



WIAA/Dairy Farmers of Washington/Les Schwab Tires
4A REGION IV BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday, May 18, 2019
Richland High School

On behalf of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, welcome to the 2019 Regional Baseball Championships. Please take a few minutes to read over the following material.

1A Region III

Richland HS

10 am 8 #2 vs 6 #1

1 pm ¾ #7 vs 8 #1

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1. Richland High School has a grass field and metal cleats may be worn by any of the players.
2. **Team lodging information** – Contact Hector Cruz, Director of Sports Development at Visit Tri-Cities, hector@visittri-cities.com or call 509-735-8486 or 800-254-5824
3. **Team eating establishments close to ballpark** - there are several fast food restaurants close to the facility.
4. **Parking instructions:** There is ample parking at the high school.
5. **Game Schedule** - Upon mutual agreement of the coaches, the umpires, and the tournament manager, game times may be changed due to weather or other conditions. **The regional championship game (game three) will begin 45 minutes following the final out of game two.**
6. **Determining 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, the tournament manager will conduct a coin toss with the two coaches to determine the home team. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of being the home or visiting team.
7. **Designated Dugout** - The second or bottom team on the state tournament bracket will occupy the third base dugout. For the regional championship game, the winner of game 2 will remain in its dugout and the winner of game 1 will occupy the other dugout.
8. **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.
9. **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. Time will not allow teams playing in the second game of a doubleheader to take batting practice at the playing site.
10. **Infield Practice** - Each team will be allowed ten (10) minutes of infield prior to the game. The home team will take the infield first.

11. **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).
12. **Games Committee:** The Games Committee will consist of the Tournament Manager, the Head Umpire and the official scorer (duties of the Games Committee and Protest Procedures are included in this packet.)
13. **Medical Authority:** A certified athletic trainer will be on site. The attached **Athletic trainer/physician form** must be completed if your school wants to designate one certified athletic trainer or team physician as the person authorized to deal with injuries to your team. The athletic trainer/physician form must be signed by a school administrator/athletic director and turned in to the tournament manager. That person will have access to the team dugout during the game.
14. **Officials:** Three WOA certified umpires will be assigned by the WIAA. 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.
15. **Additional Rules Reminders:**
 - 1) Each school must provide warm-up balls. Game balls will be provided.
 - 2) National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) rules will be followed. The Tournament Manager or umpire in charge will explain any ground rules. Each game will be regulation 7 innings. **The 10 run rule will be in effect.**
 - 3) WIAA Bound for State Baseball Regulations will be followed, including **roster limitation of 20 players.**
 - 4) **The WIAA pitch count rule will be in effect. The tournament manager will provide the official scorebook and pitch count.**
16. **Locker rooms** will not be available.
17. **Concessions:** There will be full concessions throughout the day.
18. **Souvenir merchandise** will not be available. **Team rosters** will be available.
19. **Admission:** \$10.00 for ADULTS
\$7.00 for STUDENTS (w/ASB) or SENIOR CITIZENS

Refunds on admission tickets are not provided by the WIAA for postponed or suspended WIAA regional or championship events, or for such regional or championship events that are terminated before their normal conclusion for any reason. Tickets shall be honored for admission to a rescheduled or resumed contest.



TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO ARRIVE FOR SCHEDULED COMPETITION AT A CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

The WIAA Executive Board and executive staff believe that all teams/individuals earning the right to participate in championship events should have those rights protected as much as possible. The WIAA Executive Board and executive staff also recognize the efforts of all participants to attend the championship events. The participating schools must also realize that these events are held to certain restrictions with facilities, game officials, and all other game administration. A WIAA championship event shall be defined as regional and state competition. The competing school is responsible for notifying the WIAA office or the event manager, if the school is having difficulty traveling to the event site due to weather or a clear area-wide emergency and may not arrive in time for the scheduled event(s). Notification shall be made as soon as possible after it becomes evident that the team/individual is having difficulty. School personnel have the responsibility of making alternative travel plans to tournament sites based upon weather forecasts and any other pertinent information. As a common practice, input and recommendations are to be sought from the Highway Patrol and/or the Department of Transportation. Specific circumstances not covered by this policy are left to the discretion of the WIAA Executive Director or designee.

1. If a team/individual is unable to arrive at a championship event site for their scheduled competition due to circumstances beyond their control (e.g., an earthquake, all passes closed, roads closed due to flooding, etc), that team/individual will be allowed to participate in their scheduled event provided they arrive at the event site and are able to compete on the day of their scheduled event. The WIAA Executive Director, in cooperation with the event manager, shall adjust the schedule of the event for the purpose of allowing maximum participation for all qualified schools. If the team/individual is unable to arrive to compete on the day of its event, a forfeit is recorded and that team/individual shall move into the consolation bracket or be dropped from competition, whichever is applicable to the particular event.
2. There may be times in the interest of safety, weather, or conditions beyond the control of the participating schools and/or the tournament management that it becomes necessary to delay, postpone, or cancel such tournaments. The intent of this policy is to accommodate the participating school(s) by rescheduling if possible.
 - a. The following practices shall be observed:
 - 1) If severe weather conditions affect a participating school, but not the tournament, the principal must notify the tournament director.
 - 2) If severe weather conditions affect the tournament, the WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee will make the final decision concerning tournament postponement or rescheduling.
 - 3) Play will resume on the next playable date.
 - 4) Changing of sites, postponement or cancellation of events will be determined by the WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee.
 - b. Procedures to follow if contests are rescheduled:
 - 1) The WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee has the final authority on contest rescheduling.
 - 2) If contests are rescheduled on the same day as originally scheduled but at a different site, the semifinal and championship contests will be scheduled at the same time or later than originally scheduled.
 - 3) Time between contests may be shortened. Example: If contests were originally scheduled at two (2) hour intervals, they may be rescheduled at one and one half (1½) hour intervals.

- 4) Individuals/teams shall be granted a minimum of twenty (20) minutes for rest between contests.
 - 5) Whenever possible, contests played on the final day of the tournament shall be scheduled to allow individuals/teams to return to their home community that day.
 - 6) If during the last scheduled day of a WIAA tournament, contests are unable to be restarted requiring postponement overnight, only those individuals/teams still in contention for the championship will continue play. Individuals/teams not in contention for the championship shall be awarded a tie for the highest placing that could have been earned if postponement had not been necessary.
3. Ticket revenue will not be refunded in the event the schedule and/or day(s) of the event are changed due to inclement weather. Tickets may be honored at a later date when play resumes.

Due to action taken by the WIAA Executive Board, schools will no longer be asked if they are willing to play on Sunday if inclement weather prohibits play on Saturday. If fields are available, the games will be rescheduled for Sunday. If fields are not available, the games will be rescheduled for Monday. Event managers will no longer be collecting the Sunday waiver forms, but schools districts will still need to determine if their teams will be allowed to play on Sunday.

WIAA UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at WIAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed.

For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for WIAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the WIAA.

COUNTING PITCHES AT 2019 REGIONAL AND STATE BASEBALL

The regional and state managers will provide the scorekeeper and scorebook which will be the official document for the pitch count

- regional and state managers have the option to secure an additional person to track pitches (using hash marks on the in-game pitch count chart or a piece of paper)

Each team is responsible to verify its pitch count with the official pitch count at the end of each half inning.

- each team must designate which coach will serve as the team contact for relaying pitch counts
- coaches must verify or challenge the pitch count at each half inning
- if the coach does not challenge the pitch count at the end of the half inning in which the reported number was allegedly different, he/she loses the opportunity to challenge the number

A visual pitch count display may be posted on the scoreboard (if a separate pitch count display is not specifically designed on the scoreboard, the area for batters uniform number can be used for that purpose) and/or flip score cards in the press box

Tournament manager or designee will notify UIC or plate umpire to stop the game if pitcher reaches 105 unless completing the t bat; coach must pull pitcher at that point or forfeit game.

- UIC needs to understand and cover procedures with all assigned umpires.

ADDITIONAL FOR REGIONALS

Pitches carry over from game one or game two to game three (daily pitch limit).

WIAA PITCHER LIMITATION RULE

29.5.0 PITCHER LIMITATION

29.5.1 The pitching limitation rule applies during all regular season and postseason games, as well as to tied, suspended, discontinued or protested games.

29.5.2 The pitching limitation rule is based upon the number of legal or illegal pitches thrown during a calendar day with a maximum of 105 pitches in a calendar day. **At the beginning of the at bat, if the pitch count is less than 105, a pitcher will be allowed to finish the at bat.**

29.5.3 High school pitching limitation

# PITCHES	REQUIRED REST
76 - 105	3 calendar days
51 - 75	2 calendar days
31 - 50	1 calendar day
1 - 30	0 days

What constitutes a pitch for the purposes of the pitch count?

For the purposes of the pitch count, the count shall be increased by one for every legal or illegal pitch thrown by the pitcher. For clarification, two conditions must be met in order for a thrown ball to be counted toward the pitch count:

1. The ball must be leave the pitcher's hand in the direction of the batter for the purposes of being put into play;
2. The result of the throw is one of the following;
 - a. A call of ball;
 - b. A call of strike;
 - c. A batted ball;
 - d. Any call in which the batter is awarded first base;
 - e. Any call in which any member of the offense is called out;
 - f. A call of balk or illegal pitch

With this in mind, here are some possible game scenarios and rulings as to whether these add to the pitch count:

1. Situation: Thrown ball results in batter being hit by pitch
Ruling: Pitch counts since result of throw was batter being awarded first.
2. Situation: While R1 attempts to steal second, pitcher balks and then throws to 1st base.
Ruling: Pitch does not count since ball was not thrown in the batter's direction
3. Situation: Just prior to the beginning of the delivery, the batter requests and is granted time-out. The pitcher completes the throw to the catcher.
Ruling: Since the thrown ball never resulted in a play, this does not count toward the pitch count. The pitcher should not be expected to hold the ball as the deceleration is more damaging than the throw.
4. Situation: Pitcher begins his throw and batter illegally steps out of the box. The umpire calls a strike for illegal action on the batter.
Ruling: Pitch counts since the throw resulted in a called strike.
5. Situation: Pitcher balks, immediately followed by a pitch.
Ruling: Pitch counts, even though thrown ball was dead by rule.
6. Situation: Pitch caught by catcher, batter interferes with attempted pick-off at second.
Ruling: Pitch counts since result of play was an out on the offense.
7. Situation: Catcher interferes with batter's attempt to hit the ball to where ball cannot be put into play.
Ruling: Pitch counts since batter is awarded first base
8. Situation: During pitcher's throw, umpire identifies a hazard on the field and calls "time"
Ruling: Pitch does not count, since no result of throw criteria were met



Changes from the 2017-18 Baseball Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.

State Championships

Finals: May 24-25, 2019

Team Information and Roster/dugout limit

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

20 players

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

5 designated school personnel (coaches, managers, statisticians, etc)

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

1 medical (must be a licensed health care provider)

2 supervisors

Managers, statisticians, support personnel must be bona fide 7th through 12th grade students of the school district or school-district approved adults.

Pass gate personnel are restricted to only those individuals and/or teams who have qualified for that event.

WIAA HANDBOOK RULE 22.3.0 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS IN POSTSEASON QUALIFYING AND STATE TOURNAMENTS - When a team qualifies for postseason competition, the school shall submit the roster to the appropriate tournament manager. Changes in the roster are permitted from one (1) level of competition to the next level except in baseball, basketball, football and soccer where changes are allowed between each round of play except at the final site.

ROUND - The first and second round games played at regionals would be considered the first round; the semifinals and the championship game **would be considered the final round** when those games are played at the same site during a two-day period. **Changes in the roster are not allowed during a round.**

ROSTER CHANGES ALLOWED IN BASEBALL >

League > District > Regionals > Semifinals & Finals

WIAA HANDBOOK RULE 22.3.1 In the event of an emergency, unforeseen circumstances, or catastrophe after the tournament begins and a substantial number of team members are unable to participate, team members may be replaced if approved by the WIAA Executive Director or designee, thereby permitting a school to add eligible players to restore the team to the original number for tournament play.

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

Game Balls - The SPALDING Pro Series 41-100HS ball 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 boy or girl may be allowed in regional or state events provided he/she has been approved by the participating school principal. 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 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 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 16-entry brackets, one team will advance from each regional for semifinals. Pairings for the semifinals will follow the rotation below, with succeeding years in the same manner.

YEAR:	2018-19	2019-20	2012-21	2021-22
Pairings	Region II vs Region I	II vs IV	IV vs I	IV vs III
Pairings	Region IV vs Region III	III vs I	III vs II	I vs II

In all 8-entry brackets, one team will advance from each regional for the finals. The regional champions will alternate as bottom team on the state tournament bracket every other year.

Designated dugout - The second or bottom team on the state tournament bracket will occupy the third base dugout. For the regional championship 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.

Regional game times: The regional championship game (game three) will begin 45 minutes following the final out of game two.

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 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 – The Inclement Weather Policy is included. The tournament manager will have a plan for rain-outs worked out in advance. The manager shall keep everyone informed including the WIAA office.

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.)

Games Committee - The Games Committee will be on site or readily accessible by phone for all postseason qualifying and/or state contests.

Duties of the Games Committee shall be as follows:

1. Assist the tournament director as needed and be immediately available to him/her at all times during the event.
2. Act as an arbitration board of dispute on questions or protests that might arise. The final decision will be the consensus of the Games Committee.
3. Questions concerning infractions may be brought to the Games Committee by the head coach or school administrator responsible for the team, not by a contestant, parent or spectator.
4. The Games Committee shall be composed of no fewer than three, nor more than five, members. Games committee members will include 1) the contest manager or designee; 2) the head official; 3) a coach, athletic director or school administrator; and may include 4) the official scorekeeper or 5) another event staff member. The Games Committee members may not have a conflict of interest with the teams/individuals involved with the game under dispute.

PROTEST PROCEDURES - In all WIAA-approved state tournaments, protests must meet the following requirements in order to be heard:

1. Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard. When a head coach feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a specific playing rule, the coach shall notify the game officials following the incident in question and prior to the resumption of action that the contest is under protest.
2. At that point the official(s) will suspend the contest until a decision of the Games Committee has been determined.
3. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the protest. During the meeting of the Games Committee, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the tournament officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the protest. The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the protested situation.
4. The Games Committee will consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional protest procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
5. The Games Committee will deliberate in closed session.
6. The decision of the Games Committee is final.

PROTEST PROCEDURES - HEAD COACH'S ROLE

1. Notify the game official(s) following the incident in question and prior to the resumption of action that the contest is being protested. The contest will be suspended at that point.
2. Notify the contest manager of the specific NFHS and/or WIAA rule that was misinterpreted or misapplied.
3. Present rationale and justification regarding the misinterpreted or misapplied rule during the Games Committee meeting.
4. Acknowledge that the decision of the Games Committee is final.

PROTEST PROCEDURES - OFFICIAL'S ROLE

1. Note in the official scorebook that a protest has been filed and any other specific information that will be necessary if/when the contest is resumed (players on the court/field; number of fouls on individuals as well as the team; number of outs in the inning; next batter/server; score; etc.).
2. Suspend the contest until a decision of the Games Committee is reached.
3. Present rationale and justification regarding the situation during the Games Committee meeting.
4. Acknowledge that the decision of the Games Committee is final.
5. Resume the contest.

PROTEST PROCEDURES - CONTEST MANAGER'S ROLE

1. Form a Games Committee before the event begins. Have alternate Committee members lined up in the event one (or more) potential members has a conflict of interest with the teams/individuals involved in the protest. WIAA Executive Board members, WIAA staff members and District Directors may provide guidance or assistance regarding the process, but cannot be involved in the decision.
2. Collect from the coach the NFHS and/or WIAA rule that was misinterpreted or misapplied.
3. Immediately convene the Games Committee.
4. Provide the coach and the officials with the opportunity to present the situation and ruling to the Games Committee.
5. Insure deliberations of the Games Committee are in closed session.
6. Relay the decision of the Games Committee to the head coaches of both teams involved.
7. Resume the contest.

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.

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

Regional Baseball _____ **May 18, 2019**

This information confirms the responsible individual(s) in the event of an injury to a participant.
EACH TEAM MAY BE 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.