

# 2024-25 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MANUAL

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# WELCOME

The official manual for high school baseball and softball with information concerning regulations and management of regional and state tournaments.

This *Baseball/Softball Manual* has been designed and prepared to provide general information and for use in the administration of baseball and softball games. No doubt numerous questions will arise during the course of the season, and we believe many of your questions will be answered by a thorough review of the contents of this manual.

We take this opportunity to thank all personnel, including tournament managers, school administrators, coaches, athletes, umpires, members of the press, radio and television, and loyal baseball and softball supporters for their efforts and interest during the upcoming spring sports season..

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## Entry Form Checklist

### Baseball

- ☐ Baseball Umpire Recommendations - due to KSHSAA by May 14
- ☐ Regional Baseball Tournament Squad List - mail to regional manager by May 10 (3A, 2-1A) May 14 (6A, 5A, 4A)
- ☐ Baseball Season Win-Loss Record Form - due to KSHSAA by May 10 (3, 2-1A) and May 17 (6A, 5A, 4A)
- ☐ State Baseball Tournament Squad List - must reach KSHSAA by noon the day after regional tournament completed

### Softball

- ☐ Softball Umpire Recommendations - due to KSHSAA by May 14
- ☐ Regional Softball Tournament Squad List - mail to regional manager by May 14
- ☐ Softball Season Win-Loss Record Form - due to KSHSAA by May 14 (3, 2-1A) and May 17 (6A, 5A, 4A)
- ☐ State Softball Tournament Squad List - must reach KSHSAA by noon the day after regional tournament completed

## Projected Calendar Dates

Baseball	SCW	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Beginning Practice Date	35	3/3	3/2	3/1	2/28	2/26
Earliest Possible Competition	37	3/20	3/19	3/18	3/16	3/15
Regional Tournaments/ 3A, 2-1A Quarterfinals	45	5/14-16	5/13-15	5/12-14	5/10-12	5/9-11
Regional Tournaments	46	5/19-22	5/18-21	5/17-20	5/15-18	5/14-17
State Tournaments	47	5/29-30	5/28-29	5/27-28	5/25-26	5/24-25

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# STUDENT HEALTH & SAFETY

For more information check out [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org) Sports Medicine & Safety

## Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE)

No student is eligible to represent any school team (in practice and games) until there is on file with the superintendent or principal a statement (physical form) certifying that the student has passed an adequate physical examination and is physically fit to participate. The form must be signed by any of the following licensed health care providers: a physician, a chiropractor, a physician assistant (PA) or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). The statement (form) must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian, stating the student has permission to participate. The physical examination shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

## KSHSAA Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form

This form must be signed by all student-athletes and parent/guardians before the student participates in any athletic or spirit practice or contest each school year.

## Concussion Management / Kansas Law

Below is a summary of our recommendations to our member schools to comply with the state law and the NFHS playing rule. A complete and detailed version can be found on the KSHSAA website in the sports medicine and safety section.

1. If concussion consistent signs or symptoms are observed in an athlete, the athlete should be immediately removed from the practice or contest.
2. The athlete should not be allowed to return to any practice or contest until written clearance is obtained from a health care provider (MD or DO).
3. The KSHSAA and the NFHS strongly recommend the athlete not be allowed to return to the practice or contest the same day the concussion consistent signs or symptoms were observed.
4. A gradual return-to-play protocol should be followed before the athlete is allowed to return to unrestricted participation in their sport.
5. The signed concussion and head injury information release form must be on file with the school.
6. Be sure all of your coaches view the free online course from the *NFHS: Concussions in Sports, What You Need to Know*. This course can be accessed through the sports medicine and safety section of our website or directly through [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). Schools may choose to use this course in group settings with parents, students or with school staff at in-service meetings.

## Emergency Action Plans

ALL schools should have written emergency action plans in place for all activities and all venues where these activities take place. Coaches, administrators, school medical personnel and student participants all need to be aware of the EAP and all may have responsibilities in carrying out the EAP.

At minimum, an emergency action plan should address the following:

- Identify the personnel involved in the emergency response and their responsibilities
- Provide all necessary contact information
- Identify ambulance emergency access to the venue
- Identify severe weather shelter location(s)
- Identify necessary emergency equipment and where the equipment is located

The KSHSAA website sports medicine section has resources which can assist in developing or improving your emergency action plans. If you need to build an emergency action plan, you can use the KSHSAA EAP Template to assist you in the development.

**Emergency action plans should be REVIEWED AND REHEARSED ANNUALLY (at minimum)! BUILD YOUR PLAN. PRACTICE YOUR PLAN.**

## **KSHSAA Recommended Procedures to Consider When Inclement Weather Occurs During a Contest**

The safety of athletes (participants), spectators, coaches/directors, school personnel and all others present at an athletic contest must be the first and foremost concern of contest officials and building administrators.

1. When an interscholastic contest has been scheduled and dangerous playing conditions exist or severe weather is anticipated, the following should be considered:
  - a. Prior to beginning an athletic contest, when severe weather is anticipated, the head contest official and the principals of each school, or their designees, will meet to review the suspension and/or postponement procedures. This would include any playing rule book coverage.
  - b. The host school administrator will be responsible for informing contest officials, visiting school administrators and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements of designated shelter areas.
  - c. If a TORNADO WATCH has been issued, the host team building administrator and the head contest official will notify coaches, school administrators and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements that the possibility of abrupt suspension of play exists.
  - d. If a TORNADO WARNING has been issued, the contest should be suspended immediately. Participants, spectators and all personnel involved with the contest will be advised to "take cover." The procedure will be announced, when available, over the public address system.
  - e. When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for 30 minutes and take shelter immediately.
    - Thirty-minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed before resuming play.
    - Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
    - At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.
  - f. If any other life-threatening condition occurs, play should be suspended immediately and predetermined directions to safe locations will be announced.
2. When a suspension of a contest occurs, the following should be considered:
  - a. If the suspension is 45 minutes or greater, resuming at a later date should be considered.
  - b. When it appears that weather conditions are no longer a threat to the safety of participants, spectators or contest officials, administrators from all schools involved will meet with the head contest official to determine if play will continue. If any administrator or the head contest official casts a negative vote for play to resume, the suspension should continue.
  - c. If play is to be resumed, contestants will be given at least a 15 minute warm-up period prior to competition.



## **Statement on Performance Enhancing Drugs and Nutritional Supplements**

In order to promote the health and safety among all student-athletes, reduce health risk, maintain ethical standards as well as reduce liability risk, students should not use any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency, for the purposes of performance-enhancement. All school personnel, including coaches and school nurses, should never recommend the use of any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency, for the purposes of performance-enhancement.

School personnel should not dispense or administer any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, unless the student-athlete is under the direct care of a licensed health professional, licensed to practice in the state of Kansas and practicing within their scope of practice as defined by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, and only as prescribed.

We recommend that coaches, athletic directors, nurses and other school personnel develop strategies that address the prevalence and growing concerns of using any drug, medication or nutritional supplement for the purpose of performance-enhancement. Athletes should be encouraged to pursue their athletic goals through hard work, appropriate rest, proper hydration and good nutrition, not unsubstantiated shortcuts. School personnel, coaches and parents should allow for open discussion about dietary supplement use, and should strongly encourage obtaining optimal nutrition through a well-balanced diet.

*(adopted by the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Executive Board, April 2017)*

# KSHSAA POLICY INFORMATION

## KSHSAA Coach/Sponsor CPR/AED Training Requirement

Per *KSHSAA Handbook Rule 10-1-9*: Any person serving in the role of a head or assistant sport coach/aide or a head or assistant activity sponsor/aide in a KSHSAA member school shall be certified or trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) administration.

### Components of the rule are as follows:

1. Following an initial 30-day grace period from the start of the season, personnel are not eligible to work as a coach or sponsor for their school until proof of completion of CPR/AED training is on file with their school.
2. Every coach/sponsor must complete CPR/AED training every two (2) years.
3. The training shall be coordinated by a certified CPR instructor.
4. Online only training courses are not accepted.
5. There must be a hands-on educational component to the training process.
6. On an annual basis by activity, a school administrator must acknowledge through the KSHSAA website that each coach/sponsor is currently trained in CPR/AED administration. To acknowledge rule compliance, a school administrator should login to the KSHSAA website and go to the Coach/Sponsor Requirements page. Select the activity and enter the date of CPR/AED training next to each coach/sponsor name. If you do not see the coach/sponsor listed, add that person through the Update Directory process online. All head and assistant coaches/sponsors should be listed for every activity!

### Training could be obtained from the following organizations:

- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- American Safety & Health Institute / Medic First Aid
- National Safety Council

### Potential sources for locating a certified CPR instructor:

- School nurse
- School/community athletic trainer
- Local emergency personnel: EMTs, firefighters, police officers
- Community hospital
- Contacting the organizations listed above

## Concussion and Head Injury Education Requirement

On an annual basis and PRIOR to the first practice of the season, ALL coaches, student participants and school administrators responsible for event coverage are required to complete a concussion education program. This requirement includes cheer and dance sponsors and participating students. Students and coaches involved in more than one sport only need to complete this training one time each year. It is recommended the program be completed prior to the start of practice during preseason team meetings or coaching in-service. Schools may choose to utilize the free "*Concussion in Sports*" and the "*Concussion for Students*" courses found at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

## Heat Illness Prevention Education Requirement

On an annual basis and prior to the beginning of fall sports practices, each KSHSAA member school will provide all coaches/directors of its athletic and activities programs (marching band, cheer, and dance teams) with an educational inservice program on prevention of heat illness and proper hydration of participants. Member schools are strongly encouraged to utilize the free NFHS *Heat Illness Prevention* course or an equivalent program for this purpose. Instruction may take place in a group setting or in an individualized manner.

# KSHSAA Ejection Policy

## Requirements for Ejected Coaches

Coaches who are ejected from a contest (at all levels grades 7-12) are required to complete the NFHS *Teaching and Modeling Behavior* course prior to coaching in their next game. (The course fee is \$20 and can be completed in one hour.) The next game is defined as the next regularly scheduled day of competition. In addition, the school administrator is responsible to provide the KSHSAA administrator a copy of the coach's certificate of completion of the online course. The coach may print this as the final step on the online course. Recurring ejections result in a requirement to repeat the course.

## Requirements for Ejected Players

Any player ejected from a contest at any level of play (grades 7-12) for unsporting conduct or behavior will be required to successfully complete the free *NFHS Sportsmanship Course* online, prior to the KSHSAA and school reinstating his/her eligibility privileges. The school principal or athletic director is responsible to oversee compliance of this requirement. There is no cost for the course which takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Schools are not required to submit the student's certificate of completion to the KSHSAA but should retain it on file.

## Ejection Policy for Player, Coach, Spectator Involving an Official

Any participant (player, coach, spectator) who is ejected for making contact with an official, who is ejected for unsporting behavior directed toward an official, or who negatively confronts an official following a contest, shall be subject to a non-appealable suspension from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Local school leadership may levy additional sanctions as they deem appropriate.

The KSHSAA staff reviews all ejection reports.

**NOTE:** The requirement for all ejected students to complete the *NFHS Sportsmanship Course* and the requirement for all ejected coaches to complete the *NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior* course prior to being reinstated remains in effect.

# The KSHSAA Code of Ethics

## for Coaches, Directors, Aides, Adjudicators, Judges and Officials

Believing that mine is an important part in the nationwide school activity program, I pledge to act in accordance with these principles:

1. I will honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
2. I will study the rules, observe the work of other coaches, directors, adjudicators, judges, or officials and will, at all times, attempt to improve myself and the activity.
3. I will conduct myself in such a way that attention is drawn not to me but to the young people participating in the contest.
4. I will maintain my appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the activity.
5. I will cooperate with the news media in the interpretation and clarification of rules and/or other areas relating to good sportsmanship, but I will not make statements concerning decisions made during the contest.
6. I will uphold and abide by all rules of the KSHSAA and the National Federation.
7. I will shape my character and conduct so as to be a worthy example to the young people who participate under my jurisdiction.
8. I will give my complete cooperation to the school which I serve and to the KSHSAA which I represent.
9. I will cooperate and be professional in my association with other coaches, directors, adjudicators, judges or officials and will do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
10. I will keep in mind that the contest is more important than the wishes of any individual.
11. I will make responsible decisions about consumption of alcohol, including abstinence from alcohol at least 12 hours prior to a contest in which I will be involved.
12. I will not use tobacco or e-cigarette products while directly involved in interscholastic activities.

## KSHSAA Pre-Activity Timeout

Purpose: As a proactive communication measure, schools are expected to designate a time prior to the start of any interscholastic contest to share event critical information with stakeholders. The following information should be shared/reviewed prior to the first contest at each location:

1. Introduction of home and visiting administration on duty (identify primary point of contact).
2. Identify the location of athletic trainer(s) or other qualified medical professionals.
3. Identify the location of the AED(s).
4. Identify emergency entrance/exits for the facility.
5. Identify the storm shelter location and communication plan for evacuation.
6. Identify the rapid body cooling plan (location of cold water immersion tub).
7. Identify the communication plan for leadership.
8. Identify the communication plan for respective groups (students, coaches, fans).
9. Identify any special events or concerns relative to the event.

These nine items are to be reviewed prior to the event by the ranking school leader of every school involved in the contest. Each participating school is to be represented in this pregame meeting. If an administrative representative is not in attendance, this responsibility belongs to the head coach.

**HAVE A PLAN. COMMUNICATE YOUR PLAN.**

## KSHSAA Games Not Played Policy

1. Games not played because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances do not count as a win or a loss for either team when seeding postseason tournaments. Reasonable efforts should be made between school administrators to reschedule all contests, but if schools are unable to reschedule the game it does not count as a forfeit win or loss and will be recorded as “no game played”. When determining seeding for postseason tournaments the number of wins is divided by the number of games played to determine the winning percentage.
2. This policy applies to both regular season and invitational tournament games. If a tournament is played and a team does not participate due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the tournament manager will advance a team in the bracket but neither the team advanced nor the team going to the back side of the bracket will count the game as a win or loss. It simply counts as no game played.
3. Only when the originally scheduled opponent agrees that no reschedule is possible, a school may seek a different opponent to complete the schedule.

## KSHSAA Forfeiture Policy

1. If a regular season game (including invitational tournaments) is not played due to a team/school not having enough players to field a legal team, and both schools agree that a make-up date cannot be determined, the game will count as a forfeit and a win in postseason seeding for the team who was willing and able to play. The game would count as a loss for postseason seeding for the team lacking players.
2. The team forfeiting must pay officials fees unless officials are re-assigned.
3. After a school starts the season with a team but is unable to finish the season due to lack of players, all games scheduled will count as a forfeit win unless the school losing a contest can find another opponent. The school with a discontinued team must notify the KSHSAA that they are no longer participating and the KSHSAA will make updates to the win/loss record form.

## Summer Moratorium

June 30 - July 6, 2025, is the summer moratorium. There shall be NO school related athletic activities. During this time coaches (licensed teacher coaches and coach aides employed by member schools) shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weight lifting, conditioning, competition or travel. All member school athletic facilities will be closed during this period to school personnel and students grades 7-12. If member school athletic facilities also serve as non-school community recreation facilities, these facilities may remain open during the moratorium so long as no school teams are playing and no school coaches are coaching the teams/individuals. During this one week dead period, students may attend camps or competitions but may not do so with their school coaches. This moratorium does not impact fine arts or spirit activities.

Rationale: The last few years there has been a growing concern within the KSHSAA membership that students and coaches were not being able to have time to themselves during the summer. It was surveyed and discussed at the October Regional Board of Directors Meeting in 2017 and then voted on at the April 2018 KSHSAA Board of Directors meeting to establish a rule to allow students and coaches a week off during the summer. For Q/A on this policy, go to [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org).

## Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS (Drone Policy)

Unless granted special permission by the KSHSAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS) for any purpose is not permitted at any KSHSAA state tournament or postseason game or event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arenas, mats, gym floors or pools and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the KSHSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas. During the regular season, member schools should have a drone policy. At no time should a drone be on or over the field of play during the game, even if the school policy permits the use of drones during the regular season.

## General Responsibilities of Host and Visiting Schools

### Administrators and Coaches - VERY IMPORTANT

If any of your players and/or students plan to attend any softball or baseball contests, the KSHSAA requests that you take this opportunity to prompt all representatives from your school on the importance of proper behavior and conduct. Also, please relay this information to the fans from your community. A positive approach on this matter prior to the contest will help in preventing any undesirable demonstrations, thus removing the necessity for penalty after adverse situations have occurred. The Association feels that with proper guidance, the conduct of our high school boys and girls can be a tribute to the overall educational and activities program throughout Kansas. The following, "Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events," is very explicit in the responsibilities of hosting an athletic contest. It is placed in this manual to benefit all concerned regarding the expectations of the KSHSAA concerning the sportsmanship that must surround any interscholastic contest.

1. The administrators of both schools are responsible for the general organization, management and supervision of student bodies and crowds before, during and following each event, with the home school assuming the major role.
2. Communicate prior to date of contest concerning visitors' parking area, entrance and exit locations for fans, seating sections, etc.
3. Provide adequate supervision prior to and during each contest, to continue until at least one-half hour after the game, or until all groups have dispersed.
4. It is recommended those staff members representing the participating schools for the purpose of game administration and/or supervision meet prior to the contest. They should introduce themselves to the umpires prior to the contest and let them know where they will be located during the game.
5. Faculty supervisors or adults delegated by the school administrators should carry some type of identification.
6. The conduct of coaches is the single most important factor in crowd control. They are professional educators and must control themselves under stress in order to set the proper example for the immature students on their teams, student body and the heterogeneous combination of spectators in the stands. It is not enough to be professional only when there is no pressure. Coaches are usually the stabilizing influence in an emotionally-charged situation, and they must assume this important responsibility. Also they must recognize that the future of high school athletics is more important than winning or losing the game.

7. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
8. Both schools must approve the umpires for each regular season contest prior to the completion of the umpires' contracts. Assignments made by league commissioners have the approval of the administration.
9. Any person, school-connected or otherwise, who commits assault and/or battery against students, school employees or game officials shall make amends to the offended person or persons, and the Executive Board of the KSHSAA shall be satisfied that the public interest does not require prosecution or further disciplinary action. Unless the person or group has made amends to the offended person or persons, then charges should be filed. It is the host school's responsibility to file such charges. Ordinary order and discipline at interscholastic events should be enforced by prosecution and action in the courts.
10. Administrators and supervisors shall see that spectators are not permitted to assemble around the edge of the field prior to or at the conclusion of a game.
11. The host and visiting school administration and adult supervisors shall make every effort to keep the field clear of spectators prior to and at the conclusion of each game.
12. A member school may not film any school's activity contest if they are not a participant without written permission from the involved school principals in advance of the contest.

## Specific Responsibilities of the Host School

*(See additional responsibilities listed under "Responsibilities of Host and Visiting Schools.")*

1. Notify visiting school of reserved parking spaces for buses, specific entrance and exits to be used by team and student body, game time, and other important items necessary to conduct the contest.
2. Designate specific seating locations for visiting and host schools.
3. Provide adequate police and faculty supervision, to begin at least one-half hour prior to game time and end when all groups have dispersed. Explain to them and all fans, the playing field is to remain free of spectators prior to and after the contest.
4. Arrange for the presence of law enforcement officials inside and outside the contest area. It is suggested inside supervision be handled by paid police and outside by the local police department.
5. School officials should give specific directions to hired policemen. Do not assume they understand their responsibilities. Place them on a staggered schedule so that all will not arrive and leave at the same time. It may be necessary to have only a small number present prior to game time, with more as the contest progresses and is concluded.
6. Arrangements should be made with local police to direct traffic away from the field so spectators can leave quickly.
7. Any person, school-connected or otherwise, who commits assault and/or battery against students, school employees or game officials shall make amends to the offended person or persons, and the Executive Board of the KSHSAA shall be satisfied that the public interest does not require prosecution or further disciplinary action. Unless the person or group has made amends to the offended person or persons, then charges should be filed. It is the host school's responsibility to file such charges. Ordinary order and discipline at interscholastic events should be enforced by prosecution and action in the courts.
8. Reserved parking locations should be set aside for the game officials, and they should be notified of the location prior to their departure for the game site.
9. The host school should provide two adult chaperons or security personnel to escort officials to and from their dressing facilities and the field following the conclusion of the game and to their cars.
10. The officials' dressing quarters are private. No one should be admitted, and this includes personnel from the host school. Use No Admittance signs (Form O) from your online *Entry Forms* to assure privacy.
11. Make arrangements to accept and deliver emergency messages.
12. Any unusual incidents or developments should be reported to the KSHSAA immediately.

## Specific Responsibilities of Visiting School

*(See additional responsibilities listed under "Responsibilities of Host and Visiting Schools.")*

1. An administrator and adequate faculty or adult supervisors should be present at each game in order to supervise their own students and adult fans. Prevent unsportsmanlike behavior prior to, during and after the game.
2. See that all bus drivers and delegated drivers are informed of the special parking locations provided by the host school.
3. Inform all student spectators and the team of proper entrance and exit locations.
4. See that supervision is available prior to the arrival of your spectators and until all groups have dispersed.
5. Report any unusual incidents to the host school administration immediately.
6. Give complete cooperation and assistance to the host school when it is necessary to file charges against any individual causing a disturbance.

## Responsibilities of the Public Address Announcer

The announcer is a key figure and carries a great responsibility. What he or she says, and the way it is said, will influence the crowd. He or she may find it necessary to make special announcements in case of emergencies. The following items may assist announcers in doing their job with excellence:

1. Be impartial. Announce the game with no show of favoritism.
2. Use proper language at all times.
3. Be enthusiastic but calm.
4. Don't anticipate or second guess calls by the umpires.
5. Be aware of the entire field area so that calm directions can be given in an emergency. Serious situations can often be avoided if the announcer will caution the crowd against coming onto the field, throwing things, etc.
6. Let no one except those in charge of the event use the microphone. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the P.A. system.
7. Do not criticize umpires' decisions, directly or indirectly.
8. Announce convenient routes for leaving the field and caution the crowd to drive carefully.
9. Pregame Announcements: The public address announcer should be aware that good sportsmanship is a very important part of interscholastic activities and he/she can play an important role in its encouragement.

The following is presented as a possible pregame announcement for any interscholastic contest:

"Activity programs at (name) High School are primarily for the student participants. The purpose of this activity is to provide positive learning experiences and opportunities for personal growth of the participants. We are pleased to host our guests from (name) High School. This competition is being conducted according to the rules of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. School officials and spectators can (and are expected to) assist in the promotion and achievement of good sportsmanship ideals by taking personal responsibility for keeping this contest at a high level of fair, clean, wholesome competition. Good luck to both teams!"

Through the medium of the public address system, certain announcements can be made concerning good sportsmanship; cheerleaders can be schooled so that they will be on the alert to stamp out any demonstrations. The English or journalism departments can prepare local news releases, the same to be forwarded to the newspapers in the towns represented in a tournament, emphasizing the importance of proper sportsmanship on the part of the patrons who plan to attend; pointing out that one of the justifications for an interscholastic athletic program is that it serves as a means of teaching proper attitudes and ideals to the students.

## Sportsmanship and Conduct

For a number of reasons/justifications, fans and participants in baseball and softball games have historically felt that it was traditional to give "blue" a hard time. Regardless of the rationalizations individuals may use to justify their verbal attacks on the umpires, **those actions are not acts of sportsmanship or good citizenship.** Such actions by adults leave



the impression in our youth that it is an appropriate and acceptable model of behavior. **The KSHSAA and its member schools believe such actions and behavior patterns are neither appropriate nor acceptable.**

Each administrator and coach whose school participates in a game or tournament is charged with the important role of teaching the highest principles and standards of general behavior. The school administration should never overlook any opportunity to remind and emphasize tactfully the need and value of proper respect of their opponents with regard to their organized cheering activities, the decisions of the game umpires, and the importance of desirable and proper conduct both at home and away. We are sure you concur with the KSHSAA in its belief that considerable effort should be exerted by school administrators and staff to promote the highest principles of good sportsmanship. You are urged to give the umpires your utmost cooperation in helping them eliminate any form of rowdiness. If there should be any patrons unwilling to accept the principles of good sportsmanship, or if there are some who desire to view the games while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, school administrators should see that those individuals are refunded their money and escorted from the field area.

Experience has demonstrated that good sportsmanship is not an inherent characteristic of all people attending interscholastic high school activities. Because of this fact, it is impossible to acquire the optimum in good sportsmanship at your games and tournament without considerable effort and planning in advance. How can this be done? A little effort on the part of the manager will do much to stimulate fair play, friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship among the contestants and patrons at each tournament.

**Sportsmanship and good citizenship address the following:**

1. **Be positive, not negative**
2. **Don't put down your opponents with trash talk and gestures. Instead, be positive with remarks for your team.**
3. **Play the game within the rules; don't expect a fair advantage.**
4. **Play the game for the fun, experience and educational value of the game, and of course, play to win.**
5. **Win with humility and respect for your opponent, lose with dignity and respect for your opponent.**

## **Rule 52 Provisions**

### **Spectators on the Field**

***Citizenship/Sportsmanship Rule 52-I-Ic*** prohibits victory celebrations on the playing surface at the conclusion of a contest for the following reasons:

1. Allows the participants and coaches of the teams to shake hands at the end of the contest.
2. Safety of the participants.
3. Avoids confrontation between exuberant fans and downhearted players and fans of the school which was defeated.
4. Preserves Citizenship/Sportsmanship atmosphere.
5. Allows awards where appropriate to be presented within a reasonable period of time.
6. Protects the time schedule of contests which are followed by subsequent contests on the same playing surface.
7. Protects the playing surface.

Public address announcers are to give the above reasons for requesting cheerleaders and fans remain off the playing surface at the end of a contest.



## Sportsmanship Interpretations

The underlying philosophy of Citizenship/Sportsmanship **Rule 52** is "Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action." According to **Rule 52-1-2**, the KSHSAA Executive Board has developed interpretations for member schools to guide in the observance of **Rule 52**. Those interpretations and policies follow:

Desirable and unacceptable behavior illustrations are "examples" and are not to be considered all inclusive.

### In regard to 52-1-1a - Be courteous to all (participants, cheerleaders, coaches, officials, staff and fans):

**Desirable Behavior** – Host cheerleading squads welcome visiting squads; **respect shown during National Anthem (hats removed, no talking, never change lyrics or yell mascot at the end)**; opposing coaches and contestants shaking hands before/after contest; applause during introduction of contestants, coaches and officials; contestants shaking hand of opponent fouling out while both sets of fans recognize contestant's performance with applause; all showing concern for injured contestant; respectfully addressing officials during competition and thanking them for their performance regardless of agreement with all calls; helping opponents up during a game; host school extending hospitality to visiting contestants, coaches, cheerleaders and fans; any supportive chants and cheers which are directed toward your team, i.e. "I believe we can win," "we've got spirit-how about you," "defense-defense" and other such supportive expressions.

**Unacceptable Behavior** – Any **non-supportive** chants, cheers or actions which are directed toward the opposing team; chants or actions **which single out individuals**; fans or cheerleaders reading newspapers, turning their backs, making disrespectful actions, etc. during introduction of opponents or shooting of free throws; yelling, waving, etc., during opponent's free throws; derogatory/disrespectful yells, chants, songs, gestures, including "goodbye," "you let the whole team down," "air ball," "scoreboard," "you can't do that," "this is our house" at a visitor event, "dribble-dribble-pass," "bong-bong-bong-whooo" while opposing team has ball, and other such expressions directed toward opponents.

### In regard to 52-1-1b - Know the rules, abide by and respect the officials' decisions:

**Desirable Behavior** - Utilize every opportunity to promote understanding of the rules of the contest within the school and community; contestants utilize the team captain or coach for clarification of the call to maintain positive rapport with officials; accept the decisions of the officials; hand ball to officials; cheerleaders lead fans in positive school yells in a positive manner; cheerleaders lead by coordinating signals and timing of cheers with student body section leaders; cooperate with the news media in interpretation and clarification of the rules.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Booing or heckling an official's decision; criticizing the merits of officiating; displays of temper and arguing with an official's call; derogatory remarks toward the official, coach constantly questioning calls.

### In regard to 52-1-1c - Win with character and lose with dignity:

**Desirable Behavior** - Handshakes between opposing contestants and coaches at end of contest, regardless of outcome; opposing contestants, coaches and fans engaging in friendly conversations before and following contest; treating competition as a contest, not a war; applause at end of contest for performance of all contestants.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Chants or actions which single out individuals; yells that antagonize opponents when you feel you have won the contest; refusing to shake hands or give recognition to winner for good performance; blaming loss on officials, coaching, individual contestant's performance, or other rationalizations; ushing the field/floor or victory celebration on the playing surface/field.

### In regard to 52-1-1d - Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team:

**Desirable Behavior** - Coach/contestants search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching; all fans recognize an outstanding participant's performance by applause, regardless of its impact on the contest; discuss outstanding performance of opponent with visiting and home fans.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Laughing, pointing finger, name calling, yelling player name or number, etc., directed at opponents in an attempt to distract; to degrade an excellent performance by opponents.

### In regard to 52-1-1e - Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school:

**Desirable Behavior** - Support the activity by learning yells of cheerleaders and displaying total unity as fans in following their lead; cheerleaders leading by coordinating signals and timing of cheers with student body section leaders to redirect crowd from a controversial call.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Displays of anger, boasting, use of profanity, bouncing beach balls, antics which draw attention to you instead of the contest; doing own yells instead of following lead of the cheerleaders; doing unsportsmanlike yells/gestures, such as "you, you, you!" while pointing finger at fouling opponent; singling out individuals.

**In regard to 52-1-1f - Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities:**

**Desirable Behavior** - Positively encourage those around you to display only sportsmanlike conduct; report poor sportsmanship to school officials; member schools insist that sportsmanship be a priority; administrators help coaches teach, model and reinforce sportsmanship; recognize coaches for sportsmanlike conduct; coaches playing those who exhibit positive sportsmanship; administrators taking appropriate action to ensure sportsmanlike behavior.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Fans', cheerleaders', contestants', coaches', administrators', or member schools' unwillingness to get involved and take a stand to defend one of the main tenets of school activities—teaching and promotion of SPORTSMANSHIP.

## **Rule 52 - Citizenship/Sportsmanship**

**INTRODUCTION**—The effective American secondary school must support both an academic program and an activities program. We believe that these programs must do more than merely coexist—they must be integrated and support each other in “different” arenas. The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

**PHILOSOPHY**—Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in the American schools. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand and to value the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model SPORTSMANSHIP, to build school pride, and to increase student/community involvement; this ultimately translates into improved academic performance. Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP for our youth as respected representatives of society. **Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!**

**ALL ACTIONS are to be FOR, NOT AGAINST; POSITIVE, NOT NEGATIVE or DISRESPECTFUL!**

### **Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)**

**Art. 1:** SPORTSMANSHIP is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below for clarification:

- a. Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff and fans).
- b. Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- c. Win with character and lose with dignity.
- d. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- e. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
- f. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

**Art. 2:** Enforcement Procedure:

- a. It is encouraged and recommended by the Kansas State High School Activities Association that local boards of education adopt these regulations and reinforce them as indicated herein.
- b. The Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association shall be responsible for the interpretation of these regulations, including “desirable and unacceptable behavior” and shall publish them in the association's *Citizenship/Sportsmanship Manual*.

# BASEBALL REGULATIONS

## Beginning and Ending Dates

Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35 (March 3, 2025)

No competitions may be held prior to March 20, 2025, and all interscholastic competitions shall end with the state tournament on May 29-30, 2025.

## Baseball Participation Limits

**32-2-4 - (Senior High)** No team (at any level) shall participate in more than 26 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only 20 of 26 playing dates may involve school time. A student may participate in 26 games of interschool competition during the season, exclusive of the state championship series.

**Note:** A student who participates in more than 26 games during the season is ineligible until reinstated by the Executive Board.

**32-3-1 - (Middle/Junior High)** No student or team shall participate in more than eight (8) days of interschool competition during a season. **EXCEPTION:** Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

## Preseason Armcare

**Arm Care Rule:** *KSHSAA Handbook Rule 32-2-1* Starting Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #31, school coaches may work with their students two times per week, over a four-week period, for no more than 1.5 hours per session for pitching drills only.

## Baseball Pitch Count - Regular Season and Postseason

NFHS **Baseball Rule 6-2-6** states, "Each NFHS member state association will be required to develop its own pitching restriction policy based on the number of pitches thrown during a game to afford pitchers a required rest period between pitching appearances."

Pitches	Required Rest
76-105	4 days
61-75	3 days
46-60	2 days
31-45	1 day
1-30	0 days

### More Information:

- The above pitch count chart applies to all levels of competition.
- Required rest means calendar days. Throwing 105 pitches on Monday means the required rest period will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The first available day to return to competitive pitching is Saturday.
- All pitch count guidelines apply to an individual pitcher on a daily basis. For example, a pitcher could pitch in both games of a double header, not to exceed 105 pitches. The total number of pitches the pitcher throws that day will determine the pitcher's days of rest that must follow the double header.
- A player's pitch count and required days of rest apply to games at any and all levels of play.
  - *Example: Player A throws 62 pitches in a junior varsity game. Player A must rest three days before pitching in a JV, varsity or other sublevel game.*
- Number of pitches are competitive pitches only. Warmup or bullpen pitches do not count.

- \*A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they reach the max of 105 in the middle of the at bat.
- If the pitcher is ambidextrous, the pitch count guidelines apply to the individual pitcher, not to the individual arm.

**Penalty: Violation of the maximum pitch count (105)\* in one day or the required days of rest that accompanies the respective pitch count will result in immediate ineligibility of the violating player. The player is not eligible to participate in a contest until reinstated by the KSHSAA. The coach may complete the day of competition, however must be reinstated by the KSHSAA before returning to coach at a subsequent date. The game in which the violation occurs will result in forfeiture.**

All violations must immediately be reported to the KSHSAA.

## Recording of Pitch Counts

**Game day:** NFHS **Baseball Rule 9-2-2** denotes that... “The scorebook of the home team shall be the official scorebook, unless the umpire-in-chief rules otherwise...”

- The official scorer(s) will keep track of pitch counts for both teams at all levels of competition.
- The KSHSAA will provide an official pitch count tracking sheet to each school for use.
- Each head coach will sign the sheet after each game. This will insure each coach/school understands the required rest of their pitchers. The host school will archive each sheet.
- The official scorer should record all pitches thrown to the batter: ball, strike, foul, legal or illegal.
- When a pitcher approaches one of the benchmarks (30, 45, 60, 75 and 105 pitches) of the pitch count rule, the official scorer will inform the respective coach of that pitcher.

## Game Administration

By KSHSAA adoption, if a pitcher exceeds the 105 daily pitch count limit (tracked by official scorer) during a new at bat, the team for which the offender competes shall forfeit the game at the time of discovery. By NFHS **Rule 4-4-2:** ... *Score of a forfeited game is 7 to 0 except if the game is forfeited after the number of innings required for a regulation game and the offending team is behind. Then the score remains as recorded. If the offending team is leading, the score shall be 7 to 0.*

## Coaches Input Pitches - Mandatory

By executive board adoption, all baseball teams will be required to use Game Changer for scorekeeping/pitch count reporting. All levels. All games. All reporting and viewing will be done on Game Changer. Information will be sent at the beginning of each season with further instructions.

## Baseball Entry Fee

A KSHSAA member senior high school will be qualified to receive an assignment to regional tournament competition by submitting Spring Sports Participation Form with the entry fee of \$80 (per sport), to the KSHSAA on or before January 24.

## Rules Meeting and Exam Requirements

**Coach Requirements:** All varsity high school and middle/junior high school coaches must complete the KSHSAA online rules meeting and NFHS Exam for their respective sports. The online meeting is available from February 1 until March 14. Failure to complete the online rules meeting will result in a \$100 fine. Each coach will submit answers to NFHS Exam I online prior to the deadline of March 14. Coaches not receiving a score of 90% or better must complete KSHSAA Exam II. Failure to submit the exam by the deadline will also result in a \$100 fine.

## Regulation Game

NFHS **Rule 4-2-1** provides that: A regulation interscholastic game consists of seven innings (turns at bat) unless extra inning(s) are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened: because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh or only a fraction of it . . .; or because of weather, darkness, or as a result of **Rule 4-2-4** (baseball).

Based on the above, five inning games (without the exceptions, which apply to darkness, rain-outs or state association game-ending procedures) will not be considered regulation games and therefore would not be counted toward games won or lost in determination of a team's winning percentage for postseason play. However, any five inning game would be counted toward one of the 20 allowed games, but not for postseason competition.

## Ending a Regulation Game - 10-Run and 15-Run Rules

Based upon the level of support by KSHSAA member schools, the KSHSAA Executive Board voted to adopt, effective in the 2004 season, a 15-run game ending rule (after 2½ innings if the home team is ahead, or 3 innings if the visiting team is ahead) **for all postseason baseball games in regional and state tournaments**. For all regional and/or state tournament games this run rule is mandatory and does not require mutual agreement of the participating teams.

Additionally, the KSHSAA Executive Board voted to adopt the 15-run rule (after 2½ or 3 innings) game ending procedure in **regular season** baseball games, provided **both schools mutually agree**.

The 15-run rule game ending procedure is in addition to the mandatory 10-run rule (after 4½ innings if the home team is ahead or 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead) for all baseball games (regular season and postseason games). This means in regular season games, the 10-run rule is mandatory and the 15-run rule is optional if both schools mutually agree to use it. **In regional and state tournament games the 10-run rule and the 15-run rule are mandatory.**

## Called/Suspended Game

By KSHSAA adoption, a game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined by NFHS rule or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) 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 the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game. Suspended games count as one of the 20 allowable games even if not completed.

By mutual agreement of the administrators of both schools, game score at the time the game was suspended may be determined to be the final score, and the game will be considered a completed game at the point of suspension.

## State Association Adopted Rules

**Courtesy Runners:** A courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher may be used at any time in all baseball games at the option of either team. Clarification of this rule can be found on page 67 of the *2025 NFHS Baseball Rules Book*.

**Double First Base:** A double first base is permitted provided both teams mutually have agreed to its use prior to the start of the game. *(Review applicable NFHS Rules pertaining to double first base.)*

**Bat Specifications:** While coaches are primarily responsible for checking to make sure equipment is legal, umpires must be aware of the new bat regulations to insure that illegal bats are not used during a KSHSAA sponsored contest.

Established January 1, 2012, all bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard and such bats shall be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. No BBCOR label, sticker or decal will be accepted on any non-wood bat. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of one inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color to read: "BBCOR .50".

Bats that are decertified by the NFHS and NCAA will be posted on the KSHSAA website. Notification will be sent to schools if bats are decertified.

## Umpire's Uniform

Since umpires may often be working with umpires they normally do not work with, it is important that each umpire in the state have a uniform that is similar. **All umpires should be attired in the same style shirt.**

The umpire's uniform consists of cap, gray slacks, NFHS approved navy blue or black pullover shirt and black shoes. Post-season umpires may wear navy blue or black pullovers. Umpires working the game shall wear the same color uniform.

## Flash Photography

**Professional photographers:** A camera equipped with a "strobe-light" (electronic flash) may be used during the entire game by any official photographer. However, no pictures should be taken that will directly or indirectly affect the ability of either team to play the ball.

**Amateurs and fans:** Built-in or attached electronic flash units may be used while the game is in progress provided care is taken that the flash will not directly or indirectly affect the ability of either team to play the ball. Pictures may be taken during any dead ball periods.

## Video Recording

A member school may not record any school's activity contest in which they are not a participant without written permission from all the involved school principals in advance of the contest. The use of replay television monitoring equipment to make decisions related to the game is prohibited.

## KSHSAA Multimedia Use Policy

The member schools of the KSHSAA understand capturing images of student participants before, during, and after competitions/performances allow stakeholders the opportunity to share and reflect upon the experience. For further information on this policy please see the KSHSAA.org website.

## Designated Media Area

Media and photographers shall be prohibited from being in live ball area. Prior to starting any game the home team or game management shall designate a lined area for the media, which shall be considered dead ball area (**Rule 1-2-8 (BSB) of the NFHS rules**).

It is the KSHSAA recommendation the designated media area be located in foul territory beyond first and/or third base. It is the KSHSAA recommendation the designated media area be a minimum of 5 feet (length) by 3 feet (depth).

## Player Bench Occupants

During a game, the player bench may be occupied by eligible substitutes, coach, assistant coach, faculty representative, bona fide team managers, bona fide team statisticians and scorekeeper, bona fide team trainer or physician, and any disqualified players unless they have been instructed to remove themselves from the player bench.

## Private Room for Officials (Very Important Instructions)

**Managers should provide a private room which the umpires may occupy during tournaments. This room should be available to them as a dressing room and lounge between games. Umpires should be informed where they are to enter and location of the room. Arrangements should be made for someone to meet them when they arrive.**

**Post the No Admittance signs from the online Entry Forms (Form O) on the dressing room door. Do not allow anyone else to enter this room other than the manager or official KSHSAA representative. Assign security personnel to see this is done. The host school's cooperation in this matter will be appreciated by the umpires and will assure a better officiated tournament.**

## Scorers and Scoreboard Operators

It is recommended schools provide competent adult scorers and scoreboard operators along with a PA person if a public address system is available. The official scorer and operator, in addition to an assistant scorer (if available), shall be seated at the official table. Scorers should review their responsibilities as listed in the National Federation rules book.

Efficiency plus will be expected at the official table, and ideal conditions must prevail in order to live up to such expectations. As game manager, careful surveillance will assure those officials at the table desirable, adequate and pleasant working conditions. Nothing, such as a radio, should be at the official table which might distract the scorer.

## Forfeiture Guidelines

State associations may adopt forfeiture policies which extend beyond the previous 15-minute mandatory time limit. The Executive Board adopted the following policy, effective in the spring of 1998.

Games delayed from starting at their contracted starting time due to the failure of one team to appear at the arranged time and date shall use the following guidelines:

1. If a school is delayed in arriving at a game site in time to begin play at the predetermined starting time, they should contact the host site school athletic director as soon as possible to inform them of the delay and the projected arrival time.
  - a. The host site school athletic director should determine if the projected arrival time would permit the game(s) to be played on the original playing date.
  - b. If the projected arrival time is such that it is determined that rescheduling to another date and time is better, the athletic directors of the schools involved will set a new date and time.
2. If the host site school athletic director has not been notified that a visiting school team is delayed en route and the visiting team has not arrived at least 15 minutes prior to game time:
  - a. Host site athletic director or coach should attempt to contact the visiting school to determine if the team is en route or delayed.
  - b. If the visiting team has departed or appears to be delayed, the host site school should wait a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum of 45 minutes to determine if the visiting school team will arrive. If the visiting school team fails to arrive within the time period and has failed to notify the host school, the game shall be forfeited to their opponent.
3. If teams are delayed in their arrival at the host site due to weather, accident or event outside the control of the school, schools should determine another date and time to reschedule the game(s).

If a regular season game (including invitational tournaments) is not played due to a team/school not having enough players to field a legal team and both schools agree that a make-up date cannot be determined, the game will count as a forfeit and a win in postseason seeding for the team who was willing and able to play. The game would count as a loss for postseason seeding for the team lacking players. The forfeiting school must notify the KSHSAA and indicate a loss on their Win-Loss Record form. The forfeited game counts as one of the 20 allowable contests.

## Summer Coaching Regulations

Baseball coaches may coach their athletes on summer teams beginning the Saturday before Memorial Day (May 24, 2025). If a coach plans to have a school team camp, that camp must be completed by July 19, 2025. The school coach may coach the summer team until the Tuesday after Labor Day (September 2, 2025). Beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day school coaches may not coach their players or potential players on an outside team, work with them on skills, or give them private lessons until the first day of practice.



## **Games Not Played**

By Executive Board interpretation, games not played because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances do not count as a win or a loss for either team when seeding postseason tournaments. Attempts should be made between school administrators to reschedule all contests, but if schools are unable to reschedule the game it does not count as a forfeit win or loss, just no game played. When determining seeding for postseason tournaments the number of wins is divided by the number of games played to determine the winning percentage. This policy applies to both regular season and invitational tournament games. If a tournament is played and a team does not participate due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the tournament manager will advance a team in the bracket but neither the team advanced nor the team going to the back side of the bracket will count the game as a win or loss. It simply counts as no game played.

## **Protested Games**

By Executive Board policy no protests of games are permitted in baseball.

## **Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS (Drone Policy)**

Unless granted special permission by the KSHSAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any KSHSAA state tournament or postseason game or event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arenas, mats, gym floors or pools, and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as a part of the KSHSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas. During the regular season member schools should have a drone policy. At no time should a drone be on or over the field of play.

## **Music Between Batters**

It is permissible for PA announcers to play appropriate music between innings. During the regular season, it is permissible to play music between batters, after the result of the play and next batter are announced. If the umpire determines the playing of music is slowing down the contest, he/she has the authority to inform the announcer no music is permitted between batters. DURING POSTSEASON CONTESTS, NO MUSIC CAN BE PLAYED BETWEEN BATTERS.



# SOFTBALL REGULATIONS

## Beginning and Ending Dates

Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35 (March 3, 2025)

No competitions may be held prior to March 20, 2025, and all interscholastic competitions shall end with the state tournament on May 29-30, 2025.

*In addition: Jamborees have been approved. Please see information on KSHSAA website for jamboree details.*

## Participation Limits

**39-2-4 - (Senior High)** No team (at any level) shall participate in more than 26 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only 20 of the 26 playing dates may involve school time. A student may participate in 26 games of interschool competition during the season, exclusive of the state championship series.

**Note:** A student who participates in more than 26 games during the season is ineligible until reinstated by the Executive Board.

**39-3-1 - (Middle/Junior High)** No student or team shall participate in more than eight (8) days of interschool competition during a season. **EXCEPTION:** Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

## Pitching Restrictions

There are no restrictions on the number of innings a softball pitcher may pitch in a day.

## Softball Entry Fee

A KSHSAA member senior high school will be qualified to receive an assignment to regional tournament competition by submitting Spring Sports Participation Form, with the entry fee of \$80 (per sport), to the KSHSAA on or before January 24.

## Rules Meeting and Exam Requirements

**Coach Requirements:** All varsity high school and middle/junior high school coaches must complete the KSHSAA online rules meeting and NFHS Exam for their respective sports. The online meeting is available from February 6 until March 19. Failure to complete the online rules meeting will result in a \$100 fine. Each head coach will submit answers to NFHS Exam I online prior to the deadline of March 19. Head coaches not receiving a score of 90% or better must complete KSHSAA Exam II. Failure to submit the exam by the deadline will also result in a \$100 fine

## Regulation Softball Game

NFHS **Rule (2-25-3)** states: A regulation interscholastic game consists of seven innings (turns at bat) unless extra inning(s) are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened: because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh or only a fraction of it **Rule 4-2-1**, or because of weather, darkness, or as a result of **Rule 4-2-2**.

Based on the above, five inning games (without the exceptions, which apply to darkness, rain-outs or state association game-ending procedures) will not be considered regulation games and therefore would not be counted toward games won or lost in determination of a team's winning percentage for postseason play. However, any five inning game would be counted toward one of the 20 allowed games, but not for postseason seeding.

## Ending a Regulation Game - 10-Run and 15-Run Rules

Based upon the level of support by KSHSAA member schools, the KSHSAA Executive Board voted to adopt, effective in the 2004 season, a 15-run game ending rule (after 2½ innings if the home team is ahead, or 3 innings if the visiting team is ahead) **for all postseason softball games in regional and state tournaments.** For all regional and/or state tournament games this run rule is mandatory and does not require mutual agreement of the participating teams.

Additionally, the KSHSAA Executive Board voted to adopt the 15-run rule (after 2½ or 3 innings) game ending procedure in **regular season** softball games, provided **both schools mutually agree.**

The 15-run rule game ending procedure is in addition to the mandatory 10-run rule (after 4½ innings if the home team is ahead or 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead) for all softball games (regular season and postseason games). During regular season softball games, the 10-run rule is mandatory and the 15-run rule is optional if both schools mutually agree to use it. **In regional and state tournament games the 10-run rule and the 15-run rule are mandatory.**

## Called/Suspended Game

By KSHSAA adoption, a game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined by NFHS rule or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) 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 the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game. Suspended games count as one of the 20 allowable games even if not completed.

By mutual agreement of the administrators of both schools, game score at the time the game was suspended may be determined to be final score and the game will be considered a completed game at the point of suspension.

## State Association Adopted Rules

**Courtesy Runners:** A courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher may be used at any time in all **softball** games at the option of either team. Clarification of this rule can be found in the *2024 NFHS Softball Rules Book*.

**Double First Base:** A double first base is permitted provided both teams mutually have agreed to its use prior to the start of the game. (*Review applicable NFHS **Rule 8-10** pertaining to double first base.*)

**Bat Specifications:** The following policy was adopted by the KSHSAA Executive Board and applies to all interscholastic softball games.

NFHS **Rule 1-5-1** states "All bats shall meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard, bear either the 2000 or 2004 ASA Certification mark and not be on the USA non-approved list found at [www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-usa-softball/certified-usa-softball-equipment](http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-usa-softball/certified-usa-softball-equipment).

All schools and coaches must make sure any bats being used by players have the 2000 or 2004 ASA certification mark and not be listed on the USA non-approved list as found on the USA softball website. **Coaches must provide the non-approved bat list for umpires to review prior to the contest.** Umpires must bring a copy of the non-approved bat list to contests they umpire. The KSHSAA website ([www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)) is linked to the USA website on the softball page.

The bat shall consist of the following components:

- Knob.** The bat knob shall protrude at a 90 degree angle from the handle. The knob may be molded, lathed, welded or permanently fastened. Devices, attachments or wrappings are permitted except those that cause the knob to become flush with the handle. A one-piece rubber knob and bat grip combination is illegal.
- Handle/Grip.** The bat handle is the area of the bat that begins at, but does not include the knob and ends where the taper begins to increase in diameter. The handle shall have a round or oval cross section. The grip shall extend a minimum of 10 inches, but not more than 15 inches, from the small end of the bat. A safety grip shall be made of cork, tape (no smooth, plastic tape) or composition material. Resin pine tar or spray substances to enhance the hold are permitted on the grip only.
- Taper.** The taper is the transition area which connects the narrower handle to the wider barrel portion of the bat. The taper shall have a smooth, solid surface and shall have a conical shape. Its length and material may vary.
- Barrel.** The barrel is the area intended for contact with the pitch; it shall be round and smooth.

- e. End Cap. The end cap is made of rubber, vinyl, plastic or other approved material. It shall be firmly secured and permanently affixed to the end of the bat so that it cannot be removed by anyone other than the manufacturer, without damaging or destroying it. A one-piece construction bat will not have an end cap.

**Softball Tiebreaking Procedures:** The KSHSAA has not adopted the international tiebreaking procedure. Softball games are played until a winner can be determined using regular game procedures.

## Umpire's Uniform

Since umpires may often be working with umpires that they normally do not work with, it is important that each umpire in the state have a uniform that is similar. **All umpires should be attired in the same style shirt.** The umpire's uniform consists of cap, heather gray slacks, powder blue or navy blue pullover style shirt and black shoes. **Umpires should not wear ASA caps. KSHSAA registered umpires should place the KSHSAA patch on the left sleeve or upper left chest of the shirt.**

## Flash Photography

**Professional photographers:** A camera equipped with a "strobe-light" (electronic flash) may be used during the entire game by any official photographer. However, no pictures should be taken that will directly or indirectly affect the ability of either team to play the ball.

**Amateurs and fans:** Built-in or attached electronic flash units may be used while the game is in progress provided care is taken that the flash will not directly or indirectly affect the ability of either team to play the ball. Pictures may be taken during any dead ball periods.

## Video Recording

A member school **may not** record any school's activity contest in which they are not a participant without written permission from all the involved school principals in advance of the contest. The use of replay television monitoring equipment to make decisions related to the game is prohibited.

## KSHSAA Multimedia Use Policy

The member schools of the KSHSAA understand capturing images of student participants before, during, and after competitions/performances allow stakeholders the opportunity to share and reflect upon the experience. For further information on this policy please see the KSHSAA.org website.

## Designated Media Area

Media and photographers shall be prohibited from being in live ball area. Prior to starting any game the home team or game management shall designate a lined area for the media, which shall be considered dead ball area NFHS **Rule 1-1-7, 5-1-10.**

It is the KSHSAA recommendation the designated media area be located in foul territory beyond first and/or third base. It is the KSHSAA recommendation the designated media area be a minimum of 5 feet (length) by 3 feet (depth).

## Player Bench Occupants

During a game, the player bench may be occupied by eligible substitutes, coach, assistant coach, faculty representative, bona fide team managers, bona fide team statisticians and scorekeeper, bona fide team trainer or physician, and any disqualified players unless they have been instructed to remove themselves from the player bench.

## Private Room for Officials (Very Important Instructions)

Managers should provide a private room which the umpires may occupy during tournaments. This room should be available to them as a dressing room and lounge between games. Umpires should be informed where they are to enter and location of the room. Arrangements should be made for someone to meet them when they arrive.

Post the No Admittance signs from the online Entry Forms (Form O) on the dressing room door. Do not allow anyone else to enter this room other than the manager or official KSHSAA representative. Assign security personnel to see this is done. The host school's cooperation in this matter will be appreciated by the umpires and will assure a better officiated tournament.

## Scorers and Scoreboard Operators

It is recommended schools provide competent adult scorers and scoreboard operators along with a PA person if a public address system is available. The official scorer and operator, in addition to an assistant scorer (if available), shall be seated at the official table. Scorers should review their responsibilities as listed in the National Federation rules book.

Efficiency plus will be expected at the official table, and ideal conditions must prevail in order to live up to such expectations. As game manager, careful surveillance will assure those officials at the table desirable, adequate and pleasant working conditions. Nothing, such as a radio, should be at the official table which might distract the scorer.

## Games Not Played

By Executive Board interpretation, games not played because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances do not count as a win or a loss for either team when seeding postseason tournaments. Attempts should be made between school administrators to reschedule all contests, but if schools are unable to reschedule the game it does not count as a forfeit win or loss, just no game played. When determining seeding for postseason tournaments the number of wins is divided by the number of games played to determine the winning percentage. This policy applies to both regular season and invitational tournament games. If a tournament is played and a team does not participate due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the tournament manager will advance a team in the bracket but neither the team advanced nor the team going to the back side of the bracket will count the game as a win or loss. It simply counts as no game played.

## Forfeiture Guidelines

State associations may adopt forfeiture policies which extend beyond the previous 15-minute mandatory time limit. The Executive Board adopted the following policy, effective in the spring of 1998.

Games delayed from starting at their contracted starting time due to the failure of one team to appear at the arranged time and date shall use the following guidelines:

1. If a school is delayed in arriving at a game site in time to begin play at the predetermined starting time, they should contact the host site school athletic director as soon as possible to inform them of the delay and the projected arrival time.
  - a. The host site school athletic director should determine if the projected arrival time would permit the game(s) to be played on the original playing date.
  - b. If the projected arrival time is such that it is determined that rescheduling to another date and time is better, the athletic directors of the schools involved will set a new date and time.
2. If the host site school athletic director has not been notified that a visiting school team is delayed en route and the visiting team has not arrived at least 15 minutes prior to game time:
  - a. Host site athletic director or coach should attempt to contact the visiting school to determine if the team is en route or delayed.
  - b. If the visiting team has departed or appears to be delayed, the host site school should wait a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum of 45 minutes to determine if the visiting school team will arrive. If the visiting school team fails to arrive within the time period and has failed to notify the host school, the game shall be forfeited to their opponent.

3. If teams are delayed in their arrival at the host site due to weather, accident or event outside the control of the school, schools should determine another date and time to reschedule the game(s).

If a regular season game (including invitational tournaments) is not played due to a team/school not having enough players to field a legal team and both schools agree that a make-up date cannot be determined, the game will count as a forfeit and a win in postseason seeding for the team who was willing and able to play. The game would count as a loss for postseason seeding for the team lacking players. The forfeiting school must notify the KSHSAA and indicate a loss on their Win-Loss Record form. The forfeited game counts as one of the 20 allowable contests.

## **Summer Coaching Regulations**

Softball coaches may coach their athletes on summer teams beginning the Saturday before Memorial Day (May 24, 2025). If a coach plans to have a school team camp, that camp must be completed by July 19, 2025. The school coach may coach the summer team until the Tuesday after Labor Day (September 2, 2025). Beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day school coaches may not coach their players or potential players on an outside team, work with them on skills, or give them private lessons until the first day of practice.

## **Protested Games**

By Executive Board policy no protests of games are permitted.

## **Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS (Drone Policy)**

Unless granted special permission by the KSHSAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any KSHSAA state tournament or postseason game or event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arenas, mats, gym floors or pools, and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as a part of the KSHSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas. During the regular season, member schools should have a drone policy. At no time should a drone be on or over the field of play.

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# REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## **Baseball and Softball**

### **General Information**

For KSHSAA postseason tournaments, participating schools in baseball and softball will be divided into the following classifications for regional and state competition, Class 6A, Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A and Class 2-1A. For baseball classes 3A and 2-1A regional quarterfinals will begin Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of SCW 45; followed by the subsequent rounds the following week. For all other classes in baseball and softball, regionals will begin SCW 46. Schools are encouraged to schedule as early in the week as possible due to potential weather delays. Two-day tournaments must start on Monday or Tuesday. The rain-out date is Friday, May 23, and may not be scheduled as the first day of a tournament. The winner only advances to the state tournament May 29-30, 2025. The complete list of tournament sites will be found on the Baseball or Softball pages of the KSHSAA website ([www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)).

### **Assignment Criteria for Regional Competition**

#### **Classes 3A and 2-1A**

1. After determining the number of schools participating in a given activity and the number of sites (regional and/or sub-states), there shall be an equal number of member schools competing at each site insofar as possible.
2. Select the best available site to conduct the activity, taking into consideration the facility, location and personnel to be involved.
3. Assign schools in a cluster geographically around the host sites, taking into consideration travel (distance and/or time) insofar as possible.
4. If a cluster of schools does not have a best available site, a letter may be sent to the principals of all schools in the cluster seeking possible host sites. From these responses, the Association will select the host site for the cluster.

NOTE: Final assignments are made in the best interest of all schools involved. A reminder, there does not exist a guaranteed rotation of sites. Changes in classifications, the opening of new facilities and facility size, and the ability of schools to host will impact decisions on host sites. Regional assignments will be posted on the KSHSAA website on or before April 1, 2025.

#### **Classes 6A, 5A and 4A Regional Assignments**

Class 6A, 5A and 4A schools requesting a postseason assignment for baseball or softball will be divided into two even groups based on geography. The four highest seeded teams will host the regional tournament.

### **Banners and Signs**

Banners and signs will be permitted at Association-sponsored athletic events, provided they are not personal, negative, unsportsmanlike or vulgar. Signs or banners approved in advance by the event manager may be attached or fastened to the building or facility. Parades with signs or banners will not be permitted.

### **Dressing Rooms**

Teams should advise the regional manager as to their dressing room needs. Teams will be assigned dressing rooms by the tournament manager. It may be necessary for managers to assign teams to dress in classrooms or other areas of a building, and to work out a time schedule for use of showers. Teams should understand that ideal conditions may not be available, but through cooperative efforts and careful scheduling, any problems can be resolved.

## Charitable Contributions, Solicitations and Sales

With the assembly of people at tournaments, managers will be confronted with requests pertaining to donations and contributions to the various organizations which rely upon this system of financing their programs. The passing of hats, receptacles, blankets, etc., in the vicinity of or inside the ball park at any Association-sponsored tournament for the purpose of contributions should not be permitted. There shall be no sale of any items on the premises other than normal food concessions and programs, unless approved in advance by the manager and the KSHSAA.

## Programs

Host sites and tournament managers may have programs prepared and made available for distribution or sale at tournament sites. The contents, at a minimum, should include complete tournament rosters, information similar to that found on squad lists, and a tournament bracket with game times.

## Determination of Home and Visiting Team Dugouts

The determination of the home and visiting team on the scoreboard will be determined on the basis of the seed of the teams playing. The higher seeded team will be the home team. The home team will occupy the third base team bench (dugout); the visitor will occupy the first base team bench (dugout), unless the teams mutually agree to another arrangement.

**Example:** The #2 seeded team is playing the winner of the game between the #3 and #6 seeded teams. The #3 seeded team will be designated the home team in the game with the #6 seeded team. The #2 seeded team will be designated the home team in its game with the winner of the game between the #3 and #6 seeded teams.

## Squad Lists

Regional squad lists should be sent directly to the regional tournament manager. This information should be to the regional manager by May 14, 2025. For softball use form SFB-2 and for baseball use form BSB-2. Both forms are found with the online *Entry Forms*. **Note: 3A and 2-1A forms are due May 10.**

**Softball** - Schools will be permitted to suit up fifteen (15) players for softball regional and state tournaments.

**Baseball** - Schools will be permitted to suit up eighteen (18) players for baseball regional and state tournaments.

**Substitutions on Squad Lists** - Substitution may be made for any player(s) who is/was originally listed on the tournament squad list provided the substitution is a result of injury, illness or emergency. Schools should notify the tournament manager if a substitution needs to be made.

## Regional Seeding

Seeding for 3A and 2-1A baseball will take place on Saturday, May 10. and softball will be Wednesday, May 14, 2024 at 10 a.m. Seeding for 6A, 5A and 4A baseball and softball will be Saturday, May 17, 2024 at 10 a.m. completed forms BSB-3 and SB-3 are due to the regional managers on those days.

**Only varsity competition will count on the season record.** The team with the highest winning percentage will receive the highest seed. **Exception: the school must play at least 13 varsity games or their percentage is halved.** Varsity competition against all classes (6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2-1A) will count toward your game win-loss percentage.

## Seeding Criteria (3A and 2-1A)

1. If two teams have an identical percentage the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams have played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the higher seed.
  - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other team under consideration an identical number of times, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.



- c. If the teams have not played each other, the team with the greater number of wins will receive the higher seed.
- d. If the tie still remains, then a coin will be tossed to determine the team receiving the highest seed.
2. If three teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If one team has defeated the other two a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed.
  - b. If not, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken using procedures outlined above. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams tied into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the highest seed.
3. If four teams (or more) are tied the procedure above would be used, except a team would have to defeat the other three teams to get the better seed. If that hasn't happened, draw by lot for the top seed, then go to step 2 (three teams tied).

### **Seeding Criteria (6A, 5A and 4A)**

1. Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine this percentage, divide the number of games won by the number of games played. (Only varsity competitions will count.) The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. Byes in regular season games/tournaments (including league tournament) ARE NOT to be counted.
2. If two teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the seed.
  - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other team under consideration an identical number of times, go to step (c).
  - c. If two teams have the same percentage of wins and (1) or (2) will not resolve the tie, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - d. If the tie in (c) still remains, the team with the average fewest number of runs allowed during the year will receive the better seed. Add together runs allowed for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
  - e. If the tie still remains, the team with the average most number of runs scored during the year will receive the better seed. Add together runs scored for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
  - f. If the two teams are still tied, a coin flip will decide the higher seed. (Use a person from your community as a witness.)
3. If three or more teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If one team has defeated the other two (or more) a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed. If there are two teams left refer to step 2.
  - b. If the tie in (a) still remains, the team with the average fewest number of runs allowed during the year will receive the better seed. Add together runs allowed for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played. If there are two teams still tied, refer to step 2.
  - c. If three or more teams are still tied, the team with the average most number of runs scored during the year will receive the better seed. Add together runs scored for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played. If there are two teams still tied, refer to step 2.
  - d. If there are still multiple schools tied, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken by using procedures above. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams tied into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the highest seed.
4. In regional tournaments, teams receiving a bye will consider the bye as a win as it relates to their win-loss record for seeding purposes in subsequent tournaments.



## Classes 3A and 2-1A Seeding Meetings

Seeding meetings for 3A and 2-1A baseball will take place on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. and softball will be Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10 a.m.

## Classes 6A, 5A and 4A Seeding Meetings

**Seeding managers will be listed on the KSHSAA website when regional assignments are released.**

1. Class 6A, 5A and 4A schools will be grouped into two groups of 18 (or an equal number if there are not 32 schools participating). The bracket will be filled with the top 16 teams. The 17 and 18 seeds will not qualify for postseason play. The seeding manager will be responsible for seeding teams into four sub-states of four teams each for baseball and softball. The seeding meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Schools who will be seeded #1, #2, #3, #4 in each regional grouping must attend this meeting and pick up plaque for winning team, along with baseballs and softballs.
2. All games will be played in one day at the #1, #2, #3, #4 seed in each half of the state if possible.
3. Schools will submit roster and pass gate information to the host school on Saturday, May 10 for the tournament.
4. Players from teams in "that specific tournament" (group of four schools) will be admitted at the pass gate only when accompanied by their coach or administrator.
5. Once the tournament is seeded the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website.
6. Umpires are assigned by the school hosting the tournament games.
7. The teams not involved in postseason play, seeds 17 and 18, may schedule a game to be played at the higher seed on May 19 or May 20.

Games may be played on Monday, May 19, Tuesday, May 20, Wednesday, May 21 and Thursday, May 22. We recommend playing games earlier in the week due to potential weather issues. Friday, May 23 is the make-up date if needed.

**Regional @ 1 seed: 16 vs 1; 9 vs 8**

**Regional @ 2 seed: 15 vs 2; 10 vs 7**

**Regional @ 3 seed: 14 vs 3; 11 vs 6**

**Regional @ 4 seed: 13 vs 4; 12 vs 5**

## Tournament Schedules - Brackets

With approval of all schools assigned to a regional and the KSHSAA, game times may be altered if it reduces the amount of school time missed for the tournament.

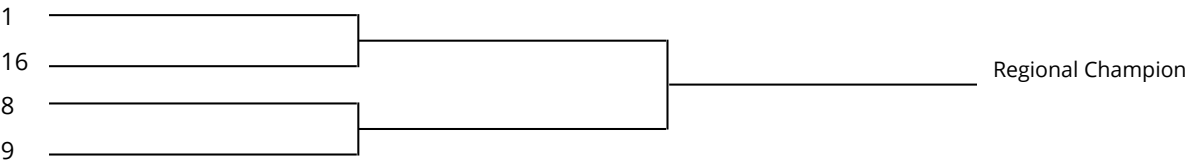
Traveling time and combined travel distances are to be used to determine which teams will play the earlier game. **Teams with the greatest combined travel distance play the first game. On the second day of competition in two-day tournaments, the top half of the bracket will play the first game; the bottom half will play the second game, followed by the championship game. For 6A-4A regionals the high seed in the regional (host) will play the second game.**

Tournaments with four or fewer teams in all classes will be played in one day since they are either two- or three-game tournaments.

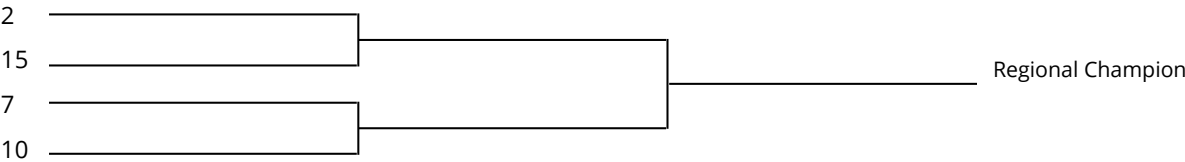
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Classes 6A, 5A and 4A will seed schools and then be divided into 4 regional tournaments.

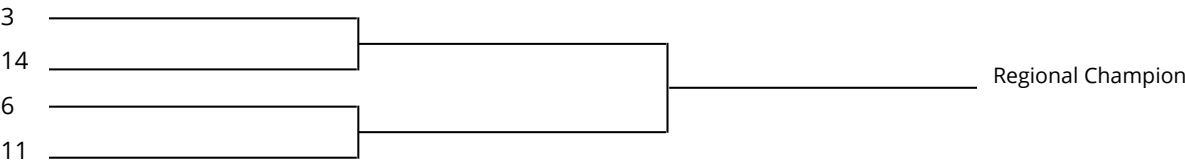
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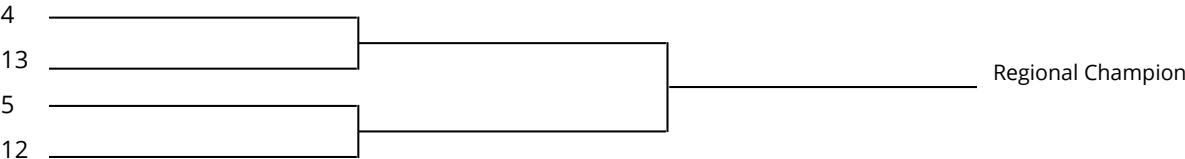
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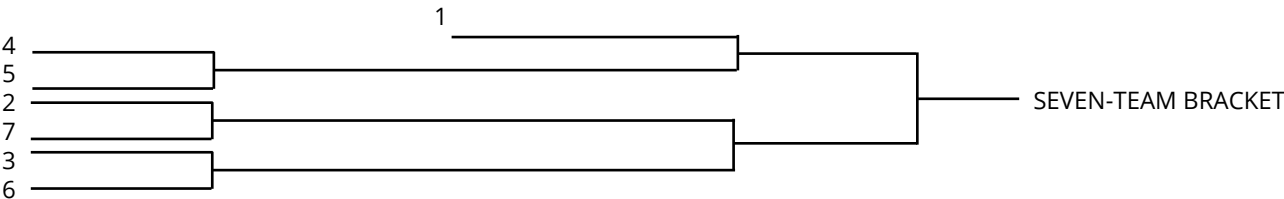


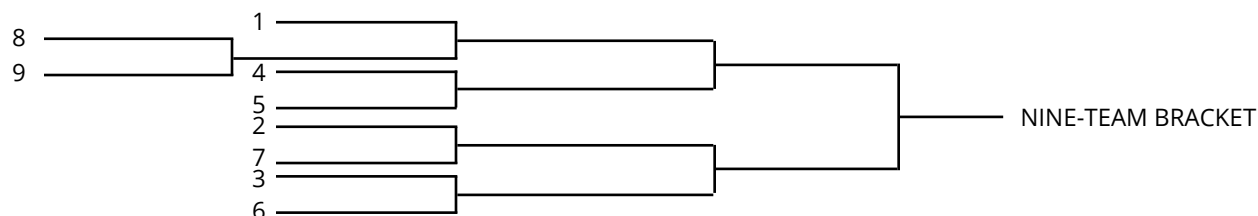
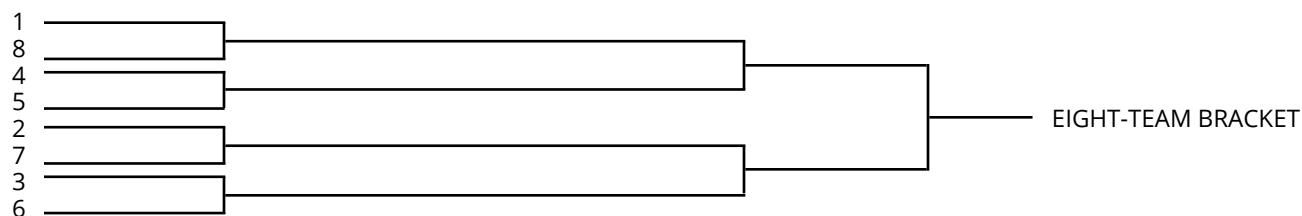
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### Recommended Seven-, Eight- and Nine-Team Tournament Brackets

Depending on the year and how the number of teams plays out throughout the season, 3A and 2-1A will have various brackets. For 2025, it is believed we will have eight and nine team brackets. 3A and 2-1A baseball will play the quarterfinal games at the higher seed, unless the higher seed does not have an adequate facility. If so, we will go to the other teams facility OR the regional manager could determine two sites for the quarterfinal round. For 3A and 2-1A softball It is recommended for first-round games that the lower seed team plays on higher seed team's field on either Monday, May 19 or Tuesday, May 20. Semifinals and/or finals will be played either Wednesday, May 21 or Thursday, May 22. No third place games will be played. For all, teams receiving a bye on the first round should count the first-round bye as a win on their win-loss record.

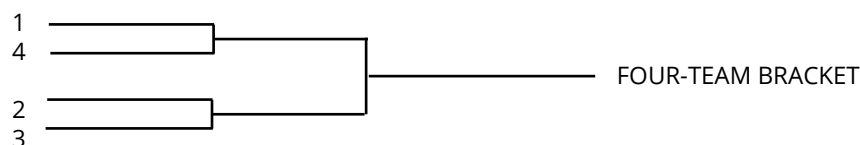




With KSHSAA approval, the tournament format may be adjusted from the recommended format.

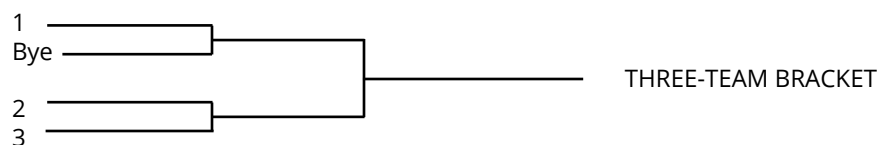
### Four-Team Tournament Bracket

Four-team tournaments require three (3) games to complete. The final game will be between the winners of the first two games. No third-place game will be played.



### Three-Team Tournament Bracket

Three-team tournaments will have two (2) games. The **first game will have seed 2 playing seed 3**. The winner will play seed 1 for the championship. No third-place game will be played. (The bye for seed 1 will count as a win on their win-loss record.)



### Seeding Tournament Bracket

As soon as brackets have been completed and time schedules determined, please submit the bracket to the KSHSAA office.

# Infield Practice

Schools participating in regional and state tournaments will not be allowed to practice on the diamond they will compete on prior to the start of the tournament. Adjacent or additional diamonds at the tournament location may be used for practice. Each team should be provided 10 to 12 minutes for infield practice (*home team first*) on their game field prior to the game.

# Introduction of Teams

Prior to each tournament game, the starters and head coaches should be introduced according to the following procedures:

Visiting team starters should be introduced by batting order number and position. As they are introduced they should stand facing the bleachers, starting at home plate along the first base line; introduction ends with head coach. Home team starters should be introduced by batting order number and position. As they are introduced they should stand facing the bleachers starting at home plate along the third base line; introduction ends with head coach.

# Game Starting Times

## Regional Game Times

**2-1A, 3A – first round** (quarter-final games) start times are determined based on adding the mileage together of the teams playing one another. Teams with the furthest mileage play the first game if multiple games at the same first round site. The same half of the bracket will play consecutive games depending on the first game of the day.

**Recommended start times:**

<u>Baseball</u>	Three games – 2:00	Two games – 3:00	One game – 5:00 or later
<u>Softball</u>	Three games – 3:00	Two games – 4:00	One game – 5:30 or later

The recommended start times above are for the first game of the day. The subsequent games will begin approximately 25 minutes after the conclusion of the previous game.

Start times for the first game may not be adjusted without approval from the KSHSAA.

Games may not start earlier than the time printed on the bracket.

## Semifinal games

**Classes 3A, 2-1A** – top half of the bracket will play the first game.

**Classes 6A, 5A and 4A – four team regionals – one day**

The highest seed (the host) will play the second game of the day.

**Recommended start times:**

<u>Baseball</u>	Three games – 2:00	Two games – 3:00	One game – 5:00 or later
<u>Softball</u>	Three games – 3:00	Two games – 4:00	One game – 5:30 or later

The recommended start times above are for the first game of the day. The subsequent games will begin approximately 25 minutes after the conclusion of the previous game.

Start times for the first game may not be adjusted without approval from the KSHSAA.

Games may not start earlier than the time printed on the bracket.

# Run Rule

In **BASEBALL and SOFTBALL** the **10-Run Rule and 15-Run Rule** are in effect for all regional and state tournament games.

## Official Regional Tournament Balls

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**Softball** - DUDLEY Model SB12, optic yellow, red raised 88 stitch, .47 COR, cork center, 375 lbs. maximum compression.

**Baseball** - Rawling R100-HI, R100-H2, R100-H3

## Selection of Umpires for Regional Tournaments

**The regional manager** will select the best registered umpires available. Three umpires will be assigned to work each game. It is strongly recommended that you use officials who have attended KSHSAA Area Supervisor Meetings.

Softball umpire's game fee for regionals: \$70. Baseball umpire's game fee for regionals: \$70.

Milage reimbursement to be added to game fee per day traveled. Use Arbiter or Mapquest to determine miles from home to game site.

- a. 0-50 miles round trip: \$10
- b. 51-100 miles round trip: \$30
- c. 101-150 miles round trip: \$50
- d. 151-200 miles round trip: \$70
- e. 201-250 miles round trip: \$90
- f. 251-300 miles round trip: \$100
- g. Over 301 miles round trip: \$130

## Awards

In Class 3A and 2-1A regional tournaments, first- and second-place teams will receive plaques. In Class 6A, 5A and 4A first-place teams will receive plaques. No third-place games will be played in regional play. Trophies or plaques will be mailed to managers direct from the manufacturer. They should be received at least one week prior to the tournament. Check them immediately and notify the KSHSAA of any breakage, defects or errors in engraving.

## Awards Presentation

The awards presentation should be made by a person from the host school or community. The public address announcer should read the details and have someone else make the actual presentation.

## Reporting Regional Results — IMPORTANT!

**All regional managers call or email the results of your tournament each day following your tournament games to the KSHSAA.** Please include the up-to-date record of the winning team (including regional games). Host schools with Twitter accounts are encouraged to tweet results of games as they are completed.

## Additional Hosts Responsibilities

The host shall keep an official scorebook. For baseball the host should also keep the official pitch count (may be done on Game Changer).

The host should secure athletic training or properly communicate the plan for athletic training prior to competition.

# STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## Baseball and Softball

### State Qualifiers

Eight regional champions in each of their respective classes will qualify for the state tournament.

### State Sites and Managers

#### Softball Sites

**Class 6A** – University of Kansas - Arrocha Ball Park – Mike Gillman, Manager, Lawrence HS, 1700 Naismith Drive, Lawrence, 66045; Phone: 785-832-5050, Fax: 785-832-5054, [mgillman@usd497.org](mailto:mgillman@usd497.org)

**Class 5A** – Wichita State University-Wilkins Stadium – Tony Douglas, Manager, Goddard-Eisenhower HS, Perimeter Rd., Wichita, KS 67208; Phone: 316-794-4190, Fax: 316-794-4191, [tdouglas@goddardusd.com](mailto:tdouglas@goddardusd.com)

**Class 4A** – Salina-South High School – Tiffany Benien, Manager, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB, 730 E Magnolia Rd, Salina, 67401; Phone: 785-827-9301, Fax: 785-827-1081, [tbenien@salinakansas.org](mailto:tbenien@salinakansas.org)

**Class 3A** – Topeka- Envista Softball Complex. Darren Tolin, Manager, Shawnee County Parks and Recreation, 3421 SE Leisure Lane, Topeka, 66605. Phone: 785-251-6970; [darren.tolin@snco.us](mailto:darren.tolin@snco.us)

**Class 2-1A** – Pratt-Green Sports Complex – Larry Eisenhauer, Manager, Pratt Recreation Department, 2007 E. 6th Street, Pratt, 67124; Phone: 620-672-3261, Fax: 620-672-2104, [larry@prattrecreation.com](mailto:larry@prattrecreation.com)

#### Baseball Sites

**Class 6A** – University of Kansas - Hoglund Stadium – Amanda Faunce, Manager, Lawrence-Free State HS, 1700 Naismith Drive, Lawrence, 66045; Phone: 785-832-6050, Fax: 785-832-6099, [amanda.faunce@usd497.org](mailto:amanda.faunce@usd497.org)

**Class 5A** – Wichita State University-Eck Stadium – Chad Gerwick, Manager, Andover Central HS, 4100 E 21st St N, Wichita, KS 67208; Phone: 316-218-4700, Fax: 316-733-7798, [gerwickc@usd385.org](mailto:gerwickc@usd385.org)

**Class 4A** – Salina-Dean Evans Stadium – Tiffany Benien, Manager, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB, 851 Markley Rd, Salina, 67401; Phone: 785-827-9301, Fax: 785-827-1081, [tbenien@salinakansas.org](mailto:tbenien@salinakansas.org)

**Class 3A** – Kansas State University-Tointon Family Stadium – NEKOA, Manager, 1800 College Ave., Manhattan, 66502; Contact information will be posted online.

**Class 2-1A** – Great Bend Sports Complex – Chris Umphres, Manager, Great Bend Recreation Commission, 41 McKinley St., Great Bend, 67530; Phone: 620-793-3755, Fax: 620-792-3838, [umphresc@bgrec.com](mailto:umphresc@bgrec.com)

### Tournament Seeding

**Only varsity competition will count on the season record.** The team with the highest winning percentage will receive the highest seed. **Exception: the school must play at least 13 varsity games or their percentage is halved.** Varsity competition against all classes (6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2-1A) will count toward your game win-loss percentage.

#### Seeding Criteria (3A and 2-1A)

1. If two teams have an identical percentage the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams have played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the higher seed.
  - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other team under consideration an identical number of times, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.

- c. If the teams have not played each other, the team with the greater number of wins will receive the higher seed.
  - d. If the tie still remains, then a coin will be tossed to determine the team receiving the highest seed.
2. If three teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If one team has defeated the other two a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed.
  - b. If not, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken using procedures outlined above. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams tied into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the highest seed.
3. If four teams (or more) are tied the procedure above would be used, except a team would have to defeat the other three teams to get the better seed. If that hasn't happened, draw by lot for the top seed, then go to step 2 (three teams tied).

## Seeding Criteria (6A, 5A and 4A)

1. Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine this percentage, divide the number of games won by the number of games played. (Only varsity competitions will count.) The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. Byes in regular season games/tournaments (including league tournament) ARE NOT to be counted.
2. If two teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the seed.
  - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other team under consideration an identical number of times, go to step (c).
  - c. If two teams have the same percentage of wins and (1) or (2) will not resolve the tie, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - d. If the tie in (c) still remains, the team with the average fewest number of runs allowed during the year will receive the better seed. Add together runs allowed for all games and divide by the number of games played.
  - e. If the tie still remains, the team with the average most number of runs scored during the year will receive the better seed. Add together runs scored for all games and divide by the number of games played.
  - f. If the two teams are still tied, a coin flip will decide the higher seed. (Use a person from your community as a witness.)
3. If three or more teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If one team has defeated the other two (or more) a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed. If there are two teams left refer to step 2.
  - b. If the tie in (a) still remains, the team with the average fewest number of runs allowed during the year will receive the better seed. Add together runs allowed for all games and divide by the number of games played. If there are two teams still tied, refer to step 2.
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  - d. If there are still multiple schools tied, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken by using procedures above. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams tied into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the highest seed.
4. In regional tournaments, teams receiving a bye will consider the bye as a win as it relates to their win-loss record for seeding purposes in subsequent tournaments.

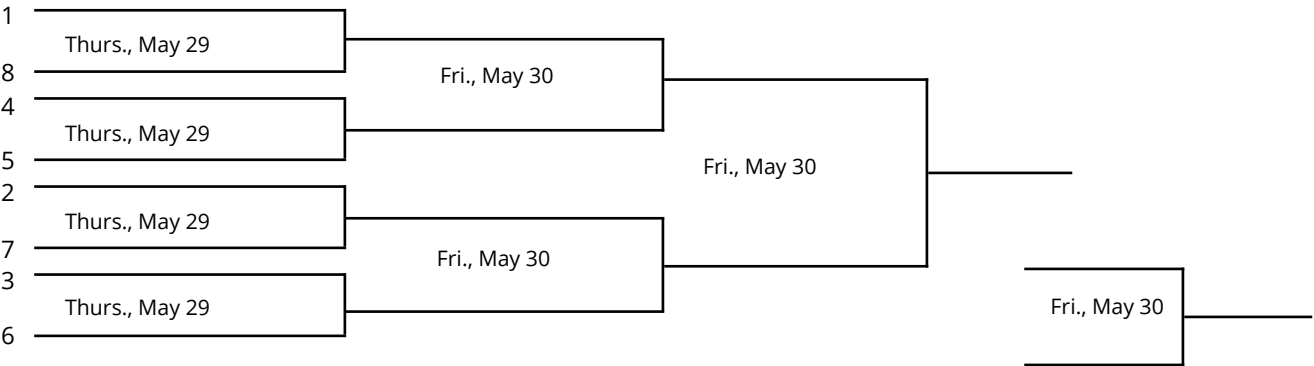
## Tournament Brackets

After the eight seeds for the teams have been determined the teams will be placed on the bracket with seed 1 vs seed 8, 4 vs 5 in the top bracket and seeds 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6 in the bottom bracket.

# Tournament Time Schedule - *(Please note state tournaments are played on Thursday and Friday.)*

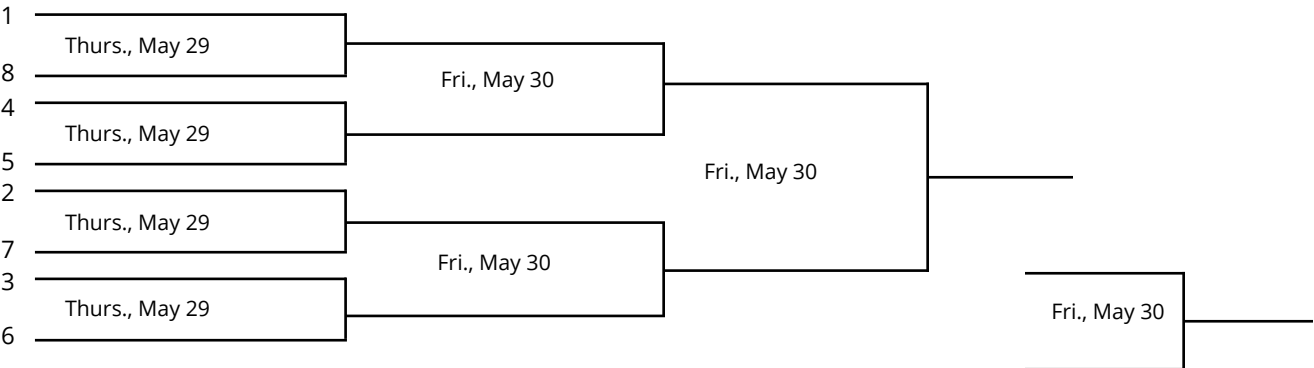
## Softball

Quarterfinals will be played on Thursday, May 29. **Game times on Thursday will be 11 a.m. On Friday, semifinals are at 11 a.m. Each subsequent game will begin approximately 25 minutes after previous game concludes.** Times are subject to change. By executive board adoption, softball will play on one field for all classes.



## Baseball

Quarterfinal games will be played on Thursday, May 29, beginning at 11 a.m., each subsequent game will begin approximately 25 minutes after previous game concludes. Semifinal games will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 30.



## Determination of Home and Visiting Team Dugouts

The home team will be the higher seeded team of the two teams playing. The home team will occupy the third base team bench (dugout); the visitor will occupy the first base team bench (dugout), unless the teams mutually agree to a different format.

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## Team Picture

Teams qualifying for the state tournament are to submit a picture of the state tournament squad to the KSHSAA by noon the day after the regional tournament is completed. This is part of the pass gate submission.

## Squad Lists

State squad lists will be submitted directly to the KSHSAA by noon after the completion of your regional tournament. For softball use form SFB-4 and for baseball use form BSB-4. Both forms are accessed on the KSHSAA website by the school administrator. Once the roster is submitted schools may print a copy of their roster and pass gate for their records. The KSHSAA will send pass gate lists to the state sites.

If your school wants to have a booster ad in the state program, select the Booster Ad icon and select a template for your ad. Schools will be sent an invoice after the program is completed.

**Softball:** Schools will be permitted to suit up fifteen (15) players for softball regional and state tournaments.

**Baseball:** Schools will be permitted to suit up eighteen (18) players for baseball regional and state tournaments.

**Substitutions on Squad List:** Substitution may be made for any player(s) who is/was originally listed on the tournament squad list provided the substitution is a result of injury, illness or emergency. Schools should notify the KSHSAA if a substitution needs to be made.

## Umpires

**Selection of Umpires:** Selection is based on umpire scoring at least 90% on the rules test, attending a KSHSAA baseball/softball rules/mechanics meeting, area supervisors meeting and obtaining the required number of recommendations from member schools playing baseball/softball.

**Umpire Fees:** Game fees for state umpires are \$90 for both baseball and softball

Umpires shall ride together whenever possible. Only the driver indicated will be compensated for mileage allowance and shall receive 36 cents per mile round trip. For state tournaments a meal allowance will be given. Motel expenses for the umpire only will be paid for distances over 75 miles.

At the conclusion of the event, each umpire must submit an expense form to the KSHSAA office before being paid. Umpires will be paid using ArbiterPay.

## Introduction of Teams

**Quarterfinal, Semifinal & Consolation Games:** Prior to each quarterfinal game, the team attendants, non-starters and assistant coaches for both teams will be introduced. Only the starters and head coaches for the semifinal and consolation games will be introduced.

**Championship Game:** Prior to the start of the state championship game, the superintendent, principal, athletic director, assistant coaches, team managers, non-starters, starters and head coach for both teams will be introduced. The National Anthem will follow introductions.

## Game Ending Procedures – State Tournament Games

By state association adoption, state tournament contests which are suspended due to weather conditions, mechanical failure, etc. will be completed unless the run rules are in effect. The 15-run game ending procedure (after 2½ innings if the home team is ahead, or 3 innings if the visiting team is ahead) will be used for all state tournament games. The 10-run game ending procedure (after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead, or 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead) will be used for all state tournament games.

## Presentation of Awards

At state tournaments, the first-, second- and third-place teams will receive trophies and individual medals. The fourth-place team will receive individual medals only. Individual medals will be presented to the 15 (softball) or 18 (baseball) players and the head coach. If your team needs to order additional medals, a school administrator may place an order by contacting the KSHSAA at [kshsaa@kshsaa.org](mailto:kshsaa@kshsaa.org). Please indicated the number of medals needed, and the KSHSAA will send the school an authorization letter so the school may purchase additional medals. The third- and fourth-place teams will receive their awards immediately following the consolation contest. Coaches and squad members of all teams winning awards shall remain for the awards presentation immediately following their game.

Trophies and individual medals for the first- and second-place teams will be awarded following the championship contest. Immediately following the consolation contest, the home team will line up on the third base foul line from home plate to third base, the visitors on the first base foul line. The players shall line up numerically and receive their medals. Medals will be presented to the fourth-place team first, followed by the third-place team. Then the trophy will be awarded to the third-place team. The championship game will follow the same guidelines as the consolation game except following the medal presentation to the second-place team, present the second-place trophy followed by the championship medal and trophy presentation.

## Weather Guidelines for Third-Place Game

If, because of weather, neither the third-place nor the championship game can be played, the third-place game will not be rescheduled and both teams will be awarded third-place trophies and medals. Flip a coin to determine which team receives the trophy and medals you have on hand and notify the KSHSAA of the team which needs to receive the duplicate trophy and medals. Umpires assigned to work the third-place game will be paid the same amount they would have received if they had worked the game.

If the third-place game was rained out but can be started by the time the championship game was scheduled to start, the championship game will be played first followed by the third-place game.

In the state tournament, first-, second- and third-place teams will receive trophies and individual medals. **Medals will be presented to the four state qualifying teams.**

# TICKETS & ADMISSIONS FOR POSTSEASON

## Ticket Information for Managers

### Postseason Ticket Protocol

When hosting a KSHSAA postseason event, there are three options for ticketing:

**OPTION #1 (PREFERRED):** Use the GoFan digital ticketing system. If you already use GoFan, use your own account to create the event and ticket options. If you are new to GoFan, set up an account at <https://hq.gofan.co/login>.

- When creating the event, be sure to use the correct ticket prices provided by the KSHSAA.
- Setup the event as event-based payment (not calendar-based).
- DO NOT include the service fee as part of the ticket price.
- Fans will show their tickets at the gate on their personal mobile device.
- A walk-up credit card purchase option (Box Office option) is available for GoFan schools. Contact GoFan for more details.
- Details on how to use the GoFan platform can be found at <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>.

**OPTION #2 (PREFERRED):** Use the GoFan digital ticketing system as described above and provide a cash purchase option. Cash purchases should be handled in the same manner as your regular season events. You will need to keep an exact count of all adult tickets and student tickets sold (keep separate counts) to report to the KSHSAA. If you choose to use paper tickets, plan to use your own.

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**OPTION #3:** Sell paper tickets in the same manner as your regular season events. You will need to keep an exact count of all adult tickets and student tickets sold (keep separate counts) to report to the KSHSAA. If you choose to use paper tickets, plan to use your own.

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**GoFan is the only digital ticket system that may be used for KSHSAA postseason events.**

After the event, complete your post-event ticket and financial reports within 10 days.

- Login at [kshsaa.org](https://kshsaa.org)>Schools>Administration>Postseason Host
- Be prepared with the number of adult and student tickets sold (use GoFan reports and gate counts), the officials' information including round-trip mileage, and your local tax rate.

## Tournament Admission Prices

Managers should display at each ticket window a conspicuous sign showing the prices of admission as follows:

**Regional Tournaments:** Students K-12 - \$6 and Adults - \$8

**State Tournaments (per day):** Students K-12 \$10 and Adults - \$10

## Complimentary Tickets

1. Host High School Board of Education Members and Significant Others

When your school is host, the members of your board of education and their significant other may be admitted free. Likewise, the working crew necessary to sell and collect tickets and supervise and direct tournament activities is to be admitted free.

## 2. KSHSAA Complimentary Lifetime Passes

Lifetime passes have been issued to those who have served on the Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board and Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Similar passes have been issued to the Governor, members of the State Board of Education and State Commissioner of Education. Please honor such passes presented to your ticket-takers at the KSHSAA-sponsored tournaments. No other passes, including Kansas Coaches Association passes, are permitted.

3. KSHSAA Annual Complimentary Passes (issued to KSHSAA Board of Directors and Appeal Board members on an annual basis)
4. KSHSAA Area Supervisors of Officials and League Commissioner Passes
5. Game Officials
6. The superintendent, principal, athletic director, head coach, **two** assistant coaches, **two** student managers, participating contestants, **one** faculty cheerleader sponsor, **four** other staff, **one** team attendant and a maximum of **eight** varsity cheerleaders in uniform, shall be admitted free.

Managers are not to provide tickets for participating schools, but use a checklist and a special entrance for authorized players, managers, coaches and cheerleaders.

Regional Tournament Squad List (Softball - form SFB-2 or Baseball - form BSB-2) and State Tournament Squad List (Softball - form SFB-4 or Baseball form - BSB-4) have spaces for each school to identify those individuals who are to be included on each school's pass list. These forms are to be used as pass gate lists for all participating schools.

Tournament managers should adhere to all regulations pertaining to complimentary admissions. It would be unfair and defeat the purpose of the program if at some tournament sites, persons were to be admitted without charge when they do not qualify for such admission. Administrators can save embarrassment and eliminate the manager's problems by reviewing the following information and discussing it with their coaches, faculty members, drivers and playing squads.

In the past, managers have reported that administrators and coaches have insisted on their significant other being admitted free. This is a violation of regulations. Unless listed on the pass gate list, bus drivers or others transporting team members are also obligated to pay. Coaches Association passes are **NOT** to be honored.

The KSHSAA feels that every administrator is aware of various problems in sponsoring a tournament and why it is necessary that all managers adhere to specific limitations in honoring requests for complimentary tickets. This phase of the tournament program is very important. Assign a competent adult (not a student) the responsibility of working the pass gate.

## Media

Media members will be administered media credentials for state events in September of the current year. The credential will be good for admittance to all state events so long as the media member submits attendance in the "SITE NOTIFICATION" tab to a specific state location by the deadline provided on each media member's "login" page at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org) > media > login > site notification. Each media member must adhere to policies and regulations stated on the back of each credential, or credential will be revoked. KSHSAA media credentials are for postseason state events only. Schools may accept them during the regular season should they choose to do so. Contact Jeremy Holaday in the KSHSAA office with any questions.

## Broadcast Fees

The KSHSAA owns the broadcast rights to all postseason games beginning with the first round of regional play. Game starting times will not be adjusted in the event of any live telecast of the game. Member schools and all media outlets must obtain permission through the KSHSAA to broadcast a selected postseason game. There are three agreement forms available at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org) that must be filled out for your respective medium to obtain permission. The KSHSAA has the right to deny permission to broadcast. It is recommended that the media outlet or member school visiting the host site contact the host site manager about broadcasting the game before submitting an agreement form to the KSHSAA.

Forms can be found by going to [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org) > Media > General Information.

**Internet Video fee structure** - <http://www.kshsaa.org/Media/Forms/LiveVideoAgreement.pdf>

- No Charge – Member Schools – student organized broadcast (regional and sub-state only – state tournament and championship games are not permitted)
- \$200/contest – All others

**Television Broadcast fee structure** - <http://www.kshsaa.org/Media/Forms/tvagreement.pdf>

- \$75/contest – 72-hour delay
- \$100/contest – 48-hour delay
- \$200/contest – 24-hour delay
- \$500/contest – same day playback (not live)
- \$2,000/contest – for live telecasting (daily fee for multi-day events)

## Member School Webcasting - Postseason Contests

By KSHSAA Executive Board adoption the home team will now determine one school to be the webcast provider for the contest.

It has been a long-standing policy that member schools may elect to webcast their postseason game at no charge for a rights fee. These are meant to be educational in nature for students who have interest in the broadcast realm. The no charge option for member schools is still available, however now it will only be granted to either the host or the visiting school. As streaming becomes more efficient, many schools have begun to stream their games home or away. During the postseason, the host school athletic director has many items to coordinate. Narrowing down webcasts can aid in the logistics of hosting postseason play.

The host school has first right of refusal to webcast the game. If they elect to webcast the contest, then no other school may do so. If the host school turns down the opportunity, then the visiting school may webcast the contest - all at no charge as in previous years.

For competitions that involve multiple games, if the host school chooses to webcast the entire tournament, they may, and no other schools will webcast. Otherwise, it will be handled on a per contest basis. Each school should coordinate who will broadcast, if any, then fill out the proper form and send in to the KSHSAA, attention: Jeremy Holaday, [jholaday@kshsaa.org](mailto:jholaday@kshsaa.org).

## Radio Broadcasting

Radio broadcasting shall be permitted at no charge for space or the right to broadcast, if space is available. If space is limited, stations from towns with participating teams should receive first choice.

Radio stations desiring to broadcast any game shall contact the tournament manager at least 48 hours prior to the contest. Contracts, provided by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, have been sent to each radio station. The broadcasting station shall complete the contract in triplicate, furnishing one copy to the tournament manager, one to the KSHSAA, and retaining one for the station records.

## Distribution of Regional and State Receipts

After taxes, regional and state gate receipts will be distributed as follows:

1. Percentage of net receipts to host site.
2. Umpires' expenses will be paid by the host school at regional tournaments.
3. Balance shall be sent to the KSHSAA and will be used as follows:
  - a. Plaques, trophies and medals
  - b. Catastrophic and liability insurance
  - c. To underwrite losses at other tournament sites
  - d. To operate non self-supporting activities
  - e. To contribute to the overall operating costs of the Association

# ENTRY FORMS AND CHECKLISTS

## For All Regional Tournament Managers

- ☐ Check arrival and inspect plaques, baseballs and/or softballs.
- ☐ Seed regional bracket on KSHSAA website.
- ☐ Submit bracket online and provide to all participating schools and media.
- ☐ Notify officials at least four days in advance of the tournament of starting times, etc.
- ☐ Notify participating schools of the policy concerning team ticket allowance - adult student supervisors, principals, athletic directors and superintendents (use proper form from the online Entry Forms); team warm-up allowance, towels, care of valuables, leaving of equipment, pep club area assignments, etc.
- ☐ Appoint scorer, scoreboard operator and one public address person; pitch count tracker for baseball.
- ☐ Assign personnel to assist in administering tournament.
- ☐ Arrange for the playing of the national anthem.
- ☐ Provide a private dressing room and adult security personnel for game umpires.
- ☐ Contact umpires, tell them where to park, where to dress and assign someone to meet them.
- ☐ Provide reserved parking for umpires and school buses.
- ☐ Assign a host or hostess to the umpires and each team.
- ☐ Post signs to reserve areas for participating schools' followers, if applicable.
- ☐ Provide a special entrance and a checklist for authorized superintendents, principals, athletic directors, players, managers, coaches, adult supervisors, cheerleaders and news media.
- ☐ Assign security personnel to the field to escort umpires.
- ☐ Arrange for plaque/trophy presentation at conclusion of tournament.
- ☐ Submit to KSHSAA a Ticket Sales Report.
- ☐ Submit to KSHSAA a Financial Report.
- ☐ Return unused tickets to KSHSAA.

**Email regional results to the KSHSAA following each tournament game, [jholaday@kshsaa.org](mailto:jholaday@kshsaa.org).**

Official Pitch Count Tracking Sheet										Date _____	Team _____	Coach signature _____		
Pitcher Name, #	Pitches (strikes, balls, foul balls, in play)												Total	
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**Pitches = Required Rest** If there are multiple games in one calendar day, keep all tracking sheets for respective team to add up at the end of the day.

- **76-105 = 4 days** Team should be made aware of when a pitcher is approaching a benchmark (bold underlined numbers) before an inning begins.
- **61-75 = 3 days** After signed by the coach, host school shall retain this sheet for the season.
- **46-60 = 2 days** An electronic based scoring system may be used if it tracks pitches. Fill out totals on this sheet for signature.
- 31-45 = 1 day**
- 1-30 = 0 days**

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## KSHSAA BASEBALL JAMBOREE

A jamboree is an opportunity for member high schools to participate in a controlled playing environment providing a meaningful learning and training experience for players, coaches, officials and spectators per the following conditions:

- Only KSHSAA member high schools may participate in a jamboree.
- Participation in a jamboree is optional for member school teams (not required).
- Each student athlete is limited to one jamboree date. It does not constitute a regular season contest.
- The jamboree must be conducted prior to the first regular season competition.
- It is recommended member schools develop contracts between participating schools to confirm details of location, date, time, format, etc.
- Supervision of the jamboree event is the responsibility of participating school administration.
- Participating schools determine admission policies and procedures.
- NFHS playing rules apply, with the following exceptions:
  - Time may be modified within constraints detailed below.
  - Time-outs may be modified/extended in order to provide additional coaching/learning for participants.
  - Coaches may enter the competition area for teaching/learning opportunities.
- Teams may wear school uniforms.
- The jamboree must be officiated by KSHSAA registered officials.
- It is strongly encouraged to use jamborees as training opportunities for officials.
- It is strongly encouraged to have officials review rule changes, points of emphasis and sportsmanship expectations with players and coaches.
- During the jamboree, teams may have time off the field/court. This time is for education, rest, hydration, and not for conditioning or on field/court drills.

### Baseball Jamboree - Additional details

1. A jamboree consists of three (3) or four (4) member school teams.
2. NO SCHOOL MAY PLAY MORE THAN 12 INNINGS OF BASEBALL ON A PRESEASON JAMBOREE DATE. For example, if the jamboree consists of four (4) teams, then each team can play four innings against each of the other three (3) teams. NO INDIVIDUAL PLAYER SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN PLAYING IN MORE THAN 12 INNINGS. If a player courtesy runs, that is an inning.  
Options:  
If Jamboree consists of 3 teams: Teams will play two 6 innings scrimmages for a total of 12 innings.  
If Jamboree consists of 4 teams: Teams will play three 4 inning scrimmages for a total of 12 innings.
3. Each pitcher is limited to 45 or fewer total pitches.

**INTERPRETATION:** The 12-inning limit is established for each team. For example: In a 3-team rotation, varsity school teams may participate on one field and sub-varsity team on an adjacent/other field, with both teams playing 12 innings for the event, provided that no individual player participates in more than 12 innings.

## KSHSAA SOFTBALL JAMBOREE

A jamboree is an opportunity for member high schools to participate in a controlled playing environment providing a meaningful learning and training experience for players, coaches, officials and spectators per the following conditions:

- Only KSHSAA member high schools may participate in a jamboree.
- Participation in a jamboree is optional for member school teams (not required).
- Each student athlete is limited to one jamboree date. It does not constitute a regular season contest.
- The jamboree must be conducted prior to the first regular season competition.
- It is recommended member schools develop contracts between participating schools to confirm details of location, date, time, format, etc.
- Supervision of the jamboree event is the responsibility of participating school administration.
- Participating schools determine admission policies and procedures.
- NFHS playing rules apply, with the following exceptions:
  - Time may be modified within constraints detailed below.
  - Time-outs may be modified/extended in order to provide additional coaching/learning for participants.
  - Coaches may enter the competition area for teaching/learning opportunities.
- Teams may wear school uniforms.
- The jamboree must be officiated by KSHSAA registered officials.
- It is strongly encouraged to use jamborees as training opportunities for officials.
- It is strongly encouraged to have officials review rule changes, points of emphasis and sportsmanship expectations with players and coaches.
- During the jamboree, teams may have time off the field/court. This time is for education, rest, hydration, and not for conditioning or on field/court drills.

### Softball Jamboree - Additional details

1. A jamboree consists of three (3) or four (4) member school teams.
2. **NO SCHOOL MAY PLAY MORE THAN 12 INNINGS OF SOFTBALL ON A PRESEASON JAMBOREE DATE.** For example, if the jamboree consists of four (4) teams, then each team can play four innings against each of the other three (3) teams. **NO INDIVIDUAL PLAYER SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN PLAYING IN MORE THAN 12 INNINGS.** If a player courtesy runs, that is an inning.
  - a. If Jamboree consists of 3 teams:  
Teams will play two – 6 innings scrimmages for a total of 12 innings
  - b. If Jamboree consists of 4 teams:  
Teams will play three – 4 inning scrimmages for a total of 12 innings

**INTERPRETATION:** The 12-inning limit is established for each team. For example: In a 3-team rotation, varsity school teams may participate on one field and sub-varsity team on the other, with both teams getting 12 innings for the event, provided that no player gets more than 12 innings, as stated in the guidelines.



