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OSSAA updates protocols for State Tournaments

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla (KTEN) - Wednesday afternoon OSSAA Executive Director David Johnson spoke with members of the media to explain the guidelines for the upcoming winter state tournaments.

For both the basketball and wrestling tournaments, many details regarding COVID-19 protocols will remain the same as the fall championships. Fans must wear a mask or face covering at all games. Social distancing will be enforced throughout the venues and each player currently receives four tickets.

Jackson said that the OSSAA is currently working with the Governors office to raise the capacity rules throughout the state in hopes of increasing the number of tickets allowed per player. There is currently an order from the Governor that only allows a certain capacity at all locations of sporting events.

In addition to masks and social distancing, there is now an additional 30 minutes in between basketball games to account for the sanitation of the gyms. This will happen after every game unless teams from the same schools are playing each other during the follow game. For example: The Durant boys play the Hugo boys and the girls game between the same two schools is immediately after. The gym will not need to be cleared and sanitized in that situation.

Also similarly to football, if a team is forced for quarantine because of COVID-19 and can no longer play, the team they played in the last round will advance in their place. This decision was made to keep the time line of the tournament on schedule.

Read the full statement from the OSSAA <u>here (http://www.ossaa.net/docs/2020-21/MiscForms/MF_2020-21_BasketballWrestlingPostseasonGuidelines.pdf)</u>. They also released the follow schedules:

- -Girls Wrestling (http://www.ossaa.net/docs/2020-21/Wrestling/WR_2020-21_GirlsStateSchedule.pdf)
- -Boys Wrestling (http://www.ossaa.net/docs/2020-21/Wrestling/WR_2020-21_BoysStateSchedule.pdf)
- -Girls and boys basketball area & district assignments (http://www.ossaa.com/Basketball.aspx)

Executive Director David Jackson was asked in the meeting if they had times and dates for the state championship week for basketball and he was unable to provide specific dates but said that those should be released sometime next week.



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