



To: OAB Member Sports Directors and General Managers
Fr: Nancy Struby
Dt: February 16, 2010
Re: State Championship Broadcast Lines

The OAB will again arrange for broadcast lines at the sites of the State High School Basketball Championships on the weekends of **March 4-6** and **March 11-13**.

Use of the lines must be scheduled through the OAB office. A copy of the reservation form is attached. You may also download the form from our website at www.oabok.org.

Your reservation forms must be received in the OAB office no later than Tuesday afternoon prior to your games. Please do not request lines until the championship brackets are announced.

Stations will be invoiced for a proportionate share of the total cost. To arrive at this cost, we take the total cost of the lines and divide it by the total number of games broadcast, which gives us a cost per game. We multiply the cost per game by the number of games you broadcast, and that is the amount you are billed. In 2009, the cost was \$18 per game—a very good deal, considering the price of telephone line installation.

Please note: The OAB will not provide telephone lines for 1st round 5A & 6A championship games on March 11 played at sites other than ORU Mabee Center. Past history indicates the line usage does not merit cost of installation. Should you need assistance, call the OAB office and we will provide you with the local school contact info.

Please call if you have any questions.

OAB BROADCAST LINE INFORMATION

LINE USAGE & COST

The lines are for use by **OAB member stations only**. The cost is on a pro-rata basis of all stations utilizing the lines during the various championship games. We establish the total cost for all the lines installed, then divide that number by the total number of broadcasts. That gives us a per-game cost, which we use to invoice each station for their total games carried. Last year the cost was \$18 per game.

LONG DISTANCE CHARGES

There should not be any long distance charges to these lines. Make prior arrangements for your station to call you.

BROADCAST RIGHTS FEES

There are no broadcast rights fees for state playoff games. This applies to district, area, regional, and championship games.

PRESS PASSES

The OSSAA requires that you present an OSSAA Press Pass to gain free admission to playoff games. Request forms for passes were mailed to stations in July; the passes were distributed in August 2009. If you did not request passes at that time, or if you have lost them, you may have to pay to get into the games. At this late date, OSSAA will not issue duplicate passes.

LINE RESERVATIONS

To reserve a broadcast line at a particular site, you must complete the enclosed form and fax it to the OAB Office at [405-848-0772](tel:405-848-0772). **Lines should be reserved at least 48 hours in advance of games. Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours before game time. Otherwise, you will be billed for the reserved lines.**

ON-SITE USAGE

1. Arrive early enough to check for line problems. If a problem exists, report it immediately. **Do not use a line not assigned to you.**
2. The OSSAA only allows 15 minutes between games. **You should wrap-up your broadcast and clear the area within 5 minutes after your game ends.** This will allow stations following you to set-up and check equipment.
3. Be courteous! Work with the other stations and tournament officials. We do not need to alienate anyone.
4. Broadcast Row is reserved for working staff only—not spouses, friends, etc. Please adhere to this request.



BASKETBALL BROADCAST LINE RESERVATION

Please use a separate form for each team.

Please complete and fax to the OAB Office at (405) 848-0772 **at least 48 hours prior to game time. DO NOT MAIL.** If fax service is not available, please telephone the information to OAB.

You only need to submit a reservation for the team's first game in the series. We will assume you will carry all three games if the team advances, and will assign numbers for all three games (see below).

Station _____ City _____ Date _____

Ordered by _____ Phone # _____

Team Covering _____ Class _____ Boys _____ Girls _____

Site (1st game only) _____ Game Time (1st game only) _____

1st Game Date _____ Station Fax No. _____

Upon receipt of this form, we will assign your line numbers in the blocks below and fax the information back to you no later than Wednesday afternoon.

Cancellation deadline is 48 hours prior to game time. Stations will be billed for any lines canceled after the deadline.

Due to the necessity for advance scheduling of numbers, alternates may be assigned in the event the primary number is in use.

If you experience trouble with a line, please report it immediately. ***Do not go to the other line, it may be reserved.*** If it is not reserved, you may use it, but the troubled line should still be reported.

LINE ASSIGNMENTS

<u>GAME #</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____