



MPSSAA GIRLS SOFTBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - May 22-23, 2020
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 **SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow ball with red stitching** during both the region and state tournaments.
- 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.

2020 SOFTBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar. 20 ..First play date		
May 4Last play date for seeding consideration	May 7Region Quarterfinals	May 15-16Quarterfinals
May 5Tournament seeding	May 11Region Semifinals	May 19Semifinals
May 6Last play date	May 13Region Finals	May 22/23Finals (RD-25)
May 14Application deadline for tournament qualifiers		June 20Reimbursement request due

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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 **SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow ball with red stitching**.
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 regional games. Three officials will be used for 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 5 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 4, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through that day.
 - b. All teams in each **region** 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 **region** 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 regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All **region** 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.
 - c. 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 **SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow with red stitching** game balls.

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. 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. State Quarterfinals

1. The region champions from each classification shall advance to a State Quarterfinal round.
2. The eight region champions will be seeded 1-8 based on their regular season winning percentage used to seed each region. Ties among teams in the State Quarterfinals 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.

3. Unless a specific alternate plan has been approved, all State Quarterfinal games will be played at the site of the higher seed.
4. Schools hosting a State Quarterfinal game must be mindful of other school activities and provide appropriate travel time for any schools with students taking AP testing. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be contacted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
5. A three-person officiating crew from the association local to the higher seeded team will be assigned to the State Quarterfinal contest.
6. 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.
7. State Quarterfinal 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 17, by e-mailing Colleen Adams at colleen_m_adams@mcpsmd.org.

B. State Semifinals

1. The winners of the State Quarterfinal round shall advance to the State Semifinals.
 - a. The winners of the No. 1 versus No. 8 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 4 versus No. 5 seeded game.
 - b. The winners of the No. 2 versus No. 7 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 3 versus No. 6 seeded game.
2. 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 Ordnance 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. There are no dressing facilities available at Bachman Park. Teams should come dressed ready to participate. Restroom facilities will be available.

C. State Championships

1. The winners of the State Semifinal round shall advance to the State Championships.
2. 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.
3. There are no dressing facilities available at the University of Maryland. Teams should come dressed ready to participate. Restroom facilities will be available.

D. General Policies

1. Individuals seven years and older will be charged \$6 at the State Quarterfinals, \$8 at the State Semifinal games at Bachman Park and \$10 admission to the State Championship games at the University of Maryland Softball Complex. **The Softball Fan Focus on mpssaa.org contains the latest information.**

2. **Dudley SB12LRFY-FP Optic Yellow with red stitching** game balls will be provided. Teams should provide their own marked balls for practice.
3. Photographers at State Tournament 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.
4. 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.
5. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the sites.

We are looking forward to the cooperation of everyone in making our 45th annual Maryland Girls State Softball Tournament a success!

SEMIFINAL GAMES - Bachman Park				
MAY 19			RAIN DATE - May 20	
Class	Game (Teams)	Field	Time	
1A.....	#1 (Winner of QF 1v8 vs. Winner of QF 4v5).....	#4	4 PM	
	#2 (Winner of QF 2v7 vs. Winner of QF 3v6)	#6	4 PM	
2A.....	#1 (Winner of QF 1v8 vs. Winner of QF 4v5).....	#1	4 PM	
	#2 (Winner of QF 2v7 vs. Winner of QF 3v6)	#3	4 PM	
3A.....	#1 (Winner of QF 1v8 vs. Winner of QF 4v5)	#4	7 PM	
	#2 (Winner of QF 2v7 vs. Winner of QF 3v6)	#6	7 PM	
4A.....	#1 (Winner of QF 1v8 vs. Winner of QF 4v5)	#1	7 PM	
	#2 (Winner of QF 2v7 vs. Winner of QF 3v6)	#3	7 PM	

FINAL GAMES - University of Maryland Softball Complex	
MAY 22-23 (RAIN DATE - May 25)	
(Schedule to be determined following completion of semifinals.)	

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PROJECTED MPSSAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT DATES		
2021 - May 28/29	2022 - May 27/28	2023 - May 26/27

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	301-655-8634
4A East	Tim Williams	South River	410-956-5600	410-507-0039
3A West	Jody Tyler	Winston Churchill	240-740-5443	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	301-372-0140	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.

STATE SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

	Office	Other
DIRECTOR Lynn Pitonzo	Anne Arundel Co. (Retired)	410-437-3811
DISTRICT 1 Steve Nibbs	Frederick Co. (Retired)	240-285-6851
DISTRICT 2 Colleen Adams	Quince Orchard	240-740-3600
DISTRICT 3 Luanne Smith	Bowie	301-805-2600
DISTRICT 4 Michael Johnson	Huntingtown	443-550-8810
DISTRICT 5 Tim Williams	South River	410-956-5600
	Jeannie Prevosto	410-313-2865
DISTRICT 6 Ted Winner	Owings Mills	443-809-1528
DISTRICT 7 Kathleen Donaldson	Bel Air	410-638-4600
DISTRICT 8 Kory Shiles	Mardela	410-677-5148
DISTRICT 9 Suzanne Blum	Forest Park	410-291-2526
		412-861-3301
RULES INTERPRETER		
	Al Palmer	301-924-2464

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

2020 ALIGNMENT FOR SOFTBALL

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

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