



2026 State Baseball and Softball Format

In-line with the direction and goals of the executive board to consolidate championship game sites for many of the KSHSAA activities, the following plan closely resembles the state basketball format going into play this school year:

The State Tournament Schedule

Quarterfinal round played at neutral sites***

May 25 – 4A, 3A, 2-1A softball and baseball

May 26 – 6A, 5A baseball and softball

4A, 3A, 2-1A Softball @ Arrocha Ball Park - KU

May 27 – Semifinals for 4A, 3A

May 28 – Semifinals for 2-1A; Consolation for 4A, 3A

May 29 – Consolation for 2-1A; Championship for 2-1A, 3A and 4A

4A, 3A 2-1A Baseball @ Hogle Stadium – KU

May 27 – Semifinals for 2-1A, 3A

May 28 – Semifinals for 4A; Consolation for 2-1A, 3A

May 29 – Consolation for 4A; Championship for 4A, 3A and 2-1A

6A, 5A Softball @ Wilkins Stadium - Wichita State

May 28 - Semifinals for 6A and 5A

May 29 - Consolation for 6A and 5A; Championship for 6A and 5A

6A, 5A Baseball @ Eck Stadium - Wichita State

May 28 - Semifinals for 6A and 5A

May 29 - Consolation for 6A and 5A; Championship for 6A and 5A

***Neutral sites are to be determined. The higher seeds in each tournament will earn the right to play as close to home as possible in relation to the neutral sites. If the distance between the lower seed and the appropriate site is greater than 250 miles the game will be played at a centrally located site of the neutral sites chosen. The sites will be analyzed and reviewed each year. The location of the match up will be determined after regional play as concluded.

Game times and further details will be published in the KSHSAA Baseball/Softball manual.

3A and 2-1A Baseball and Softball Regional Format

3A and 2-1A only

Teams will be placed in four geographic regions and seeded in regional tournament brackets by seed, 1-4-5-8-9-12-13-16 and 2-3-6-7-10-11-14-15. The winner of each regional tournament advances to the state tournament. If a region has more than 16 teams, only the top 16 appear in the bracket. Those not included in the bracket may schedule a game on their own.

Baseball Schedule:

Quarterfinals will be played at the higher seed (3A May 13, 2-1A May 14).

Semifinals and finals will be played at the highest remaining seed May 19th.

Softball Schedule:

Quarterfinals will be played at the higher seed (3A May 19, 2-1A May 20).

Semifinals and finals will be played at the highest remaining seed May 21st.

Rainout dates are the subsequent days.

Hosting:

If the higher seed cannot host based on facility constraints such as improper fences, parking, seating or ability to collect tickets then the next highest seed in that bracket will host.

Schools who know they will be unable to host postseason games will need to notify the KSHSAA by April 1. A host form will be sent to all schools to collect this information.

Officials

League commissioners/host schools will secure umpires as they do currently.

If umpire availability becomes an issue for the quarterfinal round, consolidation for sites could be considered by all schools and league commissioners in agreement.