



OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union
2023 SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
 June 2-3, 2023
 Jane Sanders Stadium, University of Oregon
 1677 University Street, Eugene, OR 97403



OSAA State Championship brackets will be posted to www.osaa.org/activities/sbl/brackets by 9am the morning after each classification's cutoff date. Teams will be placed on the brackets according to the procedures outlined in [Executive Board Policy – State Championships – Rankings](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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

FIRST ROUND – SEMIFINALS

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 (www.osaa.org) and distributed to statewide media outlets.
2. **OSAA LIVE MOBILE APP:** www.osaa.org/app



The OSAA Live mobile app allows you to:

- Access OSAA Championship game day information – purchase tickets, shop official merchandise, and access championship programs
- Follow your favorite teams
- Get updated schedules, scores, and rankings

Download the OSAA Live mobile app using the QR code above or find it in the App Store or in Google Play by searching for “OSAA Live”.

3. **EVENT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:** www.osaa.org/docs/sbl/sblemi.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.

4. **ADMISSION:** *Student is any child age 5 & up through a senior in high school.*

A. **General Admission Tickets:**

First Round – Semifinals	Adults	\$10	Students	\$6
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B. **First Round through Semifinals at school sites** will have digital ticketing available.

C. **The OSAA State Championship final site will be 100% digitally ticketed events.**

D. Digital tickets may be purchased through **HomeTown Ticketing on the OSAA website, www.osaa.org/shop/tickets, or through the OSAA Live Mobile App, www.osaa.org/app.**

1) Tickets for future games will be posted as soon as possible after a matchup is announced. Follow the OSAA on Facebook and Twitter for notification on when tickets are available.

E. Gates open one hour prior to the first game each day.

5. **FINALS SITE ADMISSION:**

A. **Clear Bag Policy:** The University of Oregon has a Clear Bag Policy for all athletics events. Fans may bring in one clear bag no larger than 12”x 6”x 12” or a 1-gallon plastic storage bag. Fans are limited to one clear bag per person. Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5” x 6.5” are allowed. Prohibited bags include, but are not limited to, purses, backpacks (including drawstring backpacks), diaper bags, binocular cases, camera cases, fanny packs, luggage, seat cushions with a zipper, any bag larger than the permissible size, and any bag that is not clear.

B. Digital tickets may be purchased on the OSAA website, www.osaa.org/shop/tickets.

C. **Ticket Price:**

1) ADULT: \$14

2) STUDENT: \$9 *Student is any child 5 & up through a senior in high school.*

D. Gates open one hour prior to the first game each day.

- E. **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.
- F. **Gate Lists:** Gate lists at home sites in excess of the complimentary ticket allotments mentioned above shall not be used. Every person in attendance must have a ticket or a pass in order to enter.
- G. **Bus Drivers:** Schools are responsible for all bus driver admissions. **The OSAA does not provide passes for bus drivers.**
- H. **Passes:** ONLY the OSAA Gold Card, OSAA VIP, OSAA Media, and Baseball/Softball Media 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.

6. **EXPENSES:** www.osaa.org/docs/forms/ReimbursementFormula.pdf

Team expenses will be paid by check at the conclusion of the spring sports season according to the 2022-23 Reimbursement Formula.

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

A. **Headquarter Hotel – Holiday Inn Express – Eugene:** www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/eugene/euqor/hoteldetail

Contact Phadra Chappell at 541.342.1243 for rate information.

B. **Visitor Information:** www.eugenecascadescoast.org/

Visit Eugene, Cascades & Coast online or call them at 800.547.5445 for more information about dining, shopping, lodging, and more while in Lane County.

8. **RULE 3 – CONTESTS – SPORTSMANSHIP – CROWD CONTROL** (OSAA Handbook, Rules)

9. **TEAM BUS AND SPECTATOR PARKING:**

A. **Team Bus Parking:**

- 1) All school buses and oversized vans should park on East 18th Street (between Onyx Avenue and University Avenue).
- 2) The Participant Entrance is located on East 18th Avenue.

10. **Spectator Parking:** All teams and spectators are advised that parking availability surrounding the University of Oregon is restrictive. Street parking is limited to 2-hour parking zones and meters. **Parking in campus permit lots require a University of Oregon parking permit. One day on-line visitor permits are available, first come, first serve, at the U of O parking portal located here, <https://uoregon.aimsparking.com/>.** Unauthorized vehicles in University parking lots will be issued citations and towed. Both the City of Eugene and the University of Oregon will be strictly enforcing parking.

A. **Spectator Parking:**

1) **Garage Parking –**

- a) 13th Avenue Garage - \$2 per hour
- b) Millrace Garage - \$5 per day

2) **Metered Parking – 7am -6pm**

- a) On-Campus meters: \$2/hour Visit transportation.uoregon.edu/parking for more info.
- b) City of Eugene meters:

60 minutes:	\$1.35 (prorated for less than 60 minutes)
5 hours:	\$6.75
10 hours:	\$13.50

B. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – VIDEOTAPING** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) ([OSAA for Media](#)) (Revised July 2019)

Recording video of state championships from seating area is allowed provided the view of spectators is not obstructed. Use of a tripod in seating area is prohibited due to safety reasons. An official school video recorder, identified prior to an OSAA state championship event by the head coach or athletic director of a participating school, will be allowed in a designated area established by the OSAA.

NOTE: Recording video is for private use only. Broadcasting or streaming video - live or delay - is prohibited unless an online registration form has been submitted and approved by the OSAA. Those approved for broadcasting / streaming OSAA state championship events declined by the NFHS Network shall pay a rights fee to the OSAA.

11. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – BROADCASTING/STREAMING** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) ([OSAA for Media](#)) (Revised July 2019)

- A. The OSAA owns the broadcasting / streaming rights to all state championship events, first round through the championship finals. Radio and television stations, cable companies, websites and social media accounts planning to broadcast / stream games in any round of the OSAA state championships must register with the OSAA by submitting an online Registration Form. Registered and approved broadcasts / streams will be listed on the OSAA State Championship Broadcast Schedule. Those not listed will not be allowed.
- B. For OSAA state championship events hosted by member schools, it shall be the responsibility of those registered and approved to contact the host school's athletic director to arrange for space, power and Internet access if available. The OSAA will coordinate these arrangements at all final sites and semifinal sites for football only.
- C. NOTE: The NFHS Network is the exclusive video broadcast rights holder of OSAA state championship events. Live and on-demand video of OSAA state championship events (full or condensed versions) is strictly prohibited and in direct violation of the OSAA's agreement with the NFHS Network. Those registered and approved for broadcasting / streaming state championship events declined by the NFHS Network shall pay a rights fee to the OSAA.
- D. Video highlights are limited to a total of two minutes per game, including broadcasts, streams and social media posts.

COACH / TEAM INFORMATION

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - HOME TEAM DESIGNATION** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Revised Fall 2018)

During all rounds of each OSAA State Championship bracket, the team with the better Adjusted Playoff Ranking (APR) shall be the designated home team.

2. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM SIZE** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Revised Fall 2013)

- A. The following limitations shall apply to replacement players and maximum team sizes for team sport State Championship events, first round through championship final. **NOTE:** Only players in uniform are allowed to participate in pregame warm-ups.
- B. **Penalties for excessive team size:** Suiting up, warming up, or playing too many players shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct and may be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.
 - 5) **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.

3. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – ADOPTED BALL** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Fall 2010)

The OSAA shall require that the officially adopted ball for that sport be used in all state championship contests, first round through final sites.

A. **State Championship Contests at Home Sites.**

1) **Team sports (other than football).**

- a) **Procedure.** Officials shall confirm that the game balls provided by the home team are the officially adopted balls (**Wilson A9011 B-SST**) COR .47 max, poly center, compression 375 lbs max *NOTE* Softballs must include NFHS, COR and Compression stamps to be legal. If the home team does not have the officially adopted ball, officials shall inquire if the visiting team has the officially adopted ball and use them if they are available. If neither team has the officially adopted ball, the contest shall be played, and officials shall report the violation by the host school to the OSAA.
- b) **Penalty.** If no officially adopted balls are available for use at an OSAA state championship contest, the host school shall be subject to fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

- B. **State Championship Contests Administered by OSAA Staff.** Officially adopted balls (*Wilson A9011 B-SST*) COR .47 max, poly center, compression 375 lbs. max *NOTE* Softballs must include NFHS, COR and Compression stamps to be legal shall be provided by OSAA staff administering the contests.

Following the semifinals, the OSAA will ship *six* Wilson softballs to each school for each game they hosted during the playoffs.

FIRST ROUND – SEMIFINALS INFORMATION

1. **GAME TIMES:** Schools need to log on to the OSAA website to submit the time of their game for each playoff round prior to the final site. A location for the game should only be added when the game isn't being played at the host school's campus. Game times are by mutual agreement of both participating schools. If schools cannot mutually agree, the OSAA will make the final decision.
2. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - PRE-CONTEST PUBLIC PRAYER** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Fall 2012)
All playoff contests beyond the regular season cutoff date are OSAA sponsored events. It has been legally established that the OSAA is a state actor and is subject to the same requirements as a governmental agency with respect to compliance with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Under rulings of both Federal and State Courts, a pre-contest public prayer at any OSAA sponsored event is a violation of both federal and state constitutions regardless of where the game is played, and which schools are participating. Therefore, offering a pre-contest public prayer over a public address system at any OSAA sponsored interscholastic event is prohibited.
3. **UMPIRES:** With the exception of the semifinals and finals, the host school is to obtain three umpires from the association that services its home games. OSAA will pay the umpires through Arbiter Pay. See [Executive Board Policy, Officials – Host School Responsibilities](#) OSAA Handbook for additional information.
4. **SCORE DIFFERENTIAL:** If a 15-run score differential occurs at the completion of three full innings or a 10-run score differential occurs at the completion of five full innings or anytime thereafter, the game shall be terminated and considered a completed game. **NOTE: if agreed upon by both coaches, once a softball team has reached a 15-run lead after three innings they may continue to play. The exception to allow flexibility with this rule needs to be addressed prior to the contest during the pre-game conference when both head coaches and umpires are present. The mandatory score differential rule of 10-runs after five full innings is still in effect.**
5. **SOFTBALL TIEBREAKER:** The softball rule for tiebreakers shall be implemented beginning in the tenth inning of all state championship games, first round through championship final. Place the ninth hitter due up in that inning on second base at the beginning of the inning.
6. **LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) [NFHS Position Statements & Guidelines](#) (Revised Fall 2018)
 - A. These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder.
 - B. **Proactive Planning:**
 - 1) Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
 - 2) Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safe areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safe area.
 - a) A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place for the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
 - 3) Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a) When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b) Thirty-minute Rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
 - c) Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d) When lightning detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location.

However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning detection device.

*At night under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

- 4) Review annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
- 5) Inform student athletes of the lightning policy at start of season.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Lightning and Thunder Safety" section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

7. **INTERRUPTED CONTESTS** (*OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies*) *(Revised Fall 2015)*

Following is the policy concerning interrupted athletic contests. **NOTE:** For state championship final games, the OSAA staff shall take jurisdiction and make any decisions rather than the schools involved.

A. **Softball.**

1) **For darkness and/or weather:**

- a) If fewer than 4 and 1/2 or 5 innings have been played, the contest shall continue from the point of interruption.
- 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 contest shall continue from the point of interruption.
- 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 contest shall continue from the point of interruption.
- e) If the two schools mutually agree or if there is an athletic district policy, the game need not be continued 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.

3) **Interrupted Contests Procedures.** The following procedures shall be followed by the umpires and teams in these situations:

- a) The umpires, both head coaches and both scorekeepers shall gather together to document the point of interruption on the lineup card and in the official scorebook (including inning, score, outs, runners on base, defensive charged conferences, etc.). The crew chief shall sign the lineup card and the official scorebook to ensure that there are two copies.
- b) The crew chief should then give the signed lineup card to the home coach to be kept with the official scorebook.
- c) The umpires shall send their game report to their local assigner. If a different umpire crew is assigned, the local assigner shall send the game report details to the new crew as part of accepting the assignment.
- d) The lineup card shall be given to the new or returning umpire crew during the pre-game when the game is to be continued from the point of interruption.

8. **RAINOUT POLICY:** The following rainout policy governs both baseball and softball. **List of Softball Turf Fields**

A. **Site:**

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

- 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP SITE INFORMATION

1. **LOCATION:** Jane Sanders Stadium, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403
2. **CLEAR BAG POLICY:** The University of Oregon has a Clear Bag Policy for all athletics events. Fans may bring in one clear bag no larger than 12"x 6"x 12" or a 1-gallon plastic storage bag. Fans are limited to one clear bag per person. Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are allowed. Prohibited bags include, but are not limited to, purses, backpacks (including drawstring backpacks), diaper bags, binocular cases, camera cases, fanny packs, luggage, seat cushions with a zipper, any bag larger than the permissible size, and any bag that is not clear.
3. **GAME TIMES:** www.osaa.org/activities/sbl/brackets **Specific game times will be determined by Noon on Wednesday, June 1.**
 - A. **3A, 2A/1A:** Friday, June 2, Times TBA.
 - B. **6A, 5A, 4A:** Saturday, June 3, Times TBA.
4. **TICKET BOOTHS AND GATES:** Ticket Booths/Gates open one hour prior to the first game of each day.
5. **SERVICE ANIMALS:** Trained guide dogs and service animals assisting guests are welcome at OSAA State Championships. All other animals are prohibited. All service animals must remain on a leash or in a harness, and be in full control of the handler, at all times. Handlers are responsible for any damage or injuries caused by their animals, must properly dispose of waste in appropriate containers and must take appropriate precautions to prevent property damage or injury.
6. **LOST AND FOUND:** During the event, Lost & Found will be at the OSAA Event Office or other location designated by the host facility / OSAA Staff. Beginning the first business day after the event, please visit the University of Oregon website police.uoregon.edu/lost-and-found for instructions on claiming any missing items.
7. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – MEDICAL CHAIN OF COMMAND** (*OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies*) (Effective Fall 2012)
The OSAA provides an official medical team that consists of State of Oregon registered athletic trainers and/or licensed physicians at state championship events administered by OSAA staff whenever possible. If provided, this OSAA designated medical team shall have final authority on all injury evaluations, participation status and return-to-play decisions.
8. **AWARDS:** Team trophies and medals will be presented immediately following each championship game.
 - A. **Trophies:** Trophies will be presented to the champion and second place teams in each classification. A trophy will also be sent to each semifinal team.
 - B. **Medals:** The following number of medals will be presented to the champion and second place teams in each classification: 6A – 23, All others – 21.
 - C. **Moda Health Player of the Game:** One player from each team in each classification's final game will be recognized as that team's Moda Health Player of the Game. The winners will be announced over the PA and on the OSAA Radio Network broadcast at the conclusion of each classification's final game. Each winner will receive a commemorative coin from Moda Health and a scholarship application.

Please direct your questions or comments regarding officials, schedule, coaches, or other pertinent information, as it relates to the championship, to Monica Maxwell, 503.682.6722 x229 or email monicam@osaa.org.

SOUVENIR INFORMATION

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

1. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS MERCHANDISE:** www.osaastore.com/
 - A. **Pre-Order:** osaa.rushteamapparel.com/osaa/pre-orders/
RushTeamApparel, exclusive merchandise partner of the OSAA, offers pre-orders. **The pre-order window is Friday, 5/19 at 12pm through Monday, 5/29 at 12am.** Select garments are available for pre-order: sweatshirts, t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatpants, patches, pins, beanies and various Nike products. All pre-order merchandise will be available for pick up at the RushTeamApparel booth on-site throughout the event.

- B. **Championship Site:** RushTeamApparel will be on-site at the OSAA state championship with a wide variety of souvenir merchandise. Stop by the merchandise booth to purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, letterman patches, sweatpants, hats and much more. RushTeamApparel also offers a wide variety of customization options including school name, student-athlete name, event decals and more!
- C. **Official Letterman Patches:** Get your official OSAA State Championship letterman patch onsite or by ordering online. Forget to get one last year? You can order an official letterman patch for any year going back to 2014-2015 in any OSAA activity by ordering online.
- D. **RushTeamApparel Contact Information:** RushTeamApparel is the exclusive merchandise partner of the OSAA. For more information, contact RushTeamApparel at 1.253.858.5288 or via email at orders@russteamapparel.com.

2. **NORTHWEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (NSP):** 4nsp.com/PhotosAction.aspx

- A. **Action and Awards Photos:** NSP will shoot action photos of all five finals at Jane Sanders Stadium. All action photos, along with awards presentation photos from each game, will be available online for purchase by Sunday 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. **BROADCASTS:** Complete broadcast schedule: www.osaa.org/media

A. **OSAA Radio Network:** www.osaa.org/radio-network

The OSAA Radio Network, sponsored by Pacific Office Automation, will stream audio of the state championship games. Broadcasts begin 10 minutes prior to each game and are archived on the playoff bracket pages at www.osaa.org.

B. **NFHS Network:** www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/osaa

The NFHS Network will stream video of the state championship games. Subscription fee is \$11.99 for a monthly pass and \$79.99 for an annual pass. Purchase digital copies at the link above.

4. **OSAA DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMS:** www.osaa.org/programs *Programs available online only.*



The official Softball State Championship programs include state championship brackets, rosters, team photos, season results, historical records and a color map of all OSAA member schools.

Programs are available on the OSAA Live mobile app and www.osaa.org. Download the OSAA Live mobile app from the App Store or Google Play by searching for "OSAA Live".

5. **MINI REPLICA TROPHIES:** www.osaa.org/shop#trophies

- A. **Mini Replica Trophies:** 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 \$70 and that includes a personalized nameplate, shipping & handling. Order mini replica trophies online.
- B. **Crown Trophy Contact Information:** Crown Trophy manages the mini replica trophy program. For more information, contact Crown Trophy at 503.626.1125 or via email at awardpro@crowntrophy41.com.

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