



WIAA Wednesday

September 30, 2026



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Welcome

“We say 'things will turn out', but no. It's what we do that actually creates the future.” Mae Jemison

- **Thank you for bringing passion to your work**
 - Advocacy, frustration, exhilaration
- **Thank you for working to understand why things happen/are decided**
 - Asking questions and doing your homework
- **Thank you for finding how to make desired change**
 - Everyone is too busy but some get it done
- **Thank you for doing the hard work to create positive change rather than simply complaining**
 - Boards, committees, etc
- **Thank you for taking such good care of our kids**

Board Action

- 12-Entry Baseball Bracket Format
 - Approved teams seeded 5-8 will play the first game on the Saturday before the state championships and the winners will play the teams seeded 1-4. Winners of that game qualify for the semifinals the next Friday.
- According to NFHS Baseball Rules, schools will be required to utilize the double first base beginning January 1, 2027, and the larger first base will not be allowed.

Board Action

- Approved 12 editorial changes
- Approved on 2nd, 3rd and final reading that violations committed within ten calendar days of the start of the state championship event will be submitted directly to the WIAA Executive Board.
- Approved that disputes involving shared allocations between WIAA Districts must be resolved ten calendar days before the start of the state championship event.

Board Action

- Passed on 1st Reading to add Boys 4x200 at State Track
- Increased State Wrestling to four days in Tacoma, setup on Tuesday and wrestling is Wednesday through Saturday - Schedule is being developed with 3A and 4A separated
- 2026-27 State Tournament Budgets approved
 - \$120,000 allocated for 4th Day of State Wrestling

Board Action

- Girls Flag Football State Championships - February 26-27, 2027 & February 25-26, 2028
- Bowling Oil Pattern
 - 2027- Main Street V2
 - 2028- Easy Street V2
 - 2029- Wall Street V2

Board Action

- **M/S/PASSED** the Redmond & Juanita Cross Country Self Report State Tournament Findings
- **M/S/FAILED** the Liberty High School appeal of suspension assessed during June meeting for a female golfer (Violation of 25.2.5)
- **M/S/PASSED** the sportsmanship plan submitted by River Ridge High School
- **M/S/PASSED** for Davenport High School to be a member of WIAA District 5 for 1B football only and to count for allocations for WIAA District 5
- **M/S/FAILED** the request to lower the number of schools needed for a 16-entry state tournament from 44 to 42
- **M/S/PASSED** the 2026 and 2027 Fall Allocations
- **M/S/PASSED** the 2026 and 2027 Fall WIAA District Agreements

Reminders

- Winter Rules Clinics will launch on OCTOBER 15
- Messages being sent to schools with coaches who missed the 50% for sport and general rules
- RPI is up and running and will be one tool utilized by the seeding committees to determine matchups on the state brackets
- Fall Brackets are being submitted to the WIAA staff by the District Directors
- Reminder to submit Cross Country Authorization Forms by OCTOBER 16

STATE SCHEDULES:

- **State Swim & Dive:** Two-day schedule (both Girls and Boys Meets)
 - **Girls: November 13-14, 2026 / Boys: February 19-20, 2027**
 - Dates have been updated on the Tournament Central pages
- **Slowpitch:** Kiwanis Fields in Yakima
 - **October 23-24, 2026**

Updates

- Scholastic Award Deadlines for Champions Cup
 - **Slowpitch softball:** October 16, 2026
 - **All Other Fall Sports:** October 30, 2026
- Amendment Deadline: Amendment text and all required signatures must be submitted by October 9.

Reminders

WIAA FINAL FORMS SPORTS & ACTIVITIES AD CENTER COACHES ELIGIBILITY RESOURCES NOMINATE





SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL RESOURCES

STATE TOURNAMENT RESOURCES

« TOURNAMENT CENTRAL

(Brackets, Tickets, Streaming Info, Digital Program)

» 2026-27 POSTSEASON SOPs & COACH INFORMATION

2026-27

STATE TOURNAMENT:
Oct 23-24, 2026

LOCATION: KIWANIS FIELDS (Yakima)

State Qualifiers Corner

Qualified for State? Below are important action items and resources to help you prepare for the State Tournament.

- ✓ [Submit Your Pass Gate Information](#) (MyWIAA)
- ✓ [Submit Your Program Information](#) (MyWIAA)
- ✓ [Visit the Know Before You Go Page](#) (Tickets, Streaming, Photos, Merch & Program Info)
- ✓ [Review the Postseason SOPs & Coach Information](#) (posted above)

GENERAL RESOURCES

SPORT CONTACT: JENEE JAMES

- [Certified Equipment](#) (USA Softball)
- [NFHS Information](#)
- [NAERA Recommendations](#)

OFFICIAL BALL



USA Composite Slowpitch Softball

SIGN UP FOR A TEAM ACCOUNT AND SAVE UP TO 15%

» BADEN TEAM STORE

IMPORTANT DATES

HIGH SCHOOL SEASON INFO:

2026-27

1st Practice: Aug 24, 2026
Min. Practice Days: 7
50% Rule Date: Sep 28, 2026
Max. # Contests (Reg. Season): 20 + Jamboree
Season End: Oct 24, 2026

2027-28

1st Practice: Aug 23, 2027
Min. Practice Days: 7
50% Rule Date: Sep 27, 2027
Max. # Contests (Reg. Season): 20 + Jamboree
Season End: Oct 23, 2027

MIDDLE LEVEL SEASON INFO:

Total Season Length Inc. Practices: 12 Weeks
Min. Practice Days (Per Individual): 7
Season Contest Limits:
7th/8th Grade: 10+ Jamboree

Reminders

WIAA MEMBER SCHOOL LOGOS

The logos displayed below are currently being used for WIAA Member Schools in FinalForms and also on all WIAA digital content (RPI rankings, bracket releases, tournament programs, etc.). If you need to update your school's logo, please email a hi-res PNG or EPS file of the correct logo to WIAA Marketing Director [Bryn Langrock](#).

Search by school name...

School Name	Logo
Aberdeen	
Adna	
Agape Christian	
Almira Coulee Hartline	
Anacortes	
Annie Wright	
Archbishop Murphy	
Arlington	
	

Programs & Pass Gate Deadlines + Updates

- **Fall 2026:** WPA Roster Center Remains Source of Truth for Rosters
- FinalForms Roster Center is Still In-Development

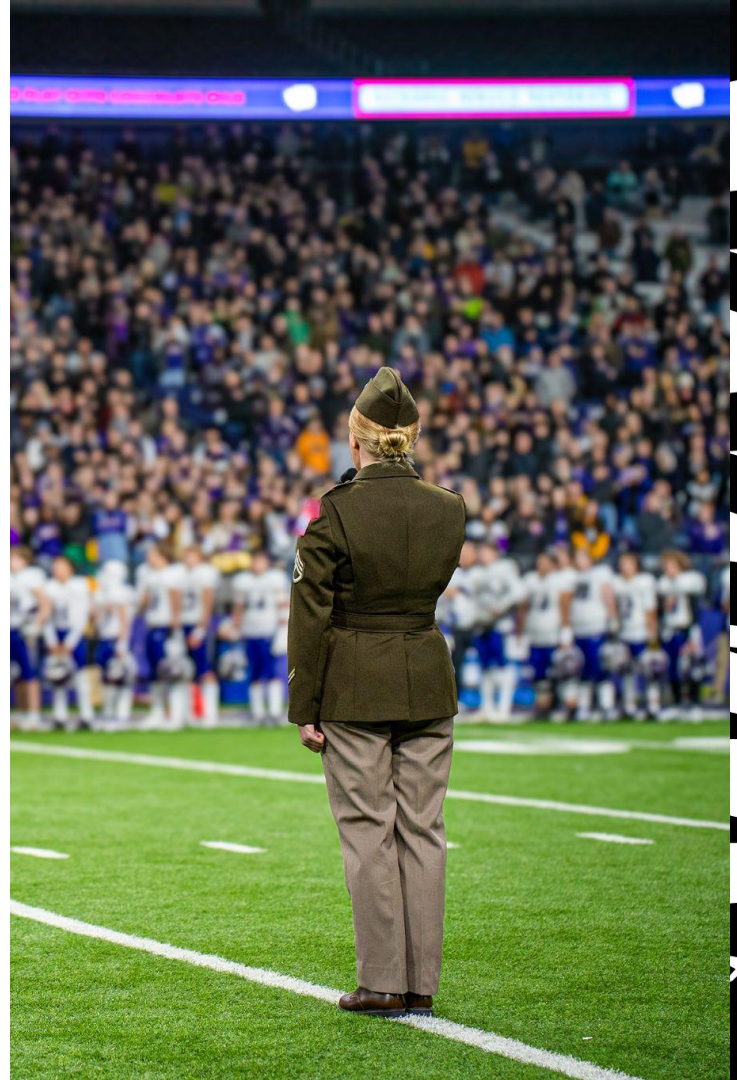
EVENT	PROGRAM INFO. SUBMISSION DEADLINE	PASS GATE SUBMISSION DEADLINE
SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL	Sunday, October 18	Tuesday, October 20
CROSS COUNTRY	N/A, no information submission	Wednesday, November 4
1B, 2B VOLLEYBALL	Sunday, November 8	Monday, November 9
1A, 2A VOLLEYBALL	Sunday, November 8	Tuesday, November 10
GIRLS SWIM & DIVE	N/A, no information submission	Tuesday, November 10
3A, 4A VOLLEYBALL	Sunday, November 15	Wednesday, November 18
FALL SOCCER (GIRLS & 1B/2B BOYS)	Sunday, November 15	Wednesday, November 18
FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS	N/A, no information submission	N/A, no Pass Gate submission
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Sunday, November 29	Wednesday, December 2

Membership Reminders

- WIAA Member Schools are only permitted to compete against other member schools.
- Neighboring state schools of Oregon and Idaho at the middle level are not governed by their respective state associations
- Opt-in Middle Schools
- Meet managers



- Recognizing individuals who help make interscholastic athletics and activities possible in WIAA member school communities – often without receiving the recognition they deserve.
- Six monthly honorees September - June
- Nominations due the 20th of each month
- wiaa.com/community-all-stars



Classification Updates

- ALE Counting - Working to Develop ALE Tracking Form
- ALE Counting - Retroactive Counting
 - Spring Sports Participation will count toward January and February counts
- Committee is working to have 2028-32 Classification Range recommendation to WIAA Executive Board in November 2026

Classification Updates

CLASSIFICATION COUNTING



TRADITIONAL STUDENT

COUNTED

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

DO NOT COUNT

- Full-time running start
- Full-time homeschool

COUNT WHEN THEY PARTICIPATE

- ALE
- Homelink
- Other non-traditional programs

***NOTE**

ALE, Homelink, and other non-traditional students are counted in the months they participate during the classification counting months

Classification Updates

- August 2026-November 2026: Classification Committee/Executive Board will review classification ranges (Balancing) - Classification Updates for Membership (Zoom/WIAA Wed./Email)
- January 2027 - Start of Classification Counting - May, October
- October 2027: Final Count Month - October is Counted Three Times
- November 2027: Enrollment Counts available to Membership
- December 2027: Deadline for Schools to Declare Opt-up and/or Notification of Intent to Appeal Classification
- *January 2028: WIAA Executive Board Approves Classification Numbers and Range Balancing (if needed)
- January 2028-August 2028: Schools can begin league alignment process/sport schedule planning
August 2028: 2028-32 Classification Cycle Begins
- *Reviewing possibility of Approving Classifications earlier than January 2028

Thank You!

- We are Looking Forward to an Exciting Year!