



Softball State Championship

June 1st – June 6th

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The District of Columbia State Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Softball tournament.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated within this Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants can be found in DCMR Title 5-F; Chapter 27 on the DCSAA website (dcsaasports.org).
- D. Only players on the original Certification of Eligibility are eligible in the DCSAA playoff games.
- E. The tournament field will consist of eight (8) teams.
- F. As per NFHS rules, optic yellow balls are required for all contest.
- G. All games are seven inning single elimination games.
- H. As allowed in NFHS Rule 4-2-3, by state adoption, a game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure, (artificial lights, water systems, etc.) 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, subject to the rules of the game.



II. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The DCSAA will conduct eight (8) team softball tournament that will include public schools, public charter schools, independent schools and parochial schools located in the District of Columbia.
2. Home teams are responsible for providing an athletic trainer for the, quarterfinals and semi-final games – DCSAA will provide an athletic trainer for the championship game.
3. DCSAA will provide state certified officials for all tournament games.
4. On Tuesday, June 1st @ 5pm – the quarterfinals of the tournament will be played at the higher seeds home field. On Thursday, June 3rd @ 5pm the semi-finals of the will be played at the higher seeds home field. If the higher seed does not have a home field, they will be responsible for finding a location that meets NFHS standards. Finals will be played on June 6th @ 4pm.

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

5. The home team (higher seed) will wear WHITE.

B. Playing Rules

1. The tournament will be conducted under National Federation rules.
2. SEEDING: Will be determined by Coaches Poll – the Preliminary Poll will be conducted on Friday, May 14th. The Preliminary Poll will be published for informational purposes, only.

The Final Poll will be held on Wednesday, May 19th. The Final Poll will be used to seed the tournament.



3. RECORDS: All records must be entered into Maxpreps.
4. The number of points a team will receive per vote will be as follows:
 - 1st- 10 points
 - 2nd- 8 points
 - 3rd- 7 points
 - 4th- 6 points
 - 5th- 5 points
 - 6th- 4 points
 - 7th- 3 points
 - 8th- 2 points
5. The entire field will be seeded one (1) through eight (8) based on the teams with the highest point totals.
6. If a tie exists, seeding will be determined by results of head-to-head competition.
7. If a tie still exists, after considering head-to-head competition the seeding will be determined by the team with highest winning percentage.
8. If a tie still exist, seeding will be determined by a coin flip.
9. If more than two teams are tied, seeding will be determined by a blind draw.
10. A regulation game consists of seven innings. A game will be considered complete any time after 4-1/2 to 5 innings.
11. DCSAA certified officials will be assigned for each game. Two officials will be assigned for quarterfinal and semifinal games and three officials will be used for the championship game.



12. Warm-up procedures

- a. Both teams will warm up on the entire field for 15 minutes each.

- b. The visiting team will warm up first unless extenuating circumstances cause a late arrival of the visiting team in which case the home team shall warm up first.

13. In case of inclement weather, athletic directors shall consult with the tournament director before finalizing arrangements.

14. Postponed/suspended games may be required to be made up as part of a double header.

15. All games must be played on a regulation size softball field.

16. Weekday games will be played at 5 p.m. unless there is a double header or otherwise approved by DCSAA.