



EARLY CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS – SEMIFINALS

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Additional information available on the OSAA website, www.osaa.org/softball/

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1. **EMERGENCY PLAN:** In the event of an emergency, natural disaster, fire, war, etc. that forces postponement or cancellation of an OSAA State Championship event, information will be posted to the home page of the OSAA website (osaa.org) and distributed to statewide media outlets. A recorded message will also be accessible by calling the OSAA office at 503.682.6722, ext. 0.
2. **EVENT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:** www.osaa.org/softball/2009/bbemi.pdf
 This packet includes necessary information for any school hosting a state championship game, including general information, Event Management Checklist, Event Management & Ticket Report, Event Signage, an OSAA PA script for your announcer, etc.
3. **ADMISSION: All persons must have a ticket or pass to enter.**
 - a. **General Admission Tickets:**

First Round – Quarterfinals	Adults \$6	Students \$4
Semifinals	Adults \$7	Students \$5
Finals	Adults \$8	Students \$5
 - b. **Online Tickets:** www.osaa.org/tickets/
 Pre-order your tickets for the Softball State Championships. Tickets are available online until 10 a.m., June 4. All orders will be placed at the event Will Call window and available for pick-up beginning 12 noon, June 5, and will remain open during the entire event.
 - c. **Member School Discount Tickets:** Order deadline is May 21. Tickets are good for all games, early rounds through the state championship games. Each school may purchase up to six discount tickets for \$18 each. The athletic director or principal must complete the form and the tickets must be paid for when ordered.
 - d. **Administrative Complimentary Tickets:** Each school that participates in a state championship game will receive the following complimentary tickets: Superintendent, 2; Principal, 2; Athletic Director, 2.
 - 1) The *host school* is to provide these tickets for all games prior to the final site.
 - 2) The OSAA office will provide these tickets at the final site. Schools may pick up their tickets at the "Will Call" window in the name of the school. **Photo ID and a signature will be required to pick up tickets at "Will Call."** No additional coaches' passes will be available at the championship site. Coaches may gain admission with their OSAA Gold Card and photo ID.
 - 3) Administrative Complimentary tickets should be used to supervise your student sections when your team is participating.
 - e. **Bus Drivers:** Schools are responsible for all bus driver admissions. The OSAA does not provide passes for bus drivers.
 - f. **Passes:** ONLY the OSAA Gold Card, OSAA VIP, OSAA Media, Baseball/Softball Media and Softball Discount tickets, which will admit the bearer only with photo ID, are to be honored at any OSAA State Championship event. No school, athletic district, officials association, etc., passes are to be accepted.

4. **EXPENSES:** www.osaa.org/forms/reimbursementformula.pdf

Team expenses will be paid by check at the conclusion of the spring sports season according to the 2008-09 Reimbursement Formula.

5. **LODGING AND VISITOR INFORMATION:** Schools are to make their own arrangements for lodging.

a. **Headquarter Hotel – Salbasgeon Suites and Conference Center:** salbasgeon.com/index.html

The Salbasgeon Suites and Conference Center is the OSAA Headquarter Hotel for Softball at Oregon State University. Contact Chris Nusbaum at 541.753.4320 to receive special rate information. Remember to mention that you are an OSAA member school.

b. **Visitor Information:** www.visitcorvallis.com

Visit the Corvallis Tourist Convention and Visitors Bureau online or call them at 800.334.8118 for more information about dining, shopping, lodging, and more while in Corvallis.

6. **SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT OSAA SANCTIONED EVENTS:** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies)

“In addition to the general expectations included in the OSAA Constitution, Rule 3, that school officials “...shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that the school’s students and supporters maintain a sportsmanlike attitude toward all events...” the following specific expectations regarding spectator conduct **at all OSAA sanctioned events, including regular and post season competition**, are provided: **(Revised Fall 2008)**

A. **All cheers, comments and actions shall be in direct support of one’s team. No cheers, comments or actions shall be directed at one’s opponent or at contest officials. Some examples of inappropriate conduct or actions that are not permitted are: turning backs, holding up newspapers or jeering at cheerleaders during opposing team introductions; disrespecting players by name, number or position; negative cheers or chants; throwing objects on the floor. (Revised Fall 2008)**

B. Spectators are not permitted to have signs or banners (larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches), confetti, balloons or glass containers. Spectators are required to wear shirts.

C. Spectators are not permitted to have artificial noisemakers. Some examples of artificial noisemakers are Thunder Stix, cowbells, clappers and air horns.

D. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive **or racially/culturally insensitive** language. **Spectators shall not be permitted to engage in any racially / culturally insensitive action. (Revised Fall 2008)**

7. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – VIDEOTAPING** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies):

“Any school or spectator may videotape state championships from the stands, providing they do not obstruct the view of others or require extra space. Use of a tripod in the stands is prohibited for safety reasons. When a school films its own team during a state championship, the official school representative will be granted the privilege of filming from the press box or other designated area established by the OSAA. NOTE: Videotaping or filming is for private use only. Televising, including live or delayed broadcasts and cable, is prohibited unless a contract is signed with the OSAA.”

8. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – RADIO, TELEVISION AND INTERNET BROADCASTS** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies): “The OSAA owns the rights to and coordinates any radio, television and/or Internet broadcasts for state championship events, first round through championship final. Media outlets that wish to broadcast any state championship event must contact the OSAA for permission and/or to negotiate a rights fee well in advance of the event. The OSAA shall contact the host school athletic director if a media outlet has been granted permission to broadcast an early round event. If the OSAA has not contacted the host school athletic director to confirm that permission has been granted, the broadcast shall not be allowed. It shall be the responsibility of the media outlet to make all necessary arrangements with the host school athletic director and to pay for any phone line charges or installation fees for any early round event. The OSAA will coordinate arrangements with media outlets at all final sites.” (Revised Fall 2007)

COACH / TEAM INFORMATION

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1. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM SIZE** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies): “The following limitations shall apply to replacement players and maximum team sizes for team sport State Championship events, first round through championship final.

Penalties for excessive team size: Suiting up or playing too many players shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct punishable by fines, forfeiture and /or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

(Revised September 2006)

 - E. **Softball.** Replacement of players applies to each game. A player replaced on the roster may be reinstated to the roster in subsequent rounds. Maximum in uniform: **6A - 20; All other classifications – 18. (Revised Fall 2008)**”
2. **OFFICIAL BALL ADOPTION:** The Wilson A9016 B-SST (cork/COR .47) optic yellow with red stitch softball is the official softball of the OSAA. Due to contractual obligations, the OSAA will mandate the use of these official balls at all playoff competition. It is the host school’s responsibility to provide official Wilson softballs for all games at home sites. We are no longer shipping softballs to host schools during the playoffs. Instead, following the semifinals, the OSAA will ship three Wilson softballs to each school for each game they hosted during the playoffs. Wilson softballs will be provided by the OSAA at OSU for the state championship finals.
3. **UMPIRES:** With the exception of the finals, the host school is to obtain three umpires from the association that services its home games. OSAA will pay the umpires through each commissioner. Three umpires will be assigned to each final game by the OSAA.
4. **GAME SITES:**
 - a. The team listed on the lower half of the bracket is the home team in the 6A and 3A first round and in the 5A, 4A and 2A/1A first and second rounds.
 - b. In subsequent rounds the following criteria is to be used to determine the home site:
 - 1) The team that was designated home team the least number of times in prior rounds.
 - 2) If two schools have been designated home team an equal number of times, the designated home team shall be the team that is the higher league representative.
 - 3) If two schools have been designated home team an equal number of times and both have the same league representative position, follow the predetermined “x” on the bracket.
 - c. If the configuration of the home field is not satisfactory for any game prior to the finals, the location shall be decided by the OSAA. The OSAA shall decide the site for each final game.
5. **GAME TIMES:** All 1st and 2nd round, quarterfinal and semifinal games are scheduled for 4:30 p.m., unless the two schools involved mutually agree to play at a different time. **EXCEPTION:** All 1st and 2nd round, quarterfinal, and semifinal games on a holiday or on a Saturday or Sunday are scheduled for 1 p.m., unless the two schools involved mutually agree to play at a different time. If two schools cannot agree on a starting time, OSAA will make the decision.
6. **10-RUN RULE:** NFHS Softball Rules Book, Rule 4-2 regarding a game ending after 4-1/2 or 5 innings if one team is ahead by at least 10 runs will be in effect for all state championship games, first round through championship final.
7. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – SOFTBALL TIEBREAKER** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies):

The softball rule for tiebreakers shall be implemented beginning in the tenth inning of all state championship games, first round through championship final:

 - a. Place the ninth hitter due up in that inning on second base at the beginning of the inning.
 - b. If the state championship final game is tied after the completion of a legal game, and the game can no longer be continued (i.e., rain, darkness, etc.), then co-champions shall be declared. (Fall 1999) (Revised Fall 2005)

8. **INTERRUPTED CONTESTS:** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies): "Following is the policy concerning interrupted athletic contests. NOTE: For state championship final games, the OSAA office shall take jurisdiction and make any decisions rather than the schools involved.

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- 1) For darkness and/or weather:
 - a) If fewer than 4 and 1/2 or 5 innings have been played, the game shall be replayed in its entirety.
 - b) ***If 4 and 1/2 (home team ahead) or 5 innings have been played and the score is not tied, the contest is declared an official game.***
 - c) ***If play has gone beyond five full innings, teams have had an equal number of completed turns at bat and the score is tied, the game is declared no contest and must be completely replayed.***
 - d) ***If 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 equals or exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. If the score was tied at the end of the last completed inning, the game is declared no contest and must be completely replayed.***
 - e) ***If the two schools mutually agree or if there is an athletic district policy, the game need not be replayed if it has no bearing on state championship representation.***
- 2) For other reasons, among which include light failure, sprinkler system, etc., the contest shall continue from the point of interruption unless the teams mutually agree otherwise or there are athletic district rules that apply."

9. **RAINOUT POLICY: The following rainout policy governs both baseball and softball.**

a. **SITE:**

- 1) Play the game on the home field as designated.
- 2) Play the game at another field "in the area."
- 3) Play the game at the home field of the other team, but with the team originally designated as home team batting last.
- 4) Move the game to another field "outside the area."

b. **Day 1** - Criteria #1 and #2 must be applied. Other criteria may be applied by mutual agreement. If unable to play, follow Day 2.

c. **Day 2** - All criteria must be followed. The game must be played at a site and time mutually agreed upon by the two schools. If no agreement can be reached, the OSAA shall designate the time and site.

d. **TIMELINE:** In applying the above criteria, the following timelines are to be utilized:

- 1) Precautionary, Contingency Plan - If the two schools involved are within one hour driving time of each other, any decision to leave the "area" to play the game must be made at least six hours in advance of game time as a contingency only.
- 2) If neither the playing field of the designated home team nor the playing field of the visiting team can be ready by three hours ahead of scheduled game time and there is no other playable field "in the area", then the game will be moved "out of the area", as determined earlier in the day by the contingency plan.

SOUVENIR INFORMATION

Additional information available on the OSAA website, www.osaa.org/softball/

1. **SPORTS U MERCHANDISE:** www.osaastore.com

- a. **Playoff T-Shirts:** Back this year from Sports U – OSAA Softball State Championship Playoff t-shirts. Commemorate your team's season with a shirt that includes the name and logo of every school in the playoffs (separate design for each classification). This championship t-shirt will be available exclusively online beginning the week of May 25. Make this trip to the postseason memorable with your very own playoff t-shirt!
- b. **Finals Site:** Sports U will be on-site at Oregon State University with a wide variety of Softball State Championship souvenir merchandise. Stop by the merchandise booth to purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, letterman patches, lapel

pins, hats and much more. Items not sold at the event will be available for purchase online after the state championships while supplies last.

- c. **Official Letterman Patches:** Get your official OSAA Softball State Championship letterman patch on-site at Oregon State University or by ordering online. Forget to get one last year? You can order an official letterman patch for any year in any OSAA activity by ordering online.
- d. **Sports U Contact Information:** Sports U is the official merchandise vendor of the OSAA. For more information, contact Sports U at 888.221.2051 or via email at erics@sportsu-store.com.

2. **NORTHWEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (NSP):** www.4nsp.com

- a. **Action and Awards Photos:** NSP will shoot action photos of all five finals at Oregon State. All action photos, along with awards presentation photos from each game, will be available online for purchase by Monday evening following the event.
- b. **NSP Contact Information:** NSP is the official photographer of the OSAA. For more information, contact NSP at 800.446.5758 or via email at customerservice@4nsp.com.

3. **NORTHWEST GAME FILMS (NWGF):** www.nwgamefilms.com

- a. **Final Site DVDs:** Northwest Game Films will be on-site filming all five final site games at Oregon State. Each DVD will include audio from that game's OSAA Radio Network broadcast. Purchase a DVD of each game on-site at the NW Game Films booth for \$20 and take it home with you right then. You can also purchase a DVD for \$20 by ordering online during championship weekend. After championship weekend you can order online for \$25 per game. All prices include shipping.
- b. **NWGF Contact Information:** Northwest Game Films is the official videographer of the OSAA. For more information, contact NWGF at 503.803.2874 or via email at info@nwgamefilms.com.

4. **OSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMS:** www.osaa.org/souvenirs/programs.asp

Official Softball State Championship programs will be available at the OSAA merchandise booth at Oregon State University for \$5. This year's program includes state championship brackets, a full page roster and picture plus season results for each participating team, historical state championship records and an 11"x17" color map of all OSAA member schools. Forget to get yours at the event? Order online or by calling 503.682.6722.

5. **OSAA RADIO NETWORK:** www.osaa.org/media/radionetwork/

- a. **Broadcasts:** The OSAA Radio Network, sponsored by Pacific Office Automation, will broadcast all five finals from Oregon State University LIVE via the Internet. Tune in to the action beginning five minutes before each game.
- b. **Archived Broadcasts:** Each OSAA Radio Network broadcast will be archived on the OSAA website so you can listen anytime. Archived links will be posted a few days following the LIVE broadcast.
- c. **CD Copies:** Own a piece of state championship history with a CD copy of any OSAA Radio Network broadcast from Oregon State University. The cost is \$15 per game and includes shipping. Order online or call 503.682.6722.

6. **MINI REPLICA TROPHIES:** www.osaa.org/souvenirs/minitrophy.asp

The OSAA is proud to be able to offer mini replicas of the trophies presented at the OSAA State Championships. Mini replica trophies are 8" tall x 10" wide x 5" deep and make a great gift for coaches, students, parents, etc. Mini replicas can be produced for teams and individuals for any year in any OSAA activity. Each mini replica trophy is \$45 and that includes a personalized nameplate, shipping & handling. Order online or by calling 503.682.6722.

7. **JOSTENS CHAMPION RINGS:** www.osaa.org/souvenirs/jostens.asp

Both team and individual champions can now celebrate their hard work, dedication and success with an Official Champion Ring from Jostens. Champion rings come in eight stone colors with a metal choice of either White Lustrium or Yellow Suncastr. Customize the sides of your ring with your name, number, school or mascot. The OSAA logo and activity panel depicting your championship will decorate the sides of your Champion Ring. You may also order a Champion Ring from previous years. Contact your Jostens representative or call 800.839.7125 to order.