

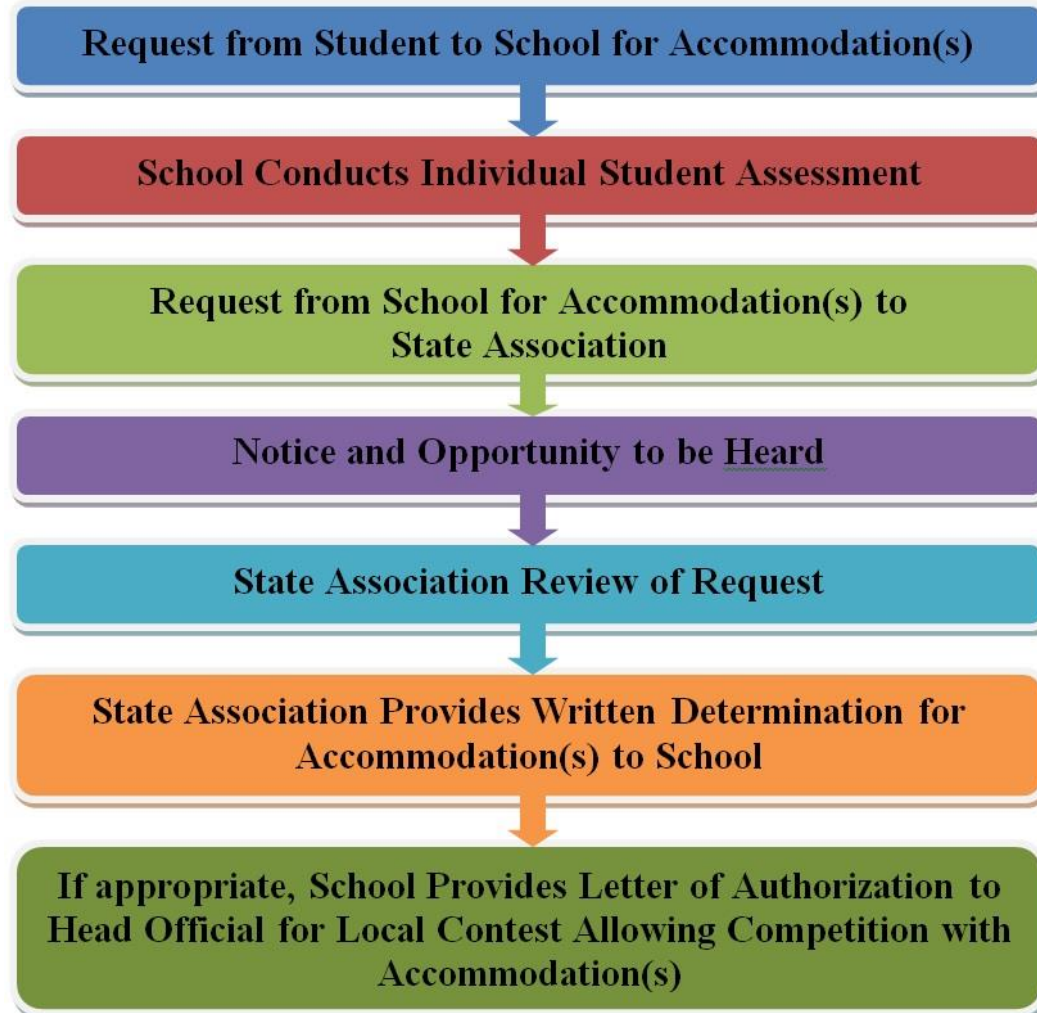


SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL RULES CLINIC

2019-20



Guidelines for Schools & State Associations for Consideration of Accommodations





WIAA STATE SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

2019 Season Information

- First Practice: August 26
- Minimum Practice Days: 10
- 50% Rule Date: September 30
- Regular Season Contest Limit: 20 + Jamboree
- End of Season: November 2
- Maximum Contests Per Day: 4
- Individual Player Contest Limit: 20 + Jamboree



WIAA STATE SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

2019 Season Information

The WIAA follows NFHS rules for Softball. Any person having questions about an interpretation of the rules should contact:

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Jamboree Guidelines

- A student must meet all eligibility requirements in order to participate in a jamboree.
- A student may participate in a jamboree following eight (8) days of practice.
- Jamborees may count toward the minimum pre-contest practice requirement (10).
- Jamborees are limited to one day.
- Jamborees must be conducted within the first three (3) weeks of the season
- Jamborees must include three (3) or more schools
- Teams and/or players are limited to not more than six (6) innings of play during a jamboree.



Slowpitch Schedules and Scores

1. New to MaxPreps? Visit [MaxPreps.com](https://www.maxpreps.com) and click on the “Sign Up (FREE)” button in the upper right hand corner.
2. Click on “As a Coach or AD.”
3. Follow the instructions to select your school and create your account.

Slowpitch Schedules and Scores

1. Download the MPCoach App - The Fastest Way to Enter Scores After the Game

Use the free **MPCoach app** to update your schedule, roster and scores on the fly with this free app! It is the easiest way to get your scores posted quickly.


It is available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices.





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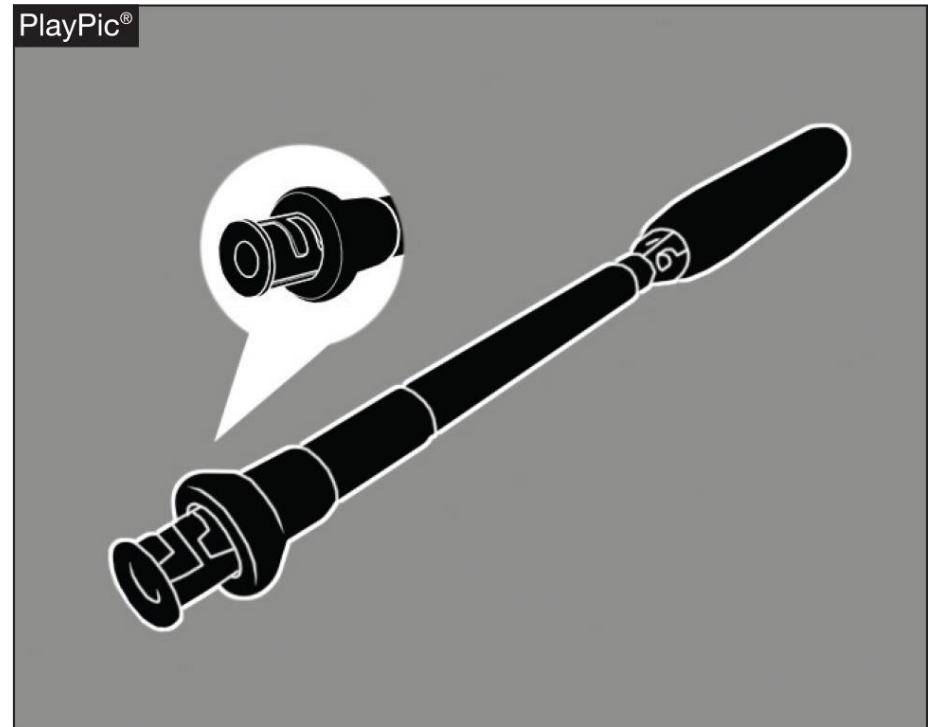
FIELD AND EQUIPMENT RULES 1-1-2C, 1-3-1

- The rear tip of home plate and the front edge of the pitcher's plate shall be 46'.
- The WIAA has adopted the 12" Spalding Dudley SB-Thunder Heat optic yellow ball for State Championship contests.



FIELD AND EQUIPMENT RULES 1-5-2A

- A softball bat is permitted to have an adjustable knob, provided the knob is permanently fastened by the manufacturer.





FIELD AND EQUIPMENT RULES 1-5-1

- A softball bat must bear either the 2000 or 2004 certification mark and not be listed on the USA Softball non-approved bat list with ASA certification marks as found on www.usasoftball.com. Bat barrels made entirely of wood are permitted and need not bear an ASA mark, but shall not exceed 2 ¼ inches in diameter.





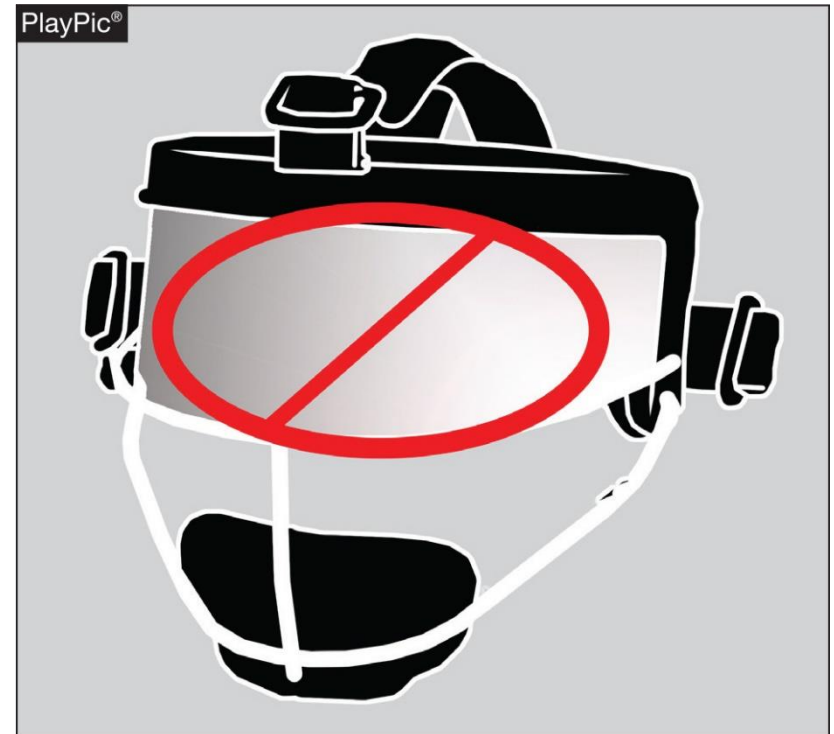
FIELD AND EQUIPMENT ILLEGAL BAT – RULE 7-4-2

- If the batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat or is discovered having used an illegal bat and the infraction is detected before the next legal or illegal pitch (only the umpire or defense may detect an illegal bat). The ball is dead immediately. All runners must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. When the illegal bat is an altered or non-approved bat, the batter and head coach are also ejected.
- Runners would not return if they were put out on the play.



FIELD AND EQUIPMENT RULE 1-8-4

- An eye shield may be worn attached to a defensive player's face/head protection, but it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission.





HELMETS

RULES 1-6-1

- A batting helmet with a permanently affixed NOCSAE stamp and legible exterior warning label is mandatory for each batter, on-deck batter, players/students in coaches boxes, runners and retired runners.
- The batting helmet shall have a non-glare (not mirror like) surface.






HELMETS

RULES 1-6-2

- The catcher shall wear a catcher's helmet and mask combination that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture. The helmet shall bear the permanent NOCSAE seal. A throat protector that is part of or attached to the mask shall be worn and extend far enough to adequately protect the throat. An attached throat protector shall be commercially manufactured, properly attached, unaltered and worn properly.





CATCHER'S EQUIPMENT

RULES 1-7-1, 1-7-2

- Plastic visors attached to the catcher's helmet are prohibited. If an eye shield is worn attached to the catcher's helmet, it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission. The catcher's helmet shall have a non-glare (not mirror like) surface.
- The catcher shall wear a body protector and baseball/softball shin guards.





EXTRA PLAYER

RULE 3-3-7

- A team may use an 11th player called an Extra Player (EP).
- An Extra Player is optional. If one is used, it must be made known prior to the start of the game and the player must be listed on the lineup card in the regular batting order.
- The EP must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.
- If the EP is used, all 11 players must bat and any 10 may be used on defense. Defensive positions may be changed, but the batting order must remain the same.





EXTRA PLAYER RULE 3-3-7

- The EP may be substituted for at any time, either by a pinch runner or by a pinch hitter, who then becomes the EP. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game. The starting EP may re-enter in the same spot in the batting order.





PITCHING

RULE 6-4-1

- Prior to delivery, the pitcher shall take a position with both feet firmly on the ground and with at least one foot on the pitcher's plate within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate. The pitching arm must come to a rest, holding the ball in front of the body, with a foot on the pitcher's plate. The pitcher must come to a full and complete stop facing the batter with the shoulders in line with first and third base. This position must be maintained for at least one second and not more than 10 seconds before starting delivery. The pitcher is not required to take a signal. The pitch starts when the pitcher makes any motion that is part of the windup after the required pause.





PITCHING

RULE 6-4-2

- At the moment of delivery, only the pivot foot is required to be within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate. The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. There is no restriction on position or movement of the non-pivot foot except if a step is taken, the step must be forward and simultaneous with the release of the ball. After the pitcher release the ball, there is no restriction on the pitcher's movements except the pitcher may not continue to wind up after the release of the ball.





PITCHING

RULE 6-4-4

- The pitch shall be delivered at a moderate speed underhand, below the hip, with a perceptible arch of at least 6 feet and not more than 12 feet at its highest point from the ground. The speed of the pitch is left entirely to the judgement of the umpire. The pitcher shall not pitch the ball between her legs or behind her back.





2019 WIAA STATE SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- November 1 & 2
- Gateway Sports Complex – Yakima, WA
- Allocations to WIAA Districts will be determined after the third week of the season.
- State Championship Tie-Breaker guidelines
 - The tie breaker procedure will be implemented after **eight (8) full innings** have been played. Each subsequent half-inning begins by placing a runner on second base. That runner is the player in the batting order who precedes the lead-off batter in that inning. Then the game proceeds a full inning or until a winner is determined in that inning.

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