



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

WIAA/GESA

**FASTPITCH SOFTBALL**

# **2023 Bound for State Regulations**



**May 25-27, 2023**

<b>1B, 2B</b>	<b>Gateway Sports Complex</b>	<b>Yakima</b>
<b>1A 4A</b>	<b>Columbia Park</b>	<b>Richland</b>
<b>2A</b>	<b>Carlton Park</b>	<b>Selah</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Regional Athletic Complex (RAC)</b>	<b>Lacey</b>

**Allocations**

Allocations in softball are made to the WIAA Districts.

**Tournament format**

The tournaments follow a modified double elimination format.

**Passes**

- 20 players – roster/dugout limit
- 5 designated school personnel (coaches, managers, statisticians, etc.)
- 1 bat boy/girl
- 1 medical (must be a licensed health care provider)
- 2 supervisors

All players must be in uniform to be admitted to the tournament. After a team has been eliminated from the tournament, players may be admitted by showing student identification cards and being identified in the program.

**Team Registration Form**

Team registration information must be submitted online by the participating school.

**Souvenir Programs**

The roster, team photo, team information and season information to be published in the state tournament souvenir programs need to be submitted online by May 19.

**Rules**

National Federation Softball rules will be followed. Any ground rules will be explained by the Tournament Manager or Umpire-in-Chief. NFHS rule 1-Section 2-Article 1-Note (the double first base) was adopted on July 23, 2008, by the WIAA Executive Board for all levels of post-season play including the state championships beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

**Game Balls**

Each school must furnish its own warm-up balls. Game balls will be provided. All foul balls and homeruns are property of the WIAA.

**Official Tournament Ball: Baden****Practice Access**

Each site will determine if practice will be allowed on the tournament playing fields prior to the start of the tournament. Any expenses involved will be paid by the schools using the facility.

**Selection of Home Team**

Home and visiting teams will be designated on the draws for the first round of play. The tournament manager or designee will conduct a coin toss for all succeeding rounds with the two coaches to determine the home team. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of being home or visiting team.

**Infield Practice**

May be allowed on the tournament playing fields prior to the first round of games. Home team shall take infield practice first.

**Line-up Cards**

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

### **Coaches' Uniforms**

Any coach participating in either pre-game or regular game activities must be in the uniform of the school at all times. Uniform specifications for coaches are listed in the NFHS Softball Rulebook.

### **Continuing Suspended Game**

Any game that is interrupted with teams having played less than the required number of innings to be considered a regulation game according to NFHS rules will be continued from the point of suspension. The tournament manager 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.

### **Tie Breaker Procedure**

The NFHS tie breaker procedure will be implemented after **eight (8) full innings** have been played. Each subsequent half-inning begins by placing a runner on second base. That runner is the player in the batting order who precedes the lead-off batter in that inning. Then the game proceeds a full inning or until a winner is determined in that inning.

### **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). The tournament manager shall have a plan for rain-outs worked out in advance. The manager shall keep everyone informed including the WIAA office. Postponed games may be played on Sunday.

### **Courtesy Runner Rules**

**Teams may follow the NFHS courtesy runner rule during any or all tournament games.**

### **Game Ending Procedures**

The ten-run rule will be in effect after **five (5)** innings have been played.

### **Awards**

Awards will be presented immediately following the consolation and championship games.

### **Umpires**

All umpires are assigned by the WIAA office. Three WOA certified umpires will be assigned to the semi-final and final games, with two umpires assigned to all other tournament games.