

SOFTBALL

GIRLS - ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

Participation on girls' teams shall be limited to females who were assigned female at birth.

A. SEASON

2024 SEASON

March 4, 2024 - First Practice

March 15, 2024 - First Contest

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

May 25, 2024 - 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 sports to play Endowment Games during the season above and beyond the 22 game/match limit. Additional Endowment Games may be played each season. (Bylaw, Article 7, Section 9) School teams may play Endowment Games at any time during the regular season, beginning with the date of the first contest and extending to the start of the conference tournament. Endowment Games do count in a team’s overall season record for at large and 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 responsible 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. REPORTING SCHEDULES & RESULTS

1. A school coach, administrator or official team representative must create an account at the MaxPreps.com website and submit their varsity level team schedules. This must be done by the first day of practice. This applies to all classifications.
2. All scores must be entered into the MaxPreps.com website from the previous week by the following Tuesday 7:00 PM during the regular season.
3. All scores from the conference tournament must be entered into the MaxPreps.com website by Sunday, 8:00 AM.
4. Schools failing to meet these mandates will be given a warning for the first offense, fined \$200 for the second offense.

J. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DATE

May 30 - June 1, 2024

2. SITE & HOST

South Davis Complex, Fairbanks

Hosted by ASAA, Lathrop High School and Interior Girls Softball Association

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

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

2024-2025

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 Northern Lights #1

A2 Northern Lights #2

B2 Mid Alaska #1

A3 Mid Alaska #2

B3 Southeast #2

2025-2026

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 Mid Alaska #1

A2 Northern Lights #1

B2 Southeast #2

A3 Mid Alaska #2

B3 Northern Lights #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 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
Bettye Davis East
Chugiak
Dimond
Eagle River
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
Redington
Soldotna

Southeast (2)

Juneau-Douglas
Ketchikan
Sitka
Thunder Mountain