

WELCOME TO THE

WIAA/GESA

2023 1A, 4A

SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



May 25-27, 2023

COLUMBIA PLAYFIELDS

1500 Mansfield Street | Richland, WA 99352

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2023 1A, 4A STATE SOFTBALL EVENT SCHEDULE

VIRTUAL COACHES MEETING

The Coaches Meeting will be held via zoom on Monday May 22 at 6:30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=723823354&from=addon>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The head coach of each team should check in at tournament headquarters to get their team packet up arrival at the facility.

IN PERSON COACHES MEETING

The tournament manager will have a folder for each coach as well as several announcements pertaining to the facility. Please plan to be at the tournament headquarters 1 hour prior to your first scheduled game of the tournament.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

1:30pm Gate Opens for Teams
2:00pm Ticket Gate Opens
3:00pm Games Start

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:30am Gate Opens for Teams
8:00am Ticket Gate Opens
9:00am Games Start

SATURDAY, MAY 27

7:30am Gate Opens for Teams
8:00am Ticket Gate Opens
9:00am Games Start
4:00pm Trophy Games

2023 1A, 4A STATE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE OF GAMES

GAME	CLASS	MATCHUP	FIELD	TIME
THURSDAY, MAY 25				
1	1A	#11 vs #6 (loser out)	1	3:00 PM
2	1A	#10 vs #7 (loser out)	2	3:00 PM
3	1A	#12 vs #5 (loser out)	3	3:00 PM
4	1A	#9 vs #8 (loser out)	4	3:00 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 26				
1	4A	#11 vs #6	1	9:00AM
2	4A	#14 vs #3	2	9:00AM
3	4A	#10 vs #7	3	9:00AM
4	4A	#15 vs #2	4	9:00AM
5	4A	#12 vs #5	1	11:00AM
6	4A	#13 vs #4	2	11:00AM
7	4A	#9 vs #8	3	11:00AM
8	4A	#16 vs #1	4	11:00AM
5	1A	W #1 vs #3	1	1:00PM
6	1A	W #2 vs #2	2	1:00PM
7	1A	W #3 vs #4	3	1:00PM
8	1A	W #4 vs #1	4	1:00PM
9	4A	Loser 1 vs. Loser 2	1	3:00PM
10	4A	Loser 3 vs. Loser 4	2	3:00PM
11	4A	Loser 5 vs. Loser 6	3	3:00PM
12	4A	Loser 7 vs. Loser 8	4	3:00 PM
13	4A	Winner 1 vs. Winner 2	1	5:00 PM
14	4A	Winner 3 vs. Winner 4	2	5:00 PM
15	4A	Winner 5 vs. Winner 6	3	5:00 PM
16	4A	Winner 7 vs. Winner 8	4	5:00 PM
9	1A	Loser 5 vs Loser 6	5	5:00PM
17	4A	Winner 9 vs Loser 16	4	7:00 PM
18	4A	Loser 15 vs Winner 10	3	7:00 PM
19	4A	Winner 11 vs Loser 14	2	7:00 PM
20	4A	Loser 13 vs Winner 12	1	7:00 PM
10	1A	Loser 7 vs Loser 8	5	7:00 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 27				
11	1A	Winner 5 vs Winner 6	1	9:00AM
12	1A	Winner 7 vs Winner 8	2	9:00AM
21	4A	Winner 13 vs Winner 14	1	11:00 AM
22	4A	Winner 15 vs Winner 16	2	11:00 AM
23	4A	Winner 17 vs Winner 18	3	11:00 AM
24	4A	Winner 19 vs Winner 20	4	11:00 AM
25	4A	Winner 23 vs Loser 21	1	1:30 PM
26	4A	Loser 22 vs Winner 24	2	1:30 PM
13	1A	Winner 9 vs Loser 12	3	1:30PM
14	1A	Loser 11 vs Winner 10	4	1:30PM
27	4A	W 25 vs. W 26—3 rd /4 th PLACE	2	4:00 PM
28	4A	W 21 vs. W 22—1 st /2 nd PLACE	1	4:00 PM
15	1A	W 13 vs W 14 – 3 rd /4 th PLACE	3	4:00 PM
16	1A	W 11 vs W 12 – 1 st / 2 nd PLACE	4	4:00 PM

1A, 4A STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Please work with your **Athletic Director** to complete your team registration:

Team Photo and Rosters

Where to Submit: WPA roster center, be sure to click “sync to WIAA”

Deadline: Friday May 19, 2023 – 11:59pm

Schedule and Scores

Where to Submit: No submit needed. Automatically pulled from Arbiter

Pass Gate (Coaches, Supervisors, Other Personnel)

Where to Submit: FinalForms

Deadline: Wednesday May 24, 2023 - NOON

Only people submitted on the Pass Gate list may enter via the Pass Gate after showing picture ID. **All others need to purchase a ticket at the ticket gate.**

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- This packet includes both coaches’ packets and the softball bound for state. For general bound for state, please refer to the WIAA website.

ADDITIONAL 1A, 4A STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Parking

School is in session on Thursday and Friday, so the school parking lot is not available. There is parking in the stadium parking lot off of Lee Blvd. There is also additional parking in the old Albertsons Parking lot off Lee Blvd.

Pass Gate

Individuals are put on the pass gate by the AD at the school. Only individuals with a valid pass will be allowed to enter free of charge.

Infield Practice

Each team will be provided five (5) minutes of infield practice on the game field for the first-round games and trophy games only. **The home team takes the infield first.** No teams are to be on the fields until the ground crew has finished preparing the field for the game. For all other games, no infield, but pitchers and catchers can be on the infield after the field has been prepared with pitchers throwing out away from home plate on their respective baseline.

Tournament Headquarters

The Tournament Headquarters will be housed in the park office in the middle of the field complex.

Opening Ceremony and National Anthem

Prior to first round games, teams will stand on their basepath, participate in the national anthem and participate in introductions.

Practice

Columbia Playfield is **not available** for team practices prior to the tournament. Contact Tournament Director if you need help securing a practice location.

Awards

The awards ceremony will take place immediately following the consolation and championship games. The Academic State Championship Team Award will be presented prior to the championship game on Saturday, or if the Academic Team Champion is a team entry in the State Tournament, the Award will be presented prior to their first consolation game, whichever occurs first.

Line-Up Cards

Line-up cards will be provided at the coaches meeting and are available at the Tournament Headquarters. Each coach must deliver their batting order to the umpire and scorebook/announcer on the provided line-up cards. The tournament will provide an official scorekeeper and scoreboard operators for all games. Please list first and last names as well as uniform number legibly on the line-up card.

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 (1 hour before game time). The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of being home or visiting team. The home team will be on the 3rd base line and visitor the 1st base line unless determined differently by the tournament manager.

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.

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 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). The tournament manager shall have a plan for rainouts worked out in advance. The manager shall keep everyone informed including the WIAA office. Postponed games may be played on Sunday, May 28th.

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 to a full inning or until a winner is determined in that inning.

Run Rule

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

Home Run Fence

The Home Run fence will be as marked on the fields.

Music / Noisemakers - Teams

No music is allowed to be played by teams inside the facility.

Photography

[Northwest Sports Photography](#), the Official State Tournament Photographer, will be taking team pictures **prior to your second game on Friday** and will be taking action photography throughout the tournament.

Souvenirs

Team and action photographs (4nsp.com), programs (wiaa.com), and tournament merchandise (rushteamapparel.com) will be on sale throughout the tournament.

TEAM PHYSICIAN/ATHLETIC TRAINER

The tournament medical authority will be provided by the WIAA. If a team will have a team physician and/or athletic trainer in attendance, please complete the attached form. The WIAA tournament medical authority will make the final determination regarding return to play.

Ticket Prices

The WIAA has transitioned to paperless ticketing with WIAA State Tournament tickets available for purchase digitally through GoFan, the WIAA's ticketing partner. Fans will have the ability to purchase digital tickets onsite by using their mobile devices. SERVICE FEES APPLY.

	<u>ALL DAY</u>	<u>ALL TOURNAMENT</u>
Adult	\$11.00	\$20.00
Students w/ ASB	\$8.00	\$14.00
Senior Citizens	\$8.00	\$14.00
Military	\$8.00	\$14.00
Children under 5	FREE	FREE

- Senior Citizen: Age 62 and over
- Military: Active Duty, Veterans, Guard and Reserves with proper Military I.D.
- Student: Children age 5-11 and students age 12 and over with a valid high school or middle school ASB card **(the actual ASB card must be presented; pictures of ASB cards on cell phones will not be accepted)**
- Children under the age of 5 are admitted free
- **Tickets are valid only for the site/event for which they are purchased.**

Officials

WOA certified softball officials will be assigned to each contest. Officials are selected by their association to work at this tournament and are assigned by the WIAA/Umpire In Charge.

Official Scorer

The tournament will have an official scorer on each field.

Games Committee

The games committee will include the following:

- Adrian Ochoa – Tournament Manager
- BJ Kuntz - WIAA
- TBA – Umpire in Charge
- Coach not involved in the situation.

YOUTH SUPPORT OF TEAM

Effective with the 2021-22 year, the WIAA will not allow any students younger than high school age to participate in supporting roles at a WIAA State Championship unless the parent/guardian signs a waiver ahead of time and acknowledges they assume all risk. The WIAA's catastrophic insurance does not cover these younger students so they assume all risk related to injury. Such roles to include student trainers, student managers, student coaches, student scorekeepers, student bat and ball boys/girls, student water boys/girls, etc.

Note: A school cannot sign a WIAA waiver on behalf of an individual - all WIAA waivers MUST be signed by the parent/guardian of the minor.

See attached waiver. A copy of the waiver must be provided to the tournament manager PRIOR to any games where this applies. In addition, schools need to keep a copy of the waiver with them at all times during the event.

CROWD CONTROL

Crowd control is the responsibility of the participating school supervisors. It is important that building administrators provide game supervision in the stands by promoting a safe enjoyable event for everyone. Please remind students to wear shirts, to observe the WIAA Tournament policy. **NO ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS ARE ALLOWED.** If an issue with one of your students arises, we will ask you to address it.

SIGNS & SCHOOL BANNERS

NO signs other than the OFFICIAL SCHOOL BANNER will be allowed. Please inform your crowd.

BRACKETS

The 2023 Softball brackets are available on the WIAA website – www.wiaa.com or the WIAA Live App. An up-dated bracket will be displayed on-site and will be presented to the champion of each classification as part of the post-game awards ceremony.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE

Stations wishing to broadcast or televise the match must have the prior approval of the WIAA

STREAMING

It is the goal of the WIAA that all games from the state tournament will be streamed live on the NFHS Network and available for viewing on-demand. Schools and fans are prohibited from streaming or recording of any kind during or after the tournament. Any such action is a direct violation of WIAA/NFHS media rights and will not be allowed. Live streams for WIAA State events can be found on the [NFHS Network](#).

CONCESSIONS

Concession stand will be open.

JUST PLAY FAIR!

All participants as well as spectators are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship and respect toward opponents and tournament officials at all times. Sportsmanship medals may be awarded after each game. Spectators who demonstrate inappropriate conduct or actions may be removed from the facility.

THANK YOU for your support of this State Championship event. This information is provided in order to make the experience more enjoyable for you and everyone at the event.

2023 STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINER/TEAM PHYSICIAN FORM – RETURN TO TOURNAMENT MANAGER

This information confirms the responsible individual(s) in the event of an injury to a participant. **EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED ONE (1) TRAINER OR DOCTOR.**

Name of High School: _____

Name of Head Coach: _____

Name of Athletic Trainer: _____

Is Athletic Trainer NATA Certified? Yes No

OR Name of Student Medical Support: _____

OR Name of Team Physician: _____

Will this athletic trainer or physician be in your dugout? Yes No

In the event than an athlete needs medical attention on the field or in the locker room, the WIAA Tournament Medical Personnel will make the initial assessment and then will turn the athlete over to the designated school trainer and/or physician.

Please list any special needs or concerns regarding your student-athletes which may be helpful or pertinent in any emergency situation (i.e., diabetic, epileptic, etc.)

Principal or Designee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

AUTHORITY OF DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT PHYSICIANS - The Association or other sponsoring authority may designate a tournament physician and assistant tournament physicians or another designated medical authority to provide medical coverage/services for specific tournaments under its sponsorship. The tournament physicians shall have final responsibility for medical decisions at the tournament, consulting with assistant tournament physicians and team physicians or other designated medical authority as appropriate. The tournament physician (and assistant tournament physician or designated medical authority when they are on the scene in the absence of the tournament physician) shall have the following authority in addition to that normally associated with the practice of medicine and surgery:

1. To determine whether an injured participant may continue in the contest. The decision against further participation may not be overturned by a coach, official, parent, another physician, or any other person. If an injured participant has a team physician present, consultation between the tournament manager and team physicians is expected when time permits, prior to the decision.
2. To provide medical coverage/services to tournament participants as requested.
3. To interrupt a contest if, in the opinion of the tournament physician, continuation would pose a significant threat to the safety, health, or life of a competitor, due to an injury to said competitor.
4. To enter the field of competition as necessary to fulfill his/her duties.
5. To supervise the activities of paramedical personnel who may be involved in the conduct of the tournament.
6. To serve as advisor to the tournament director on medical, health, and safety matters related to the tournament.

**UNDERAGE WORKER FORM: RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK,
AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")**

Sport: _____ Role: _____ Date of Event: _____

School Representing (if applicable): _____ Athletic Director: _____

In consideration of participating in the **2022-23 Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA)** _____ (NAME OF EVENT), I represent that I understand the nature of this Activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the Activity.

I fully understand that this Activity involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "Releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue **Washington Interscholastic Activities Association**, its respective WIAA Districts, administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "Releasees" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature, and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE

Signature of Participant

Printed Name of Student Participant

Date

PARENTAL CONSENT

AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the above referenced activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to have been caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any Releasee may incur as the result of any such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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