

PLAYING REGULATION 13.0 - SOFTBALL (GIRLS)

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1. **SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module 1999, outlined according to the following critical components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION, be adhered to at all times. Specific details on the Critical Components will be provided at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.
2. **AGES:** All competitors shall meet the age requirements as per Article XI, Section VII of the Constitution.
3. **EVENTS:**
 - a) There will be competition for schools to enter one varsity team either in a Softball League or a Slo-Pitch League (not both). Both leagues will run at the same time. Each league must have a MINIMUM of 6 teams to run.
 - b) There will be a pre-season tournament for all interested teams the week prior to the start of the league.
 - c) League games will take place during the spring with a maximum of 7 games scheduled.
 - d) Playoffs will include a quarter-final, semi-final and a Championship. This will include the top 4 teams in each Division, crossing over between the two divisions.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** As per Article XI, Section V of the HSSAA Constitution. No restrictions
5. **ENTRIES:** Each H.S.S.A.A. Member School may enter one school team. No limit to the number of players dressed for the game. The cost will be borne by the competing schools.
6. **RULE BOOK:** O.S.A. Rule Book will apply.
7. **OFFICIALS:** To be of the highest caliber obtainable.
8. **UNIFORMS:** All competitors must wear a uniform top. No metal spikes are permitted
9. **STARTING TIME:** Not specified.
10. **AWARDS:** A team Trophy will be awarded to the winning team. Each member of the winning team will receive Gold Medallions. Each member of the finalist team will receive Silver Medallions.
11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** Not applicable.
12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**
 - a) **PLAYOFFS** - TOP 4 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION

YEAR 1 (2004/05)			
PRELIMINARIES	VISITOR	HOME	GAME
	CENTRAL 4	NORTH 1	P1
	WEST 3	EAST 2	P2
	NORTH 4	CENTRAL 1	P3
	EAST 3	WEST 2	P4
	WEST 4	EAST 1	P5
	CENTRAL 3	NORTH 2	P6
	EAST 4	WEST 1	P7
	NORTH 3	CENTRAL 2	P8

QUARTER-FINALS	HIGHER RANKED HOSTS	GAME
	WINNER P1 – WINNER P8	P9
	WINNER P2 – WINNER P7	P10
	WINNER P3 – WINNER P6	P11
	WINNER P4 – WINNER P5	P12

SEMI-FINAL	HIGHER RANKED HOSTS	GAME
	WINNER P9 – WINNER P10	P13
	WINNER P11 – WINNER P12	P14

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL	HIGHER RANKED HOME	GAME
	WINNER P13 – WINNER P14	P15

YEAR 2 (2005/06)			
PRELIMINARIES	VISITOR	HOME	GAME
	EAST 4	NORTH 1	P1
	CENTRAL 3	EAST 2	P2
	WEST 4	CENTRAL 1	P3
	NORTH 3	WEST 2	P4
	CENTRAL 4	EAST 1	P5
	WEST 3	NORTH 2	P6
	NORTH 4	WEST 1	P7
	EAST 3	CENTRAL 2	P8

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	WINNER P1 – WINNER P2	P9
	WINNER P3 – WINNER P4	P10
	WINNER P5 – WINNER P6	P11
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CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL	HIGHER RANKED HOME	GAME
	WINNER P13 – WINNER P14	P15

YEAR 3 (2006/07)			
PRELIMINARIES	VISITOR	HOME	GAME
	WEST 4	NORTH 1	P1
	NORTH 3	EAST 2	P2
	EAST 4	CENTRAL 1	P3
	CENTRAL 3	WEST 2	P4
	NORTH 4	EAST 1	P5
	EAST 3	NORTH 2	P6
	CENTRAL 4	WEST 1	P7
	WEST 3	CENTRAL 2	P8

QUARTER-FINALS	HIGHER RANKED HOSTS	GAME
	WINNER P1 – WINNER P4	P9
	WINNER P5 – WINNER P8	P10
	WINNER P6 – WINNER P7	P11
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YEAR 4 (2007/08)			
PRELIMINARIES	VISITOR	HOME	GAME
	CENTRAL 4	NORTH 1	P1
	WEST 3	EAST 2	P2
	NORTH 4	CENTRAL 1	P3
	EAST 3	WEST 2	P4
	WEST 4	EAST 1	P5
	CENTRAL 3	NORTH 2	P6
	EAST 4	WEST 1	P7
	NORTH 3	CENTRAL 2	P8

QUARTER-FINALS	HIGHER RANKED HOSTS	GAME
	WINNER P1 – WINNER P8	P9
	WINNER P2 – WINNER P7	P10
	WINNER P3 – WINNER P6	P11
	WINNER P4 – WINNER P5	P12

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	WINNER P13 – WINNER P14	P15

YEAR 5 (2008/09)			
PRELIMINARIES	VISITOR	HOME	GAME
	EAST 4	NORTH 1	P1
	CENTRAL 3	EAST 2	P2
	WEST 4	CENTRAL 1	P3
	NORTH 3	WEST 2	P4
	CENTRAL 4	EAST 1	P5
	WEST 3	NORTH 2	P6
	NORTH 4	WEST 1	P7

	EAST 3	CENTRAL 2	P8
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	WINNER P3 – WINNER P4	P10
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YEAR 6 (2009/10)			
PRELIMINARIES	VISITOR	HOME	GAME
	WEST 4	NORTH 1	P1
	NORTH 3	EAST 2	P2
	EAST 4	CENTRAL 1	P3
	CENTRAL 3	WEST 2	P4
	NORTH 4	EAST 1	P5
	EAST 3	NORTH 2	P6
	CENTRAL 4	WEST 1	P7
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- b) All games are to be 7 innings with a 3:30 PM start. No inning is to start after 5:30 PM. If after 5 complete innings a team is 10 or more runs up, the game is called.
- c) No more than 7 runs may be scored in one inning. Exception: If a team is more than 7 runs behind in the last inning of play, they are allowed to continue until tied or three outs.
- d) Unlimited substitution provided the player sits out one full rotation of the batting order. NOTE: The player must return to the same spot in the batting order.
- e) A pitcher may only pitch a maximum of 4 innings or 12 outs in any order.
- f) Rain out decisions are to be made the home team and advise the visiting team no late

than 2:00 PM.

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- g) The home team is responsible for preparing the diamond and providing 2 new softballs. Visitors should provide 1 good ball.
- h) Ground rules are to be established before the beginning of each game.

I) TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:

For all playoffs, the team finishing highest in the standings is the home team.

When two teams are tied....

1. Team with the highest number of points in their division (HOME)
2. If still tied, the team with the best record against the tied team.
3. If still tied, the team with the fewest runs against between the tied teams.
4. If still tied, the team with the fewest runs against for the season.
5. If still tied, a coin flip.