April 29, 2018

Another Record Number of Schools Entered in Softball Tournament

For the second consecutive year, a record number of teams (379) – one better than 2017 - were drawn and placed into brackets this evening to set the stage for the 34th Annual IHSAA Softball State Tournament Series.

Sectional action runs May 21-26 with the 64 survivors moving into a one-game regional round on Tuesday, May 29. From there, 32 teams will square off in four-team semi-states on Saturday, June 2, with the four state championship games scheduled for Saturday, June 9, to be played for the first time at Purdue University’s Bittinger Stadium in West Lafayette.

Host schools will announce playing schedules in the days to come which will then be added to the online brackets at MaxPreps.com.

Class 3A defending state champion New Palestine, also top-ranked in this week’s state coaches poll from the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA), will host Connersville in Sectional 27.

Other No. 1 teams include Class 4A Center Grove which will meet Franklin Community in the Sectional 13 bye game at Franklin Central. Class 2A No. 1 Bremen will take on Prairie Heights in Sectional 35 at Westview and Class A’s Tri, last year’s state runner-up, will host Randolph Southern in Sectional 56.

Among the other defending state champions, Class 4A’s Crown Point will host Hammond Morton in the Sectional 1 opening game. Indianapolis Scecina, last year’s 2A state champion now playing in 3A, will host Indianapolis Crispus Attucks in Sectional 26. Tecumseh, last year’s Class A champion which is now playing in 2A and ranked second this week, will take on Tell City in the Sectional 48 opening game at Forest Park.

Also of note, Tecumseh continued to extend the state record with its 15th consecutive sectional championship a year ago with Indianapolis Scecina right behind with 14 straight and Indianapolis Lutheran with 11 straight.

About the Draw

To conduct the random drawing for the softball state tournament, the IHSAA places ping-pong balls representing each school in a given sectional into a lottery-style air mix machine. A motorized fan in the bottom of the machine blows the balls around the inside of the transparent container and air then forces each ball up through a tube in random order. For example, the first ball retrieved from the machine will be the visiting team in game one with the second ball representing the home team in game one. The third ball to come out is the visitor in game two and the fourth ball the home team in game two. That same method is followed through all 64 sectionals and eight semi-states.
No. of Schools Entered: 379 teams.

Breakdown by Class: 95 in 4A; 94 in 3A; 96 in 2A; 94 in 1A.

Total No. of Games: 375 games in 20 days.

Schools Playing Up One Class due to Tournament Success Factor (3)
Kankakee Valley (Class 4A, Sectional 1 at Crown Point).
Indianapolis Scecina (hosting Class 3A, Sectional 26).
Tecumseh (Class 2A, Sectional 48 at Forest Park).
Gibson Southern (continues in Class 4A, Sectional 16 at Evansville North).
Leo (continues in Class 4A, Sectional 5 at DeKalb).

Defending Sectional Champions
4A: Avon, Center Grove, Chesterton, Crown Point, Decatur Central, Floyd Central, Gibson Southern, Greenfield-Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Kokomo, Lawrence North, Leo, Northridge, Penn, Shelbyville.

Schools that Won First Sectional Championship Last Year
4A: Shelbyville.
3A: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.
2A: Northeastern.
A: Orleans.

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships
15 by Tecumseh, 2003-current.

Active Sectional Championship Streaks (Three or more years)
15: Tecumseh.
14: Indianapolis Scecina Memorial.
11: Indianapolis Lutheran.
5: Decatur Central.
4: Floyd Central, Gibson Southern, Hauser, Leo, Penn, South Central (Union Mills), Tri.
3: Boone Grove, Homestead.

Top 10 All-Time Sectional Championships
21: Boonville, Center Grove.
20: Indianapolis Lutheran.
18: Decatur Central, Eastern (Greentown), Floyd Central, Lake Central, Pioneer, Shenandoah.
17: Huntington North, Indianapolis Scecina, Pendleton Heights, Tecumseh.

Most State Championships
6: Center Grove.
4: New Palestine.
3: Andrean, Gibson Southern, Indianapolis Scecina, Lake Central, Roncalli, Tecumseh.
2: Carmel, Cass, Clinton Prairie, Eastern (Greentown), Hamilton Southeastern, Indianapolis Lutheran, Lakewood Park Christian, Martinsville, Merrillville, Portage, South Putnam, Whiting.

Active Consecutive Tournament Win Streaks
7: New Palestine.
6: Crown Point, Indianapolis Scecina, Tecumseh.

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Class 4A

Sectionals
Times: Determined by host school.
Admission: $6 per session; $10 season (Season tickets may be provided for tourneys with three or more sessions).
Home Team: The second-named team in each pairing is the designated home team except when they advance by virtue of a bye. Exception: In six-team sectionals, the teams drawing the bye will play in the second semifinal game (Game 4) and will be the visitor in the championship game.

1. Crown Point (7)
   G2: Lake Central vs. Lowell.
   G3: Munster vs. Kankakee Valley.
   G4: East Chicago Central vs. Winner of G1.
   Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

2. Merrillville (6)
   G1: Chesterton vs. Hobart.
   G2: Merrillville vs. Portage.
   G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
   G4: Valparaiso vs. Michigan City.

3. South Bend Adams (6)
   G1: LaPorte vs. Plymouth.
   G2: Mishawaka vs. South Bend Riley.
   G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
   G4: Penn vs. South Bend Adams.

4. Elkhart Memorial (6)
   G1: Elkhart Memorial vs. Goshen.
   G2: Elkhart Central vs. Warsaw Community.
   G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
   G4: Northridge vs. Concord.

5. DeKalb (6)
   G1: East Noble vs. Fort Wayne Northrop.
   G2: Leo vs. Carroll (Fort Wayne).
   G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
   G4: DeKalb vs. Fort Wayne Snider.

6. Homestead (5)
   G1: Fort Wayne North Side vs. Fort Wayne Wayne.
   G2: Fort Wayne South Side vs. Homestead.
   G3: Huntington North vs. Winner of G1.

7. Logansport (6)
   G1: Lafayette Jefferson vs. Logansport.
   G2: Kokomo vs. Zionsville.
   G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

8. Westfield (6)
   G1: Westfield vs. Noblesville.
   G2: Hamilton Southeastern vs. Fishers.
   G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
   G4: Carmel vs. North Central (Indianapolis).

9. Pendleton Heights (6)
   G1: Mt. Vernon (Fortville) vs. Richmond.
   G2: Greenfield-Central vs. Pendleton Heights.
   G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
   G4: Anderson vs. Muncie Central.

10. Warren Central (5)
    G1: Lawrence Central vs. Indianapolis Arsenal Technical.
    G2: Lawrence North vs. Indianapolis Cathedral.
    G3: Warren Central vs. Winner of G1.

11. Pike (6)
    G1: Decatur Central vs. Ben Davis.
    G2: Southport vs. Roncalli.
    G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
    G4: Perry Meridian vs. Pike.

12. Brownsburg (6)
    G1: Terre Haute North Vigo vs. Brownsburg.
    G2: Terre Haute South Vigo vs. Mooresville.
    G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

13. Franklin Central (6)
    G1: Greenwood vs. Whiteland.
    G2: Martinsville vs. Franklin Central.
    G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
    G4: Center Grove vs. Franklin Community.

14. East Central (6)
    G1: Columbus North vs. Bloomington North.
    G2: Columbus East vs. Shelbyville.
    G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
    G4: East Central vs. Bloomington South.

15. Bedford North Lawrence (6)
    G1: Jeffersonville vs. New Albany.
    G2: Bedford North Lawrence vs. Jennings County.
    G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
    G4: Seymour vs. Floyd Central.

16. Evansville North (6)
    G1: Gibson Southern vs. Evansville Reitz.
    G2: Evansville Harrison vs. Evansville Central.
    G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
    G4: Castle vs. Evansville North.
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17. Griffith (8)
G1: Hammond Gavit vs. Hammond Clark.
G2: Hanover Central vs. Gary West Side.
G3: Highland vs. Hammond.
G4: Calumet vs. Griffith.
G5: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

18. NorthWood (5)
G1: Knox vs. NorthWood.
G3: Glenn vs. Winner of G1.

19. South Bend St. Joseph (5)
G1: South Bend Washington vs. South Bend St. Joseph.
G2: South Bend Clay vs. New Prairie.
G3: Mishawaka Marian vs. Winner of G1.

20. Twin Lakes (6)
G1: Peru vs. West Lafayette.
G2: Western vs. Benton Central.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Maconaquah vs. Twin Lakes.

21. Fairfield (5)
G1: Fairfield vs. Tippecanoe Valley.
G2: Lakeland vs. West Noble.
G3: Wawasee vs. Winner of G1.

22. Angola (6)
G1: New Haven vs. Angola.
G2: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran vs. Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

23. Norwell (6)
G1: Marion vs. Columbia City.
G2: Mississinewa vs. Bellmont.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Norwell vs. Heritage.

24. Hamilton Heights (6)
G1: Jay County vs. Delta.
G2: Hamilton Heights vs. Yorktown.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Guerin Catholic vs. New Castle.

25. Tri-West Hendricks (6)
G1: Tri-West Hendricks vs. Crawfordsville.
G2: Lebanon vs. Frankfort.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: North Montgomery vs. Danville Community.

26. Indianapolis Scecina (7)
G1: Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Herron.
G3: Indianapolis Crispus Attucks vs. Indianapolis Scecina.
G4: Indianapolis Broad Ripple vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

27. New Palestine (5)
G1: Rushville Consolidated vs. Beech Grove.
G3: Indian Creek vs. Winner of G1.

28. Edgewood (6)
G1: Sullivan vs. Brown County.
G2: Edgewood vs. Owen Valley.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: West Vigo vs. Northview.

29. Franklin County (6)
G1: Franklin County vs. Greensburg.
G2: Lawrenceburg vs. Batesville.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Madison Consolidated vs. South Dearborn.

30. Corydon Central (7)
G1: Corydon Central vs. Charlestown.
G2: North Harrison vs. Silver Creek.
G3: Salem vs. Scottsburg.
G4: Brownstown Central vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

31. Pike Central (5)
G1: Pike Central vs. Vincennes Lincoln.
G2: Jasper vs. Washington.

32. Boonville (5)
G1: Evansville Memorial vs. Evansville Bosse.
G2: Mt. Vernon vs. Heritage Hills.
G3: Boonville vs. Winner of G1.
33. Whiting (5)
G1: River Forest vs. Hammond Bishop Noll.
G2: Lake Station Edison vs. Whiting.
G3: Andrean vs. Winner of G1.

34. Winamac (7)
G1: North Newton vs. Winamac Community.
G4: Rensselaer Central vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

35. Westview (6)
G1: Westview vs. LaVille.
G2: Eastside vs. Central Noble.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Bremen vs. Prairie Heights.

36. Bluffton (6)
G1: Bluffton vs. Woodlan.
G2: Fort Wayne Canterbury vs. South Adams.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Churubusco vs. Adams Central.

37. Oak Hill (6)
G1: Oak Hill vs. Rochester Community.
G2: Manchester vs. Cass.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Wabash vs. Whitko.

38. Southmont (6)
G1: Delphi Community vs. Carroll (Flora).
G2: Western Boone vs. Seeger.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Fountain Central vs. Southmont.

39. Blackford (7)
G1: Eastern (Greentown) vs. Northwestern.
G2: Madison-Grant vs. Blackford.
G3: Taylor vs. Eastbrook.
G4: Tipton vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

40. Lapel (7)
G1: Monroe Central vs. Alexandria Monroe.
G2: Lapel vs. Elwood Community.
G3: Frankton vs. Wapahani.
G4: Shenandoah vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

41. Union County (5)
G1: Winchester Community vs. Centerville.
G2: Northeastern vs. Union County.
G3: Hagerstown vs. Winner of G1.

42. Triton Central (6)
G2: Indianapolis Howe vs. Eastern Hancock.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Triton Central vs. Irvington Preparatory Academy.

43. Monrovia (6)
G1: Speedway vs. Monrovia.
G2: Cascade vs. Indianapolis Shortridge.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

44. Greencastle (5)
G1: Greencastle vs. South Putnam.
G2: South Vermillion vs. Cloverdale.
G3: North Putnam vs. Winner of G1.

45. Milan (5)
G1: Austin vs. Milan.
G2: Switzerland County vs. Southwestern (Hanover).
G3: South Ripley vs. Winner of G1.

46. Eastern (Pekin) (6)
G1: Providence vs. Crawford County.
G2: Paoli vs. Henryville.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Eastern (Pekin) vs. Clarksville.

47. South Knox (6)
G1: Southridge vs. Eastern Greene.
G2: Mitchell vs. South Knox.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: North Knox vs. Linton-Stockton.

48. Forest Park (7)
G1: Tell City vs. Tecumseh.
G2: North Posey vs. Forest Park.
G3: South Spencer vs. Evansville Mater Dei.
G4: Perry Central vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.
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49. Washington Township (7)
G1: Covenant Christian (DeMotte) vs. Marquette Catholic.
G2: Hammond Academy S&T vs. Morgan Township.
G3: Westville vs. Kouts.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

50. North Miami (7)
G1: Northfield vs. Pioneer.
G2: North Miami vs. Caston.
G3: North White vs. Southwood.
G4: South Newton vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

51. Triton (6)
G1: Argos vs. Triton.
G2: Culver Community vs. LaCrosse.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: West Central vs. South Central (Union Mills).

52. Lakewood Park Christian (5)
G1: South Bend Career Academy vs. Fremont.

53. Riverton Parke (7)
G1: Turkey Run vs. Attica.
G2: Riverton Parke vs. North Vermillion.
G3: Rockville vs. Lafayette Central Catholic.
G4: Covington vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

54. Rossville (7)
G1: Faith Christian vs. Rossville.
G2: Frontier vs. Tri-County.
G3: Clinton Central vs. Clinton Prairie.
G4: Sheridan vs. Winner of G1.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

55. Daleville (7)
G1: Tri-Central vs. Southern Wells.
G2: Cowan vs. Wes-Del.
G3: Anderson Preparatory Academy vs. Daleville.
Championship: Winner of G4 vs. Winner of G5.

56. Tri (6)
G1: Union City vs. Cambridge City Lincoln.
G2: Tri vs. Randolph Southern.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Blue River Valley vs. Seton Catholic.

57. Clay City (6)
G1: North Central (Farmersburg) vs. Bloomfield.
G2: Shakamak vs. Eminence.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

58. Bethesda Christian (6)
G1: Indiana Deaf vs. Providence Cristo Rey.
G2: University vs. Covenant Christian (Indianapolis).
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

59. Edinburgh (6)
G1: Indianapolis Lutheran vs. Waldron.
G2: Morristown vs. Southwestern (Shelbyville)
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

60. Rising Sun (6)
G1: Rising Sun vs. North Decatur.
G2: Hauser vs. Oldenburg Academy.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: Jac-Cen-Del vs. South Decatur.

61. West Washington (4)
G1: Orleans vs. Trinity Lutheran.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

62. Borden (6)
G1: Borden vs. Christian Academy of Indiana.
G2: Shawe Memorial vs. Lanesville.
G3: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
G4: New Washington vs. South Central (Elizabeth).

63. North Daviess (4)
G1: Barr-Reeve vs. Shoals.
G2: Loogootee vs. North Daviess.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

64. Northeast Dubois (4)
G1: Springs Valley vs. Wood Memorial.
G2: Northeast Dubois vs. Cannelton.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
Regionals
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018.
Time: 7 pm where possible.
Admission: $7.
Home Team: The winner of the odd-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 2 at Winner of Sectional 1.
2. Winner of Sectional 4 at Winner of Sectional 3.
3. Winner of Sectional 6 at Winner of Sectional 5.
4. Winner of Sectional 8 at Winner of Sectional 7.
5. Winner of Sectional 10 at Winner of Sectional 9.
6. Winner of Sectional 12 at Winner of Sectional 11.
8. Winner of Sectional 16 at Winner of Sectional 15.

Class 3A
9. Winner of Sectional 18 at Winner of Sectional 17.
10. Winner of Sectional 20 at Winner of Sectional 19.
12. Winner of Sectional 24 at Winner of Sectional 23.
15. Winner of Sectional 30 at Winner of Sectional 29.

Class 2A
17. Winner of Sectional 34 at Winner of Sectional 33.
18. Winner of Sectional 36 at Winner of Sectional 35.
19. Winner of Sectional 38 at Winner of Sectional 37.
20. Winner of Sectional 40 at Winner of Sectional 39.
21. Winner of Sectional 42 at Winner of Sectional 41.
22. Winner of Sectional 44 at Winner of Sectional 43.
23. Winner of Sectional 46 at Winner of Sectional 45.
24. Winner of Sectional 48 at Winner of Sectional 47.

Class A
25. Winner of Sectional 50 at Winner of Sectional 49.
26. Winner of Sectional 52 at Winner of Sectional 51.
27. Winner of Sectional 54 at Winner of Sectional 53.
28. Winner of Sectional 56 at Winner of Sectional 55.
29. Winner of Sectional 58 at Winner of Sectional 57.
30. Winner of Sectional 60 at Winner of Sectional 59.
32. Winner of Sectional 64 at Winner of Sectional 63.

Semi-States
Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018.
Times: 11 am, 1 pm, 7 pm.
Admission: $8 session, $10 season.
Home Team: 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.

Class 4A
1. Harrison (West Lafayette)
G1: Regional 2 winner vs. Regional 1 winner.
G2: Regional 4 winner vs. Regional 3 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

2. Center Grove
G1: Regional 8 winner vs. Regional 7 winner.
G2: Regional 6 winner vs. Regional 5 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

Class 3A
3. Twin Lakes
G1: Regional 9 winner vs. Regional 12 winner.
G2: Regional 10 winner vs. Regional 11 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

4. Jasper
G1: Regional 13 winner vs. Regional 14 winner.
G2: Regional 15 winner vs. Regional 16 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

Class 2A
5. LaVille
G1: Regional 18 winner vs. Regional 17 winner.
G2: Regional 19 winner vs. Regional 20 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

6. Forest Park
G1: Regional 21 winner vs. Regional 23 winner.
G2: Regional 22 winner vs. Regional 24 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

Class A
7. Frankfort
G1: Regional 27 winner vs. Regional 28 winner.
G2: Regional 25 winner vs. Regional 26 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.

8. North Daviess
G1: Regional 31 winner vs. Regional 32 winner.
G2: Regional 30 winner vs. Regional 29 winner.
Championship: Winner of G1 vs. Winner of G2.
State Finals
Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, 1324 McCormick Road, West Lafayette.

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Admission: $10.

Home Team: The winner of the southern semi-state is the designated home team in each game. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout.

Official Softball: The Wilson A9011 optic yellow softball, the official ball of the IHSAA state tournament, will be provided by the IHSAA. The core and compression must be listed on the ball.

Television: All four state championship games will air live on Fox Sports Indiana.

Webstream: For viewers outside of the Fox Sports Indiana coverage area, a live stream will be available at IHSAAtv.org. For those within the FSI coverage area, the stream will be available only on delayed basis following the conclusion of the telecast.

Class A State Championship Game | North Semi-State winner vs. South Semi-State winner | 10:30 am ET
Class 2A State Championship Game | North Semi-State winner vs. South Semi-State winner | 1:30 pm ET
Class 3A State Championship Game | North Semi-State winner vs. South Semi-State winner | 4:30 pm ET
Class 4A State Championship Game | North Semi-State winner vs. South Semi-State winner | 7:30 pm ET
About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)
The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.