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Manual



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The 2011 Nebraska School Activities Association Girls' Softball Manual is prepared for school administrators and coaches. All coaches and athletic directors are urged to study this document. Remember that every eligibility rule is not covered in this Manual. Schools are responsible for knowing the rules, which are covered in the NSAA Yearbook.

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Internet Information

The Nebraska School Activities Association's home page on the internet is found at the following address:

<http://www.nsaahome.org>

This important means of communication includes a sub-page for each of the NSAA's sponsored activities. Administrators, coaches and others involved in this activity should make themselves familiar with what is offered on the internet because the NSAA office uses the internet as a quick way to offer information without having the trouble and expense of additional mailings. Here are some softball topics on the internet:

Current year classifications; district assignments; rules meeting information; regular season schedules; district pairings and results; wild-card standings for Classes A, B, and C; state championship schedule, pairings and results; state records; school-by-school state championship history; and state championship results.

The records, for instance, are updated as coaches report record performances. The office will not send a list of the records to coaches. Coaches are expected to check the record categories on the internet and notify the NSAA when and if they wish to submit information for new records.

It is important for schools to routinely check wild-card standings on the internet. Call the NSAA with any questions or incorrect listing of wins or losses.

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BYLAWS FOR SOFTBALL

- 3:11.7.1 Girls softball shall be conducted during the fall sports season.
- 3:11.7.2 The softball season shall begin with the first day of practice as permitted by NSAA rules and shall end with the state tournament.
- 3:11.7.3 No team representing a member school may participate in more than seventeen dates in addition to the state sponsored series of tournaments from the date of the first permitted contest to the close of the State Softball Tournament. Participation in any softball tournament shall count as one date of the seventeen dates permitted in which the team participates. A team may not participate in more than five tournaments, which includes the conference tournament.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS For 3.11.7.3

Reference:

- 3.11.7.3 *A tournament is defined as a contest involving four or more teams in which the winner continues to advance and compete until a single winner is determined. The NSAA shall permit a triangular softball engagement and shall count it as only one date. This can include three or four schools playing two contests or two of the other schools in one session.*

NSAA SPORTSMANSHIP BYLAWS & APPROVED RULINGS

2.11.1 Penalties

2.11.3 Participant Ejections from Athletic Contests. Any participant ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to the other penalties the NSAA or the school may assess.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 2.11.3

Any participant ejected a second time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess. Any participant ejected a third time shall be ineligible for the next three contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess.

2.11.4 Coach Ejections from Athletic Contests. Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible to coach the next athletic contest at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to the other penalties the NSAA or the school may assess.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 2.11.4

Coaches who are ejected will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course within 10 days of the ejection at the coaches' expense. Failure by an ejected coach to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course within 10 days of the ejection will result in the coach being suspended from coaching in any further competition in that activity for the remainder of the season, including all NSAA end-of-season play (subdistricts, districts, playoffs, and state competition.) In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play, the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course before being able to coach the following season or year. Coaches who are ejected a second time will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching online course within 10 days of the ejection at the coaches' expense. Failure to successfully complete the NFHS Coaching online course within 10 days of the ejection will result in the coach being suspended from coaching in any further competition in that activity for the remainder of the season, including all NSAA end-of-season play (subdistricts, districts, playoffs, and state competition.) In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play, the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course (or the NFHS Coaching course, if second ejection) before being able to coach the following season or year.

NSAA SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES AND EJECTIONS

1. Enforcement of the “sit-out rule” for ejections from high school contests for unsportsmanlike conduct is a responsibility of the member school. Failure to properly enforce this rule could result in other sanctions by the NSAA.
2. Administrators will be expected to promptly file a report with the NSAA whenever a participant or coach from their school has been ejected from any high school contest. Such filing must be done online under the AD login section of the NSAA webpage.
3. A participant or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest at that level of competition and any other athletic contest at any level during the interim.
4. Enforcement of the “sit-out rule” is expected to begin immediately, regardless whether it is regular-season or tournament play.
5. Any participant ejected a second time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess.
6. Any participant ejected a third time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next three contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess.
7. During the time of their “sit-out” suspension, athletes who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may not suit up or participate, but it is the school’s discretion whether such athlete is able to travel with the team or sit on the team bench.
8. Coaches who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may not coach in any contest or be present at the contest site during the time of their “sit-out” suspension. Coaches who are ejected will also be required to successfully complete an NFHS Sportsmanship online course within 10 days of the ejection. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in a suspension from coaching for the remainder of the season. In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play, the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course before being able to coach the following season or year.
9. Coaches who are ejected a second time in a season will be required to sit-out the next two contests at that level, plus all other contests at other levels during the interim. Coaches may not be present at the contest site during the time of their “sit-out” suspension. Any coach ejected a second time will also be required to successfully complete another NFHS online coaching course within 10 days of the ejection. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in a suspension from coaching for

the remainder of the season. In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play, the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS online coaching course before being able to coach the following season or year.

10. If the ejection takes place in the final game of the season, the suspension will carry over to the following season.
11. When schools have students or coaches with multiple ejections, the school shall submit to the NSAA a written management plan on how they plan to remediate the problem.
12. Officials will be expected to file with the NSAA an ejection report for any ejection of a player or coach from a contest online. Any unusual situation that occurs prior to, during, or after a contest should also be reported.
13. Prompt reporting to the NSAA office by the official is necessary. Officials are asked to submit their electronic report or call the NSAA office by the day following the ejection.
14. Officials are asked to be specific in listing the reason(s) for an ejection.
15. Affiliated officials (officials registered from contiguous states) will also be required to perform this reporting function.
16. There is no appeal process for ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct.
17. The Executive Director shall reserve the right to consider the length of suspensions when some levels of competition are scheduled on an irregular basis (e.g., three weeks between regularly scheduled non-varsity contests).

2.11.5 Investigation. Prior to the assessment of any penalty, the Executive Director will gather data in order to establish intent, fault, and the effect an ineligible participant had on any interschool contest. These factors shall be weighed in determining the severity of the penalty assessed. The Executive Director's decision may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

2.11.6 Institution Control. If the said violation is brought to the attention of the Board of Directors as a result of self-policing by the offending school, the Board of Directors shall issue the highest of commendations to the administration of the school for its efforts in enforcing the Constitution.

3.3 General Regulations Governing Competition

3.3.11 Conduct and Sportsmanship. Member schools shall maintain proper crowd control and enforce the principles of good sportsmanship and ethics during all interscholastic contests. Failure to fulfill this obligation shall subject the school to penalties as provided in Article 2, Section 2.11, NSAA Bylaws Governing All Activities.

3.3.11.1 Conduct of Coaches and Athletes. Coaches and athletes shall conduct themselves in accordance with the playing rules of the sport contest and refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct during interscholastic competition. Failure to fulfill this obligation will subject the individual(s) to the penalties as provided in Article 2, Section 2.11, NSAA Bylaws Governing All Activities.

3.3.11.2 Definition of Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include the following: fighting, verbal abuse or dissent directed toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, inappropriate comments or actions that may be construed as sexual harassment, profanity, obscene gestures, flagrant and violent fouls, taunting, trash talk, baiting, cheating, throwing or abusing equipment, inappropriate posters, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of a team bench area.

3.2 Out of Season Programs

3.2.3 Organized Practice. No organized practice in any sport shall be held during the "school-year, out-of-season" period. An organized practice shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, and Wrestling. An organized practice shall mean more than four students under the direct supervision of a sponsor. If more than one group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.2.3

Applicable to Coaches During the School Year:

Any individual who served as a school's head coach, assistant coach, coach's aide, or volunteer coach shall not coach athletes from that member school in non-high school competition if the number of athletes from the school which the individual served exceeds the number permitted for an organized practice in the sport involved.

3.2.6 Clinic Definition. A clinic includes planned activities of instruction or demonstration directly related to the teaching of individual skill. There shall be no competition between athletes who are in attendance.

3.2.6.1 "School-Year, Out-of-Season" Clinics. Athletes and coaches may attend professional or commercial sports clinics sponsored by non-member high schools. During the "school-year, out-of-season" period, the organized practice rule for the sport in which instruction is being given shall apply. No more than the limit permitted for organized practice may attend and receive instruction.

Attendance to “school-year, out-of-season” clinics shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend a clinic as a condition for membership on the high school team or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.2.6 and 3.2.6.1

Applicable to Students During The School Year.

The purpose of specialized sports clinics is to give individual athletes an opportunity to improve his/her skills in a particular activity. The athlete and/or his/her parents shall pay the fees and expenses for attendance to such camps or schools. The school, booster clubs, individuals and/or other organizations shall not provide expenses, or support for individuals participating in clinics. Team fundraisers may be used to finance summer league and camp activities. The AD/coach can hold money collected from fundraising in a school account until the money is needed to pay for summer league or camp activities. Any athlete receiving money for summer league/camps must participate in the fundraising activity. The school may provide transportation for individuals participating in clinics with prior approval from the district’s Board of Education.

3.2.7 Camp Definition. Camps include planned physical participation that are of a competitive nature where actual games are played or simulated by camp attendees. Participation shall mean physically taking part in the sport activity in which instruction is offered in the camp or school.

3.2.7.1 “School-Year, Out-of-Season” Camps. Athletes and coaches may attend commercial sports camps sponsored by non-member high schools. If the school’s coach, assistant coach, or other adult team representatives are in attendance at such “school-year, out-of-season” camps, the organized practice rule for the sport in which instruction is being given shall apply. No more than the limit permitted for organized practice may attend and actively participate in the camp. Attendance at “school-year, out-of-season” camps shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend camps as a condition for membership on a high school team or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.2.7

Applicable to Students During The School Year.

The purpose of a specialized sports camp is to give individual athletes an opportunity to improve his/her skills in a particular activity. The athlete and/or his/her parents shall pay the fees and expenses for attendance to such camps or schools. The school, booster clubs, individuals and/or other organizations shall not provide expenses, or support for individuals participating in such camps or schools. Team fundraisers may be used to finance summer league and camp activities. The AD/coach can hold money collected from fundraising in a school account until the money is needed to pay for summer league or camp activities. Any athlete receiving money for summer league/camps must participate in the fundraising activity. The school may provide transportation for individuals participating in camps with prior approval from the district’s Board of Education.

3.2.8 Summer Activities. From the Tuesday following Memorial Day to July 31, a member school may not sponsor a team or individual, provide uniforms, individual player equipment (except football, baseball, and softball protective equipment for commercial camps), or otherwise be responsible for a student in summer competition. Attendance at summer activities shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend summer activities as a condition for membership on a high school team or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.2.8

Applicable to Coaches During The Summer.

The school year, out-of-season period begins on the date of the official start of fall practices. Summer activities are regulated between the Tuesday following Memorial Day and July 31. Between the end of the summer activities period and the start of the school year, out-of-season period (August 1 through the official start of fall practices), the following shall apply: (1) The organized practice rule shall be in effect; (2) Conditioning programs may be held; (3) Attendance at commercial camps and clinics is permissible, but the organized practice rules shall be in effect for such camps and clinics; and (4) No school-sponsored clinics or camps may be held.

3.2.8.6 Summertime Regulations for Athletes and Coaches. From the Tuesday following Memorial Day or final day of school (whichever is later) until July 31, there shall be no restrictions on the contact between students and high school coaches, provided no support is received from the school district.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.2.8.6

Applicable to Athletes and Coaches During the Summer.

The organized practice rule shall be in effect during the school year until Memorial Day, except in the case of organized teams (e.g., Legion baseball, ASA Softball, etc.). If a high school coach or other adult associated with the school program is also the coach of an organized non-school team, practice and competition involving the coach and athletes of that non-school team may begin at the conclusion of the state tournament of that activity or during Week 46 of the standardized calendar, whichever date is later.

3.5.2 Individual Instruction. During a season of a sport, a student is permitted to take instruction from a person other than the high school coach at times other than scheduled high school practice sessions, but such instructions shall not interfere with, nor be substituted for the high school coaching, practice sessions, or contests.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.5.2

During a season of a sport, a student is permitted to take instruction from a person other than the high school coach. Group instruction, practices with outside teams, and tryouts for outside teams other than as part of a college or university recruiting visit, however, are not permitted.

APPROVED RULINGS TO NSAA BYLAWS

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.5.1

Eligibility for District/State Competition. To be eligible to participate in a district and/or state contest a student shall have been a member of the school's team and shall have been available to participate in at least eighty percent (80%) of the school's scheduled interschool contests and not have missed more than twenty percent (20%) of the school's scheduled contests because of participating in non-high school competition.

- (a) The term "available to participate" means that the student was a bona fide member of the team, eligible to participate for the school at some level of competition in the sport, and not involved in outside participation activities (exception: Olympic Development Program or national team activities as approved by the NSAA.)*
- (b) The term, "school's scheduled interschool contests," is defined as those contests which appear on the school's varsity schedule at the beginning of the season. An exception to this requirement will be considered if a student was unable to participate because of injury, illness, or had transferred from another high school.*

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.3.7

- 1. In all athletic activities, teams wishing to enter a subdistrict, district, or state contest shall have participated in a minimum of five interschool varsity contests prior to the subdistrict, district, or state contest.*
 - (a) Exceptions to the requirements for a team that has not participated in at least five interschool varsity contests would be considered if the team was unable to participate if weather conditions forced a cancellation of scheduled contests. Other extenuating circumstances would be considered by the Executive Director on a case-by-case basis.*
- 2. In order to participate in a district or state tournament, a student is required to have been a member of the school's team for at least twenty school days prior to the first day of the subdistrict, district, or state tournament.*
 - (a) Exceptions to the requirements for a student who is not a member of the school team for twenty school days would be considered if an individual was unable to participate because of illness, injury, or transfer from another high school. School, team, or game suspensions, regardless of the underlying cause, shall not be considered as exceptions to this participation rule.*
- 3. In all athletic activities, students wishing to enter a subdistrict, district, or state contest shall have been available to participate in at least 30% of the school's varsity interschool contests prior to the subdistrict, district, or state contest.*
 - (a) Exceptions to the requirements for a student who has not been available to participate in at least 30% of the school's varsity interschool contests would be considered if an individual was unable to participate because of illness, injury, transfer from another high school, or if weather conditions forced a cancellation of scheduled contests. School, team, or game suspensions, regardless of the underlying cause, shall not be considered as exceptions to this participation rule.*
 - (b) When determining whether a student has been available for 30% of the school's varsity interschool contests, one would divide the number of varsity interschool contests for which the student was available by the school's total number of varsity interschool contests; all decimals .1 or above would be rounded up to the next higher whole number.*
 - (c) The term "available to participate" means that the student was a bona fide member of the team, eligible to participate for the school at some level of competition in the sport, not suspended from participation in activities for violation of school, team, or NSAA rules, and not involved in outside participation activities (exception: Olympic Development Program or national team activities as approved by the NSAA.)*
- 4. For situations pertaining to eligibility to participate in district or state contests that are not specifically addressed by these guidelines, the Executive Director shall have the authority to waive membership and participation requirements on a case-by-case basis.*

SOFTBALL APPROVED RULINGS

1. District and state tournament regulations:
 - a. Follow a double-elimination format.
 - b. Twenty (20) players per team will be permitted to dress for district or state tournament competition.
 - c. District competition will be held during Week 14 of the Standardized Calendar.
 - d. The state tournament will be held during Week 15 of the Standardized Calendar.
2. In order to participate in a subdistrict, district or state contest, in a particular activity, a student is required to have been a member of a school's team or group in the particular activity for at least twenty (20) school days prior to the first day of the subdistrict, district or state competition. An exception to this requirement would be if a student were unable to be a member of a school's team or group due to injury, illness or transfers from another school.
3. During the season of the sport, a school shall not permit a student who is not a member of the high school team, an adult, a college student or alumni to participate in any practice session, drill, scrimmage, game or contest in which a school team or an individual who is a member of a school team is involved. This does not prevent a coach from being involved for the primary purposes of teaching and demonstrating skills, methods or techniques.
4. Double first base and rules.
 - a. Double first base will be used in all contests.
 - b. Double first base rules:
 - 1) When a play is being made on the batter-runner, she shall use the orange portion and the defense the white portion of the base.
 - 2) The defense may use the orange portion and the offense the white portion of first base when the ball is thrown from the foul side of the first base line, or an errant or missed throw pulls the defensive player into foul ground.
 - 3) If there is a force play by an infielder on the batter-runner, who touches only the white portion and collides with the fielder about to catch a thrown ball while on the white base, interference is ruled, the ball is dead, the batter-runner is out, and all other runners are returned to the base last occupied at the time of interference.
 - 4) If there is a play on the batter-runner, and the batter-runner touches only the white portion and the defense appeals prior to the batter-runner returning to first base, it is treated the same as missing the base.

STEROID POLICY

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), strongly oppose the abuse of anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances by high school student-athletes. Such use violates legal, ethical and competitive equity standards, and imposes unreasonable long-term health risks. The NSAA and the NFHS support prohibitions by educational institutions, amateur and professional organizations, and governmental regulators on the use anabolic steroids and other controlled substances, except as specifically prescribed by physicians for therapeutic purposes.

GENERAL RULES

Participation. Any student who participates in any athletic contest other than as a representative of her school during the softball season becomes ineligible to represent the school in that sport for one or more contests or the remainder of that school year. The girls' softball season starts August 8.

Students on high school girls' softball teams cannot physically participate in softball clinics from August 8 through the end of the girls' softball season, which concludes with the state tournament.

Teams registered with the NSAA can compete only with other teams that are registered with the NSAA during the softball season.

Contest Limitation. No team representing a member school may participate on more than seventeen (17) dates. The district and state tournaments are not included in the seventeen dates. A tournament is one date. Schools are limited to five (5) tournaments, including the conference tournament, during the regular season.

Permissible Contests. Teams playing softball shall be allowed to schedule the following events:

- Single Game - two schools playing one game on one day.
- Doubleheader - two schools playing two games on one day.
- Triangular - three schools playing two pre-determined contests in one day.
- Double-Dual - four schools playing two pre-determined contests or two of the other schools in one day.
- Tournament - 4 or more teams where winners continue to advance or compete until a champion is determined (straight bracket or pool play with championship criteria).

Rescheduled Events. Rescheduling regular season or postponed varsity competition in all sports after subdistrict, district or state competition begins is prohibited.

Once the softball season has begun, schools CANNOT add games to their regular season schedules.

All scheduled contests shall be played. Postponed contests shall be rescheduled by all participating schools if possible.

Supervision. The superintendent, principal or an authorized representative of the faculty shall accompany and supervise the team for its competition. NSAA Bylaw 3.3.10 pertains to all competition during the season, as well as throughout the entire district and state tournament series.

Year	First Practice	First Contest	Future Dates	
			District Tournaments	State Championships
2011	August 8	August 18	October 6-7	October 12-13-14 (Hastings)
2012	August 6	August 16	October 4-5	October 10-11-12 (Bellevue)
2013	August 12	August 22	October 10-11	October 16-17-18 (Hastings)
2014	August 11	August 21	October 9-10	October 15-16-17 (Bellevue)

The season starts the first day of practice. The first date for practice is Monday of Week 6 of the Standardized Calendar. The first date for a contest is Thursday of Week 7 of the Standardized Calendar. The season ends with the state tournament.

NSAA Rules Meeting. All head coaches are required to attend an NSAA Rules Meeting or complete an NSAA Rules Meeting online annually. Failure to do so will result in possible late fees and suspension penalties.

Online rules meetings are initially offered at no cost to coaches or officials, followed by a period with a \$25 "Basic" Fee, followed by a period with a \$50 "Late" Fee. The following sanctions and fees are applicable to those coaches who fail to complete the rules meeting by the expiration of the "Delinquent" Fee period.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE RULES MEETING by August 12th will result in the following sanctions:

First Offense in Three-Year Period

The head coach will be suspended from coaching in any competition in that activity until:

- (1) *The head coach COMPLETES THE NSAA'S ONLINE RULES MEETING OFFERED AT THE LATE FEE of \$100; and*
- (2) *the head coach successfully completes the open book test for officials/judges of that activity (70% or higher); and the school's administration verifies that the coach has read all the supporting NSAA, National Federation, and safety information.*

During this regular season suspension period, the head coach may continue to coach the team at practices.

Second and Subsequent Offenses in Three-Year Period

The head coach will be suspended from coaching in all NSAA end-of-season play (subdistricts, districts, playoffs, and state competition).

- (1) *The head coach COMPLETES THE NSAA'S ONLINE RULES MEETING OFFERED AT THE LATE FEE of \$200; and*
- (2) *the head coach successfully completes the open book test for officials/judges of that activity (70% or higher); and the school's administration verifies that the coach has read all the supporting NSAA, National Federation, and safety information.*

During this regular season suspension period, the head coach may continue to coach the team at practices.

Online Softball Rules Meetings
July 18 to Aug. 2 - No charge
Aug. 3 to Aug. 9 - "Basic" Fee of \$25
Aug. 10 to Aug. 12 - "Late" Fee of \$50

Playing Rules. All contests shall be conducted under the official softball rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NHFS), or those approved by that organization with modifications approved by the Nebraska School Activities Association. Each school is provided one NHFS Softball Rules Book.

The National Federation Rules Book contains several references to rules, which may be altered "by state association adoption." The following are the approved state association adoptions regarding Nebraska high school competition:

Regular Season	District Championships	State Championships
<u>8, 10 & 12-Run Rules</u>	<u>8, 10 & 12-Run Rules</u>	<u>8, 10 & 12-Run Rules</u>
National Tie-Breaker – 8 th Inning	National Tie-Breaker – 8 th Inning	National Tie-Breaker – 8 th Inning
Double First Base (Required)	Double First Base (Required)	Double First Base (Required)
Suspended Game	Suspended Game	Suspended Game
<u>Time Limit - Permitted for Varsity Tournament Play Only;</u> <u>NO Time Limit – Varsity Single Games, Doubleheaders, Triangulars & Double Duals</u>	NO Time Limit	NO Time Limit

Time Limit. There is no longer a time limit for single-game varsity contests or varsity doubleheaders, triangulars or double duals. A time limit of one and one-half hours (1 1/2-hours) is permitted for tournament play during the regular season, but not during district and state tournament play. No new inning may be started once the time limit has elapsed regardless of the number of innings played, unless tied in tournament play. For sub-varsity level games, a time limit is permitted.

Eight, Ten and Twelve-Run Rules. Softball games are scheduled for seven innings. **A game shall end after two and one-half innings or three innings when a team is 12 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat; or shall end after three and one-half or four innings, when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat; or shall end after four and one-half or five innings, when a team is 8 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.** These rules apply to regular season, district and state tournament play.

Tie-Breaking Procedure. The national tie-breaking procedure will be used in all games. If the score is tied after seven innings, or the 1 1/2-hour time limit has expired in tournament play, the following procedure will be used:

During each half inning of the inning used to enforce the tie-breaker, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat ninth in the respective half inning being placed at second base (i.e., if the number five batter is to lead off the inning, the number four hitter in the batting order will be placed at second base). A substitute may be introduced for the runner.

Uniform Policy. Participants must keep their uniforms on while in the competition area. Coaches who are in the live-ball area to perform coaching duties must wear either a team uniform or appropriate coaching apparel in school colors or the colors of black, white, gray or khaki.

Suspended Game Policy. A regular season game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at anytime for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) prior to becoming an official game will be treated as a suspended

game. If the game is to be completed it will be continued from the point of suspension with the lineup and batting order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension and subject to the rules of the game. Both schools involved in the game must agree to the suspension. Any game tied, but not completed, will be treated as no game from a team win/loss standpoint.

Last Date for Playing Regular Season Games. All scheduled and postponed regular season varsity contests must be played prior to the start of district competition. Once district competition begins, no regular season varsity contests shall be permitted.

Forfeits. Teams shall receive wild-card points for forfeited losses if the forfeit was due to extenuating circumstances (such as weather) between the two schools. No wild-card points shall be awarded for losses when the forfeit is required by the Executive Director or Board of Directors; an appeal to the Executive Director would be heard if the infraction leading to the NSAA required forfeiture was self-reported by the school.

Reporting Scores. Report all game scores to the Omaha World-Herald at 1-800-284-6397 and Lincoln Journal Star at 1-800-742-7315.

Protests. The Board of Directors will honor only protests based upon eligibility of players. Protests based upon play situations and those, which involve judgment on the part of umpires, will not be accepted. Schools mutually agree in advance on the umpires to be used. After the contest has begun, the decisions of the officials are final.

Umpires. The NSAA will register umpires and only umpires registered with NSAA are eligible to officiate varsity games.

ASA Bat Standard. NFHS Rule 1-5-1d reads: “The bat shall meet the 2004 ASA (Amateur Softball Association) Bat Performance Standard, bear either the 2000 or 2004 ASA certification mark, and not be listed on the ASA non-approved list” as found on www.asasoftball.com.

NSAA Bat List Requirement. As stipulated by the National Federation, the NSAA mandates that softball playing schools and umpires keep a current copy of the ASA Non-Approved Bat List. Member schools shall check the ASA website periodically throughout the season to ensure that only legal ASA bats are used for NSAA competition.

DISTRICT, STATE TOURNAMENTS

Classification of Schools. Girls’ softball will have three classes for competition. The 28 largest schools registered for softball will be Class A; the remaining schools will be divided evenly into Classes B & C. If there is an uneven number of schools, the larger number of schools will be in Class C.

District Assignments. All Class A schools in softball are to be placed into seven districts. All districts will be determined by a serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wild-card point system, within one week prior to the first district competition.

Class A District Assignments & Seeding

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
28 & 29	27	26	25	24	23	22

Class B and C district assignments are based on geographic location starting west and moving east with consideration also given to north and south to reduce travel.

Bands & Artificial Noisemakers.

1. Bands are permitted during subdistrict, district, and state contests.
2. Members MUST pay regular admission for subdistrict, district, and state contests.
3. The use of artificial noisemakers is prohibited. (Examples: air horns, whistles, bells, etc.) Megaphones are to be used by cheerleaders only. Band instruments, including drums, are not to be played at any time other than when the entire band is playing. Bands should not be permitted to play except prior to the game, at intermissions and time-outs.

Cheerleaders & Drill Teams.

1. Due to potential liability in case of injury, mounts and pyramids by cheerleaders and drill teams during the subdistrict, district, and state tournaments are prohibited. A mount is defined as any stunt where one individual is supported above the

level of the floor by another individual or individuals. The height of the mount or pyramid, or the number of people involved, has no bearing on the type of stunt performed.

2. Cheerleaders and drill team members MUST pay regular admission to subdistrict, district, and state events.

Radio & Television.

1. Telecasting or video web-casting of a subdistrict or district tournament, on a live basis, is prohibited.
2. Radio or audio web and text-based broadcasts of subdistrict and district games shall be permitted, provided ample space is available for the broadcast crew(s).
3. It is the decision of the teams in the tournament if a broadcast fee is to be charged. The practice of charging a broadcast fee is discouraged; however, if a fee is charged, the competing schools shall set the amount of the fee, not to exceed \$50 per tournament.
4. Videotaping for delayed telecasting is permitted if the host school approves and cable stations agree to follow the NSAA delayed telecast policy.
5. Broadcasting, recording, photographing, videotaping, or televising of NSAA sponsored events shall not be permitted for commercial purposes, or for other than personal use, except with the expressed permission of the Nebraska School Activities Association.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

District Tournaments. The district tournaments will be double-elimination with the winner qualifying for the state tournament. If due to weather the tournament format is changed to single-elimination, all schools will be notified. The tournament director and the Executive Director of the NSAA will make the decision. If a single-elimination tournament is played, the wild-card point system will be computed for the number of games played. For example, if District 1 has to play single-elimination and other districts play double-elimination, no adjustment will be made in computing wild-card points.

Handicapped Accessibility. Facilities used as a district site must provide reasonable accommodations to people with special needs.

District Dates. October 6 and 7.

District Seeding. District competition shall be seeded based upon wild-card points. All Class A schools in softball are to be placed into seven districts. The districts will be determined using a serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wild-card point system within two weeks prior to the first district.

Games through September 27 will be counted for seeding Classes A, B and C with tournament seeding announced on September 29. In all district competition, the highest seeded team will be the home team for first-round games. Teams receiving first-round byes shall be the home team for their first tournament game. The remaining home teams will be determined by a coin flip.

District Entry Deadline. NSAA entry forms are now accessed and submitted online. The athletic/activities director will give the certified coach the login to this activity. Go to the NSAA web site (www.nsaahome.org) and click on "School Login." Enter your login and choose "View/Edit Your Form" to complete your entry form (detailed instructions can be obtained from the web site). You will need to print this form when it is completed and e-mail a copy to the district director. You do **NOT** need to fax it to the NSAA. You may make changes to this form up until the due date. After that, you will need to contact the NSAA. This entry form is due September 26.

Admission Prices. Admission prices for district tournaments are \$5.00 for adults per session, \$4.00 for students.

Finances. An online financial form from each district site must be filled out and submitted to the NSAA. This softball financial form is accessible through your NSAA home page by using your login code. Under District Host Information, you will find the "Softball" financial form to complete and submit. After paying the umpires, any other expenses incurred, plus the NSAA portions, the remaining receipts are for your school to keep. To complete this online form you will need: 1) the approximate attendance; 2) total gate receipts; 3) total game fees for officials; and 4) total mileage for officials. If the host school does not meet expenses, the schools in the district may be assessed a fee to equal the deficit.

Eligible Players. Players listed on the district entry form will be eligible to play in district or state tournament games. Substitutes can be listed, but no more than twenty (20) players may be in uniform for district or state tournament games. If substitutes are made, inform your district director as soon as possible. Anyone substituted must be eligible according to all NSAA rules. Once the tournament begins no substitution may be made unless an athlete is injured or ill, which a physician must verify.

Suspension of Play. Play during district tournament contests may be suspended when the umpires consider the weather or ground conditions unfit to play. Tournament officials and umpires will determine when play is to resume. Once play has been resumed, the game will continue 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 play was suspended.

Umpires. Assigned by NSAA. \$45 per game, \$1.00 per mile one-way.

Softball. The Baden Optic Yellow 2BSFPY – NFHS Approved ball will be used for all NSAA district and state contests.

Awards. The winner and runner-up of each district tournament will receive plaques. Wild-card qualifying teams will also receive plaques.

State Qualifiers. Each district tournament champion qualifies for the state tournament. Other teams will qualify for the state tournament via wild cards. Basis for selection will be a point average achieved by dividing the number of games played into the points accumulated by the following:

Wild-Card Criteria

The results of only those games played against varsity teams of schools in Nebraska and of varsity teams in states contiguous to Nebraska will be used to:

1. Calculate point averages.
2. To determine the win and loss record for designating a team as a first, second, third, or fourth division team.

All games played by a school’s varsity team, regardless of the location of the opposing school, will count toward the number of permitted contests in a particular sport.

ALL CLASSES

1. Seven teams in Class A and six teams in Classes B & C will qualify for the state tournament by winning the championship of their respective district tournaments.
2. One additional team in Class A and two additional teams in Classes B & C, which fail to qualify through district tournament competition, will be chosen to complete the eight-team tournament field.
3. These wild-card teams will be selected in the following manner:
 - a. Only the contests between varsity Nebraska teams and varsity teams from states contiguous with Nebraska will be considered when calculating the point totals.
 - b. The results of all such contests played through the district tournaments shall be used.
 - c. This includes regularly scheduled contests, tournament contests, and district contests.
4. FORFEITS: Teams shall receive wild-card points for forfeited losses if the forfeit was due to extenuating circumstances (such as weather) between the two schools. No wild-card points shall be awarded for losses when the forfeit is imposed by the Executive Director or Board of Directors; an appeal to the Executive Director would be heard if the infraction leading to the NSAA imposed forfeiture was self-reported by the school.
5. FORFEITS: When a school’s varsity team is unable to complete the season, those remaining teams on that school’s regular season schedule shall receive forfeit wins for those scheduled contests and shall be awarded wild-card points for those forfeit wins. Wild-card points will be determined by the forfeiting team's record at the time of seeding for postseason competition.
6. Varsity teams of schools located in contiguous states will be converted to a Nebraska classification using enrollment figures obtained from that state’s activities association.
7. The following point evaluation scale will be used to determine a team's total points:

	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division	4th Division
	Team	Team	Team	Team
Victory Over	50	47	44	41
Loss To	39	36	33	30

- a. A first division team is a team, which has won at least 75% of its games played. Examples: 20-0, 19-1, 18-2, 16-4, and 15-5.
 - b. A second division team is a team, which has won at least 50% but less than 75% of its games played. Examples: 14-6, 13-7, 12-8, 11-9, 10-10.
 - c. A third division team is a team, which has won at least 25% but less than 50% of its games played. Examples: 9-11, 8-12, 7-13, 6-14, and 5-15.
 - d. A fourth division team is a team, which has won less than 25% of its games played. Examples: 4-16, 3-17, 2-18, 1-19, 0-20.
8. No points are deducted for playing teams that are classified below your classification.

9. In competition with schools one classification above yours, 2 bonus points will be awarded.
10. In competition with schools two classifications above yours, 3 bonus points will be awarded.
11. A team's point average will be determined by dividing the total number of points by the number of contests played.
12. The teams failing to qualify through district competition in their class, but having the highest point average based on the year's record after the completion of all the district tournaments will be selected as the wild-card qualifiers.
13. If a tie exists for one or both of the qualifying spots, the following procedure will be used to select the team or teams.
 - a. If only two teams have identical point averages and are tied for one of the qualifying spots and the teams have played each other, the team that won the contest or the majority of contests between the two teams in question will qualify for the state tournament.
 - b. If the two teams have not played each other or if more than two teams are tied, step C will be used to determine which team qualifies for the state tournament.
 - c. If two or more teams have identical point averages and are tied for one or both of the remaining qualifying spots, the team or teams playing the greatest number of first division teams will be selected. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams tied have played each other, step A will be used to determine the qualifier for the state tournament.
 - d. If a tie still exists, the team's opponents' wins and losses will be totaled and the winning percentages calculated. The team whose opponents have the highest percentage based on this calculation will be chosen.
 - e. If a tie still exists, the representative will be decided by a coin flip in the NSAA office.

Classification of Out-of-State Schools for Wild-Card Consideration

When determining the classification of an out-of-state school for wild-card purposes, if the school's three-grade enrollment is less than the lowest enrollment in a particular class, the out-of-state school shall be classified in the immediate lower class. The enrollment of Nebraska schools opting up to play in a higher class will not be considered when comparing out-of-state schools for classification purposes.

Classification of Out-of-State Schools for Wild-Card Consideration When Enrollment is Identical to Schools in Two Different Classes

In determining classifications for NSAA activities, if two or more schools are tied for the final place in a particular class, the tie is broken by using the schools' three-year average enrollment for the most recent three years. When determining the classification of an out-of-state school for wild-card purposes, if the out-of-state school's three-grade enrollment is identical to the enrollments shared by schools in two different classes, the out-of-state school shall be placed in the higher class.

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates. The state tournament will be held October 12, 13, and 14 at the Bill Smith Softball Complex in Hastings. The highest seeded team will be the home team for the first-round game. For remaining games, home teams will be determined by a coin flip. The state tournament will be double-elimination. Refer to state tournament brackets within this manual.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 – All Classes

9:50 a.m. Class C Opening Ceremonies
 10:00 a.m. Class C Games 1, 2, 3, 4
 12:20 p.m. Class A Opening Ceremonies
 12:30 p.m. Class A Games 1, 2, 3, 4
 2:50 p.m. Class B Opening Ceremonies
 3:00 p.m. Class B Games 1, 2, 3, 4
 5:30 p.m. Class A, C Games 5, 6
 8:00 p.m. Class B Games 5, 6

Thursday, Oct. 13 - All Classes

10:00 a.m. Class A, C Games 7, 8
 12:30 p.m. Class B Games 7, 8
 12:30 p.m. Class C Games 9, 10
 3:00 p.m. Class A, B Games 9, 10
 5:30 p.m. Class A, C Games 11, 12
 8:00 p.m. Class B Games 11, 12

Friday, Oct. 14 – All Classes

12:30 p.m. Class A, B, C Game 13
 3:00 p.m. Class A, B, C Game 14
 Thirty minutes following the conclusion of game 14, game 15 will be played, if necessary.

Seeding. Teams in the state tournament will be seeded according to wild-card points calculated through the end of the district tournaments. The first-round pairings will match the following seeded teams: 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, and 4 vs. 5. If teams are tied, the wild card tie-breaking procedure will be used to break the tie.

Suspension of Play. Play during state tournament contests may be suspended when the umpires consider the weather or ground conditions unfit to play. Tournament officials and umpires will determine when play is to resume. Once play has been resumed, the game will continue 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 play was suspended.

Postponement of Play. Should inclement weather threaten the tournament, the decision to postpone play will be made by the tournament directors. The revised tournament schedule will be worked out and the coaches will be notified during a meeting with tournament officials. Should play be postponed so the tournament cannot be completed on Friday, the remainder of the tournament for the class or classes affected will be played Saturday unless there is a direct conflict with the Band Master’s State Marching Band Contest. If a conflict exists, the tournament will be completed Monday. The Band Master’s State Marching Band Contest will take place on October 22.

Reimbursement. Mileage reimbursements will be based on the number of participants (qualifiers, number on roster) and one coach. (Note: Student Managers will not be included.) A school’s mileage reimbursement will be figured using the following formula: [(#miles one way x # trips) – 50 miles] x appropriate amount listed below:

Amount per mile	Number of participants/coaches
\$0.85	1-6
\$1.70	7-12
\$2.55	13-18
\$3.40	19-24

Lodging. If lodging is used, \$15 per participant and one coach will be paid based on the following criteria: (Note: Times listed are scheduled competition start times.)

Night before competing—
 Before 10:00 a.m., 76 + miles away
 Between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., 150+ miles away
 At or after 3:00 p.m., 250+ miles away

Night of (still competing in State Tournament)—
 76+ miles away

Final Night (day eliminated)—
 5:00 p.m. or later, 200+ miles away

Admission Prices. State tournament admission prices will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students ages five through high school for each session. An all-day in-and-out pass shall be \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students. Qualifying schools are allowed to consign tickets for advanced state tournament sales.

Team Pass Gate. No player or coaches’ passes will be issued for this year’s state championship. Players and coaches must enter through the team pass gate. Only players and coaches listed on the official team roster, as submitted to the NSAA on October 8, will be allowed access to the state championship site free of charge through the team pass gate. Up to two trainers or bench personnel will also be allowed admittance. Each team shall be allowed no more than 24 (20 players, 2 coaches, 2 additional trainers or bench personnel) people.

Awards. The winner and runner-up in the state tournament will receive trophies. Members of the state championship team will receive gold medals and the championship team’s coach will receive a special award. Members of the state runner-up team will receive silver medals.

State Tournament Umpires. The NSAA office will hire umpires for the state tournament, using recommendations from schools, NSAA evaluators, tournament directors, and officials’ associations. Umpires must work high school games to be considered for state tournament assignments.

Tournament Information. Schools qualifying for the state tournament will receive a letter of instructions.

2011 NSAA Softball Classifications

Classification of Schools. Girls' softball will have three classes for competition.

The 28 largest schools registered for softball will be Class A; the remaining schools will be divided evenly into Classes B & C. If there is an uneven number of schools, the larger number of schools will be in Class C.

	Class A		2011-12	Coop	Coop	Total
	Program Name	Coop School(s)	Enrollment	Figure	Figure	Enroll
1	Omaha Central		2051			2051
2	Millard North		1849			1849
3	Omaha Burke		1761			1761
4	Millard West		1671			1671
5	Omaha South		1658			1658
6	Grand Island		1573			1573
7	Omaha North		1563			1563
8	Millard South		1500			1500
9	Omaha Westside		1412			1412
10	Lincoln Southwest		1405			1405
11	Omaha Bryan		1390			1390
12	Lincoln North Star		1388			1388
13	Lincoln Southeast		1370			1370
14	Bellevue West		1236			1236
15	Omaha Benson		1197			1197
16	Papillion-La Vista South		1197			1197
17	Lincoln High		1132			1132
18	Fremont	Archbishop Bergan	1036	94		1130
19	Bellevue East		1125			1125
20	Papillion-La Vista		1098			1098
21	Omaha Marian		1080			1080
22	Kearney		1077			1077
23	Columbus	Columbus Scotus	859	206		1065
24	Lincoln Northeast		1045			1045
25	Lincoln East		1033			1033
26	Omaha Northwest		979			979
27	Norfolk		894			894
28	South Sioux City	Ponca	799	95		894

	Class B		2011-12	Coop	Coop	Total
	Program Name	Coop School(s)	Enrollment	Figure	Figure	Enroll
1	North Platte* Opts up to Class A		861			861
2	Lincoln Pius X		785			785
3	Ralston		728			728
4	Hastings		701			701
5	Omaha Duchesne Academy	Omaha Roncalli Catholic	450	232		682
6	Omaha Mercy/Brownell-Talbot	Omaha Mercy & Omaha Brownell-Talbot	574	92		666
7	Scottsbluff		625			625
8	Elkhorn South		610			610
9	Lexington		604			604
10	Gretna		553			553
11	Blair		521			521
12	Northwest		517			517
13	Omaha Skutt Catholic		516			516
14	Beatrice		506			506
15	Nebraska City	Lourdes Central Cath. & Johnson-Brock	337	86	77	500
16	Norris		482			482
17	Elkhorn		474			474
18	Gering		469			469
19	Waverly		441			441
20	Alliance		405			405
21	Plattsmouth		404			404
22	Crete		393			393
23	Seward		375			375
24	Schuyler	Clarkson	323	49		372
25	McCook		364			364
26	Omaha Gross Catholic		322			322
27	York		316			316
28	Auburn	Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer	209	96		305
29	Douglas County West	Concordia	155	137		292
30	Aurora		286			286
31	Bennington		281			281
32	Lutheran High Northeast	Norfolk Catholic	102	165		267
33	Holdrege		262			262
34	Cozad		237			237
35	O'Neill	St. Mary's	172	63		235
36	GICC/Doniphan-Trumbull	Grand Island Cent. Cath. & Doniphan-Trumbull	123	108		231
37	Adams Central		229			229
38	David City	East Butler	143	77		220
39	Wayne		212			212
40	St. Paul	Palmer	139	72		211

	Class C		2011-12	Coop	Coop	Total
	Program Name	Coop School(s)	Enrollment	Figure	Figure	Enroll
1	Cass County Central	Louisville & Weeping Water	118	91		209
2	Chadron		203			203
3	Columbus Lakeview		203			203
4	Ashland-Greenwood		200			200
5	Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan	Fillmore Central & Exeter-Milligan	143	57		200
6	Falls City		199			199
7	Logan View/Scribner-Snyder	Logan View & Scribner-Snyder	143	56		199
8	Gothenburg		198			198
9	Fairbury		195			195
10	Southern Valley	Alma	111	83		194
11	Minden		193			193
12	Wisner-Pilger	Bancroft-Rosalie	130	62		192
13	Wahoo		187			187
14	Syracuse		183			183
15	Pierce		182			182
16	Central City		176			176
17	Boone Central		175			175
18	Milford		172			172
19	West Point-Beemer		167			167
20	Arlington		166			166
21	Raymond Central		162			162
22	Fort Calhoun		160			160
23	Southern	Diller-Odell	97	61		158
24	Bishop Neumann		151			151
25	Yutan/Mead	Yutan & Mead	96	46		142
26	Conestoga		134			134
27	Tekamah-Herman		128			128
28	Centennial		127			127
29	Chase County		126			126
30	Guardian Angels Central Catholic	Dodge	74	52		126
31	Madison		126			126
32	Wilber-Clatonia		123			123
33	Johnson County Central		111			111
34	Twin River		107			107
35	North Bend Central		106			106
36	Aquinas Catholic		103			103
37	Blue Hill		101			101
38	Cross County		90			90
39	Freeman		81			81
40	Friend		74			74
41	High Plains Community		61			61

2011 DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS AND TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

District B-1:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: BAL Complex & Bennington High
Host School: Bennington
Director: Michael Spoehr
Schools Assigned:
Bennington
Douglas County West/Concordia
Elkhorn
Omaha Duchesne Academy
Omaha Mercy/Brownell-Talbot
Omaha Skutt Catholic

District B-2:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Crown & Wager Fields
Host School: Ralston
Director: Dan Mussmann
Schools Assigned:
Auburn
Elkhorn South
Gretna
Nebraska City
Omaha Gross Catholic
Plattsmouth
Ralston

District B-3:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Hannibal Park, Beatrice
Host School: Beatrice
Director: Neal Randel
Schools Assigned:
Beatrice
Crete
Lincoln Pius X
Norris
Seward
Waverly
York

District B-4:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Blair Youth Softball Complex
Host School: Blair
Director: Marty Rogers
Schools Assigned:
Blair
David City
Lutheran High Northeast
O'Neill
Schuyler
Wayne

District B-5:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Smith Softball Complex
Host School: Hastings
Director: Gregg Holliday
Schools Assigned:
Adams Central
Aurora
GICC/Doniphan-Trumbull
Hastings
Holdrege
Northwest
St. Paul

District B-6:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Optimist Fields
Host School: Lexington
Director: Alan Frank
Schools Assigned:
Alliance
Cozad
Gering
Lexington
McCook
Scottsbluff

District C-1:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Syracuse Sports Complex
Host School: Syracuse
Director: Mark Hrabik
Schools Assigned:
Ashland-Greenwood
Cass County Central
Conestoga
Falls City
Freeman
Johnson County Central
Syracuse

District C-2:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Geneva Ball Fields
Host School: Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan
Director: Danny Malone
Schools Assigned:
Centennial
Fairbury
Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan
Friend
Milford
Southern
Wilber-Clatonia

District C-3:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Two Rivers Bank Youth Sports Complex
Host School: Arlington
Director: Brent Cudly
Schools Assigned:
Arlington
Bishop Neumann
Fort Calhoun
Logan View/Scribner-Snyder
North Bend Central
Wahoo
Yutan/Mead

District C-4:

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Val Ball Fields, Valparaiso
Host School: Raymond Central
Director: Scott Anderson
Schools Assigned:
Aquinas Catholic
Central City
Columbus Lakeview
Cross County
High Plains Community
Raymond Central
Twin River

District C-5:

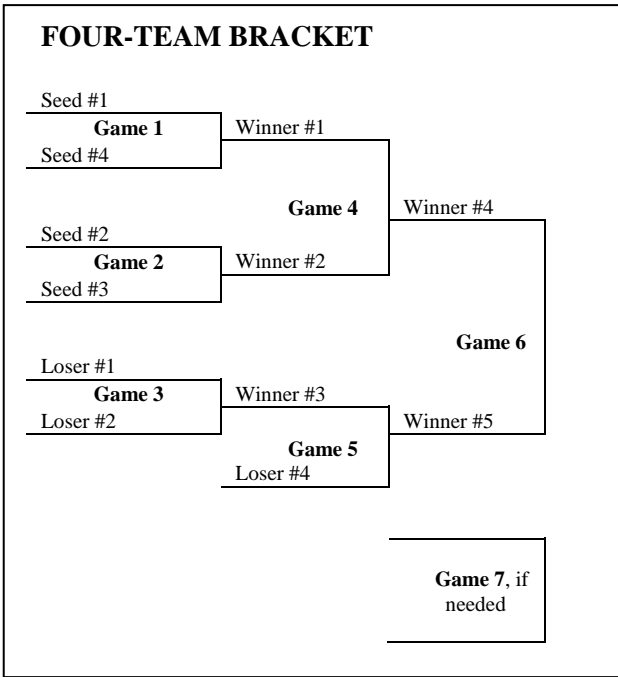
Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Albion Softball Complex
Host School: Boone Central
Director: Chuck Perone
Schools Assigned:
Boone Central
Guardian Angels Central Catholic
Madison
Pierce
Tekamah-Herman
West Point-Beemer
Wisner-Pilger

District C-6:

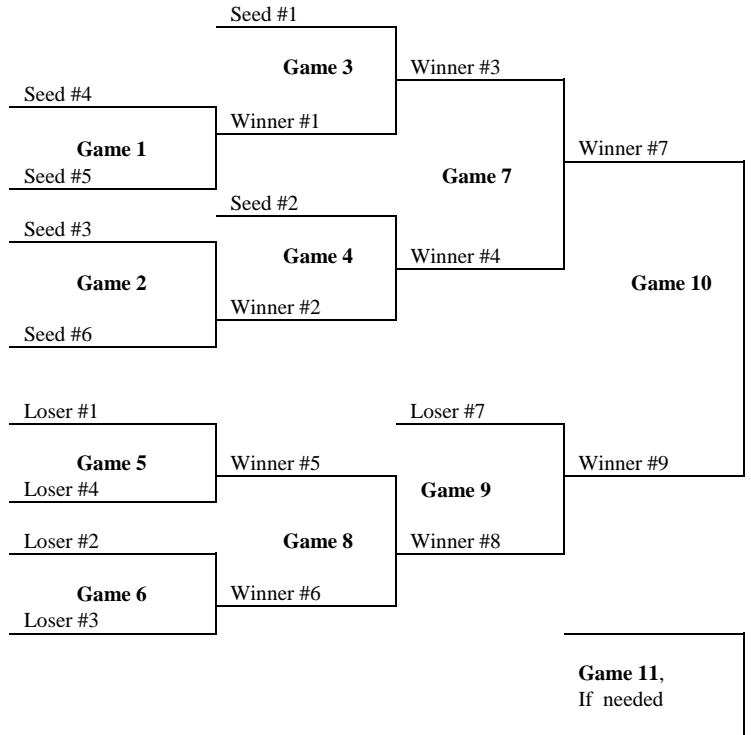
Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2011
Site: Gothenburg Softball Complex
Host School: Gothenburg
Director: Seth Ryker
Schools Assigned:
Blue Hill
Chadron
Chase County
Gothenburg
Minden
Southern Valley

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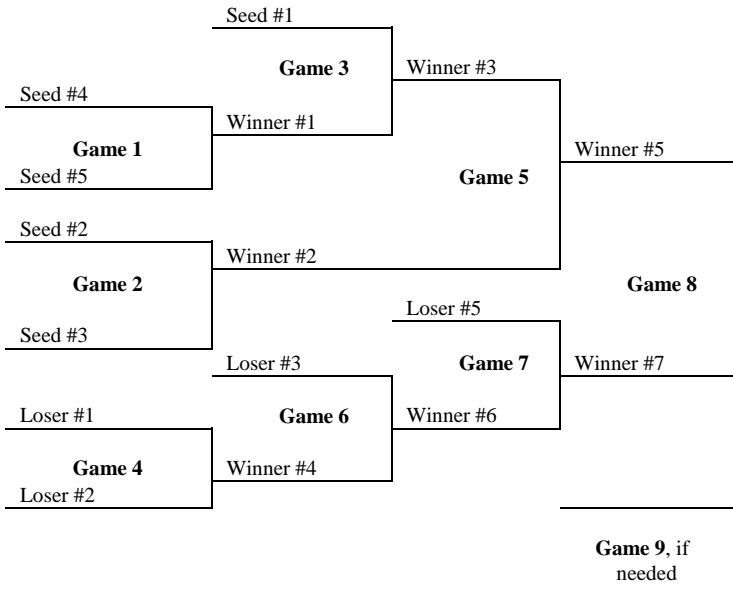
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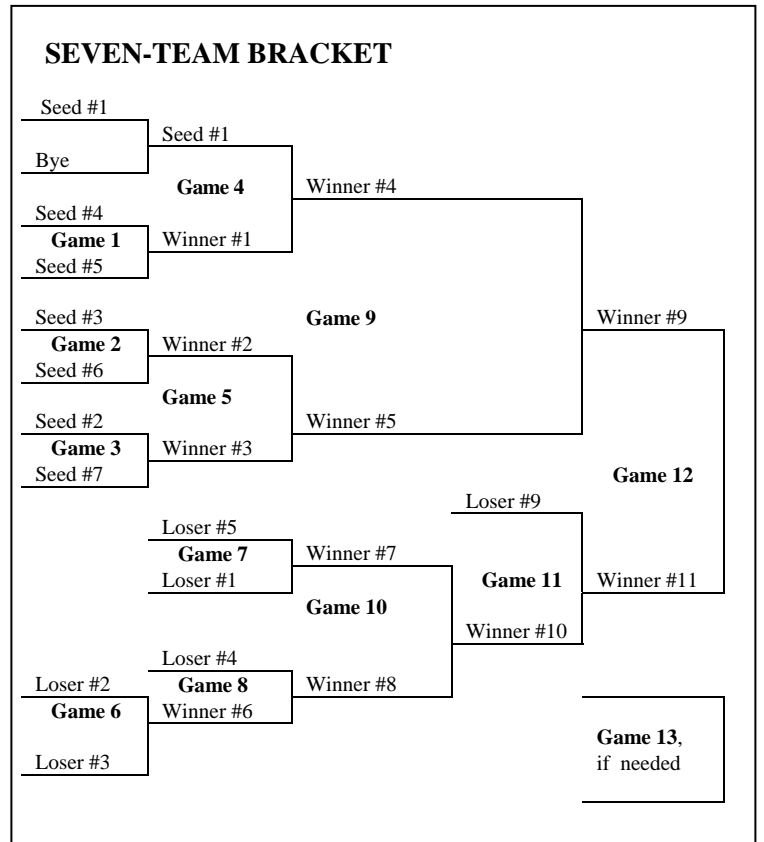
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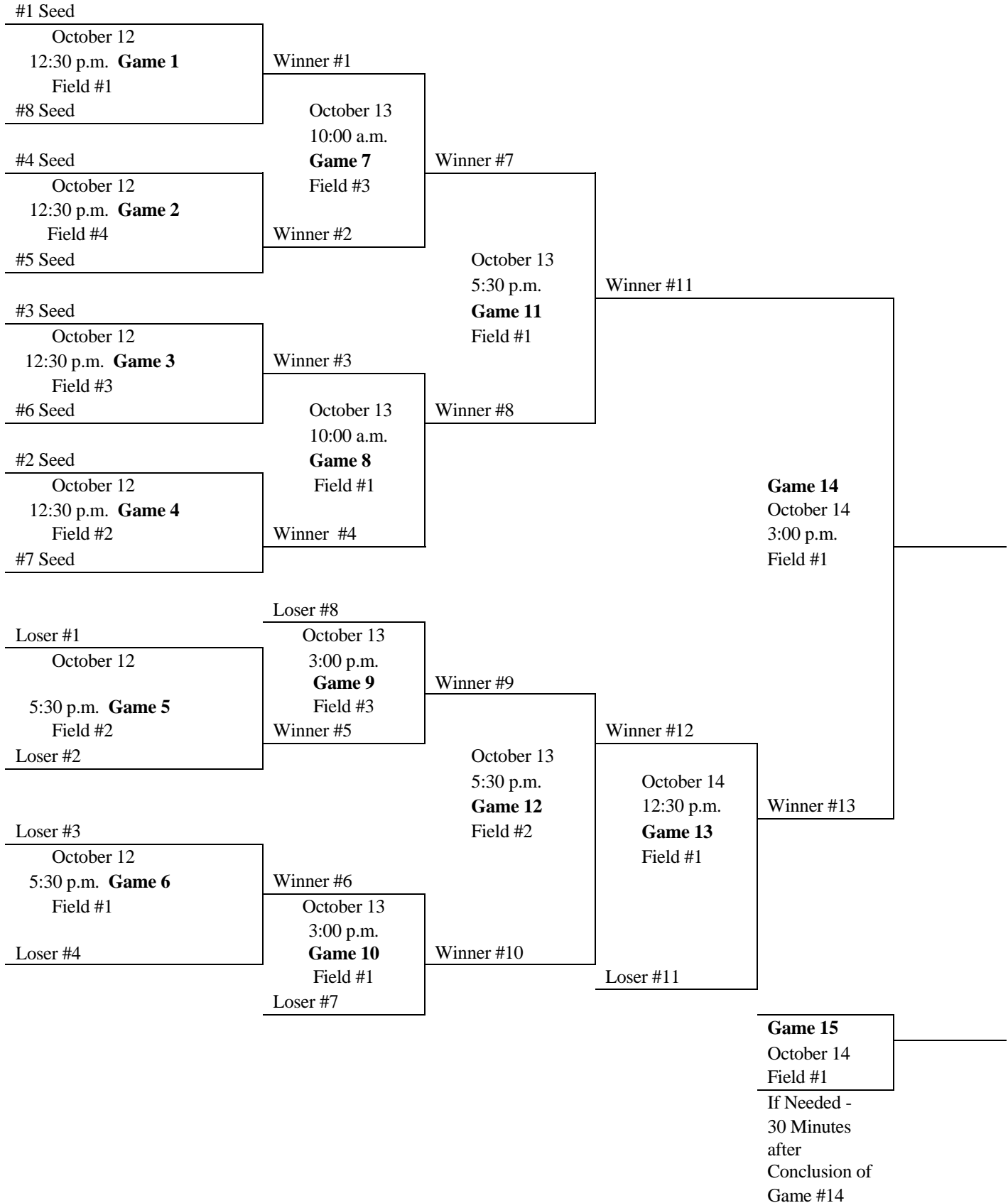
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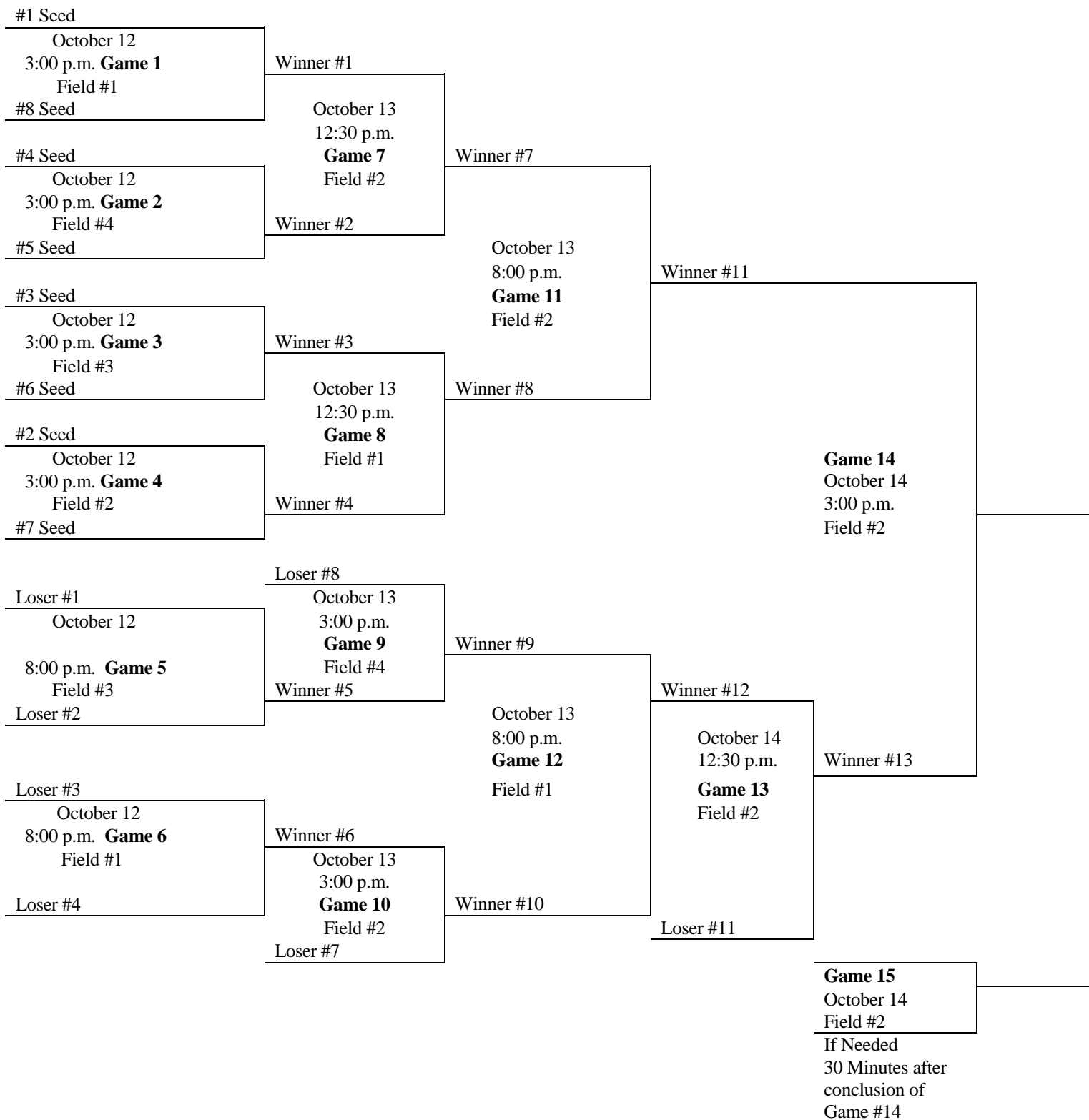


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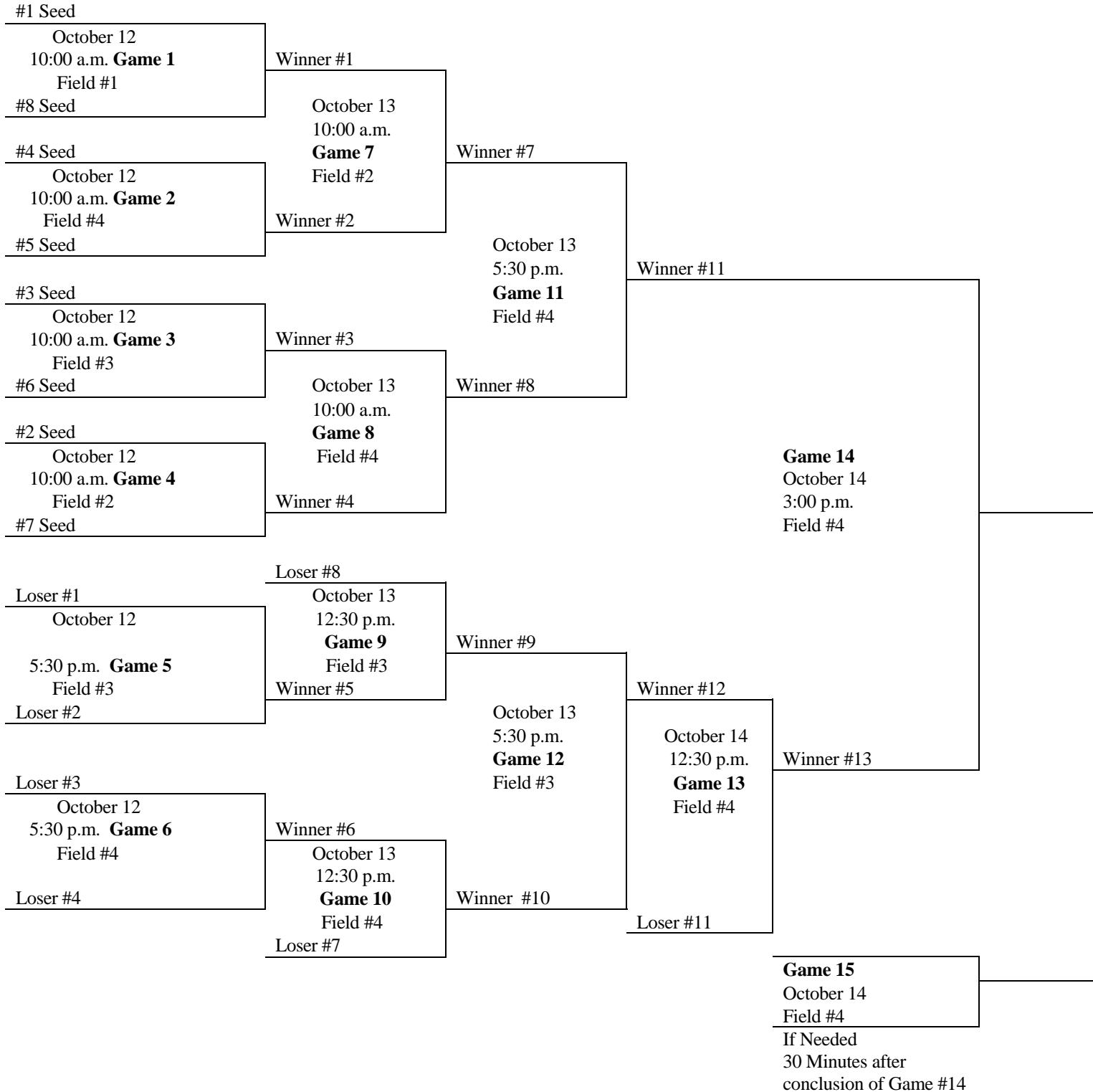
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CLASS B



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CLASS C





Fan/Spectator Support Items

In the Chart below, ONLY those items marked “Yes” will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at all NSAA Sub-District, District, State Playoffs and State Championships.

Sportsmanlike vocal cheering and support from the team bench area are encouraged. The items indicated on this page are for use by all fans/spectators.

Regulations listed are subject to facility restrictions.

SPORT	BA	BB	CC	FB	GO	SO	SB	SW	TE	TR	VB	WR
Balloons	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Banners on wall except welcome or corporate sponsor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Confetti/shredded paper	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hand held signs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laser light/pointer/flashing objects	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Miniature sports balls, objects or candy thrown into crowd	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Megaphones (elected cheerleaders only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Artificial noise makers, (included but not limited to horns, cow bells, bells, buzzers, clickers, thunder sticks, rattles, instruments not part of a band)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Whistles	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Shirts on fans (required)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Team Introduction Run-throughs or Break Away Banners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pompoms, shakers, spirit towels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prerecorded music that has been approved by the Host Administration may be played during pre-contest warm ups provided that a high school band is not available to play during that time.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
School bands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes
Air horns/sirens	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cannons/muskets/guns/fireworks	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Carried school flags (Running/taunting prohibited)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Live animals	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

Key: BA-Baseball, BB-Basketball, CC-Cross Country, FB-Football, GO-Golf, SO-Soccer, SB-Softball, SW- Swimming & Diving, TE-Tennis, TR-Track & Field, VB-Volleyball, WR-Wrestling, NA-Not Apply
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ASA NON-APPROVED BAT LIST – July 8, 2011

This list depicts the previously ASA certified bats that failed an ASA sponsored field audit and that also carry the 2000 or 2004 ASA Certification Mark. This list is intended for informational purposes only.

Effective immediately bats of the following models are not approved for use in ASA championship play:

Manufacturer Bat Name

Combat VIRSP3 Lady Virus
Easton SCX2 Synergy
Easton SCX22 Synergy 2
Louisville Slugger FPC305 Catalyst (-8)
Louisville Slugger SB304
Louisville Slugger SB34 Genesis
Louisville Slugger SB404
Louisville Slugger SB73V TPS Voltage
Miken MSF Freak
Miken Ultra
Miken Ultra II
Miken Ultra Maxload
Nokona Tomahawk
Schutt Red/Silver Schutt Bat
Worth EST9
Worth QESTFP
Worth SBWK(Wicked)
Worth SBWKA
Worth WWSC Wicked Comp. (SP Only)
Worth WWSCA
Worth XEST9X
Worth XGold
Worth XPST4
Worth Xred
Worth XWICKX Wicked (SP Only)

For a complete list of bats that are approved go to the certified equipment section of www.asasoftball.com