

GIRLS' SOFTBALL SEASON & PLAYOFF BULLETIN



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Important Reminders:

- **Penalty for too many games: Restriction, No appeal:** See inside front cover
- **All helmets must have NOCSAE approved face mask / guard.**
- **Competition may begin August 19.**
- **No 9-day practice required in softball.**
- **Scrimmages may be held immediately. (See page 28)**
- **Rosters and Game-by-Game results reporting instructions on page 55**
- **Games can end with 10 run rule after 5 innings, or 15 after 4, or 20 after 3.**

NOTE: Please consult the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook for Specific information on Softball injuries.

COACH ATTENDANCE AT A RULES MEETING.

All head coaches are required to attend a rules meeting. This is a requirement. You can satisfy this requirement by attending the summer Coaches Association Softball Clinic Softball Rules Meeting, attending one of the Softball Officials Master Clinics, an area softball officials rules meeting, etc.

WHO IS YOUR “GET BACK GUY”

Officials have been instructed to ask each head coach prior to the game, “Who is your “Get Back Guy”?” The “GBG” is the assistant coach designated by the head coach to be in charge of all bench personnel should an altercation occur on the field or near the sideline. In volatile situations the “GBG” immediately communicates with all bench personnel to prevent them from leaving the bench area or participating in a fight in the bench area. The prompt action of the “GBG” could prevent your team from forfeiting the present game and next week’s game due to mass ejections or penalties imposed by the Commissioner for fighting.

CHECK YOUR SCHEDULES DON’T PLAY TOO MANY GAMES

Before the competitive interscholastic season begins, check to make sure you have not scheduled contests in excess of the game/contest limit for your sport (see CHSAA Sport By-laws).

Teams that have played more contests than allowed in the Sport By-laws will be restricted from state playoff activities, without appeal.

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2011-2012 SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

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Date of Committee Meeting: 9:00 AM, November 17, 2011
CHSAA office.

How to get recommended for a committee: Contact your league president or Legislative Council Representative in February and request to be nominated. From nominations received, the CHSAA Staff makes the selections based on balance of classifications, geographical regions, and other areas to help balance representation.

PLAYOFF FORMATS

See page 43 for 3A, page 46 for 4A, and page 49 for 5A

2011 SOFTBALL CALENDAR

August 15First formal practice
August 19First contest
October 1 SAT Test Date
October 8 (4A/5A) & 12 (3A)..... Regular season games must be completed
October 9 Roster/game-by-game form due to CHSAA (page 55)
October 9.....4A-5A regional pairings will be posted on CHSAA's website:www.chsaa.org
October 15Deadline for reporting 3A Regional qualifiers to CHSAA
October 15 3A Districts Completed
October 15 4A/5A Regional Tournaments
October 16Deadline for reporting STATE qualifiers to CHSAA
October 16 CHSAA State Pairing/Seeding Committee Meeting (CHSAA Office)
October 22.....ACT Test Date
October 21-223A/4A/5A State Tournament,
Aurora Sports Park, Aurora



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August 2011

Dear Softball Coach:

Welcome to the CHSAA's 25th season of interscholastic softball. I wish you and your student athletes the best in your efforts this season. As a coach, your enthusiasm, energy and knowledge will be reflected in the performance and conduct of your athletes.

Please review this bulletin which contains information concerning the upcoming softball season - the preseason, regular season, and regional / state tournaments, including tournament umpire selection.

I would also remind you to check your school calendar and remind your players about special holidays, homecoming events, SAT, ACT, and PSAT testing dates, etc. By notifying them of possible date conflicts, you may help avoid potential team problems. **Note: the CHSAA will not change its playoff dates to accommodate any of these types of conflicts.**

We continue to enjoy the atmosphere of the tournament at Aurora Sports Park. The CHSAA softball committee has worked hard on your behalf to provide a fair and equitable format for the 2011 season and this site only enhances the playoff format.

Your principal or athletic director can answer most questions you might have. If they are unable to do so, do not hesitate to contact me at the CHSAA office at 303-344-5050 or by email at bozzello@chsaa.org or acathy@chsaa.org.

Best wishes on a successful season and thank you for your contribution to high school activities and the support of Colorado's high school students.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner



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August 2011

Dear Coaches,

Another softball season quickly approaches. I, along with the Softball Executive Board and fellow Umpires look forward to an exciting season.

A few rule changes you should be aware of: new penalty of team warning, restriction to dugout/bench for head coach for submitting a lineup card that must be corrected with proper name/number or substitutes added; guideline procedures for identifying and removing players with concussion symptoms; clarified that any gray, white or optic color marking that gives the appearance of a ball is not permitted. Points of Emphasis for 2011 are: Sportsmanship, Team and Player equipment, field of play and game management.

The Colorado High School Softball Umpire Association (CHSSUA) wishes you a safe and exciting season. While you continue to put the best team on the field, the Umpires will continue to improve in their mechanics and rules knowledge. Each area will hold a master rules clinic and field clinic in mid-August. Weekly meetings are planned throughout the season. You are cordially invited to attend any of these clinics or meetings.

If you have any concerns or constructive comments, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Directors in your area. I have included their email addresses on the next page. Any rules questions should be directed to Dave Neidlinger, topofficial@comcast.net, state rules interpreter. Any other concerns should be directed to me, larryneth@gmail.com, CHSSUA President or Scott Cochran, scott@cochran98.com, CHSSUA President-Elect. Please remember sportsmanship is the foundation for high school sports. Again CHSSUA would like to wish you all the best this upcoming season.

Yours in Softball,

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-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 6, Rule 610.31 page 26
2. ***BOARD OF CONTROL RENAMED TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL***
-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 8, Rule 800Page 27
3. ***CADA MEMBERSHIP ON LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL***
-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 8, Rule 800.36page 28
4. ***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RENAMED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS***
-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 8, Rule 810page 30
5. ***CLASSIFICATIONS OF SCHOOLS***
-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article15, Rule 1500.1
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6. ***NEW CLASSIFICATION FOR THE 2012-2014 CYCLE***
-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 15, Rule 1500.1 page 38-39
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-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 15, Rule 1500.27Page 40
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-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 16, Rule 1620 page 41
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WITH CHSAA***
-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 16, Rule 1620 Page 41
10. ***UP TO FOUR SCHOOLS CAN SCRIMMAGE AT FOOTBALL CAMPS***
-- Administrative & General By-laws, Article 33, Rule 3310 page 113

NFHS Softball Rules Changes 2011

- 1-1-2b** Effective with the 2010-11 academic year, the pitching distance for female fast-pitch is 43 feet.
- 3-1-3 Penalty** Added a new penalty of a team warning and then restriction to the dugout/bench area for a head coach who submits a lineup card that must be subsequently corrected with a proper name/number or substitutes added.
- 3-3-9; 10-2-3k** Changed the guidelines and procedures for identifying and removing a player who exhibits signs, symptoms and/or behaviors consistent with a concussion.
- 8-6-18** Changed that intent need not be the determining factor in ruling whether interference has occurred by a runner who has scored/been retired.

2011 MAJOR EDITORIAL Changes

- 1-4** Reorganized the glove rule and clarified that any gray, white or optic colored marking that gives the appearance of a ball is not permitted.
- 2-24-4** Added the exception of touching home to clarify the force-play reinstatement rule.
- 3-2-13** Clarified the padding requirements for guards, casts and braces.
- 6-2-2;6-4-5** Clarified that powdered resin or any comparable drying agent is permitted.
- 6-5 NEW** Moved the ball-rotation procedure from 4-1-4 to new 6-5.

2011 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Sportsmanship
2. Team and Player Equipment
3. Field of Play
4. Game Management

2011 MAJOR MANUAL REVISIONS

1. Navy blue slacks were added as a uniform option.
2. Positioning for a field umpire was changed back to being no closer than 18 feet from the base for force plays.
3. Between innings, the plate umpire will now take a position facing the field at the first baseline extended when the team in the first-base dugout is coming to bat and the third baseline extended when the team in the third base dugout is coming to bat

2010 NFHS Softball Rules Interpretations

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SITUATION 1: The home team is supporting a charitable cause and has purchased pink softballs with the NFHS Authenticating Mark for use in a contest. **RULING:** Not permitted. The rules require the ball to be white or optic yellow. Use of any other color fundamentally changes the game and could increase liability exposure to the organization that permitted its use. There are numerous other "pink" items that can be used in a game without fundamentally changing how the game is played (shoes, socks, shoelaces, wristbands, headbands, uniforms and bats). **COMMENT:**

Manufacturers are required to only put the NFHS Authenticating Mark on softballs that meet all NFHS specifications. The NFHS should be notified when a pink softball has an NFHS Authenticating Mark. (1-3-1; 1-3-8)

SITUATION 2: The home team provides game balls to the umpire that are labeled with identical COR and compression, but not labeled with dynamic stiffness. **RULING:** Proper procedure; COR and compression are required labels on softballs used in competition. Those are separate and different specifications and measurements from dynamic stiffness. The dynamic stiffness of 12-inch softballs shall not exceed 7,500 pounds/inch. Manufacturers are expected to adhere to this requirement during the manufacturing process in order to stamp the ball with the NFHS Authenticating Mark. As a result, all softballs used in competition with the appropriate NFHS Authenticating Mark are assumed to meet the requirement. No new mark indicating compliance is required to be stamped on the ball. (1-3-3; 1-3-4; 1-3-8)

SITUATION 3: The home team has a box in its dugout designed to hold and heat numerous bats. The box has an artificial heat source and heats the bats up to 75 to 80 degrees. **RULING:** Heating bats alters the bat specifications, enhances performance and renders the bats illegal. Therefore, the bats are not permitted to be heated and the box shall be removed from the dugout. (1-5-1c, 7-4-2)

SITUATION 4: B1 comes to bat in the first inning with a “stinger” on the grip of her bat. **RULING:** Legal; this type of attachment does not change the properties of the bat, nor does it enhance the bat’s performance. (1-5-2a)

SITUATION 5: A player has an eyebrow piercing and has a rubber piece inserted into the piercing to maintain the opening. **RULING:** This item is considered jewelry and players in the game are prohibited from wearing jewelry. (3-2-12)

SITUATION 6: The field includes an elevated cement step in front of each dugout. F3 catches a foul fly with her right foot on the ground completely in live-ball territory and her left foot on the elevated cement step with half the foot on the step and the other half over live-ball territory but completely off the ground. **RULING:** F3 is out of play and no-catch is declared. The foot that is on the cement step is out of play since no part of that foot is touching the ground in playable territory. (5-1-1i Note b)

SITUATION 7: In the first inning, one of the new softballs is fouled out of play. The plate umpire hands a new ball to the catcher. She immediately drops the ball to the ground, scuffs up the surface, returns it to the pitcher and the next pitch is thrown. **RULING:** Illegal pitch; no player is permitted to apply a foreign substance to the ball. **COMMENT:** If possible, preventative umpiring should be used by stopping the catcher from rubbing the ball on the ground, taking it away and giving her a different ball. (6-2-2 Penalty)

SITUATION 8: With one out, R1 on first base and B3 in the batter's box with a 3-2 count, the plate umpire calls the next pitch a strike for the second out. The plate umpire then turns toward the backstop to talk to the scorekeeper while B3 stays in the batter's box thinking she only has two strikes. When play resumes, (a) B3 swings and misses the next pitch for what she believes to be strike three, or (b) B3 hits the next pitch for a triple, scoring R1 from first base. B4 steps into the box when time is called for a defensive appeal that B3 batted twice. **RULING:** When B3 remains in the batter's box after she struck out for the second out, she becomes an improper batter. In (a), B3 is removed from the batter's box and B4, the proper batter comes to bat with a 0-1 count and two outs. In (b), B4, the proper batter, is declared out for the third out and the inning is over. R1's run is negated since she would have been returned to first base had the inning not been over. (7-1-2 Penalties 1 and 2)

SITUATION 9: With one out, R1 on first base and B3 in the batter's box with a 3-2 count, the plate umpire calls the next pitch a strike for the second out. The plate umpire then turns toward the backstop to talk to the scorekeeper while B3 stays in the batter's box thinking she only has two strikes. When play resumes, B3 hits the next pitch for a triple, scoring R1 from first base. B4 now steps in the batter's box and (a) takes the first pitch for a called ball, or (b) grounds to first for the third out. At this point the defense appeals that B3 batted twice. **RULING:** Even though B3 batted twice, it is too late to appeal batting out of order. When a pitch was thrown to B4 in both (a) and (b), B3 became the proper batter and all play stands. (7-1-2 Penalty 5)

SITUATION 10: B1 swings at and misses a pitch but has time to reset and swing again, making contact the second time. The ball is hit either fair or foul. **RULING:** When B1 attempts to contact the ball a second time, the umpire should call an immediate “dead ball” and a strike on B1. Any runners on base are returned to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. Each batter is only permitted one swing at each pitch. (5-1-1b; 7-2-1b)

SITUATION 11: With first base unoccupied, F2 drops strike three to B1, a right-handed batter, and the ball rolls into fair territory in front of home plate when (a) B1, in her attempt to run to first base, unintentionally kicks the ball away from F2, or (b) B1 and F2 collide as F2 tries to retrieve the ball. **RULING:** In both (a) and (b), interference is called on B1; the ball is dead and B1 is out. (8-2-6)

SITUATION 12: Ball four is called and B1 is awarded first base. B1 begins to advance to first base and F2 throws the ball to F3. B1 touches first base and overruns it while the ball remains live. After overrunning first, she (a) returns immediately to first base, or (b) makes an attempt toward second base before returning. In both situations, F3 then tags B1 with the ball while she is off the base. **RULING:** In (a), B1 is permitted to return to first base, and in (b), she is declared out. (8-6-8)

SITUATION 13: R1 is on second base and R2 is on first base with no outs. B3 hits a high pop up in the vicinity of F4. "Infield fly" was not called by either umpire. The ball drops and R1 advances to third base. F4 fields the ground ball and throws to F6 covering second base for a force out of R2. There was no tag. After all action stops, the defensive coach appeals to the umpires that the infield-fly rule should have been called and therefore B3 should be declared out. **RULING:** After conferring, the umpires call B3 out on first base for the infield fly; however, R1 and R2 advanced at their own risk. If R2 is tagged out before reaching second, she is out. If the defense just touched the base for a force, she is safe. If she was initially called out for the force, she would be put back at second. **COMMENT:** There is no "putting the runner(s) in jeopardy" in this situation. The fielders, runners and coaches are expected to know the infield-fly rule and when it is in effect, even if not called by the umpires. (2-30; 8-2-9 Note)

SITUATION 14: With no outs and R1 on first base, B2 hits an over-the-fence home run. R1 scores and as B2 rounds third base, her teammates line up on the third base foul line and give her "high fives" as she heads for home. One teammate reaches out and pushes her toward home plate. **RULING:** Even though this is during a dead ball, the teammate who pushed B2 toward home is in violation of assisting a runner. R1's run counts and B2 is called out for being physically assisted. (8-3-11; 8-6-5)

SITUATION 15: With one out and R1 on first base, B3 bunts the ball down the third base line toward F5 who fields the ball. F5 rushes her throw to F3 at first base and the ball hits the first base dugout. F2, who has trailed up the line, picks up the ball and throws to F3 who has moved to the colored portion of first base. R1 seeing F3 change to the colored portion of the base runs inside the base path in fair territory heading for the white portion of the bag. The throw hits B3 in the shoulder before reaching first base. **RULING:** The ball remains live and play continues. When the throw is coming from the foul side of first base, the defensive player uses the colored portion of the double base and the batter-runner is permitted to run in fair territory. If the batter-runner is then hit by the thrown ball, it is not interference unless she intentionally interferes. (8-10-2c)

NFHS Comments on the 2010 Softball Rules Revisions

PENALTY ESTABLISHED FOR LINEUP CARD INACCURACIES (3-1-3 PENALTY):

A new penalty was established for a head coach who submits a lineup card that must subsequently be corrected with the proper name/number of a player or if substitutes are added after the lineup card is submitted and verified. The new penalty will be a team warning. If the head coach has to again make a change to the lineup card after the lineup card after the initial team warning, he/she will then be restricted to the dugout/bench area for the remainder of the game. Opposing coaches and scorekeepers use a player's jersey number to identify them as the proper batter and for substitution purposes. Previously, when the number was incorrect or substitutes were not listed, it caused a great deal of confusion without penalty. The new rule establishes a penalty if a coach fails to submit an accurate lineup card regarding name and number; similar to other team sports where a team's roster and specific playing order are paramount. This new penalty does not affect the illegal substitution or batting out of order rules.

CONCUSSION PROCEDURE REVISED (3-3-9; 10-2-3K):

Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion must be immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional. The previous rule directed umpires to remove an athlete from play if "unconscious or apparently unconscious." The previous rule also allowed for return to play based on written authorization by a medical doctor. The new rule requires that any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion, such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems, shall be immediately removed from play and shall not return until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional. Umpires, coaches and administrators should be looking for signs of concussion in all athletes and should immediately remove any suspected concussed athlete from play and make every effort to ensure a concussed athlete does not continue to participate.

SCORED/RETIRED RUNNER INTERFERENCE RULE REVISED (8-6/18):

The word "intentionally" was removed from the rule relating to interference by a runner who had been declared out or who had scored. Intent should not be the determining factor in ruling whether interference has occurred by a runner who has scored/been retired. The rule is now consistent with the definition of interference.

2011 SOFTBALL Points of Emphasis

SPORTSMANSHIP

The NFHS disapproves of any form of behavior intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others. There have been instances noted nationally of the Public Address (PA) system being utilized to intimidate or “taunt” the visiting team by playing negative sound effects when specific opponents come to bat or the playing of “motivational” music only for the home team. When the PA system is used for announcements, introductions, sound effects, music, etc., the presentation should be as neutral as possible. Clear guidelines and expectations should be developed by school administrators and shared with the individuals serving in this capacity so presentations are not viewed as acts of intimidation.

TEAM AND PLAYER EQUIPMENT

NFHS rules require umpires to check most equipment (10-2-3a) prior to the contest. The following are of specific concern/interest:

- A. Bats. All bats should be free of rattles, dents, burrs, cracks and sharp edges. Materials inside the bat or treatments/devices used to alter the bat specifications and/or enhance performance (i.e. bat warmers) are prohibited and render the bat illegal. Bats that are broken, altered or that deface the ball are also illegal. More and more players are knocking their metal cleats against their bats to loosen debris from the shoes. A resulting nick or paint chip in the bat from the metal cleats should not render a bat illegal.
- B. Gloves/Mitts. The gloves/mitts rule was reorganized this year to clarify the requirements. Gloves/mitts (excluding lace color and logo) containing more than two colors are illegal. In addition, an editorial change this year clarified that any gray, white or optic colored marking (not just a circle) that gives the appearance of a ball is not permitted. The umpire determines if a marking gives the appearance of the ball or is distracting.
- C. Drying Agents. Pitchers have been permitted to utilize powdered resin to dry the hands under the supervision and control of the umpire. An editorial change this year added any comparable drying agent. Please note that “rock resin” is not considered a comparable drying agent and is still prohibited.

FIELD OF PLAY

All high school softball fields used for competition should be properly maintained. This includes ensuring that the grass is well groomed and mowed to a proper height. The field should be level with no obstructions between the foul lines. All lines should be white and properly marked. The foul lines should extend from home plate, beyond the bases, to the outfield fence. If no outfield fence is present, the foul lines should extend at least 185 into the outfield. The catcher’s box should be marked 10 feet deep and 8 feet, 5 inches in width behind the batters boxes. If a designated media area will be used, the area must be marked prior to the start of the game.

GAME MANAGEMENT

There are several game-management areas that will assist in a smooth-running contest. The following are of particular concern:

- A. Lineup Cards. At the pre-game conference, lineup cards should be verified by the head coach as correct with name and uniform number and with all substitutes listed. The year’s new rule provides a penalty for a coach who fails to submit an accurate lineup card. Umpires can assist with managing this situation by reminding coaches of the new rule and giving them ample opportunity to verify the lineup card before final submission.
- B. Field Areas. Designated warm-up areas should be located in an area adjacent to the field and be in view of the umpires. During the contest, players must warm up within the confines of the field or in the adjacent warm up area. Coaches must remain in their designated dugout/bench area while his/her team is on defense.
- C. Pace of Game. To ensure the appropriate pace of the game, umpire must enforce the one-minute warm-up period between innings. This one minute period begins with the last out of the previous half inning.

COLORADO STATE RULE ADOPTIONS

1-2-1 Note: A double first base is NOT permitted

3-2-4 One American flag (2 inch x 3 inch maximum) may be worn on each item of uniform apparel, and either a commemorative or memorial patch, not to exceed 4 square inches and with written state association approval, may be worn on the jersey, provided neither the flag nor the patch interferes with the visibility of the number.

3-2-13 Use of Prosthesis ruled on a case by case basis

3-6-20 Note: If coach is ejected and there is not authorized administrator to take his or her place, the game will be terminated.

4-2-3 – Note 1. Speed up rule.

4-4 Protests are not allowed.

5-2-1b - The umpire considers the **weather or ground condition** unfit for play. *NOTE:* After 30 minutes, the umpire may declare the game ended or by state association adoption, suspended.

NATIONAL FEDERATION PLAYING RULES

All games -- regular season through playoffs -- shall be played under [National Federation and CHSAA rules](#). Please be aware that neither a league nor competing schools have the authority to modify rules.

BENCH AND FIELD CONDUCT

Please emphasize this information to your coaches and players. This will help alleviate some of the pressure put on umpires. (N.F. Rule 3 Section 6 Articles 1-20, page 36 in rulebook.)

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULING

Schools are responsible for their own schedules during the season.

SHORTENED CONTESTS

In regular season tournaments, regional and state play:

1. If, after 1-½ hours of play, a team has a 10-run lead, no new inning will begin and the game will be declared official regardless of how many innings have been played.
2. If, after five complete innings of play, a team is ahead by 10 runs the game will be declared official. If, after 4-½ innings of play, the home team is ahead by 10 runs, the game will be declared official. **(15-runs after 4, 20 after 3)**
3. We do not use international tie breakers in high school softball.

NOTE: Regular season tournaments may elect to use a 1-½ hour time limit without the 10-run difference.

SUSPENDED GAME POLICY

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., 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. (N.F. Rule 4, Section 2, Article 3, page 40 in rule book.)

NON-CERTIFIED COACHES, UNAUTHORIZED ASSISTANTS

Carefully review rules in the CHSAA Handbook pertaining to the qualification of coaches. There have been changes over the past year. You must have a CHSAA-Certified Coach on the bench at all times.

Colorado Softball Champions

1987	Uncl	Boulder	2007	3A	Erie
1988	Uncl	Boulder		4A	Ralston Valley
1989	Uncl	Fruita Monument		5A	Legacy
1990	1A-5A	Green Mountain	2008	3A	Erie
	6A	Boulder		4A	Wheat Ridge
1991	1A-5A	Poudre		5A	Legacy
	6A	Boulder	2009	3A	Erie
1992	1A-5A	Douglas County		4A	Wheat Ridge
	6A	Arvada West		5A	Legacy
1993	1A-5A	Ponderosa	2010	3A	Valley
	6A	Gateway		4A	Erie
1994	1A-5A	Pueblo South		5A	Legacy
	6A	Arvada West			
1995	4A	Pueblo County			
	5A	Arvada West			
1996	4A	Mullen			
	5A	Arvada West			
1997	4A	Lakewood			
	5A	Chatfield			
1998	3A	Erie			
	4A	Lakewood			
	5A	Fort Collins			
1999	3A	La Junta			
	4A	Mullen			
	5A	Arvada West			
2000	3A	Erie			
	4A	Pueblo South			
	5A	Arvada West			
2001	3A	Erie			
	4A	Mullen			
	5A	Dakota Ridge			
2002	3A	Erie			
	4A	Ralston Valley			
	5A	Wheat Ridge			
2003	3A	Erie			
	4A	Conifer			
	5A	Wheat Ridge			
2004	3A	Erie			
	4A	Pueblo West			
	5A	Loveland			
2005	3A	Erie			
	4A	Pueblo West			
	5A	Eaglecrest			
2006	3A	Holy Family			
	4A	Windsor			
	5A	Rocky Mtn			



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Review the contents of the coaches' bulletin/handbook with your staff prior to the start of practice in August.
- Review all National Federation Softball Rules.
- Think SAFETY.
- We cannot emphasize enough the importance of schools and coaches carefully studying all softball rules, especially those dealing with the safety and well-being of the athlete. Pre-season conditioning does not negate CHSAA rules. Check age, academic requirements and eligibility.
- Additional questions and interpretations may be obtained from the CHSAA office. Contact CHSAA softball liaison Bud Ozzello at 303-344-5050 or (bozzello@chsaa.org) with your questions. Please contact your AD before contacting the CHSAA.
- Sunday Contact By Law 2310.5

**The NFHS rules interpreter is Dave Neidlinger
(303) 755-1192 (h)
or e-mail to topofficial@comcast.net**

PLEASE NOTE: CHSAA By-Laws don't allow for Administrators to review or hear appeals related to official's rulings, judgment calls, or misapplication of rules. No video review will be conducted. Please note: By playing rule and By-Law, all results are considered final at the conclusion of the contest unless otherwise noted in NFHS playing rules for that sport.

CHSAA RECRUITMENT RULE

Article 19, in CHSAA Handbook

"Recruiting" means soliciting or encouraging a student to enroll in a school in order to secure that student's participation in an interscholastic athletic program.

No school representative shall recruit any student or solicit or encourage any other person to recruit any student. "School representative" includes any person who has a special interest in a school or athletic team, such as a school administrator, coach, assistant coach, other school employee or volunteer, student athlete, parent or family member of a student athlete, school alumnus or booster club member.

CHSAA TRANSFER RULE AFFECTING FALL SPORTS

Any student who reports out for a team on or after August 15 (first day of formal practice) and is actively in contention for a berth on a team (involved in any physical activity) may not transfer to another school (without a parental move) without losing varsity eligibility for the remainder of the season and/or calendar year.

A transfer from one high school to another, at any time without a permanent change of domicile by the student and his/her family from one attendance area to another, will render the student ineligible for the first half of the season during the next calendar year in any sport in which the student competed during the last 12 months.

Mid year transfer - If the transfer occurs after the start of school or after competing interscholastically, the student will have restricted eligibility in any sport he/she played during the previous 12 calendar months for the remainder of the school year. Entering the next year, the student will be restricted to sub-varsity eligibility for the first half of the season in all sports in which the student participated the previous 12 months.

Summer transfer - If the transfer is made over the summer, the student will be restricted to the sub-varsity level for the first half of the season in all sports for the upcoming school year in which they had competed during the 12 months prior to the move.

****NOTE**** The CHSAA has adopted 2 transfer by-laws related to students transferring to a school where her non-school/club coach is coaching and any transfer that can be continued as an athletically-motivated transfer. Students who fit under these new by-laws will have restricted eligibility only. Contact your Athletic Director.

Transfers by home school students and students at schools without programs – contact your athletic director immediately, to clarify any transfer student eligibility. These students ARE subject to the transfer rule.

CONTACT YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY, TO CLARIFY ANY TRANSFER STUDENT ELIGIBILITY, before these students are allowed to compete in interscholastic competition.

1. Establish a system to screen each candidate who reports out for your team after the start of practice even if they attended your school the previous year. Determine if they practiced at another school.
2. If a student participates in a practice but transfers to another school, notify the other school.

SITUATION 1: A student attends school A and is a member of the softball team as a junior. In her senior year on the first day of formal practice, she actively participates in practice at school B. Without a parental move, the student then enrolls at school A and participates in A's practice the next day.

RULING 1: The student shall be ineligible for varsity softball for the remainder of that year.

SITUATION 2: An incoming freshman enrolls at school A and participates in conditioning drills and timed 40-yard dashes on the first day of formal practice. The next day the student enrolls at school B and wishes to become a candidate for the varsity softball team.

RULING 2: The student may not participate at the varsity level at school B because of her active participation in a practice at school A.

SITUATION 3: A student has applied for open enrollment at school B but will not receive a decision until August 21. She practices for a week at school A and when informed of her acceptance at school B, transfers and begins practice at B. Is she eligible for varsity competition?

RULING 3: No. As in any circumstance beyond a student's control, a Hardship Waiver may be submitted on her behalf.

SITUATION 4: A student is a candidate for the JV team at school A on the first day of formal practice. Without a parental move, the student transfers to school B and becomes a candidate for the B JV team. Is she immediately eligible?

RULING 4: No. A Restricted Waiver must be approved before she is eligible to compete on the JV level. She is not eligible for varsity competition.

SITUATION 5: A student plays basketball at School A as a freshman. During the summer he plays for the Club C out of a nearby town. He plays for School A as a sophomore and applies for open enrollment to School B. School B's junior varsity basketball coach is the coach for Club C. If the student transfers to School B, what is his eligibility in basketball?

RULING 5: The student has eligibility at the sub-varsity level only for the entire school year.

CHSAA SOFTBALL ELIGIBILITY, PLAYING GUIDELINES AND OTHER INFORMATION

CHSAA softball eligibility and playing guidelines are discussed at length in the CHSAA Handbook. Coaches are responsible for the knowledge and understanding of the rules, policies, and guidelines as written in that handbook, and for educating their players as well. The same holds true for the National Federation rules.

STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION

It is suggested students be informed of any situation which may possibly jeopardize their eligibility such as amateur status, outside competition, etc. Should questions arise, they should contact a school official and/or coach for an interpretation prior to participating.

WARNING OF RISK

Parents and students, as part of the consent form, acknowledge the risks involved in competition. Serious, catastrophic and fatal accidents may occur. (See page 24)

INFECTIOUS DISEASE/BLEEDING

A student with blood borne pathogens such as HIV or Hepatitis B shall be eligible to participate in all CHSAA sanctioned activities when CHSAA recommended precautions are in effect. Students must stop bleeding and cover open wounds before competing. Please consult the NFHS Communicable Disease Procedures in the Softball Rules Book.

HELMET

Please see Rule 1, Section 6, Articles 1-7 (page 13) of the softball rules book for helmet regulations. Please note that all fast pitch batting helmets must be equipped with a NOCSAE approved face mask / guard.

TRAINER'S KIT

The CHSAA recommends that a trainer's kit, with all the necessary medical supplies needed for your sport, be available at all practices and contests.

LANGUAGE

Coaches are reminded that the CHSAA focuses on exemplary behavior. The use of bad language may be penalized by disqualification. Work with your athletes at the beginning of the season to understand that whenever the uniform is worn, they represent their school and the philosophies of the CHSAA. (Please help the umpires in curbing poor sporting behavior.)

TAUNTING

Taunting is considered any action(s) or comments by coaches, players, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist.

Game officials shall, in all sports, follow the rules set forth by the National Federation for each sport. Penalties under these rules may include ejection or other penalties for flagrant unsporting-like behavior-like offenses. Taunting in all sports and/or activities is an unsporting-like behavior-like offense that may result in a game ejection with penalties as outlined in the student ejection policy in the CHSAA Handbook.

MUST COMPLETE SEASON

If a player ejection occurs in the final match or contest of the season, then the player shall be ineligible for the first match or contest of the next season of sport that player elects to play. In satisfying the penalty, the player must sit out a game in a sport in which he/she completes the season. (See the CHSAA Handbook for more information.)

UNSPORTSMANLIKE EJECTION OF COACH

A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be ineligible to coach for the next regularly scheduled match or contest of the same level. He/she may not coach in any other contest or level during this time.

A coach ejected from a game is automatically placed on probation according to policies established by the Board of Directors.

A coach ejected from a second contest during the same season shall be ineligible to coach for the next two contests of the same level or any other level.

A coach ejected from two contests during a three-year period shall be required to appear at a hearing before the Commissioner or his/her designee and shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner.

A coach ejected from three contests in a five-year period shall be placed on restriction from playoffs.

AWARDS

In all classifications, the following team awards will be presented by the Commissioner, Associate Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner at home plate immediately following the team handshake. **The trophy presentation provides a great educational opportunity for both teams. Plan with your team an appropriate way to accept the trophy on behalf of the school.**

- 1 championship trophy
- 1 second place plaque

Additionally, each participant in the state playoffs in concert with the allowable roster number for expenses will be given a participation certificate. Additional certificates may be purchased from the CHSAA office for 25 cents apiece. Contact Sharon Aguilar at the CHSAA office at (303) 344-5050.



USE OF REGISTERED OFFICIALS

All CHSAA member schools must use only officials registered with the CHSAA for all varsity and junior varsity contests (strongly recommended for sub-junior varsity contests). All registered officials receive a registration card each year, with their names appearing in the official softball directory. Both of these lists are mailed to all member schools. In circumstances in which registered officials are not available, permission to use non-registered officials must be received from the CHSAA. The CHSAA office and members of the CHSSUA stand ready to aid you in obtaining competent officials for your games. Both organizations are also always on the alert for new officials. **If you have a senior who expresses an interest in officiating and who appears to have the desirable qualifications, encourage him or her to become a registered official by calling Tom Robinson or Monica Tillman at the CHSAA Officials Office 303-364-1337.**

Neither the program, the players nor the development of quality officials, benefit from the use of unqualified officials. Make every effort to use registered officials.

Officials Fees for 2011 (As adopted by the CHSAA Legislative Council)

VARSITY (2 umpires)	\$54.00
SUB-VARSITY (2 umpires)	\$40.00
VARSITY (3 umpires)	\$46.50
SUB-VARSITY (3 umpires)	\$34.50
VARSITY DOUBLEHEADER	\$106.00
SUB-VARSITY DOUBLEHEADER (7-7).....	\$80.00
*VARSITY TOURNAMENT (3rd, 4th 5th etc. if on same day.	\$44.50
(* 5 game tournament=\$53/\$53/\$43/\$43/\$43)	
*SUB-VARSITY TOURNAMENT (third and subsequent games/day).....	\$33.50/Game
(* 5 game tournament=\$40/\$40/\$32.50/\$32.50/\$32.50)	

Mileage – 40 cents per mile. For regular season contests, the most an official should receive for mileage reimbursement is 75 miles. This does not apply to post season contests where officials are assigned by CHSAA; **exception** see #2 note 1 below

2. Only ONE driver will be paid for each contest. This will be paid to the official on the crew who travels the furthest. Issues with multiple drivers must be solved between the officials and the assignor prior to the game.

3. In lieu of per diem, a rider fee of \$10 is paid to officials, non-drivers only, who are riding on trips of 75 miles or more one-way.

Note 1: The Jefferson County (except Conifer, Elizabeth, Evergreen and Summit), Denver, Continental, East Metro (except Fort Lupton), Front Range (except Fort Collins, Loveland, Poudre and Rocky Mountain), Frontier (except Bennett, Clear Creek, Lake County, Middle Park and Platte Canyon), Metropolitan, and Centennial leagues will not pay mileage between league cities, but will pay a mileage travel stipend of \$2 to each official between league cities per day of assignments. Colorado Springs schools will pay mileage travel stipend of \$2 per day of assignments to officials selected from the Colorado Springs Officials' Association. An official that is assigned to two or more contests at a given site on the same day shall be paid one travel stipend or reimbursement.

Some suggestions on the employment of officials:

- Mutually agree on acceptable officials within your league or with each individual school.
- Attempt to employ these officials early. (Officials in some geographical areas are not permitted to accept contracts until after the assignment meetings are over.)
- Attend your area assignment meeting.
- Do not hire officials who actively seek games or who are unethical in other ways.

- e. Have a written agreement with each official. Contract forms for this purpose are available from the CHSAA.
- f. Pay them promptly, preferably before the game.
- g. Keep good records on all officials!! From these records you may wish to re-employ in future years.
- h. Report immediately to the CHSAA Office any conduct on the official's part which is in violation of the officials' code of ethics (check the softball officials' directory).
- i. In an emergency, contact the area director (check the softball officials' directory). He/She can help you secure an official.
- j. Live up to your contract with the official. Do not attempt to "remove" him/her after a controversial ball game.
- k. Use a variety of officials. It is inappropriate for the official and inappropriate for the school to use the same official over and over again. Usually, two times a season is more than enough.
- l. Make officials feel that they've stepped into a quality softball program. Have a person greet the officials upon their arrival. Provide a clean, secure room for their pre-game conference, if possible.
- m. If a game is suspended and new umpires are assigned when the game resumes, those new umpires should receive a full game fee. If a game is suspended and the same umpires return to complete the game, a game fee can be negotiated up to a full fee. A school may be expected to pay full game fees to two different officiating crews when a game is suspended.

CHSSUA "NO SHOW" POLICY

If an official fails to attend an assignment, the following steps will be taken:

- A. The offending official must write a letter of explanation regarding the instance to the local area director within one (1) week of the offense.
- B. The Area director will conduct internal investigations and will determine the status of the violation.
 - 1. Valid explanation/reason, no consequences. Letter of apology suggested to be written by official to CHSSUA and forwarded to offended schools.
 - 2. First offense – ½ game fee paid to CHSSUA for reimbursement to official's payer to offset ½ game fee paid to other assigned official.
 - 3. Second offense – Full game fee paid to CHSSUA of which ½ game is for reimbursement to official's payer and ½ for CHSSUA for recruitment budget.
- C. Member subject to By-laws of CHSSUA, Article V, and Section 2 – grounds for discipline.

"GOOD FAITH" RULE

POSTPONEMENTS: Umpires who have not been notified of the postponement before leaving for the game site, or if the postponement occurs after arriving at the game site, should receive 50% of the game(s) fee plus any allowable travel expense; or Umpires who are notified of the postponement in adequate time can expect no remuneration but should expect to have first opportunity to umpire make-up game(s).

SUSPENDED GAMES: Suspended game pay is to be worked out between the schools and the umpires.





Rate Your Contest Official-two options

Directions

1. CHSAA will send each school's athletic director a pdf of the Rate Your Contest Official. The pdf can be distributed to each coach for his or her direct use. The pdf is interactive and can be emailed directly to Tom Robinson at trobenson@chsaa.org and the CHSAA sport administrator (Football – hwaterman@chsaa.org, Softball – bozzello@chsaa.org, Volleyball – bschott@chsaa.org, etc). The pdf is a five page document allowing the evaluation of all the officials on the contest.
2. A coach can go the chsaa.org website and click on the coaches' tab home page where he or she will find a Rate Your Contest Official link. The link is the same pdf as described above but can be emailed immediately when the coach completes the evaluation.

CHSAA RATE YOUR CONTEST OFFICIAL/UMPIRE/JUDGE

IDENTIFICATION

Evaluator Name

Official Name



GAME INFORMATION

Sport Level

Date

Site Home

Away Position

SCORING DESCRIPTION

All scores relate to whether or not you would consider the official to be State Caliber Official. Comments are always better than just scoring. Please try to comment on every score. 1 is Excellent; 2 is Above Average; 3 is Average; 4 is Below Average; 5 is Poor

Weight	Criteria	Score	Comment
10%	ON TIME	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10%	POSITIONING AND AGILITY	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10%	JUDGMENT	<input type="text"/>	
10%	DECISIVENESS/GAME MGT	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10%	PRESENCE AND SIGNALS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10%	CONSISTENCY	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10%	COMMUNICATION SKILLS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
30%	OVERALL RATING	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

SUMMARY COMMENT

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DUE PROCESS

The term "Due Process" is hardly new to the field of interscholastic athletics, but its added emphasis has changed dramatically over the past few years. Simply stated, how can we expect student/athletes to follow the rules and regulations of the organization if they have not been presented with school and CHSAA expectations?

With this in mind, the following points are presented for your consideration and implementation prior to the start of the softball season. By this means, you have fulfilled your responsibilities in the area of due process and further, enhanced lines of communication in maintaining athletic eligibility. It is urged that an administrator, athletic director and all coaches for softball be in attendance to conduct the following:

PARENT MEETING

It is strongly urged you conduct a parent orientation meeting of all participants prior to the opening day of practice. At this meeting, consideration should be given to a review of the rules and regulations of the CHSAA organization and the school. Furthermore, notice of acknowledgment of risk and viewing of appropriate films such as "Warning, It Could Happen to You", "The Rally", "Be A Sport", etc. is recommended. This would be an ideal opportunity to view the CHSAA Sporting behavior video. Consideration should also be given to a signed attendance roll and follow-up procedure for those not in attendance.

STUDENT MEETING

Additionally, conduct a student participation orientation meeting prior to any practice and/or tryout session. A review of the rules and regulations of the CHSAA organization and the school, notice of acknowledgment of risk, signing of the CHSAA "**Competitor's Brochure**," and the viewing of appropriate film such as "Warning, It Could Happen to You" and "The Rally", etc. is recommended. A signed attendance roll should be utilized for a permanent record of the meeting and a brief statement on acknowledgment of what was covered. Strong consideration should be given to deny practice opportunities to those not in attendance until such time that the orientation meeting has been made up.

STUDENT CAUTION

Students should be encouraged to contact the coach or athletic director concerning any situation, which could jeopardize their eligibility (amateur status, outside competition, etc.)

CHSAA COMPETITOR'S BROCHURE

Please share the contents of the CHSAA competitors brochure with parents and students. The information it provides will provide your parents and players with answers to many questions and establish a further step in Due Process.



SAMPLE WARNING TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

NOTICE TO ATHLETES AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC AND PERHAPS FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

By its nature, competitive athletics may put students in situations in which SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC and perhaps, FATAL ACCIDENTS may occur.

Many forms of athletic competition result in violent physical contact among players, the use of equipment may result in accidents, strenuous physical exertion and numerous other exposures to risk of injury.

Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all risk of injury. Just as driving an automobile involves choice of risk; athletic participation by high school students also may be inherently dangerous. The obligation of parents and students in making this choice to participate cannot be overstated. There have been accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairment as a result of athletic competition.

By granting permission for your student to participate in athletic competition, you, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that such risk exists.

By choosing to participate, you, the student, acknowledge that such risk exists.

Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in the proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students **must** adhere to that instruction and utilization and **must** refrain from improper uses and techniques.

As previously stated, no amount of instruction, precaution and supervision will totally eliminate all risk of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal injury.

If any of the previous information is not completely understood, please contact your school principal for further information and clarification.

Instructions: Sign both copies, retain one for your records and return the other to your school.

Student's Name _____
Sport(s) _____

This will acknowledge that we _____ have read and understand the material contained in the NOTICE TO ATHLETES AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

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Signed _____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian

Signed _____ Date _____
Student

Head Trauma & Concussions

The CHSAA promotes and supports a Community-Based Approach to Concussion Management (School Team, Family Team, and a Medical Team). This is outlined in the REAP Project, found online at www.chsaa.org. Please visit our CHSAA Sports Medicine page for more information and resources.

The Role of the Coach

***NEW 1620.5 BYLAW:** **All coaches** must annually complete one of the following: The online NFHS Concussion Course or a school organized sports medicine review that includes a head trauma/concussion component, and emergency evacuation procedures. If you suspect that an athlete has a concussion, you should remove the athlete from play, ensure the athlete is evaluated by a health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussions, inform the athlete's parents about the possible concussion, and keep the athlete out of participation the day of injury and until the athlete obtains a written release from a licensed practitioner.

The Role of the Official

The contest official can look for signs, symptoms and conditions of head trauma and if observed shall send the player to the sideline for assessment by school personnel and/or a licensed practitioner. At that time the role of the contest official ceases.

The Role of the Licensed Practitioner & Trainer

If at any time during participation, a student-athlete is removed from participation due to head trauma, the student-athlete must obtain a written release from a licensed practitioner (as defined in the CHSAA bylaws) before participating again. The athlete may then begin a gradual return to play as determined by the school's trainer (where applicable).

HEADS+UP

CONCUSSION

IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS*

These signs and symptoms may indicate that a concussion has occurred.

Signs Observed by Coaching Staff	Symptoms Reported by Athlete
Appears dazed or stunned	Headache
Is confused about assignment	Nausea
Forgets plays	Balance problems or dizziness
Is unsure of game, score, or opponent	Double or fuzzy vision
Moves clumsily	Sensitivity to light or noise
Answers questions slowly	Feeling sluggish
Loses consciousness	Feeling foggy or groggy
Shows behavior or personality changes	Concentration or memory problems
Can't recall events prior to hit	Confusion
Can't recall events after hit	Confusion

*Adapted from: Lovell MR, Collins MW, Iverson GL, Johnston KM, Bradley JP. Grade 1 or "ding" concussions in high school athletes. The American Journal of Sports Medicine 2004;32(1):47-54.

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ACTION PLAN

If you suspect that a player has a concussion, you should take the following steps:

1. Remove athlete from play.
2. Ensure athlete is evaluated by an appropriate health care professional. Do not try to judge the seriousness of the injury yourself.
3. Inform athlete's parents or guardians about the known or possible concussion and give them the fact sheet on concussion.
4. Allow athlete to return to play only with permission from an appropriate health care professional.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Medical Services
Name: _____
Phone: _____

Health Care Professional
Name: _____
Phone: _____

School Staff Available During Practice
Name: _____
Phone: _____

School Staff Available During Games
Name: _____
Phone: _____

2011 SOFTBALL CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>SCHOOLS</u>
3A:	1-630	35
4A:	631-1440	64
5A:	1441-UP	62
TOTAL:		161

MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

No member school shall permit any of its softball teams to participate in more than 19 games, exclusive of district, regional and state contests.

MAXIMUM INNINGS INDIVIDUAL

No individual may participate in more than 143 innings, exclusive of games extended because of ties, and exclusive of games in qualifying or state championship tournaments.

Exception: A student may participate in a maximum of 157 innings provided she competes in no more than 129 innings at any one level (Varsity, JV, Sophomore, etc.)



2310.3 **STUDENT/TEAM PRACTICE REQUIREMENT** -- Each student competing in an interscholastic sports program must have had a minimum practice period of five days in his/her sport(s) (exclusive of Sundays) before representing his/her school in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage. A student must have a minimum of nine days of practice in football. (Receiving school must have written verification on file if transfer of schools is involved.)

2310.31 EXCEPTION 1: If a student competes in a second sport during the same season, one of which is a non-contact sport (tennis, golf, swimming, gymnastics, baseball, softball, skiing, spirit, volleyball, cross country, track and field and soccer), then the student is exempt from the practice requirement in the non-contact sport. A student must have five days practice in all contact sports, except football, which requires nine days of practice prior to participation in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest.

Q6: Would a student be required to have nine days of practice in football if the student played golf, then following the end of the golf season began football practice?

A6: Yes. Participation in a non-contact sport does not eliminate the need for nine days of practice in a contact sport.

Q7: Does a student need nine days of practice in each fall sport if they play both football and boys' soccer during the same season?

A7: Football-Yes; Soccer-No.

Q8: Does a student need five days of practice if he/she participates in two fall non-contact sports?

A8: Yes. The student must have five days of practice in one of the two non-contact sports.

Q9: Does a student need five days of practice if he/she participates in two fall contact sports (not football) at the same time?

A9: Yes. The student needs five days of practice in each contact sport in which he/she participates.

EXCEPTION 2: Participants in interscholastic golf, softball and tennis are exempt from the five-day practice rule.

EXCEPTION 3: A member of a team which competes interscholastically on or after the start of formal practice for the next sports season is exempt from the five-day requirement.

2320.1 A scrimmage date is the meeting of any number of individuals or teams from two or more high schools on a single date for participation under the conditions enumerated below:

2320.11 A school will be permitted two scrimmage dates in each sport.

Q1: School A's girls varsity hosts School B's girls varsity and on the same day School A's girls JV and sophomore teams travel to School B. Is this considered one scrimmage date?

A1: Yes. The key factor is that all are occurring on the same day.

- (a) Two additional interscholastic scrimmage dates will be allowed those wrestlers qualifying for the state wrestling meet the week after regional tournaments.
- (b) Ninth grade teams housed in junior highs (with 9th graders who do not "play up" in a specific sport) are allowed two scrimmage dates that may or may not fall on the same date as the high school.
- (c) Teams still involved in district, regional or state competition shall be permitted one additional scrimmage date to occur between the end of the regular season and the state championships final.
- (d) Tennis teams shall be allowed two scrimmage dates per player.

Q1: A team participates in an additional scrimmage after the end of the regular season and before the start of the district basketball tournament. If the team qualifies to the regional round, may it participate in another scrimmage?

A1: No, unless the school had one of two allowable scrimmages available from the regular season.

2320.12 Scrimmages may be held beginning the 10th day (including the first day of practice, but not including Sundays) after the start of formal practice until the conclusion of the sport season.

- (a) EXCEPTION – Golf, softball and tennis scrimmages may be conducted from the start of the competitive season until the final state championship.

2320.13 PARTICIPANTS IN SCRIMMAGES -- All participants in interscholastic scrimmages must have completed nine days of formal practice in the sport they are representing. Exception: See Rule 2310.3.

2320.14 Scrimmages may not be held with non-high school teams or individuals.

Q1: May a school scrimmage against a non-school team (e.g., junior high, alumni, recreation league, intramural team or faculty)?

A1: No.

2320.15 All participants in interscholastic scrimmages must be eligible in accordance with "General Eligibility" of the Administrative and General By-laws, and must be eligible in all other ways.

2320.16 No score may be kept. Instruction is the primary reason for a scrimmage.

2320.17 The scrimmage may not be advertised and no admission may be charged.

2320.18 No officials may be paid.

Q1: May officials be used in a scrimmage as long as they're not paid?

A1: Yes.

2320.19 School administrators must be notified prior to each scrimmage.

SPORTSMANSHIP PROTOCOL AT ALL CHSAA CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. National Anthem-When the National Anthem is played or the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, students, fans, coaches and players should stand at attention, remove hats and face the flag.
2. Cheerleaders/Fans/Spectators
 - It is recommended that there be positive cheers only.
 - Only cheerleaders may use megaphones.
 - All patrons must wear shirts and shoes. Face painting is allowed.
 - Cheer and tumbling routines must be in front the your team's student body. Routines that spill onto the area of the opposing team are prohibited.
 - Cheer squads may perform under the basket area outside the free vertical lane lines at all times.
3. Banners
 - One cloth or vinyl banner may be used, but must be sanctioned by the game management, principal, and/or athletic director before the contest. Note: Some facilities, including venues used for CHSAA playoffs, may not allow any banners. Paper banners are not allowed at CHSAA sponsored playoff events.

The words and graphics on banners must be positive: i.e. "beat", "outscore", "conquer", etc; Negative banners: i.e. "kill", "maim", "scalp", etc, will be confiscated and may result in no future use of banners.

- Banners must not block the view of others.
4. Noisemakers
 - All artificial noisemakers are prohibited. This includes: cowbells, drums, whistles, horns, plastic clackers, thunder sticks, etc. Exception: bleacher kicking is permitted if the facility management allows it.
 - An air horn or cannon may be used on the field and only if supervised by a school designee. It should never be disruptive to the playing of the game and used only during dead ball periods at the end of playing action.
 - No musical instruments and/or amplified music, including drums, shall play while the game clock is running or when a 'live-ball' situation is applicable by rule, whether the game is indoor or outdoor. This includes fanfares, drum rolls, etc. The only time the game, once started, is not "in progress" is during a timeout or intermission. This applies to the use of outdoor, in-gym, or in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. The announcer is an integral member of game administration and is a reporter of information not necessarily obvious to spectators. Great care must be exercised to see that neither team gains an advantage from announcements over the public address system. Announcers are not "play-by-play" announcers.
 - There shall be no amplified instruments at any CHSAA playoff events.
 5. A list of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors can be found in the Game Management and Sportsmanship Expectation Guide included in your school box.

“CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM AND NOT AGAINST THE OPPONENT!!”



To: CHSAA Member Schools Coaches/Principals/Athletic Directors

RANDOM ACTS OF SPORTSMANSHIP INIATIVE

In a recent meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee the decision was made to identify what the committee feels happens more often than most people think and that is our teams, student-athletes, coaches, student bodies, parents, and fans participate in positive acts of sportsmanship. Therefore the Committee stole from the concept of random acts of kindness to propose a project for the CHSAA called Random Acts of Sportsmanship.

At this past summer's meetings of the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS), the inaugural presentation of the Spirit of Sport of Award was given to Evergreen High School for encouraging and selecting an autistic student to participate as a cheer athlete. It was unprecedented in that this cheer athlete was a full member at all cheer activities, including competitions. The Evergreen cheer squad did care about their scores in competition but only that they compete as a team. This was a random act of sportsmanship. Team was placed above winning.

Within our 339 schools, the committee knows that this type of positive sporting behavior happens all the time in the CHSAA. The Committee is asking that you announce this project to your student body to be on the look out for random acts of sportsmanship. The Committee/CHSAA will select from the pool of submissions and pick the top five, which will be presented at the fall Sportsmanship Symposium. Those individuals who participated in these random acts of sportsmanship will be recognized at the Symposium as well.

THE DETAILS

Where to Submit: CHSAA website – chsaa.org/Sports + Activities/Sportsmanship/ “Random Acts of Sportsmanship” link

What to Submit: Scenario/Description of Events and Characters

How many to Submit: Unlimited

Questions??? to trobenson@chsaa.org.

CHSAA REGULAR SEASON GAME MANAGEMENT REMINDERS

❖ Officials

- Dressing Room - Restrictions/Supplies. Where possible the official's dressing room should be located in an area with the most direct access to the playing field and or court. The officials' dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only. No other individuals shall have access to this area for any purposes unless they can be identified as game management, CHSAA personnel, and/or the officiating observer. The room shall be stocked with water. It is recommended that a sign be placed on the door that states: "Officials' Dressing Room. No admittance per CHSAA." It is also only recommended that soft drinks and/or isotonic beverages be made available.
- Security - It is the responsibility of game management to provide security escort for game officials to and from the playing field or court. If possible, the officials should be escorted to the parking lot.
- Arrival at Site - Game officials are required to arrive at the game site per their officiating association's policy. If an official arrives at the game site within 15 minutes of the start of the game, game management should contact the CHSAA office after the game.
- Communication with Officials - Except for contact as is necessary by game management all others are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during, at halftime or after games concerning matters related to the game. Officials are asked to report any such violations to the CHSAA office.

❖ Coaches

- Sporting Behavior Cards - The Officials shall provide each varsity coach with a business size card with their sports officiating association's sportsmanship statement. This card, which also contains the names of the officiating crew, shall be presented at time that is designated by that sports pre-game procedure. **Both opposing coaches are asked to evaluate the crew of officials after each game. Click on the coaches' tab at the chsaa.org site to find the convenient interactive link.**

Introduction of Starting Lineups - Leagues shall create a standard introduction-of-teams procedure. For intra league play, the visiting coach should be contacted prior to the day of the game to get agreement on the use of the home team's introduction procedure.

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Softball Specific Sportsmanship Items

- Noisemakers are prohibited in the dugouts, including shakers, cowbells and anything that is prohibited in the stands;
- Over the past several seasons, a disturbing trend has emerged in softball. Teams have taken up the habits of "cheering" for their teammate at bat in such a raucous manner as to disrupt the opposing team's pitcher. In some cases, this appears to be a rehearsed action and only occurs when the pitcher is in her windup. This "attempted disruption" whether intentional or unintentional is not acceptable and will be addressed by game management should it become apparent that activities of this type are being employed;
- Any kind of taunting is prohibited by rule and umpires continue to be responsible for what they deem to be taunting and/or enticing an illegal pitch.

GUIDELINES FOR WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA

Media exposure is a major segment of interscholastic athletics over recent years, be it the print medium, radio and/or television. The most enticing aspect of this spectrum of publicity is that it's all free!

Along these lines, a few well-planned minutes at this juncture could result in dividends by way of stimulating community and regional support that may well reflect in increased gate attendance and revenue. No doubt, you're in the midst of a hectic schedule with staff meetings, duplicating playbooks, schedules and checking final plans, but we urge that you initiate contact now with members of the media serving your school and community.

There are a number of ways to accomplish this and the following outline is a suggestion you might consider adopting - one that would not only add that missing dimension to your program, but one that might possibly spawn a number of new professional and personal relationships with members of your community as well.

PRE-SEASON PERIOD:

Make a personal call to the prep sports editor of your local newspaper and/or radio station and invite him/her out to lunch. If there is more than one newspaper - even if only a "weekly" edition - repeat the invitation. One note of caution, DON'T delegate this duty to one of your assistants. But, in some instances it might be good to include them.

Provide all media outlets with the following paperwork to prevent calls during the school year and to make certain your school is included in all coverage:

1. Complete varsity, J.V. and fresh/soph schedules reflecting opponent, site and starting times.
2. Complete roster reflecting first and last name, uniform number, position, year in school, height, weight and experience.
3. List of head coach at each level, their phone extension number at school and the time of day they have their free period.
4. List home phone number of head coach at each level. This is necessary in that some prep writers and broadcasters work evening shifts.
5. Arrange for picture day with your local newspaper and make certain players are in game uniforms and NOT practice gear. One picture in the paper will do more publicity than a thousand words.
6. Contact your local media for the numbers of the Sports Department you should call with game results and check into the deadline times.
7. Arrange for press seating at home games and notify the media where they may sit.

REGULAR SEASON:

Assign a specific person to telephone the results - win or loss - IMMEDIATELY after a game. Many media outlets have early deadlines and even though you call 10 minutes before the deadline, it still takes time to write the story. If you have an away game, call before boarding the bus and not after arriving home. Keep in mind, the earlier the call; your chances of better coverage are increased. Never assume that your opponent will call in the results; take the initiative to call after each and every game.

GOOD PRESS RELATIONS

DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO CALL SCORES OF ALL VARSITY GAMES TO THE FOLLOWING:

Local Radio and Television Stations

Local Newspapers

Associated Press-Denver (Call Collect)..... 303-825-0123

Associated Press-outside of Denver 1-800-332-6917

Denver Post (after 6 pm)303-954-1010; 303-954-1980 (Night)

**** You may call the Denver Post Collect ****



All daily papers and broadcasters are on tight deadlines. **CALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GAME.**

- Periodically during the season, place a call in the middle of the week to your local Media and see if you can be of any help. Who knows, your call may turn into a feature story or interview the next day.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date statistics during the season. Mail a copy to the media early each week.
- Always notify the local media of any changes in the schedule, whether it is time, date or location.

POST-SEASON

- If your team is fortunate to make the post-season playoffs, contact your local media outlets immediately, giving opponent, site, time, etc. Normally, you will receive more publicity during playoff time due to the single reason not as many schools in your area are playing. Take advantage of this.
- When the season is completed, send a copy of all statistics to the local media for their records and future articles.
- Sit down and write a personal note of thanks to the members of the media you have been working with all season. After all, they have just been like an assistant coach in promoting a phase of your softball program and keep in mind, it was all FREE!

MEDIA/PHOTO PASSES

Most working media and photographers have been issued CHSAA Media and Photo Passes for the 2011-2012 season. Please honor these passes for admission to an event. The person producing the pass is expecting to cover the event. Should any problems arise with the Media pass, or any abuse of passes, please contact the CHSAA.

Another way to help your coverage and lessen chances for problems with the media is to notify them in advance of your interview policy and photography restrictions.

BROADCAST POLICIES

The CHSAA retains the rights to radio, online and television broadcasts of the playoffs. Radio stations are instructed to contact the host school to make arrangements and shall pay the following fees:

RADIO/ONLINE LIVE BROADCAST FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLAYOFFS

RADIO/ONLINE

All games: \$20.00 each (Maximum \$50 charge)

Any request from local cable outlets to televise live or on a delay basis should be directed to Bert Borgmann of the CHSAA.

NOTE: Exclusive rights during the regular season may be granted for radio broadcasts. Exception: No station that has been identified by a school or school district as its station of record may be denied broadcast rights. This means that although a school or school district may have sold exclusive radio rights to a station, the station of record for a visiting team may not be denied broadcasting rights.

SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

(For Broadcast during athletic events)

The schools taking part in today's event are part of the 339 members of the Colorado High School Activities Association. As member schools, we promote and protect the privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics and activities. We also promote lifetime values like respect, hard work, teamwork, sporting behavior and citizenship. We help reach and motivate students. We develop policies as a group and enforce them as a responsibility of membership. We are coaches, game officials and administrators, voluntarily working for the common good of kids. We are the C-H-S-A-A.

The C-H-S-A-A membership would like to remind everyone at today's game that whether you are a participant, a coach or a spectator, Cheer for Your Team and Not against Your Opponent. The only true measure of good sportsmanship is cheering for your team and not against your opponents.

There's a misconception that the reason kids take part in high school sports is to earn college scholarships. In reality, students say the primary reason they play school sports is to have fun, and the percentage of those players who receive college scholarships is less than five percent. But what comes from the opportunity to compete has lifetime staying power, and is more valuable than a scholarship. Today's student participants are the leaders of tomorrow. Support your local school activities program.

Educational athletics – including contests like this one – teach lifetime values such as respect for your opponents, coaches, officials and classmates. There are few better places than athletic competition to demonstrate respect for others. By your demonstration of respect for those participating and watching today, you underscore that the most important part of high school competition is the people involved and not the game itself.

Today's state championship is an athletic showcase for Colorado's talented young people. It is also a showcase for the lesson they have learned in sporting behavior and respect for each other. Please celebrate the talent that brought these students here today and the behavior that honors their opponents.

Over seven million kids play high school sports in the US. Just four percent those go on to play sports in college. An even lesser percentage of those athletes earn athletic scholarships in college. Six point two percent of college football players move on to play professionally and just two point four percent of college basketball players move on to play professionally. High School Sports give kids the chance to strive, dream and set realistic goals in their lives.

Look at the most successful students in any school and what do you see? You see young people involved in athletics, speech, music, student council and other co-curricular activities. You see improved grade point averages and attendance records. You see our leaders of tomorrow. That's why academics and other school-sponsored activities are great curriculum partners. Support high school activities in your high school.

More students than ever before participate in high school sports and activities, and those numbers continue to grow each year. For well over 130,000 girls and boys, school activities promote what's best in our educational system, and at the same time teach our youth about respect and responsibility. That's why high school sports are a privilege to play.

The score of any athletic event is generally forgotten over time, but the actions of the players, coaches and spectators are remembered. The next time you attend a high school game, think of how history will remember you. Sporting behavior – It's the essence of the game. Remember what high school activities are all about – participation, teamwork, effort and sacrifice. Let's keep high school activities in the proper perspective. Together we can show that our sporting behavior matters.

REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ASSIGNMENT TO TOURNAMENTS

Class 3A: All Schools have been assigned to a district. Each district will qualify a specific number of teams to the regional/state tournament. See page 43 of this bulletin.

Class 4A: 32 of 64 teams advance to regional's base on league finish (3 teams maybe selected at large) (see page 46 of this bulletin).

Class 5A: 30 of 62 teams advance to regional's base on league finish (2 additional teams selected at large) (see page 49 of this bulletin).

NOTE: THERE ARE NO DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS IN CLASSES 4A, 5A.

OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Players certified to participate as members of any high school sport may not compete on any other team or in any non-school activity or event in that sport during that sports season without written permission of the principal.

EXCEPTION: The sports season ends for a member of a high school athletic team on the day following the completion of his or her school's competition at the level at which the student competes. (CHSAA Handbook, Article 21, Rule 2100.11)

PRACTICE ON REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT SITE

Schools will not be permitted to practice or play at the regional/state site. (Teams that normally practice and/or play on these sites are exempt from this policy.)

ROSTERS

Each team is limited to an **18-player** roster during the district, regional and state tournaments. **Rosters, team photos and results for 4A, 5A schools must be received at the CHSAA by Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 8:00 PM; Class 3A results are due Saturday, October 15, 2011.** This is necessary for regional pairing purposes and for programs. (See page 54 for entering this information on online.)

SCHOOLS MUST ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE TEAM GATE LIST TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR ADMITTANCE PURPOSES.

An injury or illness of a player does not entitle a school to add an additional player to its roster after the roster is submitted for the first game of the tournament (district, regional or state). A player may be replaced on the roster after each level's tournament has been completed.

OFFICIAL BALL

Wilson Sporting Goods, through the CHSAA, will provide the tournament balls for the regional/state tournaments. (Substitute balls cannot be used.) It is strongly encouraged for schools to use the A9011BSST official ball in the district playoffs and regular season.

HOME TEAM

REGIONAL/ STATE: The higher seeded team will be the "home team" and last at bat in all first round games. From the quarters through the finals a coin flip by the site director/designee will determine the "home team" and last at bat.

DUGOUTS

The home team shall use the 3rd base dugout and the visitors the 1st base dugout.

LINE-UP CARDS

A sample line-up card can be found on page 56 of this bulletin. Please feel free to make copies.

NOTE: The tournament director is responsible for supplying line-up cards. The Coach is responsible for correctly proving accurate line-ups and lists of subs. (3-1-3, 4-1-2)

- A. On lines 1 through 9 or 10 (if using a DH/ flex and /or ED), list your starters.
- B. List the remaining substitutes on lines 9 or 10 through 18.
- C. The designated hitter and the player for whom she is batting need to be bracketed together.

- D. List the last name, first name, position, and number of each starter.
- E. List the last name, first name, and number of each substitute.

OFFICIAL SCORE BOOK

The official SCORE BOOK shall be kept by an official scorekeeper designated by the tournament director. The official scorer's rulings on hits and errors shall be final.

INFIELD PRACTICE

A maximum 10-minute infield/outfield practice is available to each team prior to each district, regional and state game. The home team will warm-up first. If one team does not want to use the warm-up period, the other team is still limited to 10 minutes. Places to warm-up prior to game time will be designated by the tournament director.

REST BETWEEN GAMES

A thirty (30) minute break between games may be requested by the team that is playing back-to-back games. Warm-ups for the next game would then begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the previous game.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

The 1st and 3rd base lines, batter's box and pitching area should be touched up between games. If media are allowed on the field, then an area must be designated. That area becomes a dead ball area if it is occupied.

HUSTLE IN, HUSTLE OUT

The tournament format dictates the need for games to move at a fast, efficient pace. Umpires will be instructed to limit the time between innings. We ask the coaches to help us with this important aspect of the tournament. Fast-paced games played by hustling teams will do a great deal to promote softball as the great spectator sport that it is.

At the beginning of each inning or when a pitcher relieves another, no more than one minute may be used to deliver no more than five balls to the catcher or other teammate.

NOTE: Each team should notify the umpire, prior to the start of the game, of its intention to use the courtesy runner option.

NATIONAL ANTHEM & PLAYER INTRODUCTIONS

The National Anthem will be played prior to the first games of the day at the regional and state tournaments. (If the National Anthem is not available, the Pledge of Allegiance will be given.) All players should be introduced prior to the first round games each day. For the championship games, players will be introduced as they take the field and come to bat. The visiting team will be introduced first in descending order from the line-up card (substitutes first) and shall line up along the first baseline, starting at home plate and filling in the space toward first base. The coaches will be introduced after the players and should also line up. Players will face the crowd as they stand along the line. The home team will be introduced in a like manner and will line up on the 3rd base line.

POSTPONED GAMES

The tournament director and grounds crew shall decide whether the grounds and conditions are suitable for starting the game. After the game starts, the umpires and grounds crew will determine whether conditions are suitable for play.

ENDING A GAME

National Federation Rule 4, Section 2, Articles 1-6 (pages 40-41):

ART. 1: A game ends when the team behind in score has completed its turn at bat in the seventh inning or in any extra inning. If the home team scores a go ahead run in the bottom of the seventh inning or in any extra inning, the game is terminated at that point.

ART. 2: If a game ends because weather conditions, or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided:

- (a) Five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns; or
- (b) Play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. The score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; unless the home team, in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called."

ART. 3: A state association may adopt game-ending procedures that determine how games are ended, including suspended games. However, if a state association does not adopt game-ending procedures, by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the umpire-in-chief, any remaining play may be shortened at any time or the game terminated. Examples of situations where games may be shortened are listed below, but are not all-inclusive.

- (a) 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings (Colorado is 10 after 5, 15 after 4, 20 after 3)
- (b) 1 1/2 -hour time limit or other time limit if a public park is used (League Option)
- (c) Game is terminated prior to three innings if one team is leading by a substantial margin
- (d) Emergency

Note 1: If a state association has adopted game-ending procedures, only those game-ending procedures may be used should the opposing coaches wish to terminate a game.

Note 2: By state association adoption, the number of innings for one or both games in a doubleheader may be scheduled for five innings. Current state association game-ending procedures still apply.

ART. 4: If a game is called before completion of the number of innings and conditions as specified in 4-2-2, the umpire shall declare the contest "no game" unless play is terminated by 4-2-3.

ART. 5: If a regulation called game has a tie score when ended as in 4-2-2, it is a tie game unless the state association has any prescribed game-ending procedures. Batting and fielding records are counted, but the game is not counted in computing percentages of games won and lost.

ART. 6: By state association adoption, the tie-breaker procedure may be instituted at a point in the game specified by the state association. **No International tie breakers are used in Colorado High School Softball, except in sub-varsity tournaments after the 8th inning or after the established time limit has expired.**

SUSPENDED GAMES

Any game that is terminated by darkness, rain or other cause before it is a regulation game (Rule 2, Section 26, Article 1, page 22) will be considered a suspended game and shall continue from the point of suspension at the earliest time possible.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If inclement weather postpones or suspends district, regional or state tournament play, the first available date, including Sunday, will be used for continuation of play. The same time schedule will be in effect unless changed by the tournament director/committee.

ADMITTANCE

Passes will not be issued to players or team followers. Players in uniform and those individuals listed by the school on the gate list (gate list instructions are on page 54) will be admitted at the pass gate. No more than 18 players and 7 coaches, trainers or managers will be admitted without charge. Any additional will require a ticket.

BANNERS

Cloth school banners may be displayed at the district, regional and state tournaments upon approval of the director. Signs may not block the view of spectators. (Due to fire codes, paper banners or signs are not permitted.)

PEP BAND ADMISSION INFORMATION

A pep band with membership up to 35 members, including the band director, will be admitted to all CHSAA playoff events free of charge under the following conditions:

- All band members must be possession of an instrument;
- All members will be admitted as a group together;
- No electric amplification is allowed;
- The group performs under the performance rules of the individual sport and the group is an active participant in the contest (plays at appropriate times, etc.);
- Only 5 percussionists are allowed.

No additional pep band members will be allowed to perform even if a ticket is purchased.

Definition of a Pep Band

A pep band is comprised of students from the schools instrumental music program and under the direction of the schools' director (or his /her designee). The pep band instrumentation shall be typical for that school. But a minimum of 50% of the instruments must be wind instruments. The pep band shall be made up of no more that 50% percussions instruments and must follow all game rules and CHSAA policies.

CHEERLEADERS

A total of 25 CHEER athletes and 25 POM spirit-athletes in uniform, including 2 coaches, will be admitted at no charge. All others will be charged admission. Tickets will NOT be available at the competitor's gate. The team mascot is included in the 25 total. Spirit teams will not be able to cheer/perform unless their coach has checked in at the gate.

VIDEOTAPING

At its April 2008 meeting, the CHSAA Legislative Council removed the prohibition against the filming or video taping opponents. Sport rules addressing this subject will still apply if voted in the playing rules.

AWARDS

State Qualifier plaques will be given to the four state qualifying teams in each class at the conclusion of each semifinal game. Following the state championship games, a **runner-up plaque** will be presented to the second place team at home plate. Immediately following, the championship team will be presented the **state championship trophy** at home plate. **Please keep your teams on the field for the presentation.**

TRAINER

A trainer will be provided at state tournament sites, if available. School trainers should be encouraged to attend regional & district tournaments in which their schools are playing. CHSAA trainers are hired for injury and emergency care, not to tape participants. Teams should make prior arrangements for taping of athletes.

UMPIRES/TOURNAMENT UMPIRES NOMINATION

REGIONALS/STATE: All umpires will be selected through a statewide vote. There is an expectation that all schools/coaches vote for the umpires who will work the playoffs. Additional information on the voting process will be forwarded to schools in late September.

PLAYOFF HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

Hosting CHSAA playoff events correctly is a major responsibility. The hard work and conscientious efforts of the site host is greatly appreciated by not only the CHSAA administrative staff but also all the schools, participants and fans at these events.

While at times, hosting events is an addition to your already full schedule, it does provide opportunities for your school and teams.

Hosting playoff events at your school provides for the following:

1. An opportunity to put your school at center stage.
2. An opportunity to display your administrative style and competence.
3. Allows your teams to maintain a normal routine prior to the contests by staying at their own homes.
4. Allows your fans to maintain a normal routine by not having to travel and incur the cost associated with this travel.
5. There may even be a competitive advantage to playing at a familiar site with no travel.
6. Hosting can be financially attractive, if for no other reason than for concessions sales and no travel expense for the host school.
7. Gives your school an opportunity to build a program.

With the above advantages stated, a host school may lose money covering the expenses necessary to host. When considering the cost for school travel, even for short trips, the host school is ahead financially when the 20% of the gate allowed for host expenses does not cover all the costs to host.

As a result of the above, when a school hosts a playoff event it is not normally acceptable to bill other participating schools for expenses if the gate is not sufficient to cover these expenses. The many advantages of hosting, both financially and competitively, should cover the costs of hosting over the 20% allowed.

In order to cover any expenses that exceed the 20% of the gate given to host a playoff event, the host school can seek volunteers to conduct the event, seek agreement from all schools involved to raise ticket prices, off set expenses with concession money, get corporate support or find many other creative ways to help finance the event, so that it can be held in your school and community.

The above is stated with an understanding that each sport and situation is individual. Schools at site may all choose to rent a gym, a piece of equipment, a timing system, etc., and agree to share the cost of this extra expense. Any agreement of this type should be accepted by all schools involved and communicated to the CHSAA administrator in charge of that sport.

In some cases, it is possible that hosting is not right for you or your school. Please inform all involved with playoff organization so that your school is not considered as a potential host.

CHSAA REGIONAL/STATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please refer to the [Legislative Council 2010-11 Minutes](#) for information regarding the financial regulations.

4A, 5A REGIONAL SITES

Sites for the 4A and 5A regional tournaments will be determined prior to the end of the regular season by the CHSAA Office. If you are interested in helping host a site, please contact Bud Ozzello. There will be no guarantee that your school will be at the site you host.

Directions to State Site

AURORA SPORTS PARK 18601 E. Sports Park Drive Aurora, CO 80011

FROM I-70 EAST: I-70 East to Tower Road. Tower Road South to Colfax Avenue. Colfax Avenue East to Dunkirk and Aurora Sports Park.

FROM I-70 WEST: I-70 West to Colfax Avenue. Colfax Avenue West to Dunkirk and Aurora Sports Park.

2011 STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

3A/4A/5A SITE DIRECTORS:

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2011 3A/4A/5A State Tournament Aurora Sports Park, Aurora

TICKET PRICES

4A, 5A Regionals (Oct. 15)

Adult General Admission	\$7
K-12 Students and senior citizens	\$5

State Softball (Oct. 21-22)

Adult General Admission	\$8
K-12 Students and senior citizens	\$6

Note: Preschool (Infant to age 4) no charge

Senior Citizen=60 years and older

2011 REGIONAL AND STATE SOFTBALL PAIRING CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to pair the regional tournaments for Classes 4A and 5A. Membership on the pairings committee shall be administrators. No coaches shall be used as part of this process. The process:

32- 4A and 32-5A teams will be true seeded. The 4A and 5A regional qualifiers will be seeded/paired Sunday, Oct 9, 2011.

PLEASE NOTE: The committee shall not be bound by the below criteria when placing the 25 to 32 seeds. The committee shall pair these teams with geography taking primary importance.

The tournament seeding committee will then true seed, establishing the seeds based on (but not limited to) the following:

- Geography will be a factor in consideration of the final pairings
- Overall record
- Strength of schedule
- Head-to-head competition
- Strength of competition
- Record against common opponents

League opponents may be paired against each other. A school in any league may be seeded above a school that finished above it during the regular season.

Once the regional seedings have been determined, the CHSAA will establish the game times. The final 16 4A and 5A teams, plus the 16 3A state qualifying teams will be re-seeded for the state tournament.

Note: The Class 3A/4A/5A State Tournament will be paired on Sunday, October 16.

PAIRINGS COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES: The CHSAA Tournament Committee is charged with establishing the fairest competition for the schools and student participants in Colorado. Individual members represent, not a specific school, classification or geographic areas, but all the schools and their students. All viewpoints within the committee should be voiced and discussed, but the majority shall rule. The strength and integrity of the committee rests with each of its members accepting the will of the majority and not communicating individual opinions following the meeting.

QUALIFYING FORMAT AND CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS BY CLASS:

A. Class 3A (Enrollments 1-630) 35 Schools

<u>Frontier (3)</u>		<u>Lower Platte (4)</u>		<u>Metro (6)</u>		<u>Patriot (9)</u>	
Jefferson	601	Akron	124	Faith Chr.	335	Berthoud	624
Middle Park	418	Holyoke	177	Holy Family	575	Brush	414
Platte Canyon	400	Wray	194	Lutheran	186	Eaton	494
Sheridan	472	Yuma	229	Machebeuf	361	Lyons	251
				Peak to Peak	574	Mead	629
				St. Mary's Ac.	518	Platte Valley	350
						Strasburg	307
						Valley	549
						Weld Central	595
<u>Santa Fe (1)</u>		<u>Tri-Peaks (6)</u>		<u>W. Slope (5)</u>			
Rocky Ford	224	Classical Acad.	602	Basalt	444		
		Dolores Huerta	443	Cedaredge	281		
		Florence	505	Grand Valley	352		
		La Junta	388	Gunnison	318		
		Lamar	478	Rifle	615		
		St. Mary's	347				
<u>U. Pacific (2)</u>							
Burlington	235						
Limon	163						

3A Districts

<u>District 1 (8)</u>		<u>District 2 (7)</u>		<u>District 3 (9)</u>		<u>District 4 (6)</u>	
Faith Christian - M		Classical Academy - TP		Berthoud - P		Akron - LP	
Holy Family* - M		Dolores Huerta - TP		Brush - P		Burlington - UP	
Jefferson - F		Florence - TP		Eaton* - P		Holyoke - LP	
Lutheran - M		La Junta* - TP		Lyons - P		Limon - UP	
Machebeuf - M		Lamar - TP		Mead - P		Wray* - LP	
Middle Park - F		Rocky Ford - SF		Platte Valley - P		Yuma - LP	
Peak to Peak - M		St. Mary's - TP		Strasburg - P			
Platte Canyon - F				Valley - P			
Sheridan - F				Weld Central - P			
St. Mary's Academy - M							
<u>District 5 (5)</u>							
Basalt - WS							
Cedaredge - WS							
Grand Valley - WS							
Gunnison* - WS							
Rifle - WS							
						* - designated district chairperson	

Arrupe Jesuit will play a junior varsity schedule in 2011.

NOTE: Schools not listed, but notifying the CHSAA by August 15, 2011 may be assigned by the CHSAA. Also, schools that do not field a varsity team should notify the CHSAA immediately.

General Class 3A District Playoff Policies

A. Regular season ends by Wednesday, October 12, 2011, with districts scheduled to be completed by October 15.

B. The districts will qualify teams in the following manner:

<u>2011</u>		<u>2011</u>	
District 1	3 of 8	District 4	2 of 6
District 2	2 of 7	District 5	2 of 5
District 3	3 of 9		

12 schools are selected by their district finish, with 4 at large teams selected by the seeding committee.

C. The District Tournaments can be more than one day but need to be completed by October 15, 2011.

D. The designated chairperson from each district shall work cooperatively with the CHSAA Office in assigning umpires for the district tournament.

E. If the district is made up of schools from multiple leagues, then a copy of the district seeding procedure must be agreed upon by all schools in the district and a copy forwarded to the CHSAA Office prior to September 4, 2011.

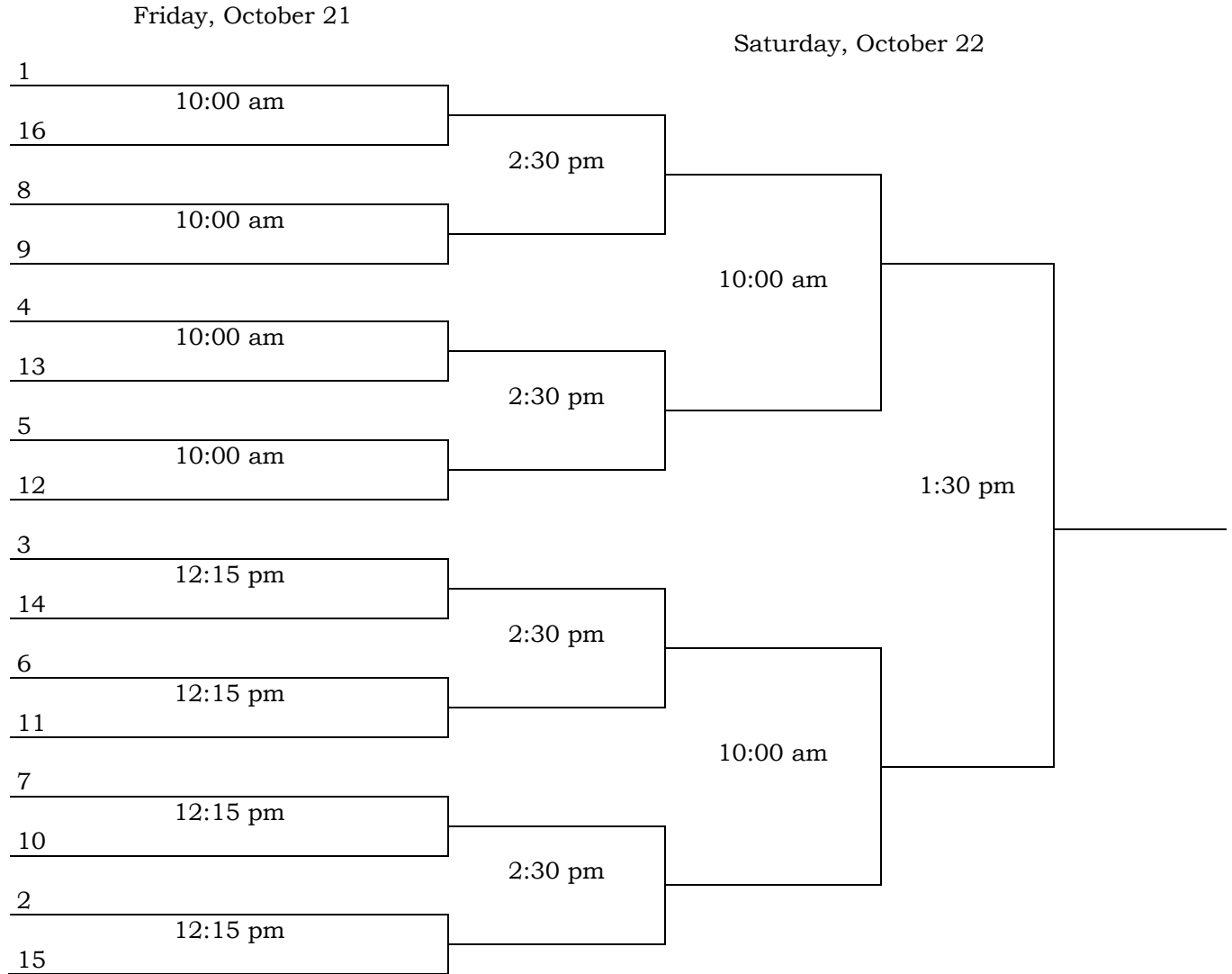
F. The committee worked to keep league schools together as a district or combined into a district. The designated school should assign a tournament director to develop the playing schedule and developing the district seeding format for the district tournament.

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The higher seeded team will determine the “home team” and last at bat in all first round games. From the quarters through the finals a coin flip by the site director/designee will determine “home team” and last at bat.

The state tournament pairings will be assigned by the tournament seeding committee on Sunday, October 16, 2011. All qualifying teams will be true seeded based on the criteria listed on page 42 of this bulletin. Teams are responsible for providing a copy of team roster and results to the CHSAA office for use by the regional & state pairing committee.

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NOTE: All game times are approximate

The higher seeded team will determine the “home team” and last at bat in all first round games. From the quarters through the finals, a coin flip by the site director/designee will determine “home team” and last at bat.

B. Class 4A (Enrollments 631-1440) 64 Schools

<u>Centennial (1)</u>	<u>CS Metro (16)</u>	<u>Denver (5)</u>	<u>Jefferson Co. (9)</u>
Mullen 932	Air Academy 1309	Denver North 953	Alameda 746
	Cheyenne Mtn 1357	Denver South 796	Arvada 1199
<u>Metro (1)</u>	Coronado 1423	Denver West 796	Conifer 1008
Englewood 649	Discovery Cyn 749	J F Kennedy 1121	D'Evelyn 639
	Falcon 1295	T. Jefferson 1078	Elizabeth 787
<u>Northern (8)</u>	Harrison 992		Evergreen 988
Broomfield 1400	Lewis-Palmer 1162	<u>So. Central (7)</u>	Golden 1296
Centaurus 1076	Mesa Ridge 1257	Canon City 1065	Valor Christian* 562
Greeley Central 1415	Mitchell 1118	P. Centennial 979	Wheat Ridge 1276
Longmont 1225	Palmer Ridge 1100	P. Central 1001	
Mountain View 1091	Sand Creek 1302	P. County 787	<u>Tri-Valley (7)</u>
Niwot 1315	Sierra 983	P. East 919	Erie 700
Silver Creek 1085	Vista Ridge 897	P. South 1365	Frederick 863
Thompson Vy. 1366	Wasson 1142	P. West 1268	Northridge 1090
	Widefield 1275		Roosevelt 729
<u>EMAC (2)</u>	Woodland Pk. 947	<u>W. Slope (3)</u>	Skyline 1277
Fort Lupton 639		Delta 685	Sterling 648
Skyview 636	<u>So. West (3)</u>	Eagle Valley 738	Windsor 1078
	Durango 1393	Palisade 1028	
<u>Independent (1)</u>	Mont-Cortez 761		<u>Continental (1)</u>
Vista Peak 342	Montrose 1319		Regis Jesuit 1288

32 teams advance to eight 4-team regionals. 16 teams qualify to the state tournament. 32 teams may be selected by their league finish. Depending on league finish in schools that play in a multiclass league there could be up to 3 at large teams selected by the seeding committee depending upon the qualifiers from the Centennial, Continental, Metropolitan and EMAC leagues.

Continental	1 of 1 (if team finishes 5 th or higher in the 5A Continental, will replace Jeffco 5)
Centennial	1 of 1 (if team finishes 1, 2, 3, or 4 in 5A Centennial)
CS Metro	8 of 16
Denver Prep	2 of 5
Jefferson County	5 of 9
Metropolitan	1 of 1 (if team finishes 1 st , tied for 1 st or 2 nd outright in 3A Metropolitan)
Northern	4 of 8
EMAC	1 of 2 (if top 4A EMAC team finishes #1-6 in the 5A EMAC League)
South Central	3 of 7
SW/WS	3 of 6
Tri-Valley	<u>3 of 7</u>
	31 of 64 (Note: Up to 3 at large selections may be available. See above)

All Class 4A regionals are played at pre-determined city sites with pre-established game times. Once the teams have been determined by the pairing committee, the 32 teams will be true seeded and teams assigned to the regionals based on that seeding.

The regional seeding will be based on the criteria listed on page 42 of this bulletin.

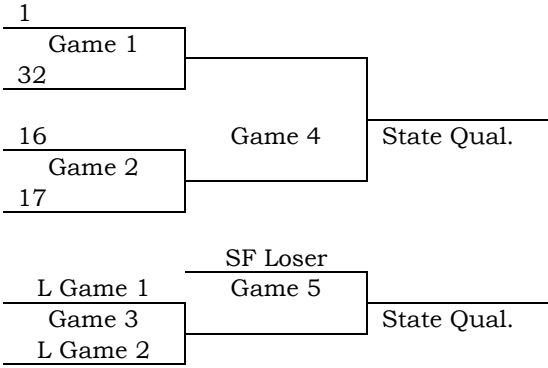
The 32-team seeding will be held at the CHSAA Office on Sunday, October 9 at 9:00 am

All regional games will be played Saturday, October 15, 2011. Schools not listed, but notifying the CHSAA by August 15, 2011, will be assigned by the CHSAA. Also, schools that do not field a varsity team should notify the CHSAA immediately. Umpires will be assigned by the CHSAA for the Regional and State playoff games. The home team is the higher designated team (based on conference standings) throughout the regionals.

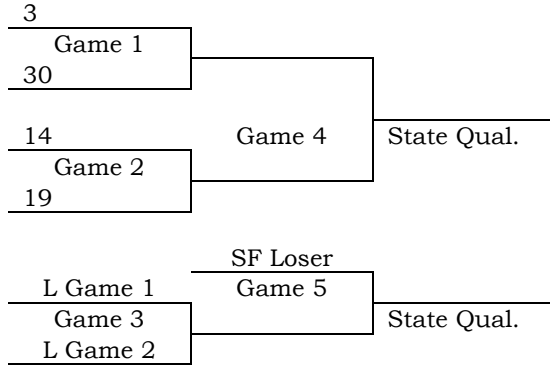
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Class 4A Regional Softball Brackets - Saturday, October 15, 2011

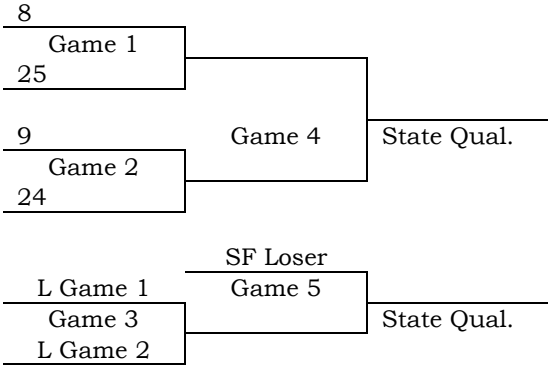
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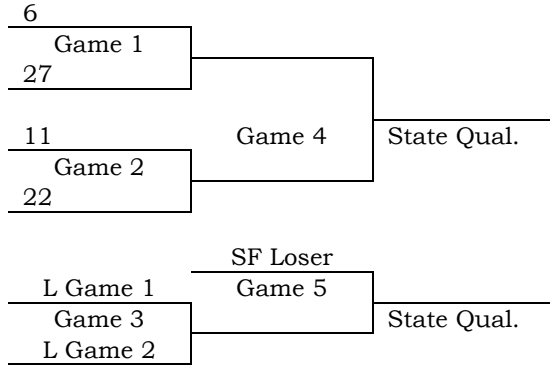
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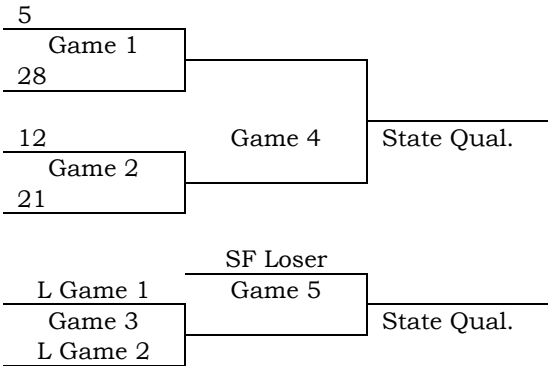
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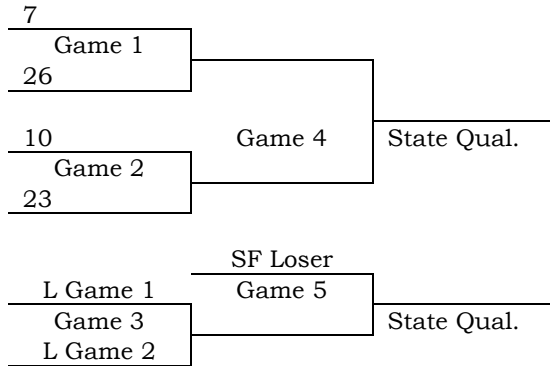
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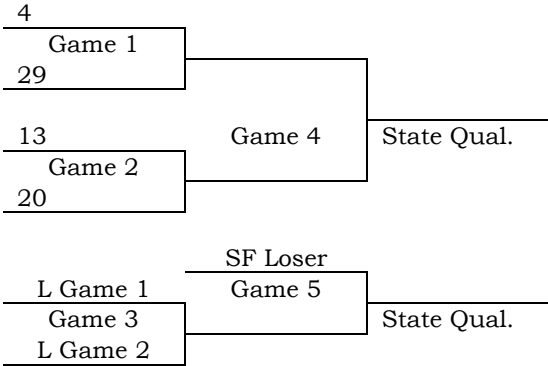
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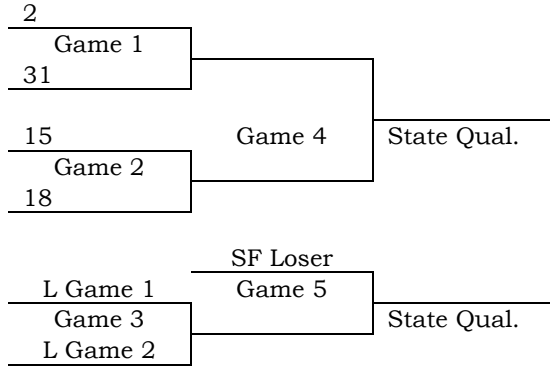
Region 7



Region 4



Region 8



Regional Game Times - Games 1 and 2 will be played at 10:00 am; Games 3 and 4 at 12:15 pm; Game 5 at 2:30 pm

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NOTE: All game times are approximate

The higher seeded team will determine the “home team” and last at bat in all first round games. From the quarters through the finals, a coin flip by the site director/designee will determine “home team” and last at bat.

C. Class 5A (Enrollments 1441-up) 62 Schools

Centennial (7)		Continental (10)		CS Metro (6)		Denver Prep (4)	
Arapahoe	2251	Castle View	1465	Doherty	2176	A. Lincoln	1900
Cherokee Trail	2328	Chaparral	2176	Ftn.-Ft. Carson	1651	Denver East	2159
Cherry Creek	3501	Douglas County	1762	Liberty	1554	G. Washington	1491
Eaglecrest	2362	Heritage	1722	Palmer	2071	Montbello	1686
Grandview	2607	Highlands Ranch	1682	Pine Creek	1509		
Overland	2139	Legend	1684	Rampart	1653		
Smoky Hill	2374	Mountain Vista	1976				
		Ponderosa	1677				
		Rock Canyon	1465				
		ThunderRidge	1803				
Fr. Range (12)		Jeffco (10)		EMAC (10)		So. West (3)	
Boulder	1784	Arvada West	1699	Adams City	1665	Central G. J.	1664
Fairview	1911	Bear Creek	1861	Aurora Central	2437	Fruita Mon.	1764
Fort Collins	1728	Chatfield	2012	Brighton	1532	Grand Junction	1757
Fossil Ridge	1747	Columbine	1636	Gateway	1728		
Greeley West	1463	Dakota Ridge	1583	Hinkley	2067		
Horizon	1881	Green Mountain*	1351	Northglenn	1821		
Legacy	1982	Lakewood	1966	Prairie View	1455		
Loveland	1621	Pomona	1596	Rangeview	2268		
Monarch	1509	Ralston Valley	1675	Thornton	1736		
Mtn. Range	2048	Standley Lake	1535	Westminster	1910		
Poudre	1908						
Rocky Mtn.	2122						

32 Teams advance to eight 4-team regionals. 30 schools are selected by their conference finish, with 2 at large teams selected by the seeding committee. 16 teams qualify to the state tournament.

Centennial	3 of 7
Continental	5 of 10
CS Metro	3 of 6
Denver	2 of 4
Front Range	6 of 12
Jeffco	5 of 10
EMAC	5 of 10
Southwestern	<u>1 of 3</u>
	30 of 62 (2 qualifiers selected "at large")

All Class 5A regionals are played at pre-determined city sites that feature two regional tournaments, with pre-established game times. Once the teams have been determined by the pairing committee, the 32 teams will be true seeded and teams assigned to the regionals based on that seeding.

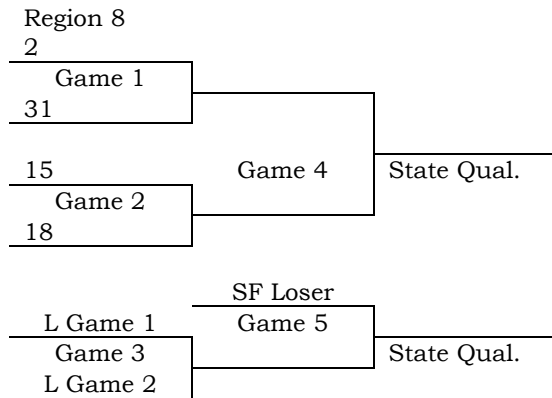
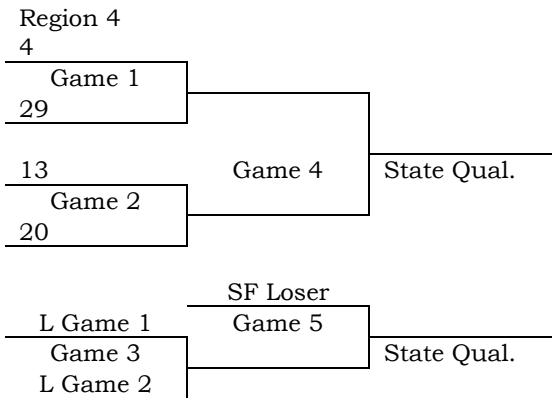
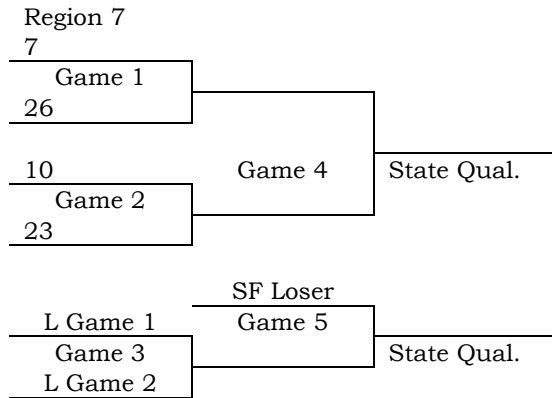
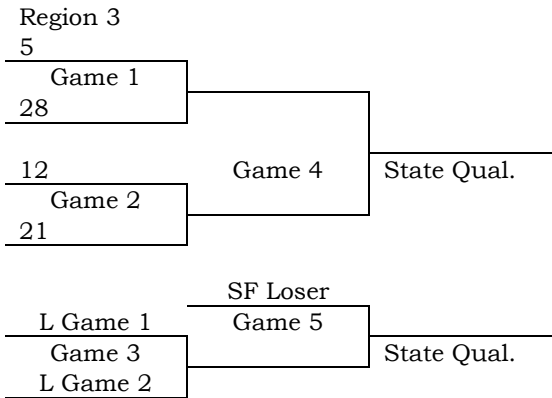
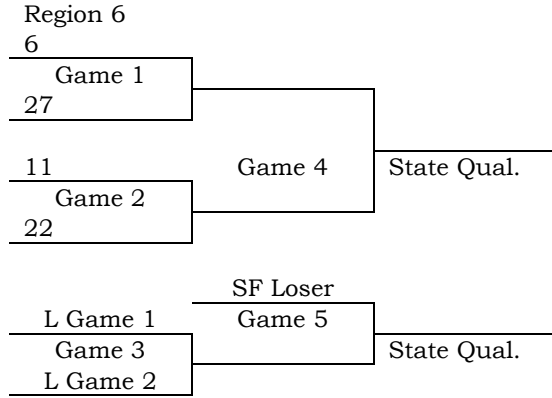
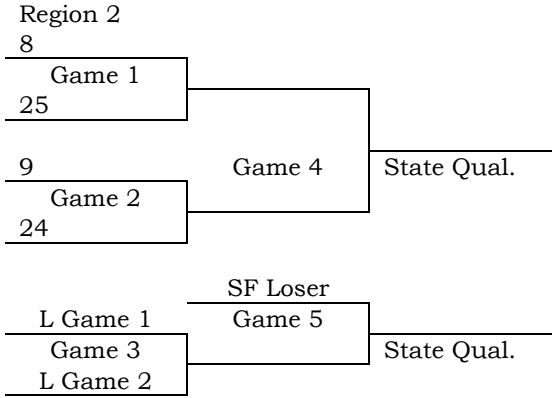
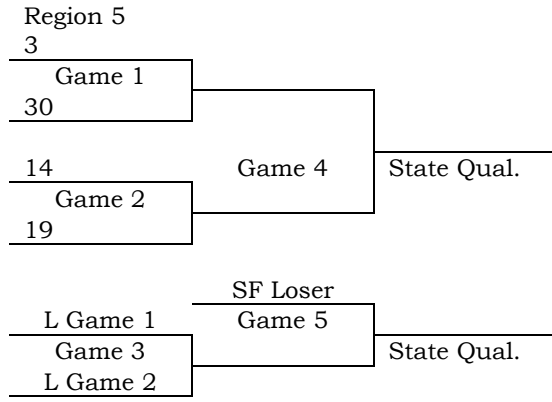
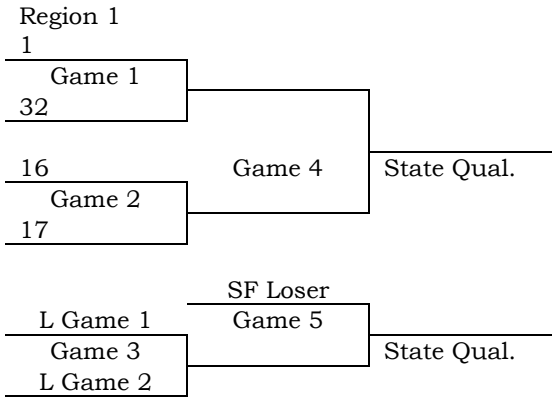
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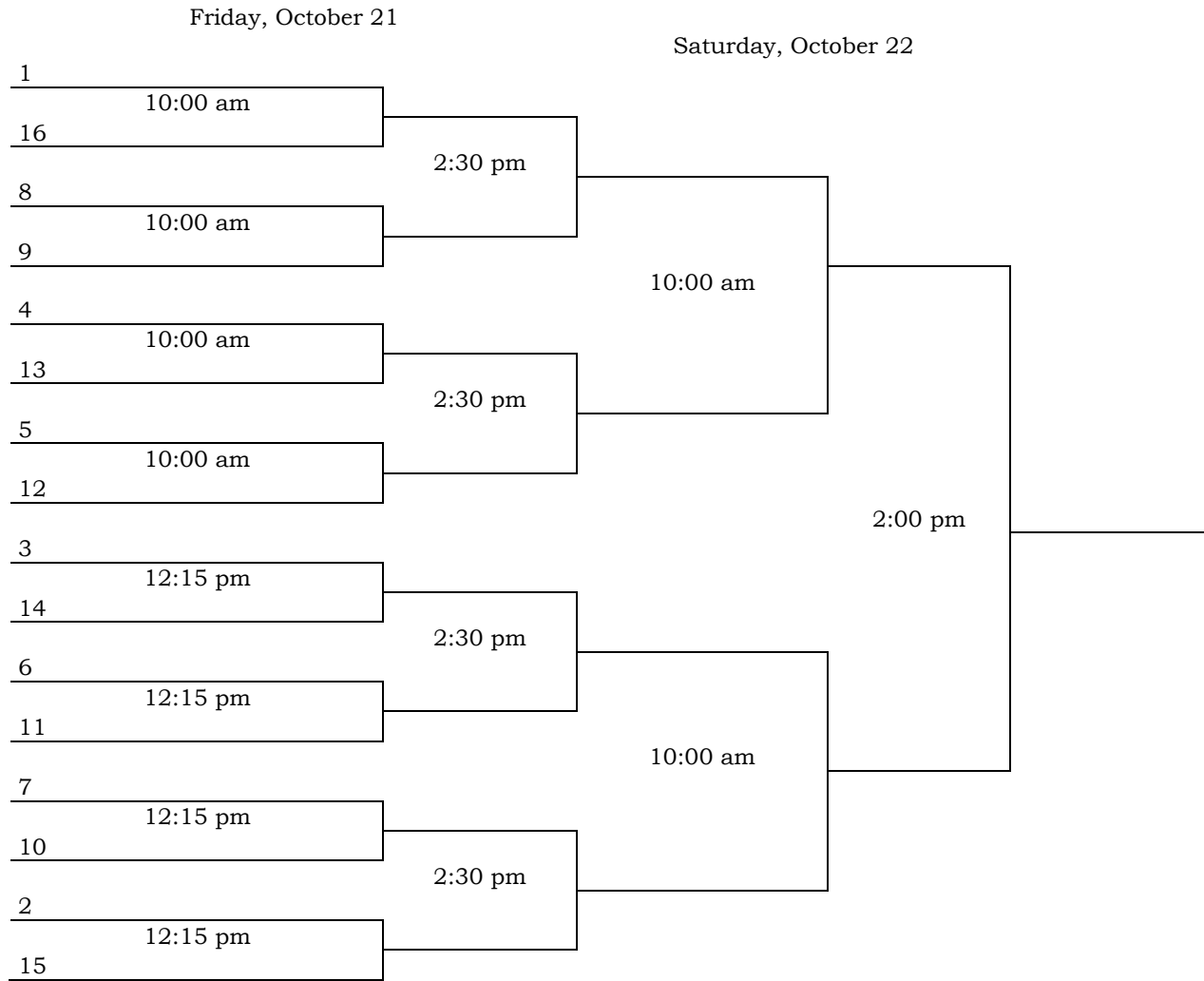
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Class 5A Regional Softball Brackets - Saturday, October 15, 2011



Regional Game Times - Games 1 and 2 will be played at 10:00 am; Games 3 and 4 at 12:15 pm; Game 5 at 2:30 pm

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NOTE: All times are approximate.

The higher seeded team will determine the “home team” and last at bat in all first round games.

From the quarters through the finals a coin flip by the site director/designee will determine “home team” and last at bat.

V. POLICIES (ALL CLASSES):

- A. National Federation uniform rules are in effect throughout the regular season, district, regional and state tournaments.
- B. The 1½ hour and 10-run rule (15 after 4, 20 after 3) will be in effect for all tournament games during the regular season, the district tournaments, the regional tournaments, and the state tournaments.

If after 1½ hours of play a team has a 10-run lead, **regardless of the inning**, no new inning will begin and the game will be declared official. (Example: Team A - 22 runs, Team B - 2 runs, 3rd inning, 1½ hours have elapsed, game over. If the home team is behind then the inning must be completed.)

If a team has a 10-run lead and the **losing team has batted 5 times** the game will be declared official. It is possible for a game to be over in less than 1½ hours.

- C. Should inclement weather or darkness postpone regional or state tournament play, the first available date, including Sunday, will be used for continuation of play.
- D. The 4A, 5A regional tournaments are a modified double elimination. The state tournaments are single elimination. Class 3A districts will provide 16 qualifiers to the state tournament. Classes 4A and 5A will qualify 32 teams to the regionals on Saturday, October 15, 2011, with 16 advancing to the state tournament. The regional tournament brackets will be true seeded by the tournament pairings committee on Sunday, October 9, 2011. Those 16 teams qualifying for the state tournament will be re-seeded using the true seeding criteria on Sunday, October 16, 2010, for the state tournament.

The following criteria will be used to pair the regional and tournaments for Classes 3A, 4A and 5A. Membership on the pairings committee shall be administrators. No coaches shall be used as part of this process.

The regional and state tournament seeding committees will true seed, establishing the seeds based on (but not limited to) the following:

- Geography will be a factor in consideration of the final pairings
- Overall record
- Strength of schedule
- Head-to-head competition
- Strength of competition
- Record against common opponents

League and district opponents may be paired against each other. A school in any league may be seeded above a school that finished above it during the regular season. Once the pairings have been determined, the CHSAA will establish the game times. Umpires will be assigned by the CHSAA for all regional and state tournament games.

SPECIAL SEEDING NOTE: The committee shall not be bound by the above criteria when placing the number 25 through 32 seeds. The committee shall pair these teams with geography taking primary priority.

- E. The Wilson Optic Yellow Softball A9011 is the official ball and is used at all levels of the playoffs.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. The committee recommended the following state association adoption: The International Tie Breaker may be implemented, at the site director's discretion, for sub-varsity tournaments after the 8th inning or after the established time limit has expired. Note: This recommendation is for tournament use only.

- B. Randy Jordan President of the CHSSUA discussed with the committee the differences in pitching distances this year and how there have been a difference in summer softball vs. high school and the 3 person umpire groups. He felt that it was a successful year and that umpire numbers were up throughout the state. Richard Hormann (Cherokee Trail) made a statement that the game has changed due to the 43 ft. pitching distance causing there to be less strikeouts and more defensive play.



RETURNING THIS YEAR!!!!

The gate list/roster form is NOT included in this bulletin. We have developed an interactive form that can be found on the CHSAA web site:

www.chsaa.org

To access the roster/gate list click on **Sports/Activities** - a drop down box will appear - click on Softball. Fill out the form completely. Click on the **Email Submit** button, which will e-mail the form back to CHSAA and The Kukulski Brothers who will be printing the program.

NOTE: Please send a team picture to the Kukulski Brothers at:
2127 S. Priest Dr. Suite 404
Tempe, AZ 85282

Or email a .JPG photo to the Kukulski Brothers at:

programs@kukulskibrothers.net

The Kukulski Brothers need a good, clear photo. Color photos are preferred. The photos should be standard team shots -- either 5x7 or 8x10. Please make sure the photo is sharp. They cannot make a bad photo look good and they want all fans of your high school to be able to recognize your team.

DEADLINE DATE: OCT 8, 2011



Girls' Softball

Team _____

Player	Position	Number
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2011 Regional/State Softball Umpires Playoff Voting Information

Three weeks prior to the end of the season look for e-mail notification regarding umpire voting instructions for the 2011 playoffs.

This is your opportunity to vote for the umpire you will see in the playoffs. Please take a moment to vote for the best umpires.

Neutrality Priority When Assigning Officials to in Post Season/Travel Cost an Impact

Every effort will be made to cut the travel cost when assigning officials in the post season though the priority of assigning will be to maintain neutrality. In general, if two teams are competing from different areas of the state, the officials will not be assigned from either of the areas of the competing teams. However if the teams are from the same area, the officials could be assigned from the same area or any combination of areas. Below is the legend for area softball officials and a couple of examples:

Areas:

1 – Denver; 2 – Boulder/Longmont; 3 – Northern (Greeley/Fort Collins); 4 – Northeast; 5 – Colorado Springs (inc. Canon City); 6 – Pueblo (inc. southeastern Colorado); 7 – Western Slope; 8 – La Junta

Example 1:

If Pine Creek from Colorado Springs is playing Highlands Ranch from the metro Denver area, the officials will be selected from any of the other areas. Therefore a crew from Grand Junction, which is from the Western Slope, could be selected whether the game is played at Highlands Ranch or Pine Creek.

Some Exceptions to the Rule

If George Washington from Denver plays Fairview from Boulder, the officials could be selected from any area. If this is high profile semi-final game the three officials may be selected from three different areas or any combination of areas. This would be true if the two teams were from Durango and Fort Collins.

The concept of mixed crews is important in softball where the teams come from all areas of the state. In many cases it is simpler to ensure neutrality by having umpires from two or three different areas of the state on a game. Following these guidelines, a school can determine on its own from which area playoff officials could be assigned.



Attn: High School Softball Coaches
From: Khara West, Chair, CCGS Softball Committee

For the past 24 years, the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports (CCGS) has honored outstanding senior female softball players at the CCGS All-State Softball Games. This year's events will take place on **Sunday, November 6**. The day will consist of an awards banquet, complimentary team pictures & an all-state game for each classification.

Enclosed is a nomination form for your league. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 21** (absolutely no ballots will be accepted after this date). The nominations must be received by Friday so our committee can properly place players for the selection meeting.

The CCGS All-State Softball Selection Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m.**, at Monarch K-8; 263 Campus Drive, Louisville, CO 80027.

Items to Think About:

1. There will be three (3) games 3A, 4A and 5A. Leagues with both classifications must separate nominations by classifications.
2. You may **nominate up to eight (11) senior athletes** in each league and classification (3 pitchers and 8 other players by position). Please only nominate those athletes that are "All-State" material. Players should be ranked in the non-pitcher positions & positions 6-8 will be used as back up/alternates.
3. Your **nominations must be on the form provided** and must have a majority of league coach's signatures. We cannot accept a phone call from a league coach/commissioner or a form without league coach's signatures. If you do not hold an end of the season league meeting and cannot get signatures, contact me for an alternative option so that we are able to represent the entire state of outstanding athletes.
4. **Select by priority and position.** Place your best league player as #1 (as the #1 person will be an automatic selection). The second through fifth positions are used for voting purposes. Break ties at your league meeting.
5. **!!!PLEASE!!!** Come to the CCGS All-State Softball Game Selection Meeting and **support your athletes on voting day**. The coaches do not know all the players and need help with the selection process. All CCGS member softball coaches are eligible to vote and may speak on behalf of their athlete, however, only one vote is allowed per school.
6. Voters are limited to head coaches with a current membership. CCGS Membership is \$30.00 (head/voting) and \$15 (assistants). Membership is renewed annually at the Selection Meeting.
7. Coaches for the games will be chosen during this selection meeting. In order to participate in this honor a coach must have been a head coach for at least 3 years (at anytime during their career).

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Selection Meeting. If you have any questions relative to the above, call me on my cell (303) 981-1714.

Khara

Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports (CCGS) All-State Softball Ballot 2011

League: _____ Classification: 3A, 4A or 5A (Please Circle One)

Person filling out this ballot: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Contact email: _____

Nominate eleven (or fewer) outstanding **senior** athletes per league. Use one ballot per classification. Your #1 listed will be an automatic into the all-state games and should represent your top "non-pitcher" player in your league. The players in position #2-5 will be voted on at selection and players in positions #6-8 will be used for alternates. Select pitchers separately in the separate section.

Fax your ballot(s) to Khara West by **Friday, October 21, 2011** - Fax (303) 384-3737.

CONTACT KHARA TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF BALLOT – Khara.west@bvsd.org

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT -- THIS INFORMATION IS CRITICAL FOR CONTACTING ATHLETES

Jersey #	Name	School	Position	Coach
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
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Pitchers placed in any above entry will be moved down into the below section (if space is available). If there is no space, they will be dropped from the ballot. ~~~ PITCHERS ONLY ~~~

Jersey #	Name	School	Position	Coach

NOTE: CCGS Selection Voting will take place **Sunday, October 23, 9:00 a.m.**, at Monarch K-8 263 Campus Dr Louisville, CO 80027).

Coach's Signature	Print Coach's Name (Please print clearly)	School	Contact Information

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Contact Khara in cases where there is no end of the year coaches/league meeting (due to distance of schools) for an alternative solution to turning in a ballot from the collective league.

[303-981-1714/khara.west@bvsd.org](mailto:khara.west@bvsd.org)



**Bob Bledsoe – Game Director
Erie High School
3180 WCR5
Erie, Colorado 80516**

To: Colorado High School Softball Coaches
From: Bob Bledsoe, CHSCA Softball President
Re: All-State Softball Game Selection
Date: June 17, 2011

The meeting for selection of the CHSCA Senior All-State Softball Game has been set for Sunday, October 23rd at 10:30 am at Monarch Middle School, located just west of Monarch HS in Lafayette/Superior. Go west on Dillon Rd., turn left to Monarch HS. Our meeting will follow the C.C.G.S. All-State Selection Meeting.

You need to mail or fax the enclosed League Nomination Form back to me by October 11th. This form needs to be signed by a majority of the coaches in your league. My fax number is 720-494-3869.

It is your League's responsibility to make sure that I have your nomination list by October 12th. Please feel free to call me at 303-828-0890 if you have any questions.

We will select 24 players and two coaches for the 2012 game that will be played on June 7, 2012 at the softball field at a site to be determined. Nominated players will be placed on the ballot and the ballot will be voted on by those coaches attending the meeting, and who are members of CHSCA, with one vote per school. Coaches may pay their membership at the meeting.

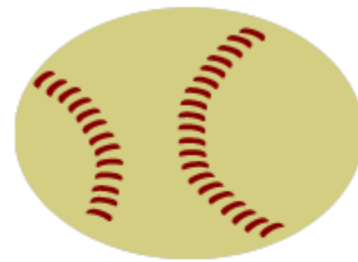
Sincerely,

**Bob Bledsoe
Head Softball Coach
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