

ACTIVITY UPDATE



2024



Important Dates

July 29	Practice/Tryouts can begin
August 7	Games may begin
August 7	Season Schedule DUE
Sept. 3	Online Roster & Record DUE
Sept. 4	Online Ranking DUE
Sept. 10	Rosters Close
Sept. 11 or 12	Regional Quarterfinals
Sept. 14	Regional Semifinals
Sept. 17	Regional Championship
Sept. 21	Sectionals
Sept. 27-28	State Finals

Regular Season Time Limit

2 Hour Time Limit

No inning can start 2 hours after the first pitch. The clock starts when the 1st pitch is thrown. Home plate umpire will keep the time.



Run Rules still apply.
10-run after 5 innings.
12-run after 4 innings.
15-run after 3 innings.

NFHS Rule Changes

1-8-6 - Permits electronic information to be transmitted to the dugout from anywhere outside of live ball area.

3-2-5 - Removes the color restriction for headbands and ribbons.

3-2-7 - Defines where a wristband with a playbook/playcard may be worn. If worn by the pitcher, the wristband with a playbook/playcard must be worn on the non-pitching wrist or arm.

4-2-7, 10-2-3e, h - The umpire may call (end) a game if the playing conditions in or around the facility become unacceptable to safely continue the game.



3-2-3 - Beginning January 1, 2027

Uniforms may only bear a single manufacturer's logo, school name, school logo, mascot and/or the participant's name. Advertisements, messages, team slogans, etc. will no longer be permitted.

NFHS Rule Changes for pitchers

6-1-2c, 2-47 - The pitcher may now have both feet off the ground at the same time as long as both feet remain within the 24-inch width of the pitcher's plate and the pitcher does not replant the pivot foot.



6-2-2

Pitchers shall only use dirt, powdered rosin, or comparable drying agents that are listed on the USA Softball's certified equipment webpage to dry the hand.

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Can a softball player on my junior high team also play on a travel team at the same time?

A: This is a local school decision. Coaches, students, and families need to check with the school administration regarding the school's policy on participation on a school team and a non-school team at the same time.

Q: Can a softball player wear jewelry?

A: Yes - umpires still have the authority to rule on anything they deem as dangerous.

Regional Officials

Regional officials are each paid **\$65 per game**, the cost of which is split by the schools participating in the given contest (s).



Sportsmanship/Ejections

A **player** ejected from a contest must serve a two-game suspension and complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course. A player ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 5-game suspension and the school is responsible for paying a \$100 penalty fee.

A **coach** ejected from a contest must serve a two-game suspension, complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and the school must pay a \$100 penalty fee. A coach ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 5-game suspension and the school is responsible for paying a \$250 penalty fee. All player/coach ejection consequences must be met, documented and confirmed by the IESA before eligibility is reinstated for a player or a coach.

Fans ejected from a contest must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and provide proof of completion to the member school the fan represents.

Residency



IESA By-law 2.053

ISBE Tuition Waiver for children of staff members to attend the school tuition-free, the student shall have eligibility at his/her school of attendance within the district where the parent/guardian is a **full-time staff member**.

Full-time staff member is defined as "a staff member employed and compensated by a school district who works thirty-five (35) or more hours per week for the district during the school year."

Calendar Change 2025 - 2026

The IESA Board of Directors approved calendar changes for the 2025-26 school year.

**Regionals - Tues/Thur/Sat. of Week 10.
Sectionals - Tuesday of Week 11.
State Tournament - Friday/Saturday of Week 11.**

A ten-year standardized season calendar is available on the IESA website.

Request for Accommodation Policy

Students who need accommodations are encouraged to work with their member schools to complete and submit the **Request for Accommodation Form**. This form is available to member schools in their member center and the process is in the policies section of the IESA handbook.



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