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TO: CHSAA Softball Schools

FR: Bert Borgmann, Assistant Commissioner
CHSAA Girls’ Softball Liaison

RE: 2019 Girls’ Softball Season

Welcome to the 2019 Girls’ Softball Season. A new season brings the excitement of new beginnings and a sense of optimism for coaches and competitors alike.

To maintain that optimism and to keep the season focused on your team goals, there are a few items for athletic directors and coaches to remember:

- Double-check your schedule to ensure that none of your players will compete in more than 23 games (Varsity; 19 games Sub-Varsity);
- No individual may play in more than 161 innings, exclusive of games extended because of ties, and exclusive of games in qualifying or state championship tournaments;
  - Exception: an individual may participate in a maximum of 168 innings provided she competes in no more than 133 innings at any one level (varsity, JV, sophomore, etc.)
- All Softball protective helmets must have the NOCSAE approved face mask/guard;
- Games can end with the 10-run rule (10 runs after 5, 15 after 3, 12 after 4);
- The media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball area. The home team or game management may designate an area for the media in dead ball territory;
- Defensive players are permitted to wear a shield on their face/head protection in the field but it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission;
- In the case of an illegal pitch, the batter is awarded a ball. The penalty that permitted base runners to be awarded one base without liability to be put out is removed;
- Each coach is responsible for ensuring that all regular season Softball game scores are posted on MaxPreps.com.

You have a new CHSAA administrative team liaising with softball this year. However, Bert Borgmann administered the sport for CHSAA for a decade prior to Bud Ozzello coming on board, so he has some familiarity with how the sport has evolved over that time. Mr. Borgmann’s executive assistant is Laikyn Cooper, who has a great deal of softball experience as a player in high school. She joined the CHSAA office in January and has already made her presence felt with exceptional organization and creativity.

The CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws are the official rules of the Association. This bulletin provides the regulations for Softball competition, but never supersedes the regulations found in the Constitution and Bylaws. The CHSAA bylaws are posted on CHSAANow.com > Info.

If you have any questions, please you or your athletic director can contact Bert Borgmann (bborgmann@chsaa.com) or Laikyn Cooper (lcooper@chsaa.com) in the CHSAA Office.

Good luck in 2019!
Important General CHSAA Softball Reminders:
1. All helmets must have NOCSAE approved face mask / guard
2. Scrimmage/Competition may begin August 12
3. Varsity teams can schedule 23 regular season games.
4. Sub-Varsity teams can schedule 19 regular season games.
5. Rosters and Game-by-Game results reporting instructions
6. Games can end with 10 run rule after 5 innings, or 15 after 3, or 12 after 4.

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2019-2020 SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

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  Kristin Shirk, Legend High School (2022)

Date of Committee Meeting:  9:00 AM, November 21, 2019 @ CHSAA office.

How to get recommended for a committee:  Contact your league president or Legislative Council Representative in February and request to be nominated. From nominations received, the CHSAA Staff makes the selections based on balance of classifications, geographical regions, and other areas to help balance representation.
MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES
2019-2020

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Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws when errors are found. The most updated document can be found at CHSAANOW.com, then clicking on CHSAA.org, Member School Info + Tools, then Bylaws.
2019 CHSAA SOFTBALL CALENDAR

August 12 (NFHS Week 6).................................First formal practice
August 15 (NFHS Week 6).................................First contest
September 14 (NFHS Week 11)..........................ACT Test Date
October 5 (NFHS Week 14)..............................SAT Test Date
October 12 (NFHS Week 14)............................Regular season games must be completed
October 12 (NFHS Week 14)............................CHSAA Regional Pairings Committee Meeting
October 14 (NFHS Week 15)............................Roster/game-by-game form due to CHSAA
October 19 (NFHS Week 15)............................3A/4A/5A Regional Tournaments
October 19 (NFHS Week 15).........................Deadline for reporting STATE qualifiers to CHSAA
October 21 (NFHS Week 16)............................CHSAA State Pairing Committee Meeting
                                       (CHSAA Office)
October 25-26 (NFHS Week 16).......................3A/4A/5A State Tournament
                                       Aurora Sports Park, Aurora
Colorado Softball Champions

1987 Uncl Boulder
1988 Uncl Boulder
1989 Uncl Fruita Monument
1990 1A-5A Green Mountain
6A Boulder
1991 1A-5A Poudre
6A Boulder
1992 1A-5A Douglas County
6A Gateway
1993 1A-5A Ponderosa
6A Arvada West
1994 1A-5A Pueblo South
6A Arvada West
1995 4A Pueblo County
5A Arvada West
1996 4A Mullen
5A Arvada West
1997 4A Lakewood
5A Chatfield
1998 3A Erie
4A Lakewood
5A Fort Collins
1999 3A La Junta
4A Mullen
5A Arvada West
2000 3A Erie
4A Pueblo South
5A Arvada West
2001 3A Erie
4A Mullen
5A Dakota Ridge
2002 3A Erie
4A Ralston Valley
5A Wheat Ridge
2003 3A Erie
4A Conifer
5A Wheat Ridge
2004 3A Erie
4A Pueblo West
5A Loveland
2005 3A Erie
4A Pueblo West
5A Eaglecrest
2006 3A Holy Family
4A Windsor
5A Rocky Mtn
2007 3A Erie
4A Ralston Valley
5A Legacy
2008 3A Erie
4A Wheat Ridge
5A Legacy
2009 3A Erie
4A Wheat Ridge
5A Legacy
2010 3A Valley
2011 3A Valley
4A Wheat Ridge
5A Legacy
2012 3A Strasburg
4A Pueblo East
5A Loveland
2013 3A Strasburg
4A Wheat Ridge
5A Legacy
2014 3A La Junta
4A Valor Christian
5A Grandview
2015 3A Strasburg
4A Valor Christian
5A Mountain Range
2016 3A Rocky Ford
4A Valor Christian
5A Cherokee Trail
2017 3A Strasburg
4A Mountain View
5A Legend
2018 3A Strasburg
4A Holy Family
5A Legend
MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

Member schools that are in a classification that does not have a district tournament shall not participate in more than 23 games, exclusive of region and state contests during a season. Member schools that are in a classification that has a district tournament shall not participate in more than 19 games, exclusive of district, regional and state contests during a season. No member school shall permit any of its sub-varsity softball teams to participate in more than 19 games.

MAXIMUM INNINGS INDIVIDUAL

No individual may participate in more than 161 innings, exclusive of games extended because of ties, and exclusive of games in qualifying or state championship tournaments.

Exception: A student may participate in a maximum of 168 innings provided she competes in no more than 133 innings at any one level (varsity, JV, sophomore, etc.)

PROTESTS

No protests involving the judgment or possible misapplication of a rule by a game official will be considered by the CHSAA. However, coaches may direct questions to the game officials as they pertain to possible misapplication of the rules, at the time of the occurrence, in accordance with the National Federation rules governing that sport. Once the game has been declared as over, the outcome is considered to be final.

MAXPREPS – GIRLS’ SOFTBALL COACHES

MAXPREPS is the official site we use to collect data for regular season scores and statistics. Please report all game information to this site (www.maxpreps.com). More information and a user guide may be found on the CHSAA homepage: www.chsaanow.com.

NOTE: The out-of-state opponents and scores must be verified by the Colorado team and entered on the MaxPreps website.

COACHING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Each year, by the first competitive date of each sports season, all member school athletic/activity directors must enter all of their athletic coaches and activity sponsors (music, speech, student leadership, etc.), regardless of level, rank, or pay, into the CHSAA Database. All first-year athletic coaches and activity sponsors, regardless of level, rank, or pay, must complete the CHSAA 1st Year Coaches Course. This year coaches are required to take a course in mental health awareness.

For more information regarding new coaching registration requirements please see CHSAA Handbook Bylaw 1620
❖ Officials

➢ Dressing Room- Restrictions/Supplies. Where possible the official’s dressing room should be located in an area with the most direct access to the playing field and or court. The officials’ dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only. It should be private. No other individuals shall have access to this area for any purposes unless they can be identified as game management, CHSAA personnel, and/or the officiating observer. The room shall be stocked with water. It is recommended that soft drinks and/or isotonic beverages be made available. A sign should be placed on the officials’ dressing room door the states: “Officials’ Dressing Room. No admittance per CHSAA.”

Please note that for some sports like soccer, baseball, softball, etc, games are played at sites that have no designated dressing areas for officials. Designated parking areas that include a temporary means for private dressing/changing, is strongly encouraged.

➢ Security - It is the responsibility of game management to provide security escort for game officials to and from the playing field or court. If possible, the officials should be escorted to the parking lot.

➢ Arrival at Site - Game officials are required to arrive at the game site per their officiating association’s policy. If an official arrives at the game site within 15 minutes of the start of the game, game management should contact the CHSAA office after the game.

➢ Communication with Officials - Except for contact as is necessary by game management all others are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during, at halftime or after games concerning matters related to the game. Officials are asked to report any such violations to the CHSAA office.

❖ Coaches

➢ Sporting Behavior Cards - The Officials shall provide each varsity coach with a business size card with their sports officiating association’s sportsmanship statement. This card, which also contains the names of the officiating crew, shall be presented at time that is designated by that sports pre-game procedure. Both opposing coaches are asked to evaluate the crew of officials after each game. Click on this Rate Your Contest Officials link http://www2.chsaa.org/coaches/rate-contest-official.asp. Depending on the browser used, your coach may have print the completed document in a pdf form and send to me at trobinson@chsaa.org. This is very important for the selection of post season umpires.

➢ Introduction of Starting Lineups - Leagues shall create a standard introduction-of-teams procedure. For interleague play, the visiting coach should be contacted prior to the day of the game to get agreement on the use of the home team’s introduction procedure.

“CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM, NOT AGAINST THE OPPONENT”
Coaches: The following is a quick list of important information that you and your players need to know before the season begins and throughout the year. Have you covered this information with your players? Use the quick check-off list to make this season a successful one.
(Note: Handbook = CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws)

To review the bylaw please click on the article or point of emphasis below:

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**Softball Specific Sportsmanship Items**

- Noisemakers are prohibited in the dugouts, including shakers, cowbells and anything that is prohibited in the stands;
- Over the past several seasons, a disturbing trend has emerged in softball. Teams have taken up the habits of “cheering” for their teammate at bat in such a raucous manner as to disrupt the opposing team’s pitcher. In some cases, this appears to be a rehearsed action and only occurs when the pitcher is in her windup. This “attempted disruption” whether intentional or unintentional is not acceptable and will be addressed by game management should it become apparent that activities of this type are being employed;
- Any kind of taunting is prohibited by rule and umpires continue to be responsible for what they deem to be taunting and/or enticing an illegal pitch.

**PLAYER EJECTION**

Any player who has been ejected from a match or contest shall be disqualified for the remainder of that match or contest. In addition, the player shall be suspended from competition for the next scheduled match or contest played at the same level (sophomore, junior varsity, or varsity).

**COACH EJECTION**

A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for the next regularly scheduled match or contest of the same level. He/she may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time.

A coach ejected from a game is automatically placed on probation according to policies established by the Board of Directors (For necessary action by the school administration, see Bylaw 2420.11).

A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship; and, Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed before he/she will be removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school's athletic director.
SUSPENDED GAMES
A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. When the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension subject to the rules of the game. (N.F. Rule 4, Section 2, Article 3, page 42 in rule book.)

CHSAA DRONE POLICY
“The use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all CHSAA-sanctioned events, unless express written permission is obtained: 1) from the host school district during regular season contests, or 2) the CHSAA for any postseason/playoff contest. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.”

CHSAA EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (Template link)
Every member school is required to create a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (VEAP) for each site that the member school practices and hosts athletic contest. (Please use this template that has been created for consistency).

The VEAP must include location, emergency access, emergency contact information and a listing of each member in protocol's duties. An Annual VEAP training must take place no less than one time a year.

This plan must be completed for all on-site and off-site practice/competition venues.

CHSAA LIGHTNING AND TORNADO POLICY AND PROCEDURES
(updated 6/6/2019)

LIGHTNING AND TORNADO POLICY AND PROCEDURES

DEFINITION
LIGHTNING
In the United States, an average of 300 people are struck by lightning each year. Of those struck, there are approximately 40 fatalities from lightning each year. Approximately 50-60% of lightning casualties occur during organized sports or recreational activities according to the National Weather Service. Most of these fatalities can be prevented.

Weather Apps
• It is strongly recommended that an independent and objectively verified weather app (such as the WeatherBug® SparkTM App, Storm by Weather Underground, or the National Weather Service app) be available at all outdoor activities, including practices and contests. This should be part of your venue-specific emergency action plan.
• Acceptable alternatives to the verified weather apps include but are not limited to: immediate contact with the local weather services, local television or radio. Access to these sources can be through the Internet, cellular telephone and/or any other means that provides the information needed for real time decisions to be made.
GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES
In your venue-specific emergency action plan, you must:

1. Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests. This staff member is designated to make the final call on suspending and resuming the game.

2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area:
   a. Utilize announcements/public address announcer to help guide teams and fans to the appropriate shelter and identifying safe places as noted below.
   b. Safe locations need to be identified and shared with teams, spectators and workers prior to the start of the activity or athletic event.
   c. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium, locker rooms or buses/cars. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
   d. Unsafe locations include but are not limited to: Picnic areas, parks, open sided shelters (dugouts), storage sheds, open garages, tents, press boxes, areas close to open water, tall objects such as trees, poles, towers, and elevated areas.

3. When a thunderstorm seems imminent, lightning is seen or heard, or the weather app indicates that lightning is within 8-10 miles, the outdoor venue (small or large) needs to be evacuated. Proceed to a lighting safe area.

4. Activities shall be suspended, and all personnel are directed to move to safe locations. The call to suspend activity due to close lightning should be based on how fast the storm is approaching and the amount of time it will take for event participants to take appropriate safe shelter. At a minimum, by the time the lightning storm has reached 8 miles away from the location of the outdoor activity, all individuals should have left the outdoor athletic site and reached a safe location. Weather monitoring subscriptions should be set at an 8-10 mile radius from the center of the sporting event (venue specific).

5. Criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
   a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
   b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
   c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
   d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

   * – PER NFHS 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.

6. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
7. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at start of the season in your pre-season meeting.

**No App or Technology Available**
When a weather app is not available, the default NFHS policy that appears in the Rules Book of each sport shall be followed. In brief, that policy requires suspension of all activity when cloud-to-ground lightning is observed, or thunder is heard. If thunder is heard, lightning is assumed to be striking within 10 miles. Implement the Thirty Minute Rule as noted in the NFHS Policy.
When activities are suspended, the following individuals shall be responsible for the safety of personnel:

- The head coach for players and other team personnel.
- Game management guiding spectators and personnel to safe areas
- The senior official for the officiating crew.
- All game management personnel, administrators, coaches and officials must be thoroughly familiar with the NFHS default policy as well as this policy.

**MANAGEMENT**
People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to be touched by others.

- Call 911
- If possible, an injured person should be moved to a safer location before starting CPR.
- Start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Lightning-strike victims with signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need immediate emergency help.
- Activate the local emergency management system and utilize an AED if available. Prompt, effective CPR has been highly successful for the survival of lightning strike victims.

**DEFINITIONS**

**TORNADO**
- Tornado Watch - indicates tornadoes are possible
- Tornado Warning - tornado siren sounds signaling tornado sighted or tornado indicated by radar

**GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES**
- Develop a tornado specific EAP for each venue or event.
- Designated weather watcher (above) notifies site or athletic director of approaching storm and communicates direction and speed of storm.
- If a tornado warning is initiated, immediate event delay should be implemented, and all participants, spectators and athletic staff should SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY. Once inside a secure location, tune to local weather alert radio to be informed of storm location, path and duration of tornado warning.
- Warning may be extended, or a new warning issued at any time, so continued monitoring is needed. During tornado warning, sirens will sound for 3 minutes at a time. Depending on duration of warning, sirens may re-sound multiple times.
- Safe shelter from tornado = inside lowest building level, away from exterior walls/windows, with windows closed. If outside, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover head with hands or stay in a car with seatbelt on. Be aware of potential flooding. DO NOT take cover under an overpass or bridge. Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas. Be aware of flying debris.

All clear - tornado warning will expire after duration specified by National Weather Service and weather watcher notifies site director that warning has ended and event can resume.
REFERENCES
Walsh KM, Cooper MA, Holle R, Rakov VA, Roeder WP, Ryan M; National Athletic
Trainers' Association. National Athletic Trainers' Association position
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National Weather Service Lightning Safety Tips and Resources: https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning
National Federation of State High Schools Association’s Guidelines on Handling Practices and Contests During
Lightning or Thunder Disturbances:
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: http://www.noaa.gov
2019 NFHS Softball Rules Changes

1-1-7, 2-22-4, Table 5-1, 5-1-1o: The media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball area. The home team or game management may designate an area for the media in dead ball territory.

**Rationale:** Clarifies that game management may designate a media area in dead ball territory.

1-5-2a: The knob may be molded, lathed, welded or adjustable, but must be permanently fastened.

**Rationale:** Clarifies that an adjustable knob is permissible, provided the knob is permanently fastened by the manufacturer.

1-8-4: Defensive players are permitted to wear a shield on their face/head protection in the field but it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission.

**Rationale:** In an effort to promote risk minimization, tinted eye shields are prohibited for defensive face/head protection.

6-1-1 PENALTY, 6-1-2 Thru 4 PENALTY, 6-2-1 PENALTY, 6-2-7 PENALTY: in the case of an illegal pitch, the batter is awarded a ball. The penalty that permitted base runners to be awarded one base without liability to be put out is removed.

**Rationale:** The new language creates more balance between offense and defense. The batter should receive the award rather than runners already on base.

2019 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

2-65-2: Clarifies there can be no appeal of the play that occurred prior to the umpire awarding an intentional walk.

6-1-2a, b: Clarifies what motion constitutes the start of the pitch and when the step back of the non-pivot foot may be taken.

APPENDIX H: An Appendix regarding DP/FLEX rules was added for quick reference.
2019 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Simulating taking a sign

2. Sliding safety

3. Lineup care best practices

4. Illegal pitch penalties

DP/Flex Reminders

1. The DP can never play defense only.

2. The FLEX can never be on offense only.

3. The FLEX and DP can NEVER play offense at the same time. The FLEX and DP positions are linked by the DP/FLEX rule. If the FLEX is going to play offense they have to do it in the original DP’s position, therefore only one of them can play offense at a time.

4. The FLEX and DP can play defense at the same time. The DP can play defense for any player other than the FLEX and no one has left the game.

5. The player starting DP and starting FLEX have one re-entry just as all players do.

6. Once the game is started with the DP/FLEX positions in the lineup those positions are available for the entire game. Even if the starting DP or starting FLEX has left the game a second time, the position is still available and an eligible substitute can enter the game as the FLEX or DP. So even though the starting player(s) left the game twice and cannot re-enter, their positions is still active as long as the team has eligible substitutes.
COLORADO STATE RULE ADOPTIONS

Softball

(NEW 2019) 1-2-1 Note: By state association adoption, a double first base is required. The base shall be a one- or two-piece unit, 15 inches by 30 inches and manufactured to be of equal height. The base in foul territory shall be a color other than white. (8-10)

(NEW 2019) 4-2-3 Note: 1. Speed up rule. If, after five complete innings of play, a team is ahead by 10 runs the game will be declared official. If, after 4-1/2 innings of play, the home team is ahead by 10 runs, the game will be declared official. (15-runs after 3, 12-runs after 4, 10-runs after 5)

4-4-1 Protests are not allowed.

5-2-1b The umpire considers the weather or ground conditions unfit for play. Note: After 30 minutes, the umpire may declare the game suspended. The game will resume and continue from the point of interruption.

The Colorado High School Softball Umpires Association will allow commemorative or memorial patches/stickers/decals, to include but not be limited to special causes and/or military support that will be uniformly placed, not to exceed 4 square inches, to be worn on jerseys in an appropriate and dignified manner without compromising the integrity of the uniform. The Association will also allow uniforms to be specially designed for athletes and coaches that support the above causes, as long as the uniform does not violate any other rules related to numbers, lettering, etc. The uniforms do not have to be in team colors, soloing as all coaching uniforms match and all athlete uniforms match. Further clarification states that any lettering or emblems on uniforms must pertain to one or more of the following: school name, school nickname, individual’s name, the sport, drug use prevention, a specific cause, sportsmanship, ethics or integrity or be of a patriotic nature and provided it does not violate the rules of the sport in regard to other guidelines.
NATIONAL FEDERATION PLAYING RULES

All games -- regular season through playoffs -- shall be played under National Federation and CHSAA rules. Please be aware that neither a league nor competing schools have the authority to modify rules.

BENCH AND FIELD CONDUCT

Please emphasize this information to your coaches and players. This will help alleviate some of the pressure put on umpires. (N.F. Rule 3 Section 6 Articles 1-20, page 37-39 in rulebook.)

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULING

Schools are responsible for their own schedules during the season.

SHORTENED CONTESTS

In regular season tournaments, regional and state play:

1. If, after five complete innings of play, a team is ahead by 10 runs the game will be declared official. If, after 4-½ innings of play, the home team is ahead by 10 runs, the game will be declared official. (15-runs after 4, 12 after 4, 10 after 5)

2. We do not use international tie breakers in high school softball.

NOTE: Regular season tournaments may elect to use a 1-½ hour time limit without the 10-run difference.
SITUATION 1: B3 bats and hits a double bringing B4 up to the plate with no outs. In (a) the defensive coach requests that B4 be intentionally walked. In (b) the pitcher requests that B4 be intentionally walked.

RULING: In both (a) and (b), the proper mechanic for an umpire any time a defensive coach or player wishes to intentionally walk a player is once he/she ensures all playing action is completed, signal and call time. Once the ball is dead, allow the coach or player to make the request to intentionally walk B4.

Note: It is good practice in (b) to delay slightly when a player requests an intentionally walk to ensure the defensive coach is in agreement prior to awarding the intentional walk. Once an intentional walk is awarded by the umpire it is final and cannot be reversed.

SITUATION 2: With no outs, a 1 ball 1 strike count and R1 on first base, the pitcher is called for an illegal pitch. B2 swings and misses the ball. R1 who was stealing on the pitch is thrown out at second base. The umpire rules that since R1 was stealing on the pitch she would remain out but awards the batter a ball for the illegal pitch.

RULING: This is an incorrect ruling. Since the batter was not safe at first base and all runners did not advance at least one base on an illegal pitch, the offensive coach should receive his/her choice of the play or the penalty (6-1-1 PENALTY EXCEPTION 2). In this case the result of the play would be B2 at bat with a 1 ball 2 strike count and R1 remaining out. If the coach would like to take the penalty, a ball is awarded to B2 (2 ball 1 strike count) and R1 would be returned to first base.

SITUATION 3: With R1 on second base and no outs, F1 is called for an illegal pitch that B2 hits to the outfield. R1 scores on the play and B2 is safe on second base but misses first base on her way to second base. After the play is over the defensive coach appeals that B2 missed first base and the base umpire rules B2 out for missing first base. The offensive coach argues that they should be allowed to take the penalty for the illegal pitch since B2 was not safe at first base.

RULING: NFHS rules state that once a runner has passed a base she is considered to have touched that base until properly appealed. Once B2 passed first base and R1 had advanced safely to third base the illegal pitch was cancelled (6-1-1 EXCEPTION 1). The intent of the illegal pitch penalty is to adequately offset the possible disadvantage she encountered due to the illegal pitch. It is not intended to allow the offense to subsequently break other rules, such as missing a base. Just as the NFHS obstruction rule is designed to protect the obstructed runner and award the bases she would have reached had there not been obstruction (remove the disadvantage of being obstructed) it too does not allow the runner to break other rules. There are exceptions listed in the obstruction rule that specifically state an obstructed runner would be called out if she missed a base or left before a fly ball was first touched (if properly appealed) and if she passed another runner, to name a few (Rule 8-4-3b PENALTY A, EXCEPTIONS).
SITUATION 4: With no outs, R1 on third base and R2 on first base, B3 is at bat with a 3 ball 1 strike count. The umpire calls an illegal pitch that B3 swings and misses. R2 was stealing second base on the pitch and is thrown out at second base but R1 is safe stealing home. The umpire rules that since R1 advanced safely the illegal pitch is nullified, R1 scores, R2 is out at second and B3 remains at bat with a 3 ball 2 strike count.

RULING: This is an incorrect ruling. Since the batter was not safe at first base and all runners did not advance at least one base on an illegal pitch the offensive coach should receive their choice of the play or the penalty (6-1-1 PENALTY EXCEPTION 2). In this case the result of the play would be R1 scores, R2 is out and B3 remains at bat with a 3 ball 2 strike count with 1 out. If the coach would like to take the penalty, a ball is awarded to B3 which would result in ball 4, placing B3 on first base forcing R2 to advance to second base and R1 would return to third base.

NFHS SOFTBALL BAT INFORMATION

The 2019 NFHS Softball Rules Book states that the bat must bear the 2000 or 2004 ASA certification mark and NOT be listed on the USA Softball non-approved bat list with ASA certification marks.

USA Softball has recently approved new certification marks to take effect with the 2020 model year bats and balls which are currently in design with some already being transitioned into production. These certification marks, which are visible on all bats and balls on USA Softball’s Certified Equipment, have been approved to be implemented immediately for USA Softball competition. Since NFHS has its own ball specification and required logo there will be no change to the requirements for softballs used in NFHS competition, see Rule 1-3. NFHS has approved the immediate use of the new USA Softball Certification Mark for all games, shown below.

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To be clear, in order for a bat to be approved for use in NFHS competition it must bear one of the three certification marks shown above and not be on the USA Softball non-approved bat list with certification marks. NFHS Rule 1-5-1d is listed below for your convenience.

Rule 1-5-1d

The bat shall:

d. Must bear either the 2000 or 2004 certification mark (Figure 1-6) and not be listed on the USA Softball non-approved bat list with ASA certification marks as found on www.usasoftball.com. Bat barrels made entirely of wood are permitted and need not bear an ASA mark, but shall not exceed 2¼ inches in diameter.
A new Easton bat that has been approved by ASA/USA and the NFHS is model name Mako Torq. The bat has a rotating handle. The bottom of the handle, approximately 4 inches, and knob rotate. The grip is a two-piece grip butted together.

CHSAA/NFHS approved bat list can be found on the following website:

http://www.asasoftball.com/about/getManufacturerDetail.asp

NEW: CHSAA Sports Medicine Handbook

http://www2.chsaa.org/sports/medicine/SMAC_HANDBOOK.pdf
Certification to NOCSAE Standards and Add-On Helmet Products

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (May 8, 2018) – The National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) has released the following statement regarding equipment certified to NOCSAE standards and add-on helmet products.

Products designed to be added to previously certified helmets for baseball, softball, football, lacrosse and other sports are being marketed and sold to consumers. Whether intended to be general improvements or expansions of the helmet’s protective coverage or ability, or to collect impact data, the addition of such products to a helmet previously certified as meeting the appropriate NOCSAE® standard will make the certification voidable by the helmet manufacturer. Such additions to the helmet create a new and untested model, as defined in the NOCSAE standards.

For many years NOCSAE standards have defined a helmet model as a helmet “intended to be identical in every way, except for size.” Any changes, additions or alterations of the model, except for size or color or graphics, even if made by the original manufacturer, requires that a new model name be created, and a separate certification testing data for that new model. This concept of limiting certification to a specific model is commonly found in national and international helmet standards established by other standards organizations including the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Snell Foundation.

- NOCSAE, itself, does not certify any product, it does not “approve” or “disapprove” of any product, and has no authority to grant exemptions or waivers to the requirements imposed by the standards it writes.

- The addition of an item(s) to a helmet previously certified without the item(s) creates a new untested model. Whether the add-on product improves the performance or not, the helmet model with the add-on product is no longer “identical in every aspect” to the one originally certified by the manufacturer.

- When this happens, the helmet manufacturer has the right, under the NOCSAE standards, to declare its certification void. It may elect to allow the certification to remain unaffected, or it may also decide to engage in additional certification testing of the new model and certify the new model with the add-on product, but it is not required to do so.

- Products such as skull caps, headbands, mouth guards, ear inserts or other items that are not attached or incorporated in some way into the helmet are not the types of products that create a new model as defined in the NOCSAE standards, and are not items which change the model definition.

More information on all NOCSAE standards is available at www.nocsae.org.

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SOFTBALLS:
*The A9011BSST is mandatory to use in all CHSAA post season games including Championships.

Game Ball
- A9011BSST – 12" Leather

Practice Ball
- A9031BASA-LOW

Balls may be purchased from the following local dealers:

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Dear Softball Coaches,

The Colorado High School Umpires Association (CHSSUA) would like to welcome you to the 2019 Softball season and we wish you and your teams a successful and injury free season.

While you are working with your student-athletes to put a competitive team on the field, our Area Directors are working hard, along with our officials, to improve our rules knowledge and field mechanics to provide you with a unprejudiced experience during your contests throughout the season. Please remember that sportsmanship is the foundation for our High School sports! It is crucial for school administrators, coaches and our officials ensure that we are setting a positive example for your student-athlete out on the field of play. When a call is made, that you may disagree with, it is important that all of us act in a professional and courteous so we do not incite the parents or fans. Parent and fan behavior at games continues to be an issue not just towards officials but towards coaches, school administration and sometimes towards players.

With this in mind, we also need you to take the time and evaluate our officials that are working your games. At the start of each Varsity and Sub Varsity contest you should receive a card with each official’s name. This card provides you with an address to give a report on the Men and/or Women that are working for you. The constructive feedback that you provide is imperative for us to grow as officials and our association as a whole. With your effort in reporting after your contests and the post season voting ballots, this assists us and CHSAA in fielding the most qualified Officials during the Post Season Playoffs and State Tournament.

The NFHS rule changes for the 2019 season have been included in this bulletin for your review. Please review those changes along with the rule book so you are familiar with these changes.

CHSAA also has adopted some new changes that were proposed by your coaches association for this coming season as well. Rule 1-2-1 a double first base will be implemented for this coming season. There is also a change on the Speed up Rule 4-2-3. We will now use the 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 10 after 5.

The NFHS Softball Rules Committee has selected four points of emphasis for our upcoming season:

1. Pitcher Simulating Taking a Signal
2. Proper Techniques When Sliding
3. Head Coach Listed on Lineup Card
4. Illegal Pitch Penalty
Should you have any questions related to Rules and Points of Emphasis, please contact our Rules Interpreter Scott Cochran at scott@cochran98.com. Scott is a great asset to you with his rules knowledge and dedication to Softball.

We at CHSSUA want to thank you for your hard work and commitment to your student-athletes and the game of Softball. If you have any concerns through the season, please contact your local Area Directors. I have them listed in this bulletin or contact me personally Jeff Moddelmog at tireguy@rof.net, or our President-Elect Chuck French at chuckfrench@aol.com.

Thank you very much for your time and please have a great season.

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USE OF REGISTERED OFFICIALS

All CHSAA member schools must use only officials registered with the CHSAA for all varsity and junior varsity contests (strongly recommended for sub-junior varsity contests). All registered officials receive a registration card each year, with their names appearing in the official softball directory. Both of these lists are mailed to all member schools. In circumstances in which registered officials are not available, permission to use non-registered officials must be received from the CHSAA. The CHSAA office and members of the CHSSUA stand ready to aid you in obtaining competent officials for your games. Both organizations are also always on the alert for new officials. If you have a high school student in the senior class who expresses an interest in officiating and who appears to have the desirable qualifications, encourage him or her to become a registered official by calling Tom Robinson or Monica Tillman at the CHSAA Officials Office 303-364-1337.

Neither the program, the players nor the development of quality officials, benefit from the use of unqualified officials. Make every effort to use registered officials.

Officials Fees for 2019
(As adopted by the CHSAA Legislative Council)

VARSITY (2 umpires) ............................................$58.00
SUB-VARSITY (2 umpires) ......................................$44.00
VARSITY (3 umpires) ............................................$50.50
SUB-VARSITY (3 umpires) .................................$38.50
VARSITY DOUBLEHEADER ..................................$116.00
SUB-VARSITY DOUBLEHEADER (7-7) ...............$88.00

1. Mileage – 40 cents per mile. Exception see note 1 that follows: Note 1: The Confluence (except Campion); The 5280 (except Gilpin County); The Colorado 7(except Fort Lupton, Elizabeth, Fort Morgan, Weld Central); The Jefferson County (except Conifer & Evergreen), Denver, Continental, East Metro, Front Range (except Fort Collins, Loveland, Poudre and Rocky Mountain), Frontier (except Bennett, Clear Creek, Lake County, Middle Park and Platte Canyon), Metropolitan, and Centennial leagues and Broomfield, Denver Academy, Denver Christian, and Valor will not pay mileage between league cities, but will pay a mileage travel stipend of $2 to each official between league cities per day of assignments. Colorado Springs schools will pay mileage travel stipend of $2 per day of assignments to officials selected from the Colorado Springs Officials' Association. An official that is assigned to two or more contests at a given site on the same day shall be paid one travel stipend or reimbursement.

2. Only ONE driver will be paid the mileage reimbursement for each contest. It will be paid to the official on the crew who travels the farthest. Issues with multiple drivers must be solved between the officials and the assignor prior to the game.

3. In lieu of per diem, a rider fee of $10 is paid to officials, non-drivers only, who are riding on trips of 75 miles or more one-way.

4. It is recommended that, during the regular season only, assigners assign officials to a contest whose travel miles to a school is less than or equal to 75 miles round trip, thus resulting in a payment of no more than $30 for travel. If an official travels miles more than 75 miles round trip the official should be paid at the $.40/mile rate as listed above unless other arrangements are made with the officials by the school.
Some suggestions on the employment of officials:

a. Mutually agree on acceptable officials within your league or with each individual school.
b. Attempt to employ these officials early. (Officials in some geographical areas are not permitted to accept contracts until after the assignment meetings are over.)
c. Attend your area assignment meeting.
d. Do not hire officials who actively seek games or who are unethical in other ways.
e. Have a written agreement with each official. Contract forms for this purpose are available from the CHSAA.
f. Pay them promptly, preferably before the game.
g. Keep good records on all officials!! From these records, you may wish to re-employ in future years.
h. Report immediately to the CHSAA Office any conduct on the official's part which is in violation of the officials' code of ethics (check the softball officials' directory).
i. In an emergency, contact the area director (check the softball officials’ directory). He/She can help you secure an official.
j. Live up to your contract with the official. Do not attempt to "remove" him/her after a controversial ball game.
k. Use a variety of officials. It is inappropriate for the official and inappropriate for the school to use the same official over and over again. Usually, two times a season is more than enough.
l. Make officials feel that they've stepped into a quality softball program. Have a person greet the officials upon their arrival. Provide a clean, secure room for their pre-game conference, if possible.
m. If a game is suspended and new umpires are assigned when the game resumes, those new umpires should receive a full game fee. If a game is suspended and the same umpires return to complete the game, a game fee can be negotiated up to a full fee. A school may be expected to pay full game fees to two different officiating crews when a game is suspended.

CHSSUA "NO SHOW" POLICY

If an official fails to attend an assignment, the following steps will be taken:

A. The offending official must write a letter of explanation regarding the instance to the local area director within one (1) week of the offense.
B. The Area director will conduct internal investigations and will determine the status of the violation.
   1. Valid explanation/reason, no consequences. Letter of apology suggested to be written by official to CHSSUA and forwarded to offended schools.
   2. First offense – ½ game fee paid to CHSSUA for reimbursement to official’s payer to offset ½ game fee paid to another assigned official.
   3. Second offense – Full game fee paid to CHSSUA of which ½ game is for reimbursement to official’s payer and ½ for CHSSUA for recruitment budget.
C. Member subject to By-laws of CHSSUA, Article V, and Section 2 – grounds for discipline.

“GOOD FAITH” RULE

POSTPONEMENTS: Umpires who have not been notified of the postponement before leaving for the game site, or if the postponement occurs after arriving at the game site, should receive 50% of the game(s) fee plus any allowable travel expense; or Umpires who are notified of the postponement in adequate time can expect no remuneration but should expect to have first opportunity to umpire make-up game(s).

SUSPENDED GAMES: Suspended game pay is to be worked out between the schools and the umpires.
2019 Regional/State Softball Umpires Playoff Voting Information

Three weeks prior to the end of the season look for e-mail notification regarding umpire voting instructions for the 2019 playoffs.

This is your opportunity to vote for the umpire you will see in the playoffs. Please take a moment to vote for the best umpires.

Neutrality Priority When Assigning Officials to in Post Season/Travel Cost an Impact

Every effort will be made to cut the travel cost when assigning officials in the post season though the priority of assigning will be to maintain neutrality. In general, if two teams are competing from different areas of the state, the officials will not be assigned from either of the areas of the competing teams. However, if the teams are from the same area, the officials could be assigned from the same area or any combination of areas. Below is the legend for area softball officials and a couple of examples:

Areas:
1 – Denver; 2 – Boulder/Longmont; 3 – Northern (Greeley/Fort Collins); 4 – Northeast; 5 – Colorado Springs (inc. Canon City); 6 – Pueblo (inc. southeastern Colorado); 7 – Western Slope; 8 – La Junta

Example 1:
If Pine Creek from Colorado Springs is playing Highlands Ranch from the metro Denver area, the officials will be selected from any of the other areas. Therefore a crew from Grand Junction, which is from the Western Slope, could be selected whether the game is played at Highlands Ranch or Pine Creek.

Some Exceptions to the Rule
If George Washington from Denver plays Fairview from Boulder, the officials could be selected from any area. If this is high profile semi-final game the three officials may be selected from three different areas or any combination of areas. This would be true if the two teams were from Durango and Fort Collins.

The concept of mixed crews is important in softball where the teams come from all areas of the state. In many cases, it is simpler to ensure neutrality by having umpires from two or three different areas of the state on a game. Following these guidelines, a school can determine on its own from which area playoff officials could be assigned.
OUTSIDE COMPETITION
Players certified to participate as members of any high school sport may not compete on any other team or in any non-school activity or event in that sport during that sports season without written permission of the principal.

EXCEPTION: The sports season ends for a member of a high school athletic team on the day following the completion of his or her school’s competition at the level at which the student competes.

PRACTICE ON REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT SITE
Schools will not be permitted to practice or play at the regional/state site. (Teams that normally practice and/or play on these sites are exempt from this policy.)

ROSTERS
Each team is limited to an 18-player roster during the regional and state tournaments with a 25 person limit in the dugout area. Rosters, team photos and results for 3A, 4A, and 5A schools must be received at the CHSAA by Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 8:00 PM.

This is necessary for regional pairing purposes and for programs. (See CHSAA website for entering this information online.)

SCHOOLS MUST ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE TEAM GATE LIST TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR ADMITTANCE PURPOSES.

An injury or illness of a player does not entitle a school to add an additional player to its roster after the roster is submitted for the first game of the tournament (regional or state). A player may be replaced on the roster after each level’s tournament has been completed.

OFFICIAL BALL
Wilson Sporting Goods, through the CHSAA, will provide the tournament game balls for the regional/state tournaments. (Substitute softballs cannot be used) It is strongly encouraged for schools to use the A9011BSST official ball in the regular season.

HOME TEAM
The committee determined the higher seeded team on the Regional through the State Championship bracket game will be referred to as the “home team” and will have the last at bat. The “home team” will occupy the third base dugout.

DUGOUTS
The home team shall use the 3rd base dugout and the visitors the 1st base dugout.

LINE-UP CARDS
A sample line-up card can be found within this bulletin. Please feel free to make copies.

NOTE: The Coach is responsible for correctly proving accurate line-ups and lists of subs. (3-1-1, 4-1-2)
A. On lines 1 through 9 or 10 (if using a DH/ flex and /or ED), list your starters.
B. List the remaining substitutes on lines 9 or 10 through 18.
C. The designated player and the player for whom she is batting need to be bracketed together.
D. List the first initial, last name, jersey number, position and batting order of each starter.
E. List the first initial, last name, jersey number, position and batting order of each eligible substitute.

**OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK**
The official SCOREBOOK shall be kept by an official scorekeeper designated by the tournament director. The official scorer's rulings on hits and errors shall be final.

**INFIELD PRACTICE**
A maximum 10-minute infield/outfield practice is available to each team prior to each regional and state game. The home team will warm-up first. If one team does not want to use the warm-up period, the other team is still limited to 10 minutes. Places to warm-up prior to game time will be designated by the tournament director.

**REST BETWEEN GAMES**
A thirty (30) minute break between games may be requested by the team that is playing back-to-back games. Warm-ups for the next game would then begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the previous game.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE**
The 1st and 3rd base lines, batter's box and pitching area should be touched up between games. If media are allowed on the field, then an area must be designated. That area becomes a dead ball area if it is occupied.

**HUSTLE IN, HUSTLE OUT**
The tournament format dictates the need for games to move at a fast, efficient pace. Umpires will be instructed to limit the time between innings. We ask the coaches to help us with this important aspect of the tournament. Fast-paced games played by hustling teams will do a great deal to promote softball as the wonderful spectator sport that it is.

At the beginning of each inning or when a pitcher enters the game in relief, no more than one minute may be used to deliver a maximum of five pitched balls to the catcher or other teammate.

*NOTE:* Each team should notify the umpire, prior to the start of the game, of its intention to use the courtesy runner option.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM & PLAYER INTRODUCTIONS**
The National Anthem will be played prior to the first games of the day at the regional and state tournaments. (If the National Anthem is not available, the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited). For the championship games, players will be introduced as they take the field and come to bat. The visiting team will be introduced first in descending order from the line-up card (substitutes first) and shall line up along the first baseline, starting at home plate and filling in the space toward first base. The coaches will be introduced after the players and should also line up. Players will face the crowd as they stand along the line. The home team will be introduced in a like manner and will line up on the 3rd base line.

**POSTPONED GAMES**
The tournament director and grounds crew shall decide whether the grounds and conditions are suitable for starting the game. Once the game starts, the umpires and grounds crew will determine whether conditions are suitable for play.
SUSPENDED GAMES
A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. When the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension subject to the rules of the game. (N.F. Rule 4, Section 2, Article 3, page 42 in rule book.)

INCLEMENT WEATHER
If inclement weather postpones or suspends regional or state tournament play, the first available date, including Sunday, will be used for continuation of play. The same time schedule will be in effect unless changed by the tournament director/committee.

UNIVERSAL TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE
In all team sports where a league or conference tie breaker for league standings to determine state qualifiers has not been developed before the beginning of the competitive season, the following tie breaker will be used:

TIE BREAKER -- When a tie in league/conference standings exists after the conclusion of league play, the following criteria will be applied in order. In a three or more-way tie, if one team is determined to be a qualifier by applying one of the following tie breakers or if one of the three teams is eliminated by a tie breaker, the remaining teams would revert to the #1. Schools would revert back to the #1 tie breaker to resolve remaining ties.

1. Head to head competition.
2. Whoever beats the highest finishing team in the league, other than the tied teams, is the first qualifier among the tied teams.
3. Fewest points, runs, goals given up by the tied teams against the tied teams only.
4. Fewest points, runs, goals given up by the tied teams against all league opponents.
5. Fewest points, runs, goals given up by the tied teams against all opponents.

ADMITTANCE
Passes will not be issued to players or team support staff. Players in uniform and those individuals listed by the school on the gate list (gate list instructions listed within this bulletin) will be admitted at the pass gate. No more than 18 players and 7 additional support staff members will be admitted without charge. The support staff will include coaches, trainers or team managers. Any additional individuals will require a ticket.

BANNERS
Vinyl school banners may be displayed at the regional and state tournaments upon approval of the director. Signs may not block the view of spectators. (Due to fire codes, paper banners or signs are not permitted.)

AWARDS
Final Four plaques will be given to the final four qualifying teams in each class at the beginning of each semifinal game. Following the state championship games, a runner-up trophy will be presented to the second place team at home plate. Immediately following, the championship team will be presented the state championship trophy at home plate. Please keep your teams on the field for the presentation.
TRAINER
A trainer will be provided at state tournament sites. School trainers should be encouraged to attend regional and State Tournament contests in which their schools are playing. CHSAA trainers are hired for injury and emergency care, not to tape participants. Teams should make prior arrangements for taping of athletes.

UMPIRES/TOURNAMENT UMPIRES NOMINATION
REGIONALS/STATE: All umpires will be selected through a statewide vote. There is an expectation that all schools/coaches vote for the umpires who will work the playoffs. Additional information on the voting process will be forwarded to schools in late September.

RPI INFORMATION FROM TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:
Over the course of the past few months, the Technology Committee has meet several times in examining the RPI formula. Included has been a trip to Grand Junction to meet with a statistics professor who specializes in ranking systems, and countless video conferences to create surveys, discuss survey results, and, most importantly, to examine data surrounding the Index.

The Committee has received an enormous amount of feedback from our member schools. Three things stood out:
• Accuracy is the most important factor in a formula.
• They want more weight on their own winning percentage.
• They believe that RPI should be used to set postseason fields, but not to seed them.

With this feedback in mind, we set out to examine all of the RPI data that CHSAA has ever accumulated, including from seasons prior to its implementation in 2016. The result of that data is below.

Before we dive into it, here is a brief explanation of the dataset:
• It is sorted out by sport. The ‘Comparison Data’ file is the one that looks at all sports together.
• Each spreadsheet is set up the same way, with different tabs for each year of data, and then a ‘Comparison’ tab to provide an overall picture of the information.
• In order to compare the formula, we compared a team’s final ranking in the RPI standings with their actual performance at the state tournament. Teams only received a comparison if they won at least one game at their tournament. For example, if a team won the championship, they got a value of 1; runner-up was 2; a semifinalist got a 3.5 value (as there was no way to distinguish between 3rd and 4th), and so on.
• Then, we compared how each formula’s final rank performed in comparison to a team’s true result using standard deviation, and also by taking out outliers.
• This allows us to rank the performance of each formula. The best-performing formula is highlighted in various spots. (You can see year-by-year, as well as an overall average by sport, and by all sports.)

Based on the below dataset, the Technology Committee is making the following recommendation:

\[ \text{RPI} = (0.3 \times \text{WP}) + (0.4 \times \text{OWP}) + (0.3 \times \text{OOWP}) \]

This is a change from the current 0.25 + 0.5 + 0.25. We arrived at this recommendation as it is either the most or second-most accurate formula in all sports, and it also places more emphasis on a team’s own winning percentage, while still maintaining strength of schedule as a factor.
Hosting CHSAA playoff events correctly is a major responsibility. The hard work and conscientious efforts of the site host is greatly appreciated by not only the CHSAA administrative staff but also all the schools, participants and fans at these events.

While at times, hosting events is an addition to your already full schedule, it does provide opportunities for your school and teams.

Hosting playoff events at your school provides for the following:

1. An opportunity to put your school at center stage.
2. An opportunity to display your administrative style and competence.
3. Allows your teams to maintain a normal routine prior to the contests by staying at their own homes.
4. Allows your fans to maintain a normal routine by not having to travel and incur the cost associated with this travel.
5. There may even be a competitive advantage to playing at a familiar site with no travel.
6. Hosting can be financially attractive, if for no other reason than for concessions sales and no travel expense for the host school.
7. Gives your school an opportunity to build a program.

With the above advantages stated, a host school may lose money covering the expenses necessary to host. When considering the cost for school travel, even for short trips, the host school is ahead financially when the 20% of the gate allowed for host expenses does not cover all the costs to host.

As a result of the information listed above, when a school hosts a playoff event it is not normally acceptable to bill other participating schools for expenses if the gate is not sufficient to cover these expenses. The many advantages of hosting, both financially and competitively, should cover the costs of hosting over the 20% allowed.

In order to cover any expenses that exceed the 20% of the gate given to host a playoff event, the host school can seek volunteers to conduct the event, off-set expenses with concession money, get corporate support or find many other creative ways to help finance the event, so that it can be held in your school and community.

The above is stated with an understanding that each sport and situation is individual. Host schools at site may all choose to rent a softball complex, a piece of equipment, a timing system, etc., and agree to share the cost of this extra expense. Any agreement of this type should be accepted by all schools involved and communicated to the CHSAA administrator in charge of that sport.

In some cases, it is possible that hosting is not right for you or your school. Please inform all involved with playoff organization so that your school is not considered as a potential host.

### REGIONAL TICKET PRICES

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POSTSEASON ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & TOURNAMENT FINANCE INFORMATION

Please refer to the Legislative Council Approved Reports for information regarding the financial report when you are a host school in the first round through quarterfinals in softball. If you are a host school for a softball tournament, you will receive the report form link from Kenzie Hewson, the CHSAA Director of Business Operations. The softball financial report form is interactive, allowing you to send it directly to the CHSAA via email.

During postseason for all classifications, schools are required to charge admission and submit a financial report to the CHSAA office for all first round through all quarterfinal round games. If it is not possible to charge admission, permission may be requested prior to the game to pay the CHSAA a fee in lieu of charging admission. Pre-approval from CHSAA is required for implementation. Contact Bert Borgmann for permission. When paying this fee, hosting schools are still responsible for any travel guarantee due to the opponent, officials’ payments and other costs associated with hosting these contests.

This is a per game fee for all sports except 4A/5A softball regionals when hosting multiple games at one site. 4A/5A softball regionals is a flat fee, $400 per tournament. Approved for the 2019-2020 school year.

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4A/5A REGIONAL HOST SITE CRITERIA

- **Tier 1 – Recreational City/Parks Complex** – A complex that follows the bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is approved by the CHSAA Office.

- **Tier 2 – School District Complex** – A complex that follows the bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is approved by the CHSAA Office.

- **Tier 3 – School Complex** – A complex that meets the criteria of a sports complex and follows bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is in close proximity and is approved by the CHSAA Office will be considered at a final resort.

Host schools must begin at Tier 1, if not accessible then move to Tier 2, if no School District Complex is available, move to Tier 3. Schools must follow the criteria written by the softball committee in order to be named a Regional Host Site. All steps must be approved by the CHSAA Office on/before Monday, October 8, 2018.
4A/5A REGIONAL HOST SITE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met in order to host a 4A or 5A Regional Tournament.

- The site must have two (2) fields for play
- The site must be able to charge a gate admission
- Media boxes must be provided and outlined on field
- Restrooms must be available and accessible
- Game Balls: 1 dozen game balls will be provided to each host site by the CHSAA and 1 dozen balls will be provided by the host school
- The outfield fence on both fields should be set at the NFHS recommended 200-220 ft. (Exceptions can be made if necessary, CHSAA Office approval required)
- The host site must have all game related materials submitted to the CHSAA Office on Monday, October 14, 2019.
- Game times for Regional Tournaments: 10:00; 12:15; and 2:30.

REGIONAL SCORE REPORTING

- Host site regional director must text Ryan Casey scores following each game.
  (303-709-9472)

PAIRING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

PAIRING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:
The CHSAA Tournament Committee is charged with establishing the fairest competition for the schools and student participants in Colorado. Individual members represent, not a specific school, classification or geographic areas, but all the schools and their students. All viewpoints within the committee should be voiced and discussed, but the majority shall rule. The strength and integrity of the committee rests with each of its members accepting the will of the majority and not communicating individual opinions following the meeting.

Once the pairing committee has completed the bracket, the CHSAA has established the game times for each classification. These times are listed on the playoff brackets contained in this Bulletin. The final (16) 3A, 4A and 5A state qualifying teams will be re-seeded for the state tournament.

Note: The Class 3A/4A/5A State Tournament will be paired on Monday, October 21, 2019.
QUALIFYING FORMAT AND CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS BY CLASS:

A. Class 3A (Enrollment: 1-618) 37 Teams – 24 Teams Qualify for the Regional Tournament – District Champions and District runners-up (see notes below) are Automatic Qualifiers on the Regional Bracket

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The Regional Tournament will be scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019. The number of 3A Regional qualifying teams will be a total of twenty-four (24) teams. The qualifiers for the Regional Tournament will be: Five (5) Regular Season District Champions; five (5) Regular Season District Runner-up teams; fourteen (14) RPI teams for a total of 24 total teams. All Regular Season District Champions (5) plus (3) RPI teams^ will serve as host sites for the Regional Tournament.

^The 3 RPI hosts will be selected based on the final Rating Percentage Index rankings.

- The Colorado league schools may qualify into the Regional Tournament if they are ranked in the top 24 of the final Rating Percentage Index. An automatic qualifier not ranked in the top 24 may supersede a top 24 RPI ranked team from the bracket. Note: Teams that participate in a Multi-Class District/League may earn an automatic berth on the playoff bracket by placing first in their district/league.
The higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the Regional Tournament. The Regional Tournament host sites must have one adequate field with a fence at a dimension of the NFHS recommended 200-220 feet.

1. The District Champion will be the host team but is not guaranteed the highest seed in the Region; teams will be seeded using the following criteria that is listed in no particular order; RPI, geography, league finish, strength of schedule, overall record and head-to-head. The seeding committee can move up or down district champions in order to be a top 12 seeded team. The committee can also move teams up or down to help with geography, competitive balance and to avoid league match-ups in the first round of the Regional Tournament.

2. District Champions will be guaranteed a top 12 seed in the Regional Tournament which will allow them to play as a host site.

3. Two teams from each regional will qualify for the State Tournament field of sixteen (16).

4. Regional Champions are guaranteed a top 8 seed at the State Tournament; the state tournament will be re-seeded following the completion of the Regional Tournament. The committee will use the same criteria as regional seeding. Committee may also move teams up or down to attempt to avoid playing the same team from the Regional Tournament in the first round of the state tournament.

5. Teams must play a minimum of 17 regular season games to be considered for Regional play. Inclement weather or catastrophe will be viewed as a reason not to be able to complete the required 17 game varsity schedule.

**What happens if two teams are tied in the final RPI standings?**

We have created a tiebreaker for this unlikely scenario. It is as follows:

1. Head-to-head result between the two teams
2. Winning percentage
3. Opponents’ winning percentage
4. Opponents’ opponents winning percentage
5. Highest-rated win (according to the final RPI standings)
6. Next-highest rated win (exhaust all possibilities)
7. Coin flip

The only reason for the coin flip is as a last result if all other scenarios happen to be tied.
1. The Regional Champions (8) are guaranteed to receive a seed of numbers 1 through 8 for the State Tournament.

2. Preferred Game times for Regional Bracket: Use of 1 field for play.

   Game #1-10:00am   Game #2-12:15pm   Game #3-2:30pm (If Game)

3. The “If Game” (Game #3) will only be played if the higher seeded team “Seeds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8” loses game #2. The winner of game #2 and game #3 will then be the state qualifiers.

4. If the higher seeded team “Seeds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8” wins game #2, game #3 will not be played and the two participants in game #2 will be the state qualifiers.

The higher seeded team on the regional/state bracket will be the “home team” and have the last at-bat for the tournament games. The higher seed team “home team” shall occupy the third base dugout.
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• All times are approximate
• **Note:** The higher seeded team on the Regional/State bracket will be the “home team” and last at bat for all tournament games. The higher seeded team or “home team” shall occupy the third base dugout.
B. Class 4A (Enrollment: 619-1391) 65 Teams – 32 Qualifiers for the Regional Tournament – League Champions (see notes below) are Automatic Qualifiers to the Regional Bracket

The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator from each 4A league. The administrator shall be selected by the league president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval.

In the 4A classification, leagues listed with 2-5 teams will receive one (1) automatic qualifier to the Regional Tournament bracket and leagues listed with 6 or more teams will receive two (2) automatic qualifiers to the Regional Tournament Bracket. Vista Ridge & Windsor being the only team in their

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league (5A) will have the opportunity to qualify for the Regional Bracket through the final RPI ranking. The automatic qualifying numbers will be listed below the league name in the bulletin.

Multi-Class League Qualifiers – (Mullen and Ponderosa) An RPI Bid for Multi-Class Leagues can be selected by the seeding meeting utilizing the final RPI rankings. The seeding committee will utilize the same criteria listed for the tournament selection below. If a 4A team is awarded first place in a 5A Multi-Class League, the 4A team shall be placed on the 4A bracket (automatic qualifier) and the 5A league will receive the number of automatic qualifiers listed in the Softball Bulletin.

The Regional Tournament seeding committee shall select and place teams on the 4A bracket by establishing the teams and the bracket seeding based on the following criteria:

- 4A Automatic Qualifiers - 18 (eighteen) Automatic Qualifiers with 14 (fourteen) RPI Bids to be determined by the seeding committee utilizing the final Rating Percentage Index.

- RPI teams will be selected using Final RPI Rankings. Teams will be selected and placed on the tournament bracket by the seeding committee during the Seeding Committee Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019.

- The RPI ranking system will be utilized by the seeding committee as the data tool for the purpose of selecting the playoff bracket teams.

- The final RPI teams listed #1-16 will be seeded on the playoff bracket as they are listed in the rankings for the 4A/5A classification. The seeding committee will review the teams listed #17-32 and can adjust teams taking geography and potential league match-ups in the first round of Regional play.

- In classifications where an automatic qualifier does not appear in the top thirty-two (32) final RPI ranking, the automatic qualifier will supersede the final RPI ranking.

- The committee will utilize geography as a consideration in the placing teams on the bracket for regional play.

- The final RPI rankings published on the Monday of the seeding committee meeting will be the primary seeding consideration.

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7. Coin flip
8. The only reason for the coin flip is as a last result if all other scenarios happen to be tied.
2019 STATE SOFTBALL BRACKET PAIRING
Following the conclusion of the 4A/5A Regional Tournament, the State Tournament Bracket seeding will be determined by the committee through assigning teams on the bracket based on the following criteria:

- Regional Champions will be seeded on the State Tournament Bracket as #1-8.
- If the top (8) eight seeded teams win their Regional Tournament, no changes would be made to the original bracket for teams listed as numbers 1 - 8.
- State qualifiers from each region should not be paired together during first round play.
- If an upset occurred that involved a top (8) eight seeded team, the upset would create the original top (8) seeded team to be placed at a seed from number 9-12.

The seeding committee will place the teams on the State Tournament Bracket on Monday, October 21, 2019.
Regional Game Times - Games 1 and 2 will be played at 10:00 am; Games 3 and 4 at 12:15 pm; Game 5 at 2:30 pm
2019 4A STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

2019 CHSAA State Softball Championships - 2019 Class 4A State Softball

Location: Aurora, CO
Tournament Notes: Find complete coverage of these games on CHSAANow.com, the voice of high school athletics in Colorado.
Bracket Notes: All 4A games will be played on Complex B. Purchase online tickets here.

- All times are approximate
- **Note:** The higher seeded team on the Regional/State bracket will be the “home team” and last at bat for all tournament games. The higher seeded team or “home team” shall occupy the third base dugout.
C. Class 5A (Enrollment: 1392-up) 62 Teams – 32 Qualifiers for the Regional Tournament – League Champions (see notes below) are Automatic Qualifiers to the Regional Bracket

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The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator from each 5A league. The administrator shall be selected by the league president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval.

In the 5A classification, leagues listed with 2-5 teams will receive one (1) automatic qualifier to the Regional Tournament bracket and leagues listed with 6 or more teams will receive two (2) automatic qualifiers to the Regional Tournament Bracket. Vista Ridge & Windsor being the only team in their league (5A) will have the opportunity to qualify for the Regional Bracket through the final RPI ranking. The automatic qualifying numbers will be listed below the league name in the bulletin.

The Regional Tournament seeding committee shall select and place teams on the 5A bracket by establishing the teams and the bracket seeding based on the following criteria:

- 5A Automatic Qualifiers - 14 (fourteen) Automatic Qualifiers with 18 (eighteen) RPI Bids to be determined by the seeding committee utilizing the final Rating Percentage Index.

- RPI teams will be selected using Final RPI Rankings. Teams will be selected and placed on the tournament bracket by the seeding committee during the Seeding Committee Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019.
- The RPI ranking system will be utilized by the seeding committee as the data tool for the purpose of selecting the playoff bracket teams.

- The final RPI teams listed #1-16 will be seeded on the playoff bracket as they are listed in the rankings for the 4A/5A classification. The seeding committee will review the teams listed #17-32 and can adjust teams taking geography and potential league match-ups in the first round of Regional play.

- In classifications where an automatic qualifier does not appear in the top thirty-two (32) final RPI ranking, the automatic qualifier will supersede the final RPI ranking.

- The committee will utilize geography as a consideration in the placing teams on the bracket for regional play.

- The final RPI rankings published on the Monday of the seeding committee meeting will be the primary seeding consideration.

### What happens if two teams are tied in the final RPI standings?

We have created a tiebreaker for this unlikely scenario. It is as follows:

1. Head-to-head result between the two teams
2. Winning percentage
3. Opponents' winning percentage
4. Opponents' opponents winning percentage
5. Highest-rated win (according to the final RPI standings)
6. Next-highest rated win (exhaust all possibilities)
7. Coin flip

The only reason for the coin flip is as a last result if all other scenarios happen to be tied.

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### 2019 STATE SOFTBALL BRACKET PAIRING

Following the conclusion of the 4A/5A Regional Tournament, the State Tournament Bracket seeding will be determined by the committee through assigning teams on the bracket based on the following criteria:

- Regional Champions will be seeded on the State Tournament Bracket as #1-8.

- If the top (8) eight seeded teams win their Regional Tournament, no changes would be made to the original bracket for teams listed as numbers 1 - 8.

- State qualifiers from each region should not be paired together during first round play.

- If an upset occurred that involved a top (8) eight seeded team, the upset would create the original top (8) seeded team to be placed at a seed from number 9-12.

The seeding committee will place the teams on the State Tournament Bracket on Monday, October 21, 2019.
Class 5A Regional Softball Brackets – Saturday, October 19, 2019

**Region 1**

- Game 1
- 16
- 32
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Region 2**

- Game 1
- 25
- 9
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Region 3**

- Game 1
- 28
- 12
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Region 4**

- Game 1
- 29
- 13
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Region 5**

- Game 1
- 30
- 14
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Region 6**

- Game 1
- 27
- 11
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Region 7**

- Game 1
- 26
- 10
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Region 8**

- Game 1
- 31
- 15
- Game 2
- L Game 1
- Game 3
- L Game 2
- SF Loser
- Game 4
- State Qual.

**Regional Game Times** - Games 1 and 2 will be played at 10:00 am; Games 3 and 4 at 12:15 pm; Game 5 at 2:30 pm
All times are approximate

**Note:** The higher seeded team on the Regional/State bracket will be the “home team” and will have the last at bat for all tournament games. The higher seeded team or “home team” shall occupy the third base dugout.
V. POLICIES (ALL CLASSES):

A. National Federation uniform rules are in effect throughout the regular season, along with the regional and state tournaments.

B. The 10-run rule (15 after 3, 12 after 4) will be in effect for all tournament games during the regular season, the regional tournament, and the state tournament.

If a team has a 10-run lead, following the completion of 5 innings, no new inning will begin and the game will be declared official. (Example: Team A - 17 runs, Team B - 2 runs, 3rd inning, game over. If the home team is behind then the inning must be completed).

If a team has a 10-run lead and the losing team has batted 5 times the game will be declared official.

C. Should inclement weather or darkness postpone regional or state tournament play, the first available date, including Sunday, will be used for continuation of play. Suspended Game: A halted or suspended game is a game that is temporarily suspended by the umpire with the intent that it will be continued at a later time or date. Colorado has adopted the suspended game procedure for regular and post-season games; the game shall be resumed from the point of suspension.

D. The 4A, 5A regional tournaments are a modified double elimination. The state tournament for the 3A/4A and 5A classifications is a single elimination tournament. Class 3A regional tournament (24 teams) will provide 16 qualifiers to the state tournament. Classes 4A and 5A will qualify 32 teams to the regional tournament on Saturday, October 19, 2019, with 16 advancing to the state tournament. The regional tournament brackets will be seeded by the tournament seeding committee on Monday, October 14, 2019. The 16 teams qualifying for the state tournament in the 4A and 5A classifications along with 16 teams qualifying in the 3A classification will be re-seeded using the seeding criteria listed in the Softball Bulletin on Monday, October 21, 2019, for the state tournament. NOTE: Those schools that play host to the Regional Tournaments in 3A/4A and 5A will have the financial obligations including (but not limited to): Umpires; rental of facilities; site workers; One (1) dozen Wilson A9011 game balls; security and insurance.

E. The Board of Directors have requested that every regional site, carry insurance coverage provided by the CHSAA office. Therefore, if you are hosting (fields are off site from your school) we will be requesting the location and contact for the additional insured for the certification of insurance. We will need this information immediately after a location is determined. This certificate of insurance will be processed through our office and will be kept on file at the CHSAA office. Just to be clear this is additional insurance that the CHSAA will be providing to cover the regional site.

F. The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator from each district (3A) or League (4A/5A). The administrator shall be selected by the District/League president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval. The softball committee also determined the higher seeded team on the Regional through the State Championship bracket game will be referred to as the “home team” and will have the last at bat. The “home team” will occupy the third base dugout.
G. The Regional Tournament will be scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019. The number of 3A Regional qualifying teams are listed within the report as twenty-four (24) along with 4A/5A Regional qualifying teams are thirty-two (32).

H. During the Regional and State Tournaments – both teams (home/visitors) can play music during pre-game only, NO walk-up music is allowed for Regional or State Tournament games. All music played during pre-game must show a copyright supported by the school administration or NFHS.

I. Warm-up areas at the State Tournament (Aurora Sports Park) – All team warm-ups prior to the 12:15 first round games and the 2:30 quarterfinal games will take place on fields marked 40-45. No team warm-ups for the 12:15 first round games and the 2:30 quarterfinal games will take place in the complex in the areas behind the outfield fence nor greenbelt areas.

J. Each team qualifying for the State Tournament is required to have an Official Scorekeeper (home/visitor) for each game. The home and visitor official scorekeeper will be seated in the press box for each game and their name placed on the team’s gate list for entrance into the tournament.

4A/5A REGIONAL HOST SITE CRITERIA

- **Tier 1 – Recreational City/Parks Complex** – A complex that follows the bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is approved by the CHSAA Office.

- **Tier 2 – School District Complex** – A complex that follows the bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is approved by the CHSAA Office.

- **Tier 3 – School Complex** – A complex that meets the criteria of a sports complex and follows bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is in close proximity and is approved by the CHSAA Office will be considered at a final resort.

Host schools must begin at Tier 1, if not accessible then move to Tier 2, if no School District Complex is available, move to Tier 3. Schools must follow the criteria written by the softball committee in order to be named a Regional Host Site. All steps must be approved by the CHSAA Office on/before Monday, October 14, 2019.

The following criteria must be met in order to host a 4A or 5A Regional Tournament.

- The site must have two (2) fields for play
- The site must be able to charge a gate admission
- **One (1) dozen Wilson A9011 game balls must be provided by the host school and one (1) dozen game balls will be provided by CHSAA.**
- The outfield fence on both fields should be set at the NFHS recommended 200
  220 ft. (Exceptions can be made if necessary, CHSAA Office approval required)
- The host site must have all game related materials submitted to the CHSAA Office on
  Monday, October 14, 2019.
- Game times for Regional Tournaments remain: 10:00; 12:15; and 2:30.
A. The Wilson Optic Yellow Softball A9011 is the official ball and will be used at all levels of the Regional and State Playoff Bracket.

B. End of regular season – The committee recommends that the regular season schedule will reflect that all games should be completed by Thursday prior to the “End of the Regular Season” date listed on the CHSAA Sports Calendar. This will enable teams the opportunity to complete regular season scheduled play with postponements due to inclement weather.

C. The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) Rankings will be published the Monday of the seeding committee meeting. This tool will be the primary seeding consideration.

D. In the event that two teams have the same RPI in the final standings, the following tiebreakers shall be used:
   - Head-to-head competition
   - Winning percentage
   - Opponents’ winning percentage
   - Opponents’ opponents’ winning percentage
   - Highest-rated win against a team in the final RPI standings
   - Next-highest rated win until the tie is broken
   - Coin flip

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. The committee recommended the following state association adoption: The International Tie Breaker may be implemented, at the site director’s discretion, for sub-varsity tournaments after the 8th inning or after the established time limit has expired. Note: This recommendation is for sub-varsity tournament use only. A double first base (safe base) is required for all levels of play. Speed up rule is in place during the regular and post-season play (10 runs after 5 innings; 15-runs after 3 innings and 12-runs after 4 innings). Protests are not allowed as listed in the NFHS Rules Book. Once the game begins, the umpire along with the site manager will determine if the weather or ground conditions are unfit/fit for play. After 30 minutes, the umpire may declare the game suspended. The suspended game will resume and continue from the point of interruption.

B. CHSSUA President – Jeff Moddelmog, CHSSUA President Elect addressed the committee and stated a 3% increase in officials but in all reality, he believes it was down. As an official’s association and incoming president, he would like to have a 10% gain. Continue to work on recruitment. Work with the schools. Evaluations from coaches and on each other are low. Teaching umpires to not take things personally. Moddelmog just wants to make the sport better for everyone. Open to all suggestions. Woodard (Strasburg HS), mentioned they are looking at starting a class at their school. Santarelli (Pomona HS), mentioned they got baseball players to do the lower level games and did a great job. Moddelmog, working with baseball official’s association more to get both to work together to help both programs. Leslie DiLorenzo (Gunnison HS) stated that job fairs at colleges are a great place to start.

C. CCGS Report, President Khara West -- West introduced herself to committee and what CCGS is and how they recognize senior softball players. Had 100% participation from 3A and 5A and 4A missing only Jeffco & CSML ballots. Goal is the representation of the whole state and the only requirement is that they are a senior. 200 nominated and recognized 76. Need to put more pressure on high school coach to get this done and help the athlete to respond. Wants to get the girls recognized and wants to get more and more college coaches to the game see the girls from around the state. Talked about how she appreciates all the help from all areas of the game.
D. CHSCA Report, President Mark Roberts – Roberts was unable to attend so Kristen Shirk gave CHSCA report to committee. All State game is June 4-5, 2019. Only players who play for CHSCA member head coaches are eligible to play in game. New policy this season. Hoping this will put more accountability to attend the game. CHSCA Softball memberships have increased this year among 4A and 5A head coaches adding 18 more coaches to those classifications since mid-September. Not a single coach in 3A joined this season. But overall pleased with the growing membership.
The gate list/roster form is NOT included in this bulletin. We have developed an interactive form that can be found on the CHSAA web site:

http://www2.chsaa.org/sports/softball/forms/gatelist.asp

To access the roster/gate list click on Sports/Activities - a drop down box will appear - click on Softball. Fill out the form completely. Click on the Email Submit button, which will e-mail the form back to the CHSAA.

NOTE: An email will be coming from the CHSAA office with information on what program distributor we will be using this upcoming season. The information needed for team photo and program information will be included within this email.

DEADLINE DATE: OCT 19, 2019
## NFHS DESIGNATED PLAYER (DP) / FLEX PLAYER (Flex) RULE EXPLANATION

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<td><strong>1.</strong> A DP does not have to be used.</td>
<td><strong>7.</strong> If the starting DP plays DEFENSE for the FLEX PLAYER, the FLEX PLAYER has LEFT the game and the team continues with NINE PLAYERS.</td>
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<td><strong>2.</strong> If used it MUST be NOTED on the STARTING LINE-UP.</td>
<td><strong>8.</strong> The FLEX PLAYER can bat, or run, but only for the ORIGINAL DP, therefore, the FLEX PLAYER and the DP can NEVER be on OFFENSE SIMULTANEOUSLY.</td>
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<td><strong>3.</strong> A team using the DP starts the game with 10 PLAYERS on the LINE-UP CARD, but could end the game with 9 or 10.</td>
<td><strong>9.</strong> When the FLEX PLAYER bats for the DP, the FLEX PLAYER is moved from the 10th spot in the LINE-UP to the BATTING ORDER POSITION of the ORIGINAL DP. The DP is considered to have left the game, but the FLEX PLAYER has not.</td>
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<td><strong>4.</strong> The STARTING DP can play DEFENSE for any of the OTHER 9 PLAYERS IN THE LINE-UP.</td>
<td><strong>10.</strong> If the DP RE-ENTERS the game, she MUST do so in her ORIGINAL BATTING ORDER POSITION and the FLEX PLAYER could: (A) move back to the No. 10 position in the line-up, or (B) leaves the game. If the FLEX PLAYER moves back to the 10th POSITION in the LINE-UP, the team resumes the game with TEN (10) PLAYERS and the FLEX PLAYER has never left the game.</td>
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<td><strong>5.</strong> If the starting DP plays DEFENSE for a PLAYER serves as a “TEMPORARY DP” during the period, as she BATS ONLY.</td>
<td><strong>11.</strong> A SUBSTITUTE can enter the game for either the DP or the FLEX PLAYER. The SUBSTITUTE can enter on defense, or as a PINCH HITTER or PINCH RUNNER.</td>
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<td><strong>6.</strong> The player listed in the 10th POSITION in the LINE-UP will play DEFENSE ONLY and will be called a (FLEX PLAYER). The DP and the FLEX PLAYER can play DEFENSE SIMULTANEOUSLY.</td>
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### REMINDERS:
1. The DP can never be on DEFENSE ONLY.
2. The FLEX PLAYER can never be on OFFENSE ONLY.
3. The DP and FLEX PLAYER can never be on offense at the same time.
4. The STARTER and the SUBSTITUTE cannot be in the game at the same time.
5. The STARTING DP and FLEX PLAYER have one reentry just as any other player.

Reference 3-1-1 PENALTY and 3-3-6 for further action.
GUIDELINES ON HANDLING PRACTICES AND CONTESTS DURING LIGHTNING OR THUNDER DISTURBANCES

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school activities association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

PROACTIVE PLANNING

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area:
   a. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
   a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
   b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
   c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
   d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.
* - 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.
4. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at start of the season.

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2019 STATE Softball INFORMATION

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25-26, 2019

AURORA SPORTS PARK
18601 E. Sports Park Drive
Aurora, CO 80011

Game Times:
Friday, October 25
3A/4A/5A First Round: 10:00 am, 12:15 pm
Quarterfinals: 2:30 pm

Saturday, October 26
3A/4A/5A Semifinals: 10:00 am
Championship Games
1:15 pm (3A) 1:30 pm (4A & 5A)

TICKET PRICES

State Softball (Oct. 25-26)
Adult General Admission $9
K-12 Students and senior citizens $6

**Tickets can also be purchased online thru CHSAANOW.com**
GoFan link: https://gofan.co/app/school/CHSAA/Softball

**Parking is FREE**

DIRECTIONS to Aurora Sports Park:
FROM I-70 EAST: I-70 East to Tower Road. Tower Road South to Colfax Avenue. Colfax Avenue East to Dunkirk and Aurora Sports Park.

FROM I-70 WEST: I-70 West to Colfax Avenue. Colfax Avenue West to Dunkirk and Aurora Sports Park.