TO: Class 5A-6A Athletic Directors, Girls and Boys Basketball Coaches

FROM: Amy J. Cassell, Assistant Director

DATE: February 19, 2025

RE: 2024-2025 5A-6A Regional Basketball Assignments

On Wednesday, February 19, the host site in each Regional will contact teams assigned to their respective regional. You may meet at your school or have a conference call or email correspondence with the coaches regarding the officials preferential list. All schools <u>must</u> be represented to contribute to the preferential officials list.

The preferential officials list must be received by 12:00 noon on February 20. Instructions for accessing available officials and for submitting preferential lists are posted on the OSSAA Rankings site. Please review before your regional tournament meeting communication and call our office if you have questions.

TICKETS

Go Fan Tickets are available on the home page of OSSAA.com. Cash tickets at the gate are \$13. All school age children grades K-12 will require a ticket.

REMINDERS FOR PLAY OFF CONTESTS

Schools are required to have a minimum of two school officials seated with or near the student body at all games. The administrators shall check in with the tournament manager or at the scorer's table 15 minutes prior to game time.

All high school sites are asked to use your available scorebooks for each of your tournament games. If you do not have one available, please call our office and one will be mailed to you.

The following are not permitted at play-off contests:

Bands, noise makers, confetti, banners, emblems, placards, signs thunder sticks, balloons, laser lights or any other item that may interrupt the normal flow of the contest.

In sessions where two games are scheduled, athletes from game one may warm-up on the court prior to the first contest but not to exceed one hour prior to the scheduled first game tip-off. Athletes from the second contest can only warm-up after the conclusion of the first contest (minimum of 10 minutes warm-up). Athletes from the second contest <u>would not be allowed</u> warm-up time during the halftime of the first contest.

NFHS NETWORK AND STREAMING

The NFHS Network owns the video live streaming rights for all OSSAA playoff events. Any group wishing to video live stream and/or televise an OSSAA playoff contest, regardless of length or where it is shown, must fill out the 2024-2025 Video Live Streaming Agreement form found on the OSSAA website under the MEDIA tab and be approved prior to the event. Failure to fill out the form for approval will result in being charged the full amount plus \$100 the first round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$200 for the second round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$300 for the third round of the playoffs, etc. NFHS Network schools must fill the form out, but they will NOT be charged to video

live stream. Please e-mail all requests to <u>vsiven@ossaa.com</u>. A link with all approved video live streams will appear on the OSSAA website at least 24 hours before the contests take place.

LIST OF AVAILABLE PLAY-OFF OFFICIALS

The link "View Available Playoff Officials" for the 2025 Basketball Playoffs is located within the "Preferential Officials List and Bracket Entry Site" located on the ossaarankings.com. website. The link will open at noon on February 19 and close at noon on February 20. You may login to the OSSAA Rankings Site as if to rank. This IS NOT the same list as the "List of Eligible Officials" located on the Basketball Page of the OSSAA website.

RECORDING YOUR PREFERENTIAL OFFICIALS

To record the list of preferential officials, access the link "Preferential Officials List and Bracket Entry Site" located on the OSSAA Rankings website.

DIRECTION OF USE OF SITE

Click on the link "Directions for Accessing the Preferential Officials List 2025" on the Basketball Page of the OSSAA website for instructions on how to use the site.

REPORTING RESULTS FROM BASKETBALL PLAY-OFF CONTESTS

For Classes 5A and 6A, beginning with the first game of the Regional tournament, and from that point forward into the basketball play-offs, it is MANDATORY that scores from each contest be entered into the school's schedule on www.ossaarankings.com no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the contest.

Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coaches' school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period on one year. A third, and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.

OFFICIAL BRACKET FOR 6A GIRLS EAST CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2024-2025

Girls Regional games will be played on Feb 27 and March 1. Girls Area games will be played on March 6 and March 8

AREA TOURNAMENT shall be played on neutral sites determined by the OSSAA. Area sites will be determined after regional play.

