



## MPSSAA GIRLS SOFTBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - May 24-25, 2019  
University of Maryland, College Park

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Softball tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the Girls State Softball Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Softball Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Softball Rule Book will be followed.
- C. *Eligibility rules for all participants* are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current Handbook.
- D. *General regulations for all state tournaments* are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. As per NFHS rules, an optic yellow ball is required for all contests. The Girls State Softball Committee IS REQUIRING the use of the Dudley SB12LND-FP Optic Yellow ball during both the region and state tournaments. (**\*NOTE: Beginning in Spring 2020, the Dudley SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow ball with red stitching will be required.**)
- F. All games, including doubleheaders, will be scheduled as seven inning games.
- G. As allowed in NFHS Rule 4-2-3, by state adoption, a game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game. All region and state tournament games will be a minimum of seven innings unless considered complete under Section II, item B (3.) on the next page.
- H. The Girls State Softball Committee has adopted the rule permitting the courtesy runners and a double first base for play all season long. The double first base will be used in all regional and state tournament games.
- I. The Girls State Softball Committee has established a tiebreaker procedure as authorized by rule NFHS Rule 4-2-6, to determine the winner of a game that remains tied after seven innings of play. This procedure will be used during both the region and state tournaments. Individual school systems are encouraged to adopt this procedure during the regular season for both varsity and junior varsity games.

Beginning with the eighth inning, each half inning will begin with the last completed turn at bat from the previous inning (or her legal substitute or courtesy runner) on second base. [Note: Enforcement of an "automatic out" as described in NFHS Rule 3-3-8b or 4-3-1g shall never be interpreted to create an out before the extra inning is begun.] After the lead off batter has completed her turn at bat, any "automatic out" in the batting order will be an automatic out as prescribed in NFHS Rule 7-4-1.

2019 SOFTBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
<b>Mar. 21</b> ..First play date		
<b>May 6</b> .....Last play date for seeding consideration	<b>May 9</b> .....Sectional Quarterfinals (Rain date - May 10)	<b>May 21</b> .....Semifinals (RD-22)
<b>May 7</b> .....Seeding Meeting bracket positions	<b>May 13</b> .....Sectional Semifinals (Rain date - May 14)	<b>May 24-25</b> .....Finals (RD-27)
<b>May 8</b> .....Last play date	<b>May 15</b> .....Sectional Finals (Rain date - May 16)	<b>June 20</b> .....Reimbursement request due
<b>May 16</b> ....Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	<b>May 17</b> .....Regional Finals (Rain date - May 18)	

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## II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

### A. Tournament Organization

1. Every school is automatically entered into the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Section Final. The TEAM ENTRY FORM is available on the "Members" page of mpssaa.org.
3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
4. Warm-up procedures
  - a. Both teams will warm up on the entire field for 15 minutes each.
  - b. The visiting team will warm up first unless extenuating circumstances cause a late arrival of the visiting team in which case the home team shall warm up first.
5. In case of inclement weather, athletic directors shall consult with regional directors before finalizing arrangements.
6. For region information, contact your region tournament director.

### B. Playing Rules

1. The tournament will be conducted under National Federation rules.
2. The official tournament game ball will be the optic yellow Dudley SB12LND-FP. (**\*NOTE: Beginning in Spring 2020, the Dudley SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow ball with red stitching will be required.**)
3. A game will be considered complete anytime after 4-1/2 to 5 innings when a team is 10 runs behind and has completed its term at bat.
4. In the event of a suspended game, refer to item II. (C.) on page 3 in the front of this bulletin.

### C. Officials

MPSSAA-certified officials will be assigned for each game. A minimum of two officials will be used for sectional games and three officials will be used for region finals and state games.

## III. REGION TOURNAMENT

### A. Tournament Organization

1. Responsibilities of region director
  - a. Notify schools as to their bracket position, site of upcoming contest, and starting time.
  - b. Schedule the local officials board that services the designated home team.
  - c. Inform the state committee director and MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.
2. The seeding meeting for bracket positions will take place Tuesday, May 7 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the State Committee Director. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> later that day.

- a. Region directors will verify and submit to the state tournament chair by 9 p.m., May 6, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through that day.
  - b. All teams in each section will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship.
  - c. Teams with less than 14 varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of 14 games.
  - d. Ties among teams in a section will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
  - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position, (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
3. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all teams in sectional and regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
    - a. All sectional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
    - b. All regional championship games will be held at the home site of the school with the higher regular season winning percentage. Ties between section champions will be first broken by head-to-head competition. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
    - c. The MPSSAA Executive Director may grant permission for sectional and region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed. This may be done upon a written request of the region director, with approval by a two-thirds representative vote of athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region/section. The request must be received prior to April 10.
    - d. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
  4. Postponed/suspended games may be required by the State Softball Committee to be made up as part of a double header.
  5. All games must be played on a regulation softball field. The field must be skinned and cannot be a baseball field or one with a raised mound.
  6. Weekday games will be played at 4 p.m. and Saturday games at 1 p.m. unless the region tournament director determines another game time.
  7. The home team will provide two optic yellow Dudley SB12LND-FP game balls. (**\*NOTE: Beginning in Spring 2020, the Dudley SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow ball with red stitching will be required.**)
- B. General Policies
1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6.
  2. A plaque and 25 individual certificates will be presented to the region champion.
  3. Region champions must complete the State Tournament Media Form which is available online on the Softball page of mpssaa.org and submit it by 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, by e-mailing Colleen Adams at colleen\_m\_adams@mcpsmd.org.
  4. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.

## IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

### A. Tournament Organization

1. The MPSSAA will sponsor, conduct, and underwrite the tournament and will be responsible for expenses involving transportation, officials, and awards.
2. **2019 semifinal pairings: No. 1 South vs. No. 4 North, No. 2 East vs. No. 3 West.**
3. Dudley SB12LND-FP optic yellow game balls will be provided. Teams should provide their own marked balls for practice. (**\*NOTE: Beginning in Spring 2020, the Dudley SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow ball with red stitching will be provided.**)
4. **Photographers at both the State Semifinal and State Final sites are prohibited by NFHS rule from being in live-ball area. There will be a designated area for the media in dead ball territory at each site.**
5. **Semifinal site — Bachman Softball Park, Glen Burnie — phone 410-222-0017.**
  - a. **Directions from I-695 (Baltimore Beltway):** toward Glen Burnie. Take Exit #2 (Route 10 South) to Route 710 (second exit onto East Ordinance Road). Turn right at 3rd light. The Complex is behind the Detention Center and across from Home Depot. (If coming from the South or Eastern Shore, take I-97 to the Baltimore Beltway and follow the above directions.)
  - b. **Directions from the Northeast: I-95 south to I-695 East.** Take Francis Scott Key Bridge toward Glen Burnie, then follow directions above.
  - c. Individuals 7 years and older will be charged a \$8 admission to games at Bachman Park.
  - d. There are no dressing facilities available at either Bachman Park or the University of Maryland. Teams should come dressed ready to participate. Restroom facilities will be available.
6. **Finals site — University of Maryland College Park Softball Complex.**

**Directions from I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway):** Exit Rte. 1 South to MD. Rte. 193 (University Blvd.) - West one mile, turn left at light onto Paint Branch Parkway. The Softball Complex is located on the right directly behind the Comcast Center.
7. Individuals seven years and older will be charged an \$10 admission to games at the University of Maryland Softball Complex. **The Softball Fan Focus on [mpssaa.org](http://mpssaa.org) contains the latest information.**

### B. General Policies

1. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. The championship team and finalist team will each be awarded a team plaque and 25 individual awards.
2. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the sites.

**We are looking forward to the cooperation of everyone in making our 44th annual Maryland Girls State Softball Tournament a success!**

### MPSSAA Softball Region Directors

Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A West	Colleen Adams	Quince Orchard	240-740-3600	301-312-2124
4A North	Kathleen Donaldson	Bel Air	410-638-4600	410-262-5996
4A South	Luanne Smith	Bowie	301-805-2600	301-583-7948
4A East	Tim Williams	South River	410-956-5600	410-507-0039
3A West	Jody Tyler	Ridgeview MS	240-406-1300, x1329	240-888-4115
3A North	Jamie Hedges	Lansdowne	443-809-1424	410-274-5003
3A South	Michael Johnson	Huntingtown	443-550-8810	410-586-1414
3A East	Jeannie Prevosto	Centennial	410-313-2865	410-960-5195
2A West	Steve Nibbs	Frederick Co. (Retired)		240-285-6851
2A North	Ted Winner	Owings Mills	443-809-1528	443-974-3201
2A South	Jen Bruno	Patuxent	443-550-8840	410-610-6338
2A East	Marianne Shultz	North County	410-222-6970	443-386-5876
1A West	Bill Sterner	Clear Spring	301-766-8082	301-988-0222
1A North	Suzanne Blum	Forest Park	410-291-2526	412-861-3301
1A South	Raenelle Taylor	Gwynn Park		240-682-2046
1A East	Kory Shiles	Mardela	410-677-5148	410-251-2045

**Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the Softball page of mpssaa.org.**

### SEMIFINAL GAMES - Bachman Park

MAY 21	RAIN DATE - May 22			
Class	Game	Region	Field	Time
1A	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V)	S vs. N	#4	4 PM
	#2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	E vs. W	#6	4 PM
2A	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V)	S vs. N	#1	4 PM
	#2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	E vs. W	#3	4 PM
3A	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V)	S vs. N	#4	7 PM
	#2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	E vs. W	#6	7 PM
4A	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V)	S vs. N	#1	7 PM
	#2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	E vs. W	#3	7 PM

### FINAL GAMES - University of Maryland Softball Complex

**MAY 24-25 (RAIN DATE - May 27)**  
(Schedule to be determined following completion of semifinals.)

### PROJECTED MPSSAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT DATES

2020 - May 22/23      2021 - May 28/29      2022 - May 27/28

### STATE SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

	Office	Other
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Lynn Pitonzo .....Anne Arundel Co. (Retired)	410-437-3811
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	Steve Nibbs.....Frederick Co. (Retired)	240-285-6851
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	Colleen Adams .....Quince Orchard	240-740-3600
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	Luanne Smith .....Bowie	301-805-2600
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	Michael Johnson .....Huntingtown	443-550-8810
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	Tim Williams .....South River	410-956-5600
	Jeannie Prevosto .....Centennial	410-313-2865
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	Ted Winner .....Owings Mills	443-809-1528
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	Kathleen Donaldson .....Bel Air	410-638-4600
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	Kory Shiles .....Mardela	410-677-5148
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	Suzanne Blum .....Forest Park	410-291-2526

#### RULES INTERPRETER

Al Palmer .....301-924-2464

**Email addresses for committee members can be found on the Softball page of mpssaa.org.**

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# 2019 ALIGNMENT FOR SOFTBALL

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Arundel	AA
2. Winston Churchill	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. DuVal	PG	2. Glen Burnie	AA
3. Albert Einstein	Mtg	3. Perry Hall	B Co	3. High Point	PG	3. Meade	AA
4. John F. Kennedy	Mtg	4. Mergenthaler	Balt	4. Laurel	PG	4. North County	AA
5. Walt Whitman	Mtg	5. Western	Balt	5. Northwestern	PG	5. Old Mill	AA
6. Walter Johnson	Mtg	6. Howard	How	6. Parkdale	PG	6. Severna Park	AA
7. Wheaton	Mtg						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Clarksburg	Mtg	1. Urbana	Fre	1. Bowie	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg	2. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	2. Charles H. Flowers	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Northwest	Mtg	3. Northwood	Mtg	3. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG	3. South River	AA
4. Quince Orchard	Mtg	4. Paint Branch	Mtg	4. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	4. North Point	Cha
5. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	5. Sherwood	Mtg	5. Suitland	PG	5. Leonardtown	StM
6. Thomas Wootton	Mtg	6. Springbrook	Mtg				
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Manchester Valley	Car	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Baltimore City College	Balt	1. Atholton	How
2. Westminster	Car	2. Lansdowne	B Co	2. Digital Harbor	Balt	2. Centennial	How
3. James Hubert Blake	Mtg	3. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	3. Baltimore Polytechnic	Balt	3. Long Reach	How
4. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	4. Parkville	B Co	4. Southwestern	Balt	4. Mount Hebron	How
5. Rockville	Mtg	5. Towson	B Co	5. Oxon Hill	PG	5. Reservoir	How
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg	6. Woodlawn	B Co	6. Potomac	PG		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Dundalk	B Co	1. Huntingtown	Cal	1. Chesapeake	AA
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Northern	Cal	2. Northeast	AA
3. Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. St. Charles	Cha	3. James M. Bennett	Wic
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Aberdeen	Hfd	4. Chopticon	StM	4. Stephen Decatur	Wor
5. North Hagerstown	Was	5. Bel Air	Hfd	5. Great Mills	StM		
6. South Hagerstown	Was	6. C. Milton Wright	Hfd				
		7. Edgewood	Hfd				
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Century	Car	1. Eastern Technical	B Co	1. Glenelg	How	1. Fallston	Hfd
2. Liberty	Car	2. Hereford	B Co	2. Hammond	How	2. Harford Technical	Hfd
3. South Carroll	Car	3. New Town	B Co	3. Marriotts Ridge	How	3. North Harford	Hfd
4. Winters Mill	Car	4. Owings Mills	B Co	4. Oakland Mills	How	4. Elkton	Cec
5. Oakdale	Fre	5. Edmondson-Westside	Balt	5. River Hill	How	5. North East	Cec
				6. Wilde Lake	How	6. Rising Sun	Cec
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	1. Southern	AA	1. North Carolina	CIn
2. Poolesville	Mtg	2. Patterson	Balt	2. Calvert	Cal	2. Kent Island	QA
3. Seneca Valley	Mtg	3. Central	PG	3. Patuxent	Cal	3. Queen Anne's	QA
4. Middletown	Fre	4. Crossland	PG	4. La Plata	Cha	4. Easton	Tal
5. Walkersville	Fre	5. Gwynn Park	PG	5. Thomas Stone	Cha	5. Parkside	Wic
6. Williamsport	Was			6. Westlake	Cha	6. Wicomico	Wic
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Allegany	All	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Fairmont Heights	PG	1. Havre de Grace	Hfd
2. Fort Hill	All	2. Chesapeake	B Co	2. Frederick Douglass	PG	2. Joppatowne	Hfd
3. Mountain Ridge	All	3. Loch Raven	B Co	3. North CMIT	PG	3. Patterson Mill	Hfd
4. Northern	G	4. Overlea	B Co	4. Largo	PG	4. Bohemia Manor	Cec
5. Southern	G	5. Pikesville	B Co	5. The SEED School	MD	5. Perryville	Cec
6. Hancock	Was	6. Randallstown	B Co			6. Colonel Richardson	Cin
		7. Sparrows Point	B Co			7. Kent County	K
		8. Western STES	B Co				
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Francis Scott Key	Car	1. ACCE	Balt	1. Henry E. Lackey	Cha	1. Cambridge-SD	Dor
2. Brunswick	Fre	2. Frederick Douglass	Balt	2. Maurice J. McDonough	Cha	2. North Dorchester	Dor
3. Catocin	Fre	3. Paul Laurence Dunbar	Balt	3. Friendly	PG	3. Crisfield	Som
4. Boonsboro	Was	4. Forest Park	Balt	4. Internatl. School at Largo	PG	4. Washington	Som
5. Clear Spring	Was	5. Benjamin Franklin	Balt	5. South CMIT	PG	5. St. Michaels	Tal
6. Smithsburg	Was	6. Lake Clifton	Balt	6. Surrattsville	PG	6. Mardela	Wic
		7. Natl. Academy Found.	Balt			7. Pocomoke	Wor
		8. Reginald Lewis	Balt			8. Snow Hill	Wor