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## WELCOME TO THE 2024-2025 GIRLS' SOFTBALL SEASON!

The Girls' Softball Packet has been prepared to assist you in the organization of your school's Girls' Softball program. The enclosed is important information for preparation of the upcoming season. Please share this information with your coaching staff

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## 2025 SOFTBALL CALENDAR AND PLAYOFF DATES

FIRST CONTEST	<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup></p> <p>The initial date on which a school may schedule and conduct an interscholastic contest. If a school chooses to have a scrimmage (maximum 2 scrimmages), it must be on or after February 17<sup>th</sup> and before their first official contest.</p>
SIT OUT PERIOD	FRIDAY, MARCH 28 <sup>TH</sup>
LAST CONTEST	<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup></p> <p>All competitions (league and non-league) See Bylaw 3008 for end of competition guidelines.</p>
LEAGUE ENTRIES	<p><b>DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>BY 9:00 PM</b></p>
PAIRINGS DAY	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 AM</p> <p>Playoff Brackets can be found at <a href="http://www.cifss.org">www.cifss.org</a></p>
PLAYOFFS	<p>MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 24<sup>TH</sup></p> <p>BREAKDOWN ON NEXT PAGE</p>
CIF-SS FINALS	FRIDAY, MAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY, MAY 31 <sup>ST</sup>
STATE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT	JUNE 3 <sup>RD</sup> , 5 <sup>TH</sup> , 7 <sup>TH</sup>

## 2025 SOFTBALL PLAYOFF DATES BREAKDOWN

ROUND 1	THURSDAY, MAY 15 <sup>TH</sup>
ROUND 2	SATURDAY, MAY 17 <sup>TH</sup>
QUARTERFINAL	WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 <sup>ST</sup>
SEMIFINAL	SATURDAY, MAY 24 <sup>TH</sup>
FINALS	FRIDAY, MAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY, MAY 31 <sup>ST</sup>

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### **Determination of Playoff Divisions – Softball.**

With the passage of the new competitive equity playoff system (CIFSS Council, January 2024), and changes to Bylaws 3519 and 3520, the way we group playoff divisions has changed. To summarize, playoff divisions will be created at the end of the regular season based on a team's current win/loss data.

It is imperative that coaches/athletic directors enter their full schedule, and score results consistently throughout the season. Member schools who fail to accurately enter complete regular season results into the CIFSSHome system will not be placed into a playoff division and will be ineligible to participate in the Southern Section Championship Playoff Tournament.

Schools (via the coach and/or AD email) will be getting updates of missing scores throughout the season. Those vacancies must be filled. Schools tend to use "TBA" as opponent names in tournament situations as placeholders. Please review your results carefully, entering actual tournament opponents played and the game scores. Please look through your schedule and scores on CIFSSHome (not another platform) as all data retrieval will be from CIFSSHome.

Massey Ratings, the same power ranking system the CIFSS has used in various sports since 2014, will continue to be used. The only thing changing is the timeframe of data used to feed this system. Previously, the two most recent year's results would feed Massey Ratings for pre-season divisional placement. Now, only the current year will be used for in-season divisional placement. The benefit of this is being placed in a division based on the accolades of the team a school currently has, rather than the success of the team in the two previous years.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL SCHEDULES AND SCORES ARE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH (END OF DAY) OR SOONER!**

Last League and Contest Date: Wednesday, May 7th (NO GAMES MAY BE PLAYED AFTER THIS DATE, AT ANY LEVEL).

Score Reconciliation: Thursday, May 8th (NO GAMES ARE BEING PLAYED, THE SEASON HAS ENDED FOR ALL LEVELS). ALL SCORES SHOULD BE IN BY THAT DATE. Playoff Bracket Release: Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. First Round Games: The week of Monday, April 12th

(consult the schedule contained within the Playoff Bulletin for all divisional playoff contest dates).

- **Inputs**

The computer considers the outcome of each game. Optionally, some games may be assigned more or less weight than usual (e.g. playoffs or exhibitions). All games are analyzed in concert, so that the impressiveness of each win is constantly being re-evaluated in light of the other results.

- **Model**

The mathematical rating model is based on maximizing the retrospective probability of the observed game results. Each outcome generates a "force" on the teams involved, attempting to push the winner above the loser. But as the algorithm adjusts the ratings to create an equilibrium, a ripple effect occurs throughout the

## MASSEY RATINGS

entire network of teams. Opponents' opponents' opponents' ... ad infinitum are influenced by some degree. By chains of interaction, it is possible to compare teams that are geographically dispersed.

- **Margin of Victory**

Each game score is translated to a probability that the winner is really the better team. A narrow win of 27-24 might translate to 58%, while a blowout of 45-14 gives 98%. The cap of 100% enforces diminishing returns to running up the score.

- **Pace**

The model does not discriminate against styles of play that result in fewer total points. In football for example, a team that typically wins games 24-10 may be considered more impressive than a team that wins 49-31 barnburners.

- **Strength of Schedule**

Each team is measured by its performance relative to the opposition faced. Ratings and strength of schedule are calculated simultaneously so that schematically

$$\text{rating} = \text{performance} + \text{strength of schedule}$$

The model is able to accurately compare e.g. a team that went 9-1 against weak competition to a team that went 6-4 against a brutal schedule.

- **Mismatches**

The model derives most of its information from games between teams of similar strength. Therefore there should be no incentive to scheduling inferior opponents, since there is limited reward to wins and potentially large downside in the unlikely event of an upset. With regard to strength of schedule, it is more difficult for an elite team to face #2 and #100 than to face #39 and #40.

- **Head-to-Head**

Sometimes lower ranked teams defeat higher ranked teams. These "upsets" are inevitable and should be tolerated since each team is rated according to its entire "body of work". A single head-to-head result is not always consistent with rankings derived as a best fit for the entire season.

- **Objectivity**

All teams are treated equally and anonymously, without regard to name brands or affiliations. The computer can assess bad or mediocre teams just as well as the teams at the top.

- **Rating and Power**

A team's rating is designed to reward the most impressive resumes, giving more credit to wins, regardless of how dominant they were. In contrast, the "Power" of a team is more indicative of the true strength of the team. The power of a team is broken in to offensive and defensive components, which can be combined to forecast typical scores for a given matchup, as well as the associated probabilities of winning.





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## APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

Please refer to the CIF Southern Section website ([www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)) for the latest Sanctioned Events, as events are updated daily.

Sanctioned Events download directions:

click on ***GOVERNANCE TAB***

click on ***SANCTIONED EVENTS***

select ***SOFTBALL***

click on ***SEARCH***

This page will display the most up to date information on:

### Softball Approved Sanctioned Events

3rd Annual THS JV Showdown – Torrance – 2/15/2025-2/22/2025

SoCal Best Softball Showcase – Norco – 2/18/2025-3/1/2025

Santa Fe Varsity Tournament – Santa Fe – 2/22/2025-3/1/2025

Jaguar Classic – University Prep – 2/24/2025-3/1/2025

Dana Housley Memorial Tournament – Etiwanda – 2/24/2025-3/1/2025

San Dimas Varsity Softball Shapiro Tournament – San Dimas – 2/22/2025-3/29/2025

Santa Fe Varsity Tournament – 3/8/2025-3/22/2025

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Torrance National Tournament – Torrance – 3/10/2025-3/25/2025

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Katella Varsity Softball Tournament – Katella – 3/15/2025-3/22/2025

Alan Dugard Classic – Woodbridge – 3/22/2025-3/29/2025

Spring Fling – Village Christian – 3/29/2025-4/26/2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Katella JV Softball Tournament – Katella – 4/5/2025-4/12/2025

La Mirada Classic – La Mirada – 4/12/2025-4/19/2025

# SOFTBALL 2025 LEAGUES/SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS

432 TEAMS TOTAL

Updated: 1/21/2025

ENT	LEAGUE	DIV	ENT	LEAGUE	DIV	ENT	LEAGUE	DIV	ENT	LEAGUE	DIV
3	<b>605</b>		3	<b>BIG VIII</b>		3	<b>COASTAL CANYON</b>		3	<b>EMPIRE</b>	
	Artesia			Centennial/Corona			Camarillo			Fullerton	
	Cerritos			Corona			Moorpark			Garden Grove	
	Glenn			King, Martin Luther			Oak Park			Kennedy/La Palma	
	Oxford Academy			Norco			Royal			Ocean View	
	Pioneer			Roosevelt, Eleanor			Simi Valley			Segerstrom	
	Whitney			Santiago/Corona							
3	<b>AGAPE</b>		4	<b>CAMINO REAL</b>		3	<b>CRESTVIEW</b>		4	<b>FOOTHILL</b>	
	Academy Careers & Exploration			Bishop Conaty-Loretto			Canyon/Anaheim			Canyon/Canyon Country	
	Hesperia Christian			Bishop Montgomery			Cypress			Castaic	
	Lucerne Valley			Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary			El Modena			Golden Valley/Santa Clarita	
	PAL Charter Academy			Mary Star of the Sea			Esperanza			Hart High	
	Silver Valley			Ramona Convent			Pacifica/Garden Grove			Saugus	
	Victor Valley Christian			Serra		3	<b>CROSS VALLEY</b>			Valencia/Valencia	
				St. Monica Preparatory			Academy/Academic Excellence			West Ranch	
3	<b>ALMONT</b>		4	<b>CHANNEL</b>			Big Bear		3	<b>FREEWAY</b>	
	Alhambra/Alhambra			Buena			Cobalt Institute			El Dorado	
	Bell Gardens			Dos Pueblos			Excelsior Charter			La Habra	
	Mark Keppel			Oxnard			Riverside Prep			Sonora	
	Montebello			Pacifica/Oxnard			University Prep			Sunny Hills	
	San Gabriel			Rio Mesa		3	<b>DEL REY</b>			Villa Park	
	Schurr			San Marcos/SB			Bishop Amat		3	<b>GATEWAY</b>	
3	<b>AMBASSADOR</b>			Santa Barbara			Paraclete			Downey	
	Aquinas			Ventura			St. Anthony			Gahr	
	Arrowhead Christian		3	<b>CITRUS BELT</b>			St. Joseph/Lakewood			La Mirada	
	Linfield Christian			Beaumont			St. Paul			Mayfair	
	Ontario Christian			Cajon		3	<b>DEL RIO</b>			Paramount	
	Woodcrest Christian			Citrus Valley			California		3	<b>GOLD COAST</b>	
2	<b>ANGELUS</b>			Redlands			El Rancho			Brentwood	
	Flintridge Sacred Heart			Redlands East Valley			La Serna			Crossroads	
	Immaculate Heart			Yucaipa			Santa Fe			The Archer School for Girls	
	Marymount		3	<b>CITRUS COAST</b>			Whittier			Viewpoint	
	Notre Dame Academy			Carpinteria						Oakwood	
2	<b>ARROWHEAD</b>			Channel Islands		3	<b>DESERT EMPIRE</b>		4	<b>GOLDEN</b>	
	California Lutheran			Fillmore			La Quinta/La Quinta			Antelope Valley	
	California School/Deaf (CSDR)			Hueneme			Palm Desert			Eastside	
	Sherman Indian			Nordhoff			Palm Springs			Highland	
	United Christian Academy			Santa Paula			Rancho Mirage			Knight, Pete	
3	<b>BASLINE</b>		3	<b>COAST</b>			Shadow Hills			Lancaster	
	Chino Hills			Anaheim			Xavier Prep			Littlerock	
	Etiwanda			Los Amigos		3	<b>DESERT SKY</b>			Palmdale	
	Los Osos			Santiago/Garden Grove			Adelanto			Quartz Hill	
	Rancho Cucamonga			Savanna			Barstow		3	<b>GOLDEN WEST</b>	
	St. Lucys			Western			Granite Hills/Apple Valley			Buena Park	
	Upland						Silverado			Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana	
3	<b>BAY</b>		2	<b>COAST VALLEY</b>			Victor Valley			Katella	
	El Segundo			Coast Union		2	<b>DESERT VALLEY</b>			Laguna Hills	
	North Torrance			Coastal Christian			Coachella Valley			Valencia/Placentia	
	South Torrance			Shandon			Indio				
	Torrance			Valley Christian/Santa Maria			Twentynine Palms				
	West Torrance						Yucca Valley				

<b>LEAGUE</b> <b>2 GROVE</b> Estancia La Quinta/Westminster Loara Orange	<b>LEAGUE</b> <b>3 MIRAMONTE</b> Bassett Edgewood Ganesha La Puente Pomona Workman	<b>LEAGUE</b> <b>3 MOUNTAIN VALLEY</b> Entrepreneur/Highland Indian Springs Miller, A.B. Pacific San Bernardino	<b>LEAGUE</b> <b>4 PACIFIC</b> Arcadia Burbank Burroughs/Burbank Crescenta Valley Glendale Hoover/Glendale Muir Pasadena
<b>3 HACIENDA</b> Alta Loma Colony Los Altos/Hacienda Heights San Dimas South Hills	<b>3 MISSION</b> Chaminade Harvard-Westlake Louisville Notre Dame/SO Sierra Canyon	<b>3 MT. BALDY</b> Chaffey Chino Diamond Ranch Don Lugo Montclair Ontario	<b>4 PACIFIC COAST</b> Irvine Laguna Beach Northwood Portola Rosary Academy Sage Hill University Woodbridge
<b>2 HERITAGE</b> Desert Christian/Lancaster Faith Baptist Santa Clarita Christian Vasquez	<b>4 MISSION VALLEY</b> Arroyo El Monte Gabrielino Marshall/Pasadena Mountain View Rosemead South El Monte	<b>3 MULHOLLAND</b> Animo City of Champions Animo Leadership Compton Early College Environmental Charter Shalhevet	<b>3 PALOMARES</b> Ayala, Ruben Bonita Claremont Diamond Bar Glendora Walnut
<b>3 INLAND VALLEY</b> Citrus Hill Lakeside/Lake Elsinore Moreno Valley Perris Rancho Christian Rancho Verde	<b>3 MOJAVE RIVER</b> Apple Valley Burroughs/Ridgecrest Hesperia Oak Hills Serrano Sultana	<b>3 NORTH HILLS</b> Brea Olinda Crean Lutheran Foothill/Santa Ana Troy Yorba Linda	<b>3 PIONEER</b> Mira Costa Palos Verdes Peninsula Redondo Union Wiseburn Da Vinci
<b>3 IVY</b> Hemet Liberty/Winchester Orange Vista Paloma Valley Poly/Riverside Valley View	<b>3 MONTVIEW</b> Azusa Baldwin Park Duarte Garey Nogales Sierra Vista	<b>4 OCEAN</b> Beverly Hills Centennial/Compton Culver City Hawthorne Lawndale Leuzinger Santa Monica	<b>4 PREP</b> Chadwick Flintridge Prep Mayfield Poly/Pasadena Providence/Burbank Rio Hondo Prep Westridge
<b>3 MAJESTIC</b> Bethel Christian/Riverside Calvary Baptist Cornerstone Chr./Wildomar Crossroads Christian Packinghouse Christian Norton Science/Language Academy	<b>4 MOORE</b> Cabrillo/Long Beach Compton Jordan Lakewood Millikan Poly/Long Beach Wilson/Long Beach	<b>3 OLYMPIC</b> Heritage Christian Maranatha Valley Christian/Cerritos Village Christian Whittier Christian	<b>3 RIO HONDO</b> La Canada Monrovia San Marino South Pasadena Temple City
<b>3 MARMONTE</b> Agoura Calabasas Newbury Park Oaks Christian Thousand Oaks Westlake	<b>3 MOUNTAIN PASS</b> Elsinore San Jacinto Tahquitz Temescal Canyon West Valley	<b>3 ORANGE</b> Bolsa Grande Century Magnolia Rancho Alamitos Saddleback	<b>3 RIVER VALLEY</b> Jurupa Valley La Sierra Norte Vista Patriot Ramona/Riverside Rubidoux
<b>3 MID-CITIES</b> Bellflower Dominguez Firebaugh Lynwood Norwalk Warren		<b>3 ORANGE COAST</b> Costa Mesa Godinez Santa Ana Tustin Westminster	

**3 SAN ANDREAS**

Bloomington  
Colton  
Eisenhower  
Rialto  
San Geronio

**5 SAN JOAQUIN**

Legacy College Prep  
Avalon  
Calvary Chapel/Downey  
Capistrano Valley Christian  
Samueli Academy  
Southlands Christian  
Vista Meridian Global Academy  
Webb  
Western Christian

**4 SANTA FE**

La Salle  
Sacred Heart/Los Angeles  
San Gabriel Mission  
St. Bernard  
St. Genevieve  
St. Marys Academy  
St. Pius X - St. Matthias

**3 SEA VIEW**

Beckman, Arnold  
El Toro  
San Clemente  
San Juan Hills  
Trabuco Hills

**2 SKYLINE**

Arroyo Valley  
Fontana  
Notre Dame/Riverside  
Rim of the World

**3 SOUTH COAST**

Aliso Niguel  
Capistrano Valley  
Dana Hills  
Mission Viejo  
Tesorero

**5 SOUTH VALLEY**

California Military Institute  
Desert Christian Academy  
Hamilton  
Nuvview Bridge  
San Jacinto Leadership Academy  
San Jacinto Valley Academy  
Santa Rosa Academy  
St. Jeanne de Lestonnac  
Temecula Prep

**3 SOUTHWESTERN**

Chaparral  
Great Oak  
Murrieta Mesa  
Murrieta Valley  
Temecula Valley  
Vista Murrieta

**2 SUN VALLEY**

Banning  
Cathedral City  
Desert Hot Springs  
Desert Mirage

**3 SUNBELT**

Arlington  
Canyon Springs  
Heritage  
Hillcrest  
North, J.W.  
Vista Del Lago/Moreno Valley

**3 SUNKIST**

Carter  
Grand Terrace  
Jurupa Hills  
Kaiser  
Summit

**4 SUNSET**

Corona Del Mar  
Edison  
Fountain Valley  
Huntington Beach  
Los Alamitos  
Marina  
Newport Harbor

**3 TRI-COUNTY PREMIER**

Loma Linda Academy  
Mesa Grande  
Public Safety Academy  
Redlands Adventist  
River Springs Magnolia  
Noli Indian

**2 TRINITY**

JSerra Catholic  
Lutheran/Orange  
Mater Dei  
Santa Margarita

**3 TRI-VALLEY**

Bishop Diego  
Foothill Technology  
Grace  
Santa Clara  
St. Bonaventure

**3 VALLE VISTA**

Charter Oak  
Covina  
Northview  
Rowland  
West Covina  
Wilson/Hacienda Heights

**FREELANCE**

Desert Chapel



## CIFSSHOME REQUIREMENTS

**SCHEDULES & SCORES** Complete your schedule in CIFSSHome prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your entire season schedule into CIFSSHOME ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director). Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, click on "Teams", select "Softball"

To Add a game:

- On the left panel, click on "Events", select "Add Event", choose Game under "Event Type", choose date of game under "Event Date", choose **SOFTBALL** under "Sport", choose Varsity under "Level", type the opposing school name in "Add Opponent", choose the type of game under "Select Game Type", click on Home, Away or Neutral under "Location", choose "Start Time" Click on "Save" to add one game or "Save & Duplicate" for multiple games.

- To Submit your score:


- On the left panel, click on "Teams", select "Teams Manager", scroll down to **SOFTBALL**, and click on VR to add Varsity scores. Click on "Post Result" button, enter your team's score, enter the opponent's score, result should auto populate with either "W", "L" or "T" based on the correct match score entered. If the game was a forfeit, click on the Yes box, enter the set scores in "Notes".

**Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page**

### VARSITY COACHES

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your SOFTBALL coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **THURSDAY, APRIL 25**.


Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

- Click on the "Users" tab, click on "User Manager", click on  in the upper right-hand corner to add Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Enter the information requested on the "Add School User" page. Choose "Active" to provide the coach with access to CIFSSHome or "Inactive" for directory purposes only. Choose Yes or No to give the coach access to all sport, click **Submit**. Choose the applicable options on the Assign Coach to Team page, click Save or Add Another to add additional coach(s).

### VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (TEAM PHOTO)

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your entire SOFTBALL Varsity roster into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **MONDAY, APRIL 8**.

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

- Click on the "Teams" tab, click "Teams Manager", click on "Softball", click on the "Team Photo" tab, Click on the  under "TEAM PICTURE", choose the file, click **Submit**.

### VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTERS)

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your entire SOFTBALL Varsity roster into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **THURSDAY, APRIL 25**.

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

- Click on the "Teams" tab, click on "Teams Manager", click on "Softball", select 

You can UPLOAD your roster using the instructions below (1) or you can enter each player one by one (2).

**Required roster information for SOFTBALL is:**

First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position & Eligibility

**(1) To ADD roster players one by one:**

- Click  on and complete fields required for **SOFTBALL**.

**(2) To Import a Roster using an Excel sample file:**

- Download the [sample file](#) and delete the "contents only".

- Copy and paste or type your roster information into the file as the contents and save the file to your computer.


- Only an excel file (**xls**) can be uploaded that is the exact same format as the sample file.

- Columns for information not required for your sport may be left blank, but the HEADER INFORMATION MUST REMAIN EXACTLY AS THE SAMPLE.

- Required Columns for SOFTBALL are:

First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position & Eligibility

Import

- Click on to find your file, then click on
- To confirm the roster has been uploaded, your players' names will be uploaded in the "Official Roster" section.
- Click on the 

### SCHOOL LOGO

Log in @ [www.cifsshhome.org](http://www.cifsshhome.org)

- Click on the "Configuration" tab
- Click on "School Info"
- Click on "Choose File" (.PNG file format is preferred)
- Choose the "No" option for Hide from Directory?
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### SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Log in @ [www.cifsshhome.org](http://www.cifsshhome.org)

- Click on the "Configuration" tab
- Enter all school account names available next to the social media options (ie. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- These accounts are used during playoffs and for Games of the Week

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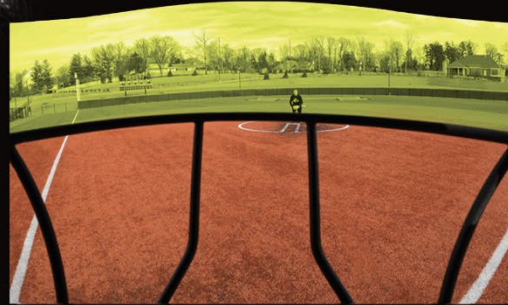


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*Contracted through: June 30, 2026*

## Official Ball Rule:

Should a school fail to provide the correct game ball, the game will always be played. Teams/schools failing to utilize the correct official ball in CIF-SS playoffs will be reported by officials to CIF-SS and will not be allowed to host their next available home playoff game. Penalty will carry over to the next season if not enforceable this season due to elimination.

## USA Softball Non-Approved Bat Information

USA Softball currently provides information for the NFHS regarding the use of certified and non-certified bats. Under NFHS Rule 1, Section 5, Article 1(d) a bat must bear either the 2000, 2004 or the USA Softball All Games certification mark.

### USA Bat Certification Marks

Only 2000 and 2004 are legal marks for High School Softball

LEGAL -



NOT LEGAL -



In addition to bearing one of these marks, the bat must not appear on the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bats with Certification Marks list.

The link to that list is below:

<https://usa.asasoftball.com/e/BB1P2000.asp>

This list can be updated throughout the season and should be checked regularly for updates by coaches, players, and schools prior to any contest.

Provided on the next page for you is the most recent update.



## Easton Ghost

What certifications does the Ghost Double Barrel Fastpitch bat have?

- The 2017-18 Ghost bat (**blue graphics**) is ASA/USA/ISF/HIGH-SCHOOL certified.



- The 2017-18 Ghost bat (**gold graphics**) with the USSSA/NSA/ISA certification IS NOT high-school certified





## 2025 NFHS SOFTBALL RULES CHANGES

**1-8-6 EXCEPTION & PENALTY:** A high school softball coach is now able to use electronic devices in the dugout for one-way communication to the catcher while the team is on defense. The penalty from Rule 3-6-11 was added to Rule 1-8-6 as well, with violators subject to ejection unless the offense is ruled to be of a minor nature.

**Rationale:** The committee has made these changes to support the use of emerging technology within the sport of softball. Being a permissive rule, the use of this one-way electronic communication will allow those who choose to embrace the technology an additional option to communicate with the catcher while on defense.

**3-6-11:** This rule change specifies that coaches are prohibited from using the device to communicate with any other team member while on defense or any team member while on offense and the coach cannot use the device outside the dugout/bench area.

**Rationale:** Clarifies that a coach may use an electronic device for one-way communication to the catcher while the team is on defense.

**9-3-2b:** When a baserunner who is declared out for being hit by a fair batted ball, the batter-runner is credited with a fielder's choice in the scorebook.

**Rationale:** This change corrects an error in the rules book that awarded a base hit in this instance.

## 2025 SOFTBALL EDITORIAL CHANGES

Figure 1-1, Figure 1-3, 1-3-4, 1-3-5, 1-6-6, 1-7-1, 2-47, 3-2-3, 3-2-12 NOTE, 3-6-12, 5-1 Table, 5-1-1o, 6-12c, 8-1-2a EFFECTS 3, 8-6-4, 10-1-6

## 2025 SOFTBALL POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Team's Role in Pace of Play
2. Situational Awareness



## **2025 NFHS Softball Points of Emphasis**

### **TEAMS' ROLE IN PACE OF PLAY**

Coaches play a vital role in creating and maintaining pace-of-play standards for their individual players and teams. Every effort should be made to educate players on the rules involved and the timing protocols related to breaks between innings, as well as during gameplay.

Between innings, 60 seconds is provided for (a) the defense to take the field and throw warm-up pitches, and (b) the offense to prepare to bat. There are several ways that coaches can expedite this process with simple instructions to players. For example, if the catcher was batting when the third out was made, have another teammate or coach prepared to receive warm-up pitches while the catcher gets equipped. For the team coming to bat, coaches should encourage their lead-off batter to gather their batting equipment while the remainder of the team huddles in an appropriate area that doesn't pose a safety risk for the defense warming up.

There are prescribed penalties associated with excessive time between innings. Once the allowed 60 seconds has passed, the offensive team has 10 seconds for its batter to enter the batter's box (NFHS Rule 7-3-1). Similarly, once the allowed 60 seconds has passed, the pitcher has 20 seconds to legally deliver a pitch (NFHS Rule 6-2-3). The respective penalties for violations of these time constraints are either a strike or a ball on the batter, depending on the tardy party.

These same time constraints exist on each pitch thrown. Once the ball has been returned to the pitcher to prepare for the next pitch, the pitcher has 20 seconds to release the pitch. Coaches who delay in calling pitches risk a penalty for exceeding the allowed 20 seconds. The same applies to the offense when a batter fails to enter the batter's box within 10 seconds after the ball is returned to the pitcher.

### **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

Participant well-being should be a priority for all those involved in game management. Coaches and umpires can help minimize risk and injury to players by understanding and enforcing existing bench and field conduct rules. NFHS rules stipulate that once the game has begun, only the batter, runner(s), on-deck batter, coaches in the coach's box, bat/ball shaggers or one of the nine players on defense are permitted to be outside the designated dugout/bench or designated warm-up areas (i.e. batting cage or bullpen). Additionally, during game play, hitting the ball to teammates on defense is prohibited. Between innings, bench personnel are permitted to engage in throwing and running activities.

Field structure and dugout protection vary from facility to facility. Team personnel should assess and be aware of potential hazards associated with foul balls and overthrows. For example, if a bullpen is in an area where a foul ball or overthrow could contact the pitcher or catcher, the team might assign bench personnel with a glove to stand nearby to shield those warming up.

On-deck batters should be mindful of potential foul balls and overthrows and be prepared to move as necessary to avoid contact. On-deck batters must use the on-deck circle closest to their own dugout. (NFHS Rule 7-5-1)

## BLUE BOOK RULES 2024-2025 – GENERAL

Following are key points coaches should review with their assistants and participants about CIF-SS rules and regulations as set down in the Blue Book. This list is NOT all-inclusive and only highlights some of the key areas.

### 201. STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=55>

### 210. PHYSICAL ASSAULT

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=86>

### 212. AMATEUR STATUS

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=88>

### 220. BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=92>

### 500. AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=98>

### 503.G ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT / PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=103>

### 503.H ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT / CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=103>

### 503.M PLAYER CONDUCT

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=105>

### 503M. COACH EJECTION

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=105>

### 506. PRACTICE ALLOWANCE

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=110>

### 600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=120>

### 1227. SUNDAY RESTRICTION

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=148>

### 1228. NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=148>



## BLUE BOOK RULES 2024-2025 – SOFTBALL

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### 2800. LENGTH OF GAMES

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=191>

### 2801. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=191>

### 2802. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=191>

### 2805. SCRIMMAGES

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=191>

### 2807. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=192>

### 2808. END OF COMPETITION

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=192>

### 2809. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

<https://cifss.org/resources/blue-book/?gotopage=192>

### 2813. PLAYOFFS

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## CIF-SS HISTORY RECORD BOOK

The CIF-SS Record Book is updated on a yearly basis and can be found here.

<https://cifss.org/record-book/>

The CIF-SS Communications Office will automatically update information on championship teams, scores, and Players of the Year. Should your team, an athlete on your team, or a coach, meet a milestone record, then please complete this form.

<https://cifss.org/record-book-request/>

Please note we only record the top 10 in each category.



## ALL CIF-SS

The All CIF-SS teams are decided by the coaches' committees for each sport. To be considered, your coach must submit their nominations to the CIF Southern Section by the given date.

**SOFTBALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY May 23, 2025**

**Complete the form on the following page and email it to Thom Simmons, [thoms@cifss.org](mailto:thoms@cifss.org) at the CIF Southern Section office.**

The CIF-SS will receive the first team list from the committee and release those on [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org). We will also mail the first team certificates to the athlete's school.

The CIF-SS office does not collect 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> team information. If the sport has a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> team, that information will be available through the coaches committee.

**ALL CIF SOUTHERN SECTION  
SOFTBALL 2024-2025 SEASON – NOMINATION FORM**

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ LEAGUE: \_\_\_\_\_

OVERALL RECORD: W \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ LEAGUE RECORD: W \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COACH'S CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR ATHLETES:**

- ONLY PLAYERS SELECTED LEAGUE MVP OR 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM ALL LEAGUE ARE ELIGIBLE
- ONLY TWO PLAYERS CAN BE NOMINATED. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS WILL NULIFY THE ENTRY
- IF YOU NOMINATE A PITCHER, ENTER BOTH HITTING AND PITCHING STATS
- INCLUDE ALL REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS, NO PLAYOFF STATISTICS
- THE LEAGUE MVP MUST BE LISTED AS YOUR NUMBER 1 RANKED PLAYER
- UTILITY PLAYER IS DEFINED AS A PLAYER WITH A MINIMUM OF 6 GAMES AT 2 OR MORE POSITIONS
- NOMINATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE SELECTION

RANK	LEAGUE HONORS	NAME	YEAR	POSITION	GAMES PLAYED	FIELDING AVG	CHANCES	STOLEN BASES	BATTING AVG	ON BASE AVG	AT BATS	HITS	RBI	RUNS SCORED
1														
2														

PITCHER, ONLY IF LISTED ABOVE	WON	LOST	INNINGS PITCHED	BATTERS FACED	HITS ALLOWED	TOTAL RUNS	EARNED RUNS	ERA	K' S	BB

UTILITY POSITIONS, ONLY IF LISTED ABOVE	POSITION	GAMES PLAYED	POSITION	GAMES PLAYED	POSITION	GAMES PLAYED	POSITION	GAMES PLAYED	POSITION	GAMES PLAYED

**BATTING AVG** = HITS/OFFICIAL TIMES AT BAT (OTAB)  
**OTAB** = TOTAL TIMES AT BAT MINUS (WALK+SAC+HIT BY PITCH)  
**OBA** = HITS+WALKS+HIT BY PITCH/OTAB+WALKS+HIT BY PITCH  
**ERA** = EARNED RUNS X 7/INNINGS PITCHED  
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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is the expectation of the CIF Southern Section that your Athletic Coaches and Administration will take every measure to ensure the health and safety of your student athletes.

The following are key points of emphasis coaches should review with their staff and players about CIF Southern Section rules and regulations in the 2022-2023 CIF Southern Section Blue Book. This list is not all-inclusive but only highlights key areas. For necessary forms and additional information regarding Heat Safety, Hydration and other Sports Medicine resources, please go to [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) and click on the “Sports Medicine” tab on the blue toolbar.

Additional resources can be found at [www.cifstate.org](http://www.cifstate.org) under the “Sports Medicine” tab on the white toolbar

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

An annual physical examination, or a statement by a medical practitioner, is required for a student to take part in any authorized school practice session and/or pre-season conditioning period. This physical examination will be valid for a period of one year from the date of the examination. A student will be excused from this physical examination only if there is compliance with the Education Code (parent's refusal to consent). CIF Health and Safety Committee strongly recommends schools use the Pre-Participation Examination form that is endorsed by five major medical societies, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American orthopedic Sports Medicine, and the American osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. All CIF schools must have school board approved forms.

### **CONCUSSION PROTOCOL**

A student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at the time for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in education and management of concussion and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. If a licensed health care provider, trained in education and management of concussion determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete is required to complete a graduated return to play protocol of no less than seven (7) full days from the time of diagnosis under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete's parent/guardian/caregiver before the athlete's initial practice or competition. (Approved May 2010 Federated Council/Revised January 2015 Federated Council)

Question: What is meant by “licensed health care provider?”

Answer: the “scope of practice” for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

## HEALTH AND SAFETY (continued)

### **STEROID PROHIBITION**

All schools shall adopt policies prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. All member schools shall have participating students and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver agree that the athlete will not use steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition.

NOTE: Article 1-12.N. (Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

### **SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PROTOCOL**

A student-athlete who passes out or faints while participating in, or immediately following, an athletic activity or who is known to have passed out or fainted while participating in or immediately following an athletic activity, must be removed immediately from participating in a practice or game for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play after displaying signs and symptoms associated with sudden cardiac arrest may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. On a yearly basis, a Sudden Cardiac Arrest information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete's parent/guardian/caregiver before the athlete's initial practice or competition.

Question: What is meant by “licensed health care provider?”

Answer: the “scope of practice” for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).