

# Softball

These regulations apply to regular season games and IHSAA tournaments unless stated otherwise.

1. Rule 1-5-4  
The bat shall meet the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) 2004 Bat Performance Standard. All bats shall bear either the 2000 or 2004 certification mark, and not be on the ASA non-approved list as found on [www.softball.org](http://www.softball.org).
2. Rule 3-5-3  
Any time a coach is in live-ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy the coach's box, the coach shall be attired in school uniform or jersey/coaching shirt with coaching shorts/slacks or warm-up suits in school colors or colors of khaki, black, white, or gray. Coaches may also wear cotton, docker style pants or shorts in school colors or colors of khaki, black, white, or gray. No denim is allowed.
3. SKINNED INFIELDS – It is recommended that all IHSAA sponsored softball tournaments be played on fields with a skinned infield.
4. RADAR GUNS – The use of radar guns by schools for scouting purposes is strictly forbidden.
5. CONDUCT OF COACHES AND PLAYERS
  - a. NFHS Rule 3-6, Bench and Field Conduct
    - (1) Violation of Rule 3-6 (Articles 1-10)  
The umpire shall issue a team warning to the coach of the team involved, and the next offender on that team shall be restricted to the dugout for the rest of the game. This penalty is not considered an ejection. However, if the coach is restricted to the dugout, the umpires must file a report with the IHSAA.
    - (2) Violation of Rule 3-6 (Articles 11-16)  
The umpire shall eject the offender from the game, unless the offense is judged to be of a minor nature. The umpire may warn the offender and then eject her if the offense is repeated. Umpires shall be required to file a report regarding all violations of Articles 11-16. Reports regarding these violations will be considered ejections, unless otherwise specified by the umpires.
    - (3) Violation of Rule 3-6 (Articles 18-19) The umpire shall eject the offender from the game, as these are serious offenses. A report must be filed with the IHSAA. Any player or coach ejected for an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from the next game at that level of competition and all other games at any level in the interim.
  - b. No coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to use tobacco in any manner on the bench or playing field either during practice or while a game is in progress.
  - c. Only the batter, runner(s), on-deck batter, coaches in the coach's box or one of the nine players on defense are permitted to be outside the designated dugout/bench or warmup areas.
  - d. The warmup area is designated for pitchers, catchers, and other players to warm up. Pitching machines may not be utilized in this area.
  - e. The captain and/or the head coach shall be the official spokespersons and sole representatives of their team in all communications with the official.
6. DECISIONS OF OFFICIALS – The decisions of the umpires are final, and protests arising from the decisions of the umpires or any inadvertent misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules will not be considered by the IHSAA Executive Committee.
7. SEASON GAMES – INFIELD PRACTICE
  - a. Each team will be permitted 10 minutes of infield practice prior to each game.
  - b. It is recommended that the home team complete its infield practice first.
8. ENDING A GAME
  - a. Season
    - (1) A regulation varsity game consists of 7 innings unless extended because of a tie score or unless shortened during innings 5, 6 or 7 because the home team needs none of its half of the 7th inning or only a fraction of it; or because of weather, darkness, or similar conditions. If a game is halted before it is an official game, it must be started over. During season play, there are no suspended games except for conference games. Conferences may adopt the tournament procedure for suspended games.
    - (2) A regular season game called with a tie score shall be a tie game. Batting and fielding records are counted but the game is not counted in computing percentages of games won and lost.
    - (3) The International Tie-Breaker may be utilized for regular season tournaments only. Starting with the top of the 8th inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base. (e.g., if the number five batter is the lead off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base). A substitute may be inserted for the runner, provided the action is within NFHS Softball Rules.
    - (4) By prior mutual agreement of opposing schools, junior varsity and freshman regular season and tournament games may be shortened to five innings.
    - (5) A game shall end when, after the completion of 5 innings, a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.
  - b. IHSAA Tournament Series
    - (1) A regulation game consists of 7 innings unless extended because of a tie score or unless shortened because the home team needs none or only a fraction of its 7th inning or unless 1 team is leading by 10 runs after 5 innings.
    - (2) If a game in any tournament must be postponed because of rain or wet grounds, or if a game is called by the umpires because of rain, darkness or other reasons, it shall be ruled a suspended game and shall be continued from point of suspension at a later time. Any game that is not an official game will be considered a suspended game.
    - (3) If a postponed or called game/s is an opening round game/s, the game/s must be rescheduled for the next scheduled date. If a champion cannot be determined by the designated date, the tournament director should contact the Association Office.
    - (4) If a game is called with the score tied after enough innings have been played to constitute a regulation game, it shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from point of suspension. Play shall be resumed on the next playable date at the exact point where the game was terminated.
    - (5) A game shall end when, after the completion of 5 innings, a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.
9. The following scenarios, although permissible in some states, are illegal in Indiana:
  - a. The use of the double first base
  - b. Changing the number of innings for one or both games in a doubleheader to five innings at the varsity level
  - c. Allowing time limits
  - d. Permitting protests

## 2010-11 Tournament Series 27th Annual

The following rules and regulations for the 2010-11 Girls Softball Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary.

- I TOURNAMENT DATES
  - A. Sectionals

1. May 23-28, 2011
  2. Rain date/s – to be determined by Center School
  3. Center school tournament directors may schedule tournament games any time on the above dates to avoid conflicts with graduation ceremonies.
- B. Regionals
1. Tuesday, May 31, 2011
  2. Rain date – Wednesday, June 1, 2011
- C. Semi-State
1. Saturday, June 4, 2011
  2. Rain date – Monday, June 6, 2011
- D. State Finals
1. Saturday, June 11, 2011
  2. Rain Date – Monday, June 13, 2011
- II TIMES
- A. Sectionals – to be determined by center school.
- B. Regionals – 7:00 p.m., where possible.
- C. Semi-State – 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
1. Weather permitting, a minimum of 1½ hours is strongly recommended between the end of the second semifinal game and the beginning of the final game.
- D. State Championships
1. Championship Games
    - Class A – 10:30 a.m.
    - Class 2A – 1:30 p.m.
    - Class 3A – 4:30 p.m.
    - Class 4A – 7:30 p.m.
- III CENTERS AND ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS

### Sectionals

Notify IHSAA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned.

#### Class 4A

1. **Highland (7):** East Chicago Central, Gary West Side, Hammond Morton, Highland, Lake Central, Lowell, Munster.
2. **Crown Point (8):** Chesterton, Crown Point, Hobart, LaPorte, Merrillville, Michigan City, Portage, Valparaiso.
3. **Penn (6):** Mishawaka, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Clay, South Bend Riley, South Bend Washington.
4. **Warsaw Community (6):** Concord, Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw Community.
5. **Fort Wayne Snider (5):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider, DeKalb, East Noble.
6. **Homestead (6):** Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne South Side, Homestead, Huntington North, Jay County, Marion.
7. **Harrison (West Lafayette) (5):** Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, Logansport, McCutcheon.
8. **Hamilton Southeastern (6):** Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield, Zionsville.
9. **Pendleton Heights (7):** Anderson, Connersville, Greenfield-Central, Muncie Central, New Castle Chrysler, Pendleton Heights, Richmond.
10. **Lawrence North (7):** Indianapolis Arlington, Indianapolis Broad Ripple, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis), Warren Central.
11. **Whiteland Community (7):** Center Grove, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Greenwood Community, Perry Meridian, Southport, Whiteland Community.
12. **Ben Davis (7):** Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Decatur Central, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Indianapolis Emmerich Manual, Pike.
13. **Terre Haute North (6):** Martinsville, Mooresville, Northview, Plainfield, Terre Haute North, Terre Haute South.
14. **Columbus North (5):** Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Columbus East, Columbus North, East Central.
15. **Bedford North Lawrence (6):** Bedford North Lawrence, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, Jennings County, New Albany, Seymour.
16. **Evansville Reitz (5):** Castle, Evansville Central, Evansville Harrison, Evansville North, Evansville Reitz.

#### Class 3A

17. **Hammond Gavit (5):** Gary Roosevelt, Gary Wallace, Hammond, Hammond Clark, Hammond Gavit.
18. **Griffith (6):** Andean, Calumet, Griffith, Kankakee Valley, Knox, Rensselaer Central.
19. **South Bend St. Joseph's (7):** Culver Academies, Glenn, Mishawaka Marian, New Prairie, Plymouth, Rochester, South Bend St. Joseph's.
20. **Columbia City (7):** Columbia City, Lakeland, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble, Whitko.
21. **Twin Lakes (6):** Benton Central, Frankfort, Northwestern, Twin Lakes, Western, West Lafayette.
22. **Norwell (5):** Belmont, Fort Wayne Wayne, Norwell, Peru, Maconaquah.
23. **Leo (7):** Angola, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Harding, Heritage, Leo, New Haven.
24. **Blackford (6):** Blackford, Delta, Eastbrook, Mississinewa, Muncie Southside, Yorktown.
25. **Crawfordsville (6):** Crawfordsville, Danville, Lebanon, North Montgomery, Southmont, Western Boone.
26. **Beech Grove (6):** Beech Grove, Brebeuf Jesuit, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Howe Academy, Indianapolis Northwest, Roncalli.
27. **Hamilton Heights (5):** Hamilton Heights, Mount Vernon (Fortville), New Palestine, Rushville Consolidated, Shelbyville.
28. **Batesville (6):** Batesville, Franklin County, Greensburg, Madison Consolidated, Scottsburg, South Dearborn.
29. **Brown County (7):** Brown County, Edgewood, Greencastle, Owen Valley, South Vermillion, Sullivan, West Vigo.
30. **North Harrison (7):** Charlestown, Corydon Central, Crawford County, Mitchell, North Harrison, Salem, Silver Creek.
31. **Jasper (6):** Heritage Hills, Jasper, Pike Central, Southridge, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington.
32. **Boonville (6):** Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville Memorial, Gibson Southern, Mount Vernon, Princeton Community.

#### Class 2A

33. **Wheeler (5):** Hammond Bishop Noll, Hanover Central, Lake Station Edison, River Forest, Wheeler.
34. **Boone Grove (6):** Boone Grove, Culver Community, Hebron, North Judson San-Pierre, North Newton, Winamac Community.
35. **Westview (5):** Bremen, Fairfield, Jimtown, LaVille, Westview.
36. **Garrett (6):** Central Noble, Churubusco, Eastside, Fremont, Garrett, Prairie Heights.
37. **Bluffton (5):** Adams Central, Bluffton, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, South Adams, Woodlan.
38. **Manchester (6):** Cass, Manchester, Northfield, North Miami, Southwood, Wabash.
39. **Delphi (5):** Carroll (Flora), Clinton Central, Delphi, Fountain Central, Seeger.
40. **Eastern (Greentown) (7):** Eastern (Greentown), Guerin Catholic, Madison-Grant, Oak Hill, Sheridan, Taylor, Tipton.
41. **Frankton (6):** Alexandria, Elwood, Frankton, Lapel, Wapahani, Winchester Community.

- 42. **Shenandoah (8):** Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Eastern Hancock, Hagerstown, Knightstown, Northeastern, Shenandoah, Union County.
- 43. **Indianapolis Seccina Memorial (8):** Heritage Christian, Indian Creek, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Indianapolis George Washington Community, Indianapolis Marshall, Indianapolis Seccina Memorial, Park Tudor, Triton Central.
- 44. **Lawrenceburg (7):** Hauser, Lawrenceburg, Milan, North Decatur, South Ripley, Southwestern (Hanover), Switzerland County.
- 45. **South Knox (5):** Bloomfield, Eastern Greene, Linton-Stockton, North Knox, South Knox.
- 46. **Tri-West Hendricks (8):** Cascade, Cloverdale, Covenant Christian, Monrovia, North Putnam, South Putnam, Speedway, Tri-West Hendricks.
- 47. **Clarksville (7):** Austin, Brownstown Central, Clarksville, Eastern (Pekin), Paoli, Providence, West Washington.
- 48. **Forest Park (6):** Evansville Mater Dei, Forest Park, North Posey, Perry Central, South Spencer, Tell City.

#### Class A

- 49. **Whiting (6):** Bowman Leadership Academy, Kouts, LaCrosse, Morgan Township, Washington Township, Whiting.
- 50. **Caston (7):** Caston, Covenant Christian (DeMotte), North White, Pioneer, South Newton, Tri-County, West Central.
- 51. **Triton (5):** Argos, Marquette Catholic, Triton, South Central (UM), Westville.
- 52. **Lakewood Park Christian (5):** Bethany Christian, Elkhart Christian Academy, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Hamilton, Lakewood Park Christian.
- 53. **Clinton Prairie (5):** Clinton Prairie, Frontier, Lafayette Central Catholic, Rossville, Tri-Central.
- 54. **Riverton Parke (6):** Attica, Covington, North Vermillion, Riverton Parke, Rockville, Turkey Run.
- 55. **Monroe Central (4):** Monroe Central, Randolph Southern, Tri, Union City.
- 56. **Wes-Del (5):** Cowan, Daleville, Liberty Christian, Southern Wells, Wes-Del.
- 57. **Indianapolis Lutheran (4):** Bethesda Christian, Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis Lutheran, University.
- 58. **Edinburgh (4):** Edinburgh, Eminence, Morristown, Southwestern (Shelby).
- 59. **Henryville (6):** Borden, Christian Academy of Indiana, Henryville, Lanesville, New Washington, South Central (Elizabeth).
- 60. **Jac-Cen-Del (5):** Jac-Cen-Del, Oldenburg Academy, Rising Sun, Shawe Memorial, South Decatur.
- 61. **Clay City (5):** Clay City, North Central (Farmersburg), Shakamak, Union (Dugger), White River Valley.
- 62. **Loogootee (5):** Barr-Reeve, Loogootee, North Daviess, Shoals, Washington Catholic.
- 63. **Springs Valley (5):** Crothersville, Northeast Dubois, Orleans, Springs Valley, Trinity Lutheran.
- 64. **Wood Memorial (4):** Cannelton, New Harmony, Tecumseh, Wood Memorial.

### Regionals

The winner of the *even-numbered* sectional site will host the one game regional, and serve as the home team. The IHSAA reserves the right to approve sites based on minimum standards.

#### Class 4A

- 1. Winner of Sectional 1 vs. Sectional 2.
- 2. Winner of Sectional 3 vs. Sectional 4.
- 3. Winner of Sectional 5 vs. Sectional 6.
- 4. Winner of Sectional 7 vs. Sectional 8.
- 5. Winner of Sectional 9 vs. Sectional 10.
- 6. Winner of Sectional 11 vs. Sectional 12.
- 7. Winner of Sectional 13 vs. Sectional 14.
- 8. Winner of Sectional 15 vs. Sectional 16.

#### Class 3A

- 9. Winner of Sectional 17 vs. Sectional 18.
- 10. Winner of Sectional 19 vs. Sectional 20.
- 11. Winner of Sectional 21 vs. Sectional 22.
- 12. Winner of Sectional 23 vs. Sectional 24.
- 13. Winner of Sectional 25 vs. Sectional 26.
- 14. Winner of Sectional 27 vs. Sectional 28.
- 15. Winner of Sectional 29 vs. Sectional 30.
- 16. Winner of Sectional 31 vs. Sectional 32.

#### Class 2A

- 17. Winner of Sectional 33 vs. Sectional 34.
- 18. Winner of Sectional 35 vs. Sectional 36.
- 19. Winner of Sectional 37 vs. Sectional 38.
- 20. Winner of Sectional 39 vs. Sectional 40.
- 21. Winner of Sectional 41 vs. Sectional 42.
- 22. Winner of Sectional 43 vs. Sectional 44.
- 23. Winner of Sectional 45 vs. Sectional 46.
- 24. Winner of Sectional 47 vs. Sectional 48.

#### Class A

- 25. Winner of Sectional 49 vs. Sectional 50.
- 26. Winner of Sectional 51 vs. Sectional 52.
- 27. Winner of Sectional 53 vs. Sectional 54.
- 28. Winner of Sectional 55 vs. Sectional 56.
- 29. Winner of Sectional 57 vs. Sectional 58.
- 30. Winner of Sectional 59 vs. Sectional 60.
- 31. Winner of Sectional 61 vs. Sectional 62.
- 32. Winner of Sectional 63 vs. Sectional 64.

### Semi-States

Four teams will advance to the semi-state tournament.

#### Class 4A

- 1. **Harrison (West Lafayette):** Winners of Regionals 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 2. **Bedford North Lawrence:** Winners of Regionals 5, 6, 7, 8.

### Class 3A

3. **Twin Lakes:** Winners of Regionals 9, 10, 11, 12.
4. **Jasper:** Winners of Regionals 13, 14, 15, 16.

### Class 2A

5. **LaVille:** Winners of Regionals 17, 18, 19, 20.
6. **Forest Park:** Winners of Regionals 21, 22, 23, 24.

### Class A

7. **Clinton Prairie:** Winners of Regionals 25, 26, 27, 28.
8. **North Daviess:** Winners of Regionals 29, 30, 31, 32.

## State Finals

Ben Davis High School, 1200 N. Girls School Road, Indianapolis.

Class A: 10:30 a.m.; Class 2A: 1:30 p.m.; Class 3A: 4:30 p.m.; Class 4A: 7:30 p.m.

### IV ADMISSIONS – TICKETS

- A. Each center school shall be responsible for providing tickets.
- B. 30 individuals for each competing school, for players, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, administrators, etc. will be admitted. These tickets are nontransferable.
  1. Sectionals – \$5.00 per session; \$8.00 season (season tickets may be provided for tournaments with 3 or more sessions)
  2. Regionals – \$5.00
  3. Semi-State – \$6.00 session; \$9.00 season
  4. State – \$9.00
- C. Pre-School Children
  1. When seats are reserved
    - a. No charge for a preschool child who is with his/her parent/s and will not occupy a reserved seat.
  2. When seats are not reserved
    - a. No charge for a preschool child who will be seated with its parent/s throughout the contest.
- D. Members of the news media may be admitted free to sessions by presenting proper identification.

### V AWARDS – Are provided by IHSAA. No others shall be given.

- A. Sectionals
  1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school
  2. Game Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
- B. Regionals
  1. Trophy Plate
    - a. to championship team school
  2. Game Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
- C. Semi-State
  1. Trophy Plate
    - a. to championship team school
  2. Game Ball
    - a. to championship team school
    - b. to runner-up team school
- D. State
  1. Trophy
    - a. to championship team school in each class
    - b. to runner-up team school in each class
  2. Game Ball
    - a. to championship team school in each class
    - b. to runner-up team school in each class
  3. Medals
    - a. 30 to the contestants and staff of championship team in each class
    - b. 30 to the contestants and staff of runner-up team in each class
  4. Mental Attitude Award – Following each championship game, a plaque will be presented by the Executive Committee to an outstanding senior participant, from a state qualifying team, who excelled in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in softball. Nominations must be initiated by the candidate's principal and coach. The recipient must be present in order to win.

### VI BALLS

The Wilson A9011 optic yellow softball will be used at all centers and will be provided by the IHSAA. The core and compression must be listed on the ball.

- VII DRAW – All schedules will be drawn by lot on Thursday, May 12, at 8 a.m. in the IHSAA Office. The official drawing will be placed on the internet at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) within two hours after its completion.

### VIII ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS

Only those schools having full membership in the association are eligible to enter.

### IX ENTRY LIST

- A. 30 players may be certified on the entry list; a maximum of 20 players may be in uniform.
- B. Member schools entering the softball tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically at [www.ihsaa.net](http://www.ihsaa.net) on the SB tab by using the Create/Update Softball Entry link. The entry is due NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011, without penalty. Specific instructions on entry procedures may be found on the SB tab at the link entitled Tournament Entry Instructions.
- C. **Schools are requested not to complete an entry list unless they fully intend to enter a sectional tournament. If for any reason after filing an entry list, it becomes necessary to withdraw, notify the IHSAA Office and center principal immediately. If a member school**

**withdraws from an IHSAA team sport tournament, or forfeits a team sport tournament contest by failing to attend the contest or failing to field a competition team for a tournament contest after the drawing has been completed for that sport, the member school shall be fined \$200.00 and placed on probation in that sport for a period not to exceed 365 days from the date of the assessment of the penalty for this infraction.**

D. LATE ENTRIES accepted if accompanied by a check for the following amount:

1. Within 24 hours after deadline.....\$50.00
2. Within 48 hours after deadline.....\$100.00
3. Over 48 hours – may not enter tournament.

E. CHANGES PRIOR TO DEADLINE

Schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering [www.ihsaa.net](http://www.ihsaa.net) and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions.

F. CHANGES AFTER DEADLINE

1. Corrections/Additions/Errors – prior to opening day of your respective sectional
  - a. accepted with \$100 fine
2. Corrections/Additions/Errors – on starting day of your respective sectional or after
  - a. accepted with \$200 fine
  - b. principal must certify the eligibility of individual to center school and IHSAA
  - c. principal must notify a member of the IHSAA Staff no later than the next business day after discovery of the omission IHSAA Executive Staff members: Cox 317-339-4452 (c), 317-569-7362 (h); Faulkens 317-667-4921 (c), 317-297-5228 (h); Gardner 317-339-4451 (c), 765-221-9151 (h); Searcy 317-339-4453 (c), 812-333-6058 (h); Wynns 317/339-4454 (c), 317-466-9908 (h).
  - d. the school must promptly send a check to the IHSAA with written notification of the change.

G. Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.

H. A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt and correctness of each entry list.

I. Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:

1. all necessary information is provided and
2. each contestant is entered properly.

X FINANCIAL TERMS

A. Sectionals

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the center school from the gross receipts.
2. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – NONE
3. Balance
  - a. Center school – \$150.00
  - b. IHSAA – 100% balance.
  - c. IHSAA shall reimburse center school when a deficit occurs.
  - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by center school.
4. The center school shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school 1 week after the completion of the tournament.

B. Regionals

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the center school from the gross receipts.
2. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – NONE
3. Balance
  - a. Center school – \$50.00
  - b. IHSAA – 100% balance.
  - c. IHSAA shall reimburse center school when a deficit occurs.
  - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by center school.
4. The center school shall furnish a complete financial report to IHSAA and each participating school 1 week after the completion of the tournament.

C. Semi-State

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the center school from the gross receipts.
2. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – NONE
3. Expense Stipend – \$200.00 per team, if made, or twenty-five percent of the net profit, whichever is less.
4. Balance
  - a. Center school – \$200.00
  - b. IHSAA – 100% balance *after monies have been distributed to the participating schools.*
  - c. IHSAA shall reimburse center school when a deficit occurs.
  - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by center school.
5. The center school shall furnish a complete financial report to the IHSAA and each participating school 1 week after the completion of the tournament.

D. State

1. Schools participating in the state finals may sell season tickets in advance; the school will be reimbursed fifty cents for each season ticket sold.
2. Additionally, each participating school will receive five dollars (\$5.00) per mile for one round trip from their school to the site of their game with a minimum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) if the round trip mileage is less than fifty (50) miles.
3. If verified by a copy of the bill, a lodging allotment up to a maximum of seven hundred twenty dollars (\$720.00) will be paid. Schools are eligible for a lodging allowance if their round trip mileage is over 120 miles and they qualify for Saturday's finals.
4. Participating school reimbursements shall be calculated by the IHSAA.

XI HOME TEAM

A. Sectionals

The second-named team in each game is the designated home team except when they advanced by virtue of a bye. The home team shall have choice of dugout except when participating against the host school. In a six-team tournament, the teams drawing the bye will play in the second semifinal game, and will be the visiting team in the championship game.

B. Regionals

The winner of the even-numbered sectional site will host the one game regional, and serve as the home team. The IHSAA reserves the right to approve sites based on minimum standards.

C. Semi-States

The second-named team in each game is the designated home team. The home team shall have choice of dugout except when participating against the host school.

D. State Finals

1. The north semi-state team in each game is designated as the home team.
2. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout.
3. Teams will not be permitted to practice at the state finals venue.

## XII MANAGEMENT

### A. Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States

1. Sponsorship, operation and management of the tournament rest solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the center school. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the center school or its local arrangements, and provided further that the center school has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the center school defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the center school; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the center school formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, of a defense.
2. The center school shall provide and be responsible for tickets, ticket takers/sellers, ushers, announcers, scorers, timekeepers, all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as local arrangements).
3. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the center school will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.

### B. Inclement Weather and Adverse Field Conditions

The Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Contest Officials and administrators, are accountable for the safety of the players and spectators when Negative Playing Conditions, such as inclement weather conditions, poor ground, course, court, track or field conditions and other negative playing conditions, arise. In addition, because softball is a unique sport, requiring skills that can be drastically impacted by such Negative Playing Conditions, the Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Contest Officials and administrators, shall insure that the contest can be played in a manner which is not unreasonably impacted by the Negative Playing Conditions.

1. Prior to the start of the contest, the Tournament Director shall be responsible for judging whether the weather conditions, the conditions of the ground and field and other playing conditions which affect safety and manner of play, will permit the contest to be played safely and in a reasonable and appropriate manner. If the Tournament Director is confronted with these Negative Playing Conditions prior to the beginning of the contest, the Tournament Director is authorized to postpone the contest.
2. After the contest begins, and until the contest ends, Contest Officials have the initial authority to determine whether the contest can be played safely and in a manner which is not substantially impacted by the Negative Playing Conditions. When such conditions exist, the Contest Officials and the Tournament Director must consult about the Negative Playing Conditions and shall seek a consensus with respect to any decision to suspend play. The Contest Official, however, has the ultimate authority during the contest to suspend play if the Negative Playing Conditions are such that the contest cannot be played safely and in a reasonable and appropriate manner.

Examples: Not to be considered an exhaustive list, the following are examples of Negative Playing Conditions which may cause the postponement of the contest or the suspension of play:

- a. Substantial inclement weather, such as a tornado sighting or warning, lightning (see, Guidelines for Lightning Safety; IHSAA Lightning Policy), dense fog, etc.
- b. Unreasonably poor ground conditions, such as a field which is excessively muddy or a field with standing water, etc.
- c. Other unusual playing conditions exist, such as an earthquake, a threatening wildfire, a nearby chemical spill, a riot and other civil disobedience, etc. Tournament contests which are postponed or suspended should be played or resumed on the next available date, including Friday. Suspended contests shall be resumed at the point of interruption. Every effort should be made not to cause a team(s) to play back-to-back contests on school nights. If scheduling two sessions on Saturdays, there should be at least a three-hour rest period between the sessions.

### C. State Finals – The Executive Committee has designated Assistant Commissioner Sandy Searcy as Tournament Manager.

## XIII POLICY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM, VIDEO AND AUDIO AT TOURNAMENT EVENTS

A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, video taping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.

B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.

### C. Participating Schools

1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.
2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
4. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.

### D. Media

1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from Associated Sports Productions, Inc., 36 S. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 190, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633-1461).
5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.

7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact Associated Sports Productions (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.
8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.

E. Spectators

1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
4. Any still photography, filming, video taping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.

F. Purchase.

The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

XIV OFFICIAL RULES

The current National Federation Softball Rules shall govern except as modified.

XV UMPIRES – will be assigned by the IHSAA.

XVI PREGAME PRACTICE – Each team will be permitted a 10 minute infield practice prior to each game. The home team shall take infield first.

XVII PROGRAMS – Only those programs provided by the center school and IHSAA are to be distributed or sold at the tourneys and no advertisements are permitted except for that as required by IHSAA.

XVIII RESTRICTIONS – Principals should inform students and adult fans of the following tourney restrictions:

- A. Banners and/or posters are not permitted.
- B. No battery-powered or electronic noisemakers, sirens or whistles are allowed.
- C. Cheerleaders are not permitted on the playing field.
- D. No live animal mascots are permitted.

It shall be the responsibility of each high school principal to see that the above restrictions are enforced.

- E. Solicitations donations, contributions and aggressive vending of school spirit items are not permitted.

XIX TEAM BENCHES – The only individuals permitted on the bench are the players, coaches, manager and trainer. Trainers not in uniform may be permitted on the bench.

XX TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

- A. Teams advancing to the Semi-State tournaments – will be requested to respond immediately to an information request from the association office for:

1. A formal picture (5 x 7 or 8 x 10) of the varsity softball team.
2. Team roster information to include – uniform numbers, names, heights, grade levels, won-loss records, etc.

In order to meet publication deadlines for information and pictures to appear in the state program, principals and coaches are urged to make these preparations at the start of the regular season.

XXI TYPE OF TOURNAMENT – All tourneys are conducted as a single elimination tournament series.

XXII REPORTING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- A. Following completion of the games each evening, host sites are required to e-mail the final score(s) to the IHSAA at results@ihsaa.org. Please e-mail that same address with postponements and updated game times if necessary. PLEASE DO NOT FAX!

- B. Please list the host site in the subject line and the final score in the message. Do not send an attachment (EX: Chesterton 3, Merrillville 2, 10 innings).