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.

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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 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

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### RULES INTERPRETER

Al Palmer | 301-924-2464

Email addresses for committee members can be found on the Softball page of mpssaa.org.
## 2019 ALIGNMENT FOR SOFTBALL

### CLASS 4A

#### SECTION I

1. Bethesda-CC Mtg  
2. Winston Churchill Mtg  
3. Albert Einstein Mtg  
4. John F. Kennedy Mtg  
5. Walt Whitman Mtg  
6. Walter Johnson Mtg  
7. Wheaton Mtg

#### SECTION II

1. Clarksburg Mtg  
2. Gaithersburg Mtg  
3. Northwest Mtg  
4. Quince Orchard Mtg  
5. Richard Montgomery Mtg  
6. Williamsport Wash  
7. Walkersville Fre

#### SECTION III

1. Damascus Mtg  
2. Poolesville Mtg  
3. Middletown Fre  
4. Seneca Valley Mtg  
5. Winters Mill Car  
6. Oakdale Fre  
7. South Carroll Car

#### SECTION IV

1. Allegany All  
2. Fort Hill All  
3. Mountain Ridge All  
4. Northern G  
5. Southern G  
6. Hancock Was  
7. Francis Scott Key Car

### CLASS 3A

#### SECTION I

1. Manchester Valley Car  
2. Westminster Car  
3. James Hubert Blake Mtg  
4. Col. Zadok Magruder Mtg  
5. Rockville Mtg  
6. Watkins Mill Mtg  
7. Frederick Car

#### SECTION II

1. Frederick Mtg  
2. Linganore Fre  
3. Gov. Thomas Johnson Fre  
4. Tuscarora Fre  
5. North Hagerstown Wash  
6. South Hagerstown Wash  
7. Edmondson-Westside Balt

#### SECTION III

1. Century Car  
2. Liberty Car  
3. South Carroll Car  
4. Winters Mill Car  
5. Oakdale Fre  
6. Damascus Mtg  
7. Poolesville Mtg

#### SECTION IV

1. Damascas Mtg  
2. Seneca Valley Mtg  
3. Middletown Fre  
4. Walkersville Fre  
5. Williamsport Was  
6. All  
7. Car

### CLASS 2A

#### SECTION I

1. Eastern Technical B Co  
2. Hereford B Co  
3. New Town B Co  
4. Owings Mills B Co  
5. Edmondson-Westside Balt  
6. Carver Vo-Tech Balt  
7. Patterson Balt

#### SECTION II

1. Carver A&T Balt  
2. Patterson Balt  
3. Central PG  
4. Crossland PG  
5. Gwynn Park PG  
6. Eastern Technical Balt  
7. Paul Laurence Dunbar Balt

#### SECTION III

1. Glenelg How  
2. Hammond How  
3. Marriotts Ridge How  
4. Oakland Mills How  
5. River Hill How  
6. Wild Lake How  
7. Maryland

#### SECTION IV

1. Southern AA  
2. Calvert Cal  
3. Patuxent PG  
4. La Plata PG  
5. Thomas Stone Cha  
6. Westlake PG  
7. Cal

### CLASS 1A

#### SECTION I

1. Allegany All  
2. Fort Hill All  
3. Mountain Ridge All  
4. Northern G  
5. Southern G  
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7. Francis Scott Key Car

#### SECTION II

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3. Central PG  
4. Crossland PG  
5. Gwynn Park PG  
6. Eastern Technical Balt  
7. Paul Laurence Dunbar Balt

#### SECTION III

1. Fairmont Heights PG  
2. Frederick Douglass PG  
3. North CMT PG  
4. Largo PG  
5. The SEED School MD  
6. White Plains PG  
7. How

#### SECTION IV

1. Havre de Grace Hfd  
2. Johnstown Hfd  
3. Patterson Mill Hfd  
4. Bohemia Manor CEC  
5. Perryville CEC  
6. Colonel Richardson Cin  
7. Kent County

### OTHER

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