

# SOFTBALL

## GIRLS - ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

### A. SEASON

2022 SEASON

March 2, 2022 - First Practice

March 17, 2022 - First Contest

\*Participants must be entered in the School Activities Reporting System (SARS) prior to First Contest (Article 12 Section 10).

May 28, 2022 - Last Contest (Regular Season or Conference Championship)

### B. MINIMUM DAYS PRACTICE

Each participant must have a minimum of 10 different days of physical practice before the first day of competition. (Article 7, Section 7)

### C. INDIVIDUAL NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

ASAA has no limitations on students participating on non-school softball teams while they are members of a school softball team.

### D. RULES

1. National Federation of High School (NFHS) Softball rules apply.
2. ASAA Supplemental Rules
  - a. Mercy Rule: The game shall end when either team is 15 runs behind after three innings, 12 runs behind after four innings, or eight runs behind after five innings.
  - b. Called Game: When a game is called by an umpire before the completion of the required number of innings, the game is declared a "no game". The game can be replayed.
  - c. Suspended Game: A game called for any reason by an umpire after the required number of innings, where a winner cannot be determined (i.e. home team is behind and has not batted or score is tied) will be treated as a suspended game. The game shall continue from the point of suspension at a later time. The lineup and the batting order of each team will remain exactly the same as when the game was suspended. If a winner can be determined (both teams have equal at-bats or home team is ahead) the team that is ahead is declared the winner. If the game ends in a tie and the suspended game cannot be completed because of scheduling conflicts the game is considered a tie game.
  - d. Tie Breaker: If, after the completion of seven innings of play, the score is tied, the following tie-breaker rule will be played to determine a winning team. Starting with the top of the eighth 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 (if the number five batter is the lead off batter, the number four batter in the line up will be placed on second base). A substitute may be inserted for the runner.

## **E. CONFERENCES**

All teams are assigned to conferences (See Softball Conferences). Conferences are responsible for setting their own bylaws and policies. A contact person must be selected to communicate conference information with ASAA. (i.e. State qualifiers, tournament results, final seeds)

## **F. MAXIMUM GAMES**

A team may play 22 regular season games exclusive of conference or state championships. Additional games may be played under the Endowment Game guidelines.

Invitational Tournaments and “Pool Play” Tournaments: Each team is permitted to attend tournaments during the regular season. When playing in a Pool Play tournament, each day will only count as 1 game towards the 22-match game limit. A Pool Play tournament is defined as a tournament with games limited to no more than 65 minutes (allowing the teams to finish the inning). The mercy rule will be in effect in both invitational and pool play tournaments.

## **G. ENDOWMENT GAMES**

ASAA encourages each school’s team to play Endowment Games during the season above and beyond the 22 game limit. Two additional Endowment Games may be played each season. The Endowment Game is a fund-raiser for ASAA. School teams may play Endowment Games at any time during the regular season, beginning with the date of the first contest and extending through the time period between the conference qualifying tournament and the state tournament. Endowment Games do count in a team’s overall season record for seeding purposes. Schools wishing to host Endowment Games must apply in writing to ASAA by submitting the “Endowment Game Application Form” no later than one week prior to the game. Under no circumstances may an Endowment Game be played until this form has been signed by ASAA and returned to the participating schools. ASAA will invoice the host school \$100 for each game.

## **H. JAMBOREE REGULATIONS**

All players must have five (5) separate days of practice prior to the first day of the Jamboree. It shall include three (3) or more teams. A team is limited to no more than six (6) innings total with no more than two (2) innings against any other team. A team may only play in one jamboree each season. A jamboree does not count as a game against the 22 game limit.

## **I. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1. DATE**

June 2 - 4, 2022

### **2. SITE & HOST**

South Davis Fields, Fairbanks  
Hosted by ASAA and IGSA

### **3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT**

#### **a. Type of Elimination**

3 day tournament, Day 1 pool play which seeds a double elimination bracket on day 2 & 3.

b. Championship Schedule

A detailed schedule and bracket will be available online on the Softball State Information page.

c. Conference Berths (See Softball Conferences)

d. Pool Play Rotation

2021-2022

**Division I**

A1 Cook Inlet #1	B1 Railbelt #1
A2 Railbelt #2	B2 Cook Inlet #2
A3 Cook Inlet #3	B3 Cook Inlet #4

**Division II**

A1 Southeast #1	B1 Northern Lights #1
A2 Northern Lights #2	B2 Mid Alaska #1
A3 Mid Alaska #2	B3 Southeast #2

2022-2023

**Division I**

A1 Railbelt #1	B1 Cook Inlet #1
A2 Cook Inlet #2	B2 Railbelt #2
A3 Cook Inlet #3	B3 Cook Inlet #4

**Division II**

A1 Southeast #1	B1 Mid Alaska #1
A2 Northern Lights #1	B2 Southeast #2
A3 Mid Alaska #2	B3 Northern Lights #2

2023-2024

**Division I**

A1 Cook Inlet #1	B1 Railbelt #1
A2 Railbelt #2	B2 Cook Inlet #2
A3 Cook Inlet #3	B3 Cook Inlet #4

**Division II**

A1 Mid Alaska #1	B1 Northern Lights #1
A2 Southeast #1	B2 Mid Alaska #2
A3 Northern Lights #2	B3 Southeast #2

4. STATE POLICIES & PROCEDURES DOCUMENT

This detailed document outlining softball championship information (i.e. supplemental rules, roster limits, passes, deadlines, game protocol, facility info, coaches meetings, etc), will be available online prior to the start of the championship on the Softball Coaches web page. State qualifying teams are required to review this document.

5. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMS

All forms should be submitted online at the ASAA website, on the softball coaches page prior to the deadline.

- School Activities Reporting System (SARS) eligibility roster
- State Championship Entry Form
- State Championship Photo Upload Form
- State Championship Code of Conduct
- Good Sport Selection Form
- Academic Award Entry Form

6. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DEADLINES

Deadlines can be found on the [asaa.org](http://asaa.org) website within the sport specific state championship policies & procedures and on the sport specific forms page.

7. AWARDS

- a. First and second place trophies
- b. 20 individual medallions for players, coaches, managers of the first and second place teams
- c. Team Sportsmanship Award

d. Academic Award

e. Nine All-Tournament medallions awarded for outstanding tournament play, regardless of player position on the field.

f. Player of the game awarded to one player from each team each game

g. Two Good Sport Team Members Per Team

Members are selected by their head coach to be honored for outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship throughout the entire season.

# SOFTBALL CONFERENCES

## **DIVISION I** (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

### **Cook Inlet (4)**

Bartlett  
Chugiak  
Dimond  
Eagle River  
East Anchorage  
Service  
South Anchorage  
West Anchorage

### **Railbelt (2)**

Colony  
Lathrop  
Wasilla  
West Valley

## **DIVISION II** (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)

### **Mid Alaska (2)**

Ben Eielson  
Delta Junction  
Hutchison  
Monroe Catholic  
North Pole

### **Northern Lights (2)**

Homer  
Houston  
Kenai Central  
Kodiak  
Palmer  
Soldotna

### **Southeast (2)**

Juneau-Douglas  
Ketchikan  
Sitka  
Thunder Mountain