(s) will receive bye if there are not enough teams in class to establish 32 2-team districts. The winner of each district will advance to regional tournament competition.
- C. Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A district tournament assignments will be released September 11, 2009, to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. All information regarding district tournaments will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the

school in regular mail. The assigned chairman of each district should schedule a district tournament meeting no earlier than September 17, 2009, and no later than September 20, 2009. **NOTE:** Each district tournament manager should notify each participating school of the date, time, and site of the district meeting. If possible, district meetings can be conducted over the phone.

- D. At the district tournament meeting, the following should be decided:
1. Umpires should be agreed upon. Two umpires are to be used in each game. The umpires should be enrolled OSSAA fast-pitch softball umpires (have paid 2009-10 school year enrollment fee; taken and passed current season National Federation Fast-Pitch Softball Examination).
 2. Draw the tournament brackets. **NOTE:** In Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A district tournament play, no team will be required to play more than three games during any day of the tournament unless there is consent by the team's head coach.
 3. Plan in general for the tournament. **NOTE:** The OSSAA will assign playing sites for all girls' fall fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments. An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all coaches of the teams assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval. When determining playing sites for OSSAA assigned play-off tournaments, fields that have scraped (dirt) infields will be given first priority, if possible.
- E. Within each class of B-1A-2A-3A-4A, each district winner will be assigned to one of eight (8) double elimination regional tournaments with four teams in each regional. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the sites for the B-1A-2A-3A-4A regionals. For regional tournament play, the OSSAA will secure the best facility available for fall fast-pitch softball even if the facility is a neutral site.
- F. The winner of each Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A regional tournament will advance to the state championship tournament.
- G. By mutual agreement of all teams involved in Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A regional tournament play, the dates and times may be altered.
- H. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the site for the state championship tournament. Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A state championship tournaments are single elimination.

V. PLAY-OFF STRUCTURE FOR CLASSES 5A-6A

- A. Classes 5A-6A will be assigned within their respective classes to one of eight (8) double elimination regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the State Championship tournament.
- B. Classes 5A-6A regional tournament assignments will be released September 28, 2009, to the OSSAA website by 4:00 p.m. All information regarding regional tournament will be posted to www.ossaa.com. There will be nothing sent to the school in regular mail. The assigned chairman of each regional should schedule a regional tournament meeting no earlier than September 30, 2009, and no later than October 2, 2009. **NOTE:** Each regional tournament manager should notify each participating school of the date, time, and site of the regional meeting. If possible, regional meetings can be conducted over the phone.
- C. At the regional tournament meeting, the following should be decided:
1. Umpires should be agreed upon. Two umpires are to be used in each game. The umpires should be eligible OSSAA fast-pitch softball umpires (have paid 2009-10 school year enrollment fee; taken and passed current season National Federation Fast-Pitch Softball Test).
 2. Draw the tournament brackets. In Classes 5A-6A regional tournament play, games 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be played on the first day of the scheduled tournament. **NOTE:** For additional bracket information refer to Section VI.
 3. Plan in general for the tournament. **NOTE:** The OSSAA will assign playing sites for all girls' fall fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments. An assigned site may be changed by unanimous vote of all coaches of the teams assigned to the tournament and with OSSAA approval. When determining playing sites for OSSAA assigned play-off tournaments, fields that have scraped (dirt) infields will be given first priority, if possible. For regional tournament play, the OSSAA will secure the best available facility for fast-pitch softball even if the facility is a neutral site.
- D. The winner of each Class 5A, 6A regional tournament will advance to the state championship tournament. The OSSAA will draw the brackets and select the site for the state championship tournament. Classes 5A-6A state championship tournaments are double elimination pool play.

VI. BRACKETING FOR B-1A-2A-3A-4A DISTRICTS AND 5A-6A REGIONALS

- A. For seeding purposes, Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A teams will be seeded by the most recent rankings posted by okrankings.com. The top 20 teams listed will be considered as ranked teams. All others will be seeded according to record. Classes 5A-6A teams shall use the same criteria. A minimum of fifteen (15) games played will be required for seeding purposes. The OSSAA may reduce the number of games needed for seeding purposes if there are long periods of inclement weather during the softball season. Login information for okrankings.com has been sent to each fast-pitch coach at their respective schools.
- B. The following criteria will be used in OSSAA girls' fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments when brackets are drawn on the local level:
1. When three teams are involved in a tournament teams will be seeded by the most recent rankings posted by okrankings.com. The team with the lowest ranking will choose either seeded team, automatically placing the bye.

Team A will be the team that receives the bye.

Team B will be the team chosen to be played by Team C.

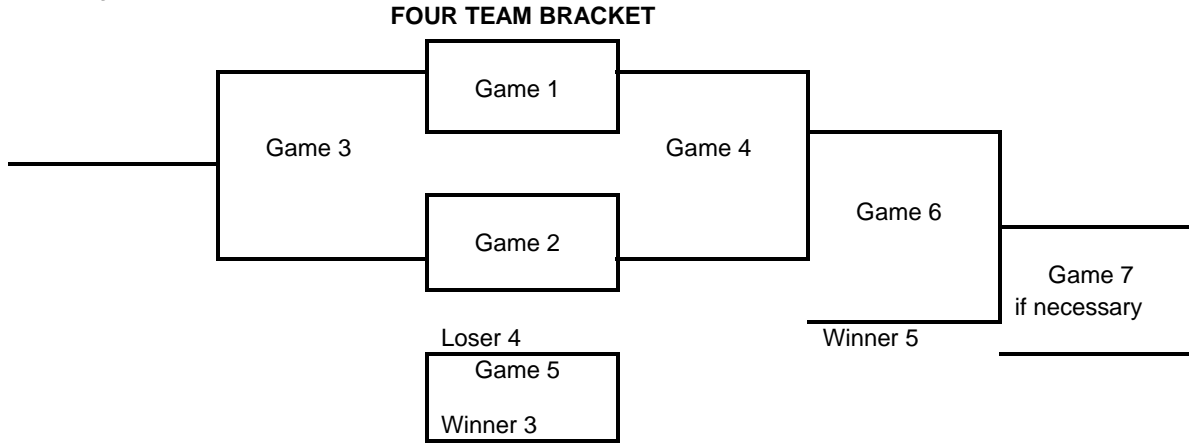
Team C will be the team with the third best record.

Game 1: Team B plays Team C

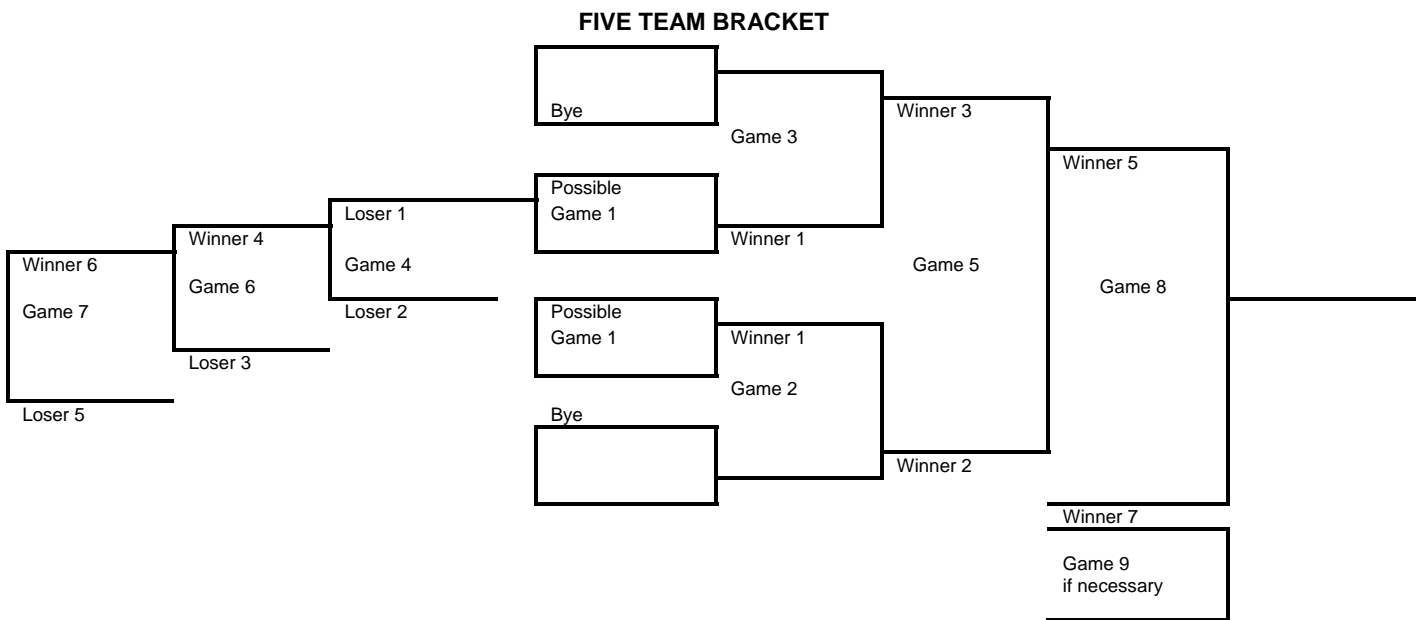
Game 2: Loser game 1 plays Team A

- Game 3: Winner game 1 plays Team A
- Game 4: If one team has one loss and one team has no losses, they play
- Game 5: If necessary
- or**
- Game 4: If all teams have one loss, Team B plays Team C
- Game 5: Winner Game 4 plays Team A

- 2. When four teams are involved in a tournament, teams will be seeded by the most recent ranking posted by okrankings.com.



- 3. When five or more teams are involved in a tournament play an eight-point bracket shall be used. Rate and seed teams by the most recent rankings posted by okrankings.com.



- 4. All byes are to be placed in the first round. When more than one bye is to be placed on the bracket, the two highest rated teams according to okrankings.com will receive the byes.
- 5. If the tournament manager is notified after the tournament bracket has been established that one or more of the teams will not participate and this would cause a bye in the second round, a new bracket should be drawn. Otherwise, the bracket is to remain as originally drawn.
- C. A copy of each Class B-1A-2A-3A-4A district and Class 5A-6A regional tournament bracket should be sent to the OSSAA or a FAX may be sent. **NOTE:** The OSSAA FAX number is (405) 840-9559.

VII. ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING OF PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS

- A. In determining the strengths of teams within each class of girls' fall fast-pitch softball, the OSSAA will use okrankings.com. The top 20 ranked teams will be considered as ranked teams.
- B. The OSSAA will make the final decision on all play-off assignments and seeding.
- C. Assignment criteria for Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A district tournaments will be as follows:
1. Geographic location of each team will be the primary factor.
 2. If possible, stronger teams within a geographical area will be separated.
 3. If possible, teams that have had sportsmanship problems with each other will be separated. **NOTE:** Seeding and bracketing for Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A district tournaments will take place at the district tournament meetings.
- D. Assignment criteria for Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A regional tournaments will be as follows:
1. Geographics will be considered, but additional travel will be considered in an attempt to balance strengths of each regional tournament. **NOTE:** District number will have no significance in assigning teams to a regional tournament.
 2. In Classes B-1A- 2A-3A-4A, the four teams assigned to each of the eight double elimination regional tournaments will be seeded one through four. On the tournament bracket, the number one seeded team will play the number four seeded team, and the number two seeded team will play the number three seeded team. **NOTE:** Seeding and bracketing for Classes B-1A- 2A- 3A-4A regional tournaments will be done by the OSSAA.
- E. Assignment criteria for Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A state tournament will be as follows:
The tournament teams will be seeded one through eight. The two highest seeded teams shall be bracketed with the two lowest seeded teams and the two second highest seeded teams shall be bracketed with the two second lowest seeded teams. **NOTE:** Seeding and bracketing for Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A state tournaments will be done by the OSSAA.
- F. Assignment criteria for Classes 5A-6A regional tournaments will be as follows:
1. Geographical location of each team will be the primary factor.
 2. If possible, stronger teams within a geographical area will be separated.
- G. If possible, teams that have had sportsmanship problems with each other will be separated. **NOTE:** Bracketing for classes 5A-6A regional tournaments will take place at the regional tournament meetings.
- H. Assignment criteria for Classes 5A-6A state tournament will be as follows:
1. When feasible, teams will be paired from different geographical areas in the first round.
 2. When feasible, teams from different geographical areas will be seeded one through four. The two highest seeded teams from one geographical area shall be cross-bracketed with the two lowest seeded teams from the other geographical area.
 3. If the criteria in 1 and 2 is not feasible, the tournament teams will be seeded one through eight. The two highest seeded teams shall be cross-bracketed with the two lowest seeded teams and the two second highest seeded teams will be cross-bracketed with the two second lowest seeded teams. **NOTE:** Seeding and bracketing for Classes 5A-6A state tournament will be done by the OSSAA.

If the criteria in 2 is used, the double elimination pool play state tournament bracket for Classes 5A-6A will be completed as follows:

Bracket A:

#1 seeded team from the West vs #4 seeded team from the East
#3 seeded team from the West vs #2 seeded team from the East

Bracket B:

#1 seeded team from the East vs #4 seeded team from the West
#3 seeded team from the East vs #2 seeded team from the West

If the criteria in 3 is used, the double elimination pool play state tournament bracket for Classes 5A-6A will be completed as follows:

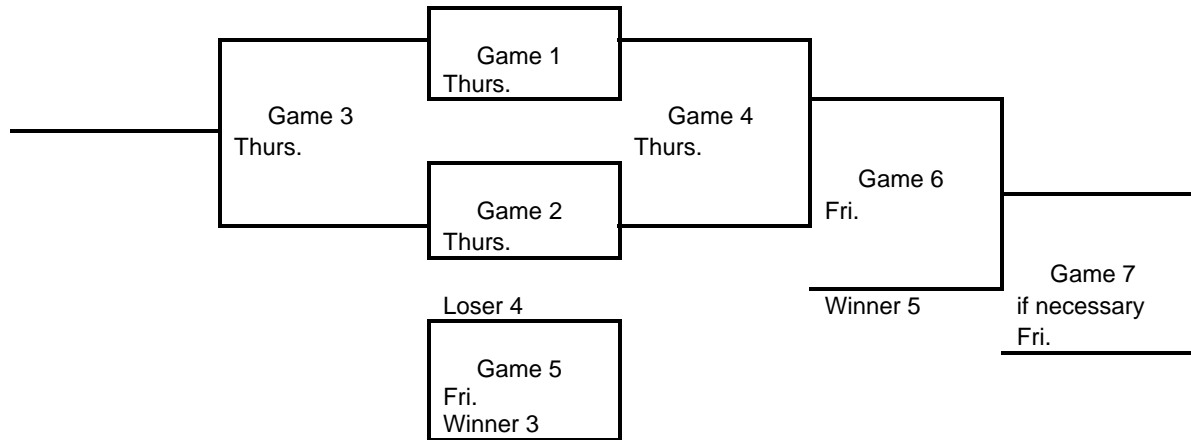
Bracket A:

#1 seeded team vs #8 seeded team
#4 seeded team vs #5 seeded team

Bracket B:

#2 seeded team vs #7 seeded team
#3 seeded team vs #6 seeded team

The following bracket will be used for A and B brackets of Classes 5A-6A double elimination pool play state tournaments:



Winners of A and B brackets will advance to state championship games of their respective classes on Saturday, October 17.
NOTE: If weather or other circumstances become a factor before or during the state tournament, the OSSAA can make adjustments in the double-elimination bracket. This would include reducing the double-elimination bracket to single elimination.

VIII. PLAY-OFF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- In Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A district tournament play, the OSSAA suggests \$5.00 for adults and students. The host school will use their own tickets. A record of tournament tickets sold and expenses should be kept. In district tournament play, the OSSAA will reimburse the host school fifty (50) percent of losses considering only the expenses of umpires and balls after gates receipts are subtracted from these expenses. A financial report will be required by the OSSAA if a deficit is reported regarding umpire and ball expenses. **NOTE:** If the participating teams provide a top grade fast-pitch softball as stipulated in Section IX of this manual, expenses for softballs should not be included in tournament expenses.
- In Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A-5A-6A regional tournament play, the charge shall be \$5.00 for adults, and students. The OSSAA will provide tickets for all regional tournament sites. In regional tournament play, the OSSAA will reimburse the host school seventy-five (75) percent of losses considering only the expenses of umpires and balls after gate receipts are subtracted from these expenses. **NOTE:** If the participating teams provide a top grade fast-pitch softball as stipulated in Section IX of this manual, expenses for softballs should not be included in tournament expenses. An OSSAA accounting form will accompany the tickets, and must be completed and returned to the Activities Association with all unused tickets. The charge for all classes of State Tournament play will be \$5.00 for adults and students.
- Fast-Pitch Softball reimbursements to be determined by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

IX. ADDITIONAL PLAY-OFF INFORMATION

- For the OSSAA fall fast-pitch softball play-off tournaments, each team will be limited to twenty-two (22) suited team members. The twenty-two suited team members will be the only participants eligible to participate during a play-off game. The same twenty-two team members do not have to be suited for each play-off game.
- For each game played in district and regional tournaments, a team shall furnish one official top grade fast-pitch softball with a .47 COR. The Reebok VR600S\VRHSB optic yellow 12-inch leather softball will be used exclusively throughout the play-offs. If for some reason, the official Reebok softball is not available, the coaches may agree to use a 12-inch white softball. All transactions must be approved by the umpire-in-chief. If one coach objects to using the official Reebok softball and the other coach wants to use the official Reebok softball, the official Reebok softball shall be used anytime the coaches disagree. **NOTE:** The Reebok VR600S\VRHSB optic yellow 12-inch polycore leather softball will be the only softball used during the 2009 State Tournament.
- The ten (10) run rule will be in effect throughout the play-off series.
- The host tournament sites (both district and regional sites) will pay the umpires from tournament gate receipts. The umpires shall be selected from within a reasonable driving distance of the tournament site.
- The OSSAA will assign and pay the umpires for the State Championship tournament. Three umpires will be used in each 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. All State Tournament games shall be completed.

- G. 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.
The OSSAA requests that each host site cooperate with the media and provide a designated area. We recommend the area be marked between home and first or third base in an area that enables adequate media coverage. We realize each softball facility is built differently 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.
- H. During the state tournament (all classes), no warm-up on the infield will be allowed until the ground crew has completed dragging/marking the field for the next game and then beginning with the third base dugout team, both teams will receive five minutes of warm-up time on the field. The assigned umpires for the respective game will be responsible for starting and timing the five-minute warm-up periods. Pitchers cannot warm-up within the playing field once the five minutes warm-up periods begin.
- I. During the regular season teams may use the tiebreaker procedure, but during the play-offs no tiebreaker procedure will be used.

X. AWARDS

- A. Plaques will be awarded to the champions of each district and regional tournament.
- B. Trophies will be awarded to runner-up and championship teams of each class of state tournament play. Also, twenty-two (22) team members of the runner-up and championship teams will receive individual medals.

XI. RULES OF PLAY

- A. The rules of play will be those of the 2009 National Federation Softball Rule Book. **NOTE:** It is the responsibility of each participating coach to be familiar with these rules.

XII. COACHES CONDUCT

- A. When an official banishes a coach from the vicinity of the game, and there is no other designated assistant coach or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team, the game must be forfeited.
- B. Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regular scheduled game, meet, or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and play-off activities. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team anytime during the contest including half time. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- C. When a coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game shall be forfeited and the school will automatically be placed on probation.

XIII. APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTESTS

- A. Weekday invitational softball tournaments may begin no earlier than 10:00 a.m.
- B. All OSSAA meets and tournaments where three or more schools participate must be approved by the Board of Directors before member schools shall enter. An OSSAA Application for Athletic Event can be found in the 2009-10 OSSAA Entry Forms/ Applications Booklet in the principal's or athletic director's office.

XIV. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and Association sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades, must be enrolled and tested with the Activities Association. These regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades. It is strongly recommended that eligible officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th -12th grades.
- B. In all OSSAA sanctioned tournaments, enrolled and tested officials should be used.
- C. One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rules situation, nor a situation which involved judgment on the part of the game official.

XV. COACHES ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting nor taunting officials in any way, nor seeking out an official during half time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Encourage and respect for all athletes and their values.
- F. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- G. Promote ethical relations among coaches.

- H. Fulfill responsibility to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- I. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- J. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- K. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment.
- L. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

XVI. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

A. Team Qualifications:

Fast-Pitch Softball - the roster of academic achievement participants will consist of the 22 team members or lesser number suited up for Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A district tournament play, and Classes 5A-6A regional tournament play. The GPA shall be based on the grades from the preceding semester. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.) Applications for Classes B-1A-2A-3A-4A teams must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 28, or may be FAXED September 29, and Monday, October 12 or may be FAXED October 13 for Classes 5A-6A teams.

B. General Regulations:

1. Teams must meet all qualifications required of the respective activity in order to qualify.
2. Entries received after the entry deadline will not be considered. Incorrect information submitted on the entry form will also void the entry. Please report any corrections or changes on your academic application to the OSSAA office. The OSSAA will confirm finalists for the state championship award.
3. The academic GPA will be based on a 4-point system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. A = 4; B = 3.000; C = 2.000; D = 1.000. If you have a weighted grading system, it must be converted to a 4-point system in computing the team GPA.
4. All classes that count toward graduation shall be used in determining each individual student's GPA.
5. Teams will be eligible to receive one award each year in each activity. The award will be for the highest level of achievement.

C. Three levels of competition for academic awards:

1. Academic Achievement Certificate: Teams must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
2. Distinguished Academic Plaque: Teams must have a minimum of 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
3. State Academic Champion: The team with the highest GPA in their respective class of fast-pitch softball will be the state academic champion.

- D. The application for Academic Achievement Award can be found in the 2009-10 OSSAA Entry Forms/Applications Booklet in the principal's or athletic director's office.

XVII. HIV AND HEPATITIS B RELATED TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Please see your athletic director or principal for precautionary recommendations concerning HIV (AIDS) and Hepatitis B.

XVIII. PRACTICE AT PLAY-OFF SITE

Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site after the site has been announced in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest, or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.

XIX. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstances. **NOTE:** Refer to Rule 3 in the 2009-10 OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook for additional scholastic eligibility information.

XX. HISTORY OF FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

1953		Capitol Hill	1984	3A	Dewey	1995	5A	Owasso		3A	Meeker
1954		Loyal		2A	Cameron		4A	Claremore		2A	Healdton
1955		Wayne	1985	4A	Broken Arrow		3A	Tuttle		A	Davenport
1956		Atwood		3A	Dewey		2A	Adair	2003	6A	Broken Arrow
1957		Loyal		2A	Sterling		1A	Davenport		5A	Claremore
1958		Pocola	1986	5A	Yukon	1996	5A	Broken Arrow		4A	Deer Creek (E)
1959		Moss		4A	Dewey		4A	Bishop Kelley		3A	Meeker
1960		Pocola		3A	Sterling		3A	Grove		2A	Dale
1961		Pocola	1987	5A	Edmond Mem.		2A	Tuttle		A	Davenport
1962		Chandler		4A	Pryor		1A	Davenport	2004	6A	Edmond North
1963		Pocola		3A	Adair	1997	6A	Yukon		5A	Coweta
1964		Stuart		2A	Sterling		5A	Bixby		4A	Lone Grove
		Sperry	1988	5A	Mustang		4A	Marlow		3A	Purcell
1965		Noble		4A	Oologah		3A	Tuttle		2A	Rush Springs
1966		Pocola		3A	Dewey		2A	Adair		A	Sentinel
1967		Pocola		2A	Copan		1A	Copan	2005	6A	Moore
1968		Pocola	1989	5A	Broken Arrow	1998	6A	Broken Arrow		5A	Coweta
1969		Pocola		4A	Fort Gibson		5A	Claremore		4A	Colinsville
1970		Pocola		3A	Oologah		4A	Fort Gibson		3A	Meeker
1971		Cameron		2A	Copan		3A	Oologah		2A	Washington
1972		Collinsville	1990	5A	East Central (T)		2A	Bethel		A	Davenport
1973		Cameron		4A	Western Heights		1A	Copan	2006	6A	Broken Arrow
1974		Moore		3A	Dewey	1999	6A	Union		5A	Carl Albert
1975		Putnam City		2A	Copan		5A	Claremore		4A	Mannford
1976		Union (Tulsa)	1991	5A	Yukon		4A	Oologah		3A	Adair
1977	4A	Bishop Kelley		4A	Bishop Kelley		3A	Bethel		2A	Oktaha
	3A	Pocola		3A	Dewey		2A	Washington		A	Sterling
1978	4A	Putnam City		2A	Copan		1A	Copan		B	Red Oak
	3A	Cameron	1992	5A	Union (Tulsa)	2000	6A	Yukon	2007	6A	Moore
1979	4A	Broken Arrow		4A	Bishop Kelley		5A	Bishop Kelley		5A	Carl Albert
	3A	Pocola		3A	Oologah		4A	Grove		4A	Tuttle
1980	4A	Sooner (B'ville)		2A	Davenport		3A	Berryhill		3A	Chelsea
	3A	Wister	1993	5A	Edmond Mem.		2A	Washington		2a	Konawa
1981	4A	P.C. West		4A	Nathan Hale (T)		1A	Davenport		A	Sterling
	3A	Wister		3A	Oologah	2001	6A	Broken Arrow		B	Red Oak
1982	4A	Bartlesville		2A	Commerce		5A	Bishop Kelley	2008	6A	Broken Arrow
	3A	Crescent	1994	5A	Choctaw		4A	Skiatook		5A	MacArthur
1983	4A	P.C., West		4A	Claremore		3A	Tuttle		4A	Tuttle
	3A	Blanchard		3A	Tuttle		2A	Adair		3A	Washington
	2A	Cameron		2A	Dewey		1A	Davenport		2A	Ringling
1984	4A	Bartlesville		1A	Davenport	2002	6A	Broken Arrow		A	Depew
							5A	Coweta		B	Sasakwa
							4A	McLoud			