



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

WIAA/Gesa Credit Union

2022-23 Bound for State Regulations



BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3A, 4A Funko Field, Everett

1A, 2A Joe Martin Stadium, Bellingham

1B, 2B Ephrata High School's Johnson-O'Brien Stadium

Changes from the 2021-22 Baseball Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.

Team Information and Roster/dugout limit

Schedule, scores, roster and photo must be entered on the school's VNN account.

20 players

All team/school personnel for the pass gate must be entered into the school's MyWIAA account.

3 coaches

3 team staff

1 bat boy/girl (recommended seventh grade or older)

1 medical (must be a licensed health care provider)

1 supervisor

Managers, statisticians, support personnel must be bona fide 7th through 12th grade students of the school district or school-district approved adults. The parent(s) of any student helper who is not yet in high school must fill out a waiver form prior to the postseason.

Allocations - Allocations in baseball are made to the WIAA Districts.

Game Balls - The Baden Perfection Pro baseball shall be used during all regional and state championship contests.

Line-up Cards - Each coach must deliver the batting order to the umpire on a Line-up Card.

Bat Boy/Girl – The recommended minimum for ball boys/girls in postseason events would be students in grades seventh grade and up. One (1) boy or girl may be allowed in regional or state events provided he/she has been approved by the participating school principal and the appropriate approval form has been submitted to the event manager. The ball boy/girl shall be properly insured and suitably attired.

Coaches' Uniforms - Any coach participating in either pre-game or regular game activities must be in the uniform of the school at all times. The minimum uniform would be a hat, pants, appropriate socks, shoes, and either a warm-up jacket or regular uniform top.

Coaching - Coaching boxes may be occupied by a coach, player, or eligible substitute (one (1) school approved coach in each coach's box). The coach shall be in proper uniform.

Appeals/Protests - Baseball rules are designed to permit coaches to confer with umpires during the progress of the game pertaining to matters of rules administration. Umpires are instructed to permit such conferences when respectfully requested and conducted in a rational, reasonable and sportsmanlike manner. A head coach may protest a misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule before the next pitch is thrown. Protest procedures are outlined in the General Tournament Regulations. Decisions of the games committee shall be final.

Selecting Home Team – In each team's first game at regionals, the home team will be the bottom team on the tournament bracket. Prior to each team's second game at regionals, both semifinal games, the consolation and championship games, the tournament manager will conduct a coin toss with the two (2) coaches to determine the home team. The coach of the team on the bottom of the bracket will call the toss. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of being the home or visiting team.

In all 20-entry and 16-entry brackets, one (1) team will advance from each of the **opening round** sites for semifinals. Pairings will be determined by the seeding committees.

In all 12-entry and 8-entry brackets, one (1) team will advance from each **opening round** site for the finals.

Designated dugout - The second or bottom team on the state tournament bracket will occupy the third base dugout. For the **quarterfinal** game, the winner of game 2 will remain in its dugout and the winner of game 1 will occupy the other dugout.

Practice Sessions –Each site will determine if practice will be allowed on the tournament playing field prior to the start of the tournament. Any expenses involved will be paid by the school(s) using the facility.

Batting Practice – Each team will have 30 minutes of batting practice at a site selected by the tournament manager, if possible, preferably at a neutral field.

Infield Practice - Each team will be allowed ten (10) minutes of infield prior to the game. The home team will take the infield first.

Re-entry, Designated Hitter and Speed-Up Rules - These rule provisions are in effect for all league, district and State tournament games (are optional, not required).

Game Times - Upon mutual agreement of the coaches, the umpires, and the tournament manager, game times may be changed due to weather or other conditions.

Opening and quarter final game times: The **quarter final** game (game three) will begin 45 minutes following the final out of the second game.

State game times: The first game will begin according to the scheduled time. Each subsequent game will begin 45 minutes after the final out of the previous game or at the scheduled game time, whichever is later. No games will begin earlier than the listed times.

When two (2) classifications of schools play their semifinals, consolation, and championship games at the same site, the smaller classification will play the later game times during the school years ending with an even number and the larger classification will play the later game times during the school years ending with an odd number.

Run Rule - The NFHS ten-run rule will be in effect for regional, semifinal and final games.

Inclement Weather Policy - Refer to the General Tournament Regulations. The tournament manager shall have a plan for rain-outs worked out in advance in consultation with the WIAA staff.

Continuing Suspended Game - Any game that is interrupted with teams having played less than the required number of innings will be continued from the point of suspension. The tournament manager, in consultation with the WIAA staff, shall determine when the game will be completed. The line-up and batting order of each team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing the game.

Postponed Games - When necessary to postpone any tournament game, it shall be the responsibility of the tournament manager to re-schedule according to WIAA policy (refer to Inclement Weather Policy in General Tournament Regulations.)

Games Committee - Refer to the General Tournament Regulations.

Awards - The team trophy presentation will be at the conclusion of the consolation and championship games.

Umpires - The selection of tournament umpires shall be the joint responsibility of the WIAA and the WOA. Three umpires will be assigned for all tournament games in all classifications. Umpires will be assigned to work both

games of a double or triple header. In this case the umpires will switch positions (plate - bases) for each game. Either the tournament manager or the umpire-in-chief will make the initial home plate and base assignments.