

SOFTBALL

I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- A. To select a state champion for softball through tournament competition.
- B. To recognize the combined efforts of all the participating teams in the tournament.
- C. To emphasize the need and value of proper respect for the opponents with regard to their organized cheering activities.
- D. To encourage the highest principles and standards of general behavior.

II. OFFICIALS

A. Qualifications

- 1. All officials shall have taken the National Federation examination.
- 2. Officials should have attended at least one clinic.
- 3. See HHSAA Handbook, Part V, Tournament Procedures—Registration and Certification of Officials.

B. Selection

- 1. Officials shall be selected by the HHSAA Executive Director, Sport Coordinator and Tournament Director.
- 2. The Sport Coordinator, with the approval of the HHSAA Executive Director shall schedule officials for all games.
- 3. The HHSAA Executive Director shall make a contractual agreement with the game officials selected, committing them to officiate all games assigned.
- 4. Leagues may request officials to work in the tournament but shall be responsible for official's expenses to the tournament.

C. Financial Allowance

- 1. Three umpires shall be compensated in accordance with current official's rates for all games, excluding the championship game.
- 2. For the championship game, four umpires shall be compensated at HHSAA rates.
- 3. HHSAA rate: Plate Umpire (\$50), Base Umpires (\$40)

D. Uniform

- 1. All state tournament officials/umpires shall wear uniforms in accordance with their sport's NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations. In the absence of any NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations, the sport's HHSAA Sport Coordinator shall have the final say as to the appropriateness of a state tournament official's/umpire's uniform.

III. ELIGIBILITY (SEE HHSAA HANDBOOK)

IV. RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

- A. National Federation Softball Rules shall prevail.

B. HHSAA Modification of National Federation Softball Rules:

1. The ten-run rule will be in effect for all games in the tournament.
2. Suspended game: Game shall resume where game was suspended (discretion of HHSAA Executive Director and Tournament Committee).
 - a. If less than four and one-half innings were played or
 - b. Game tied after four and one-half innings.
 - c. All championship games shall be governed by the above rule.
 - d. After the first day of tournament play, games that have no bearing on the championship but a bearing on the tournament schedule for the following day (consolation and third place playoff) shall be on a time-limit basis with no inning to start one and one-half hours after the start of the game. The number of hits minus number of errors will determine the team to be accommodated in the tournament schedule for the following day. If a tie still exists, then a flip-of-the-coin shall determine the winner.
 - e. Playing site(s) shall be recommended by the Sport Coordinator and Tournament Committee and selected by the HHSAA Executive Director.
 - f. Consolation games scheduled on school or other alternate sites may not be on a time-limit basis. In case of an alternative decision, the Executive Director and Tournament Committee shall make the necessary changes.
3. Only "hard" helmet type hat is permitted as required by the National Federation. Bats must conform to current ASA standard.
4. The 60 seconds speed-up rule between half innings shall be in effect.
5. No photographer shall be permitted on the playing field during the game.
6. Host school or league must provide adequate ball chasers for every game.
7. All tobacco matters are prohibited before game (locker room) and during game (dugout and playing field). Infraction of this rule shall result in ejection of the individual(s) from the game.
8. A double-first base will be used in the HHSAA state softball tournament.

V. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

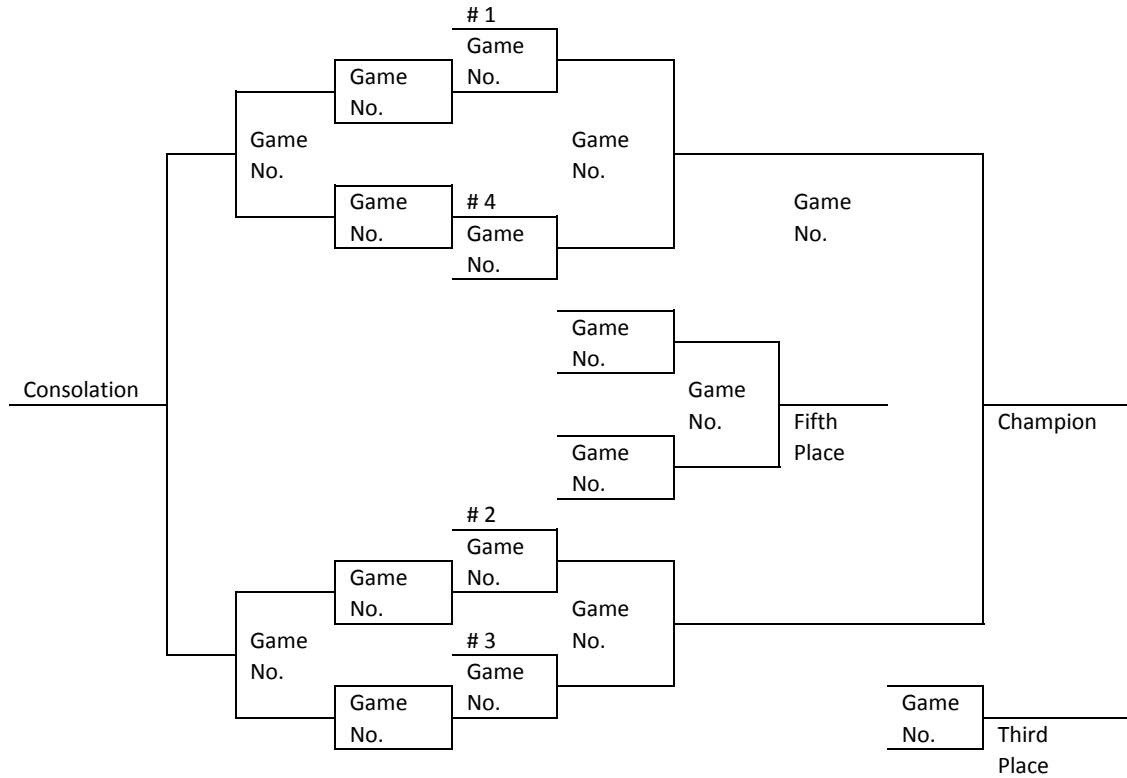
- A.
$$\frac{\text{Number of Participating Teams in League}}{\text{Number of Participating Teams in State}} \times \text{Number of Teams in State Tournament}$$
- B. Pac-Five teams are eligible to participate in the following HHSAA state tournaments: football, boys soccer, girls soccer, canoe paddling, girls water polo, softball and baseball. Also, the MIL's Pac-Three football team is eligible to participate in the HHSAA state football tournament.
- C. For team-only state tournaments, a combination team shall be counted in the league representation formula as long as one of the schools in the combination team has a minimum number of players, as follows:
Volleyball – 6, Football – 11, Softball – 9, Soccer – 11, Basketball – 5, Baseball – 9, Canoe Paddling – 6, Water Polo – 7
- D. For team-only state tournaments, if a combination team qualifies for a state tournament, only players from one of the schools from the above-listed minimum number shall be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. Weather permitting, all teams in the tournament shall be assured a minimum of two games. The HHSAA Executive Director may re-schedule the time and site whenever deemed necessary.

B. There shall be a minimum of a ten (10) minute interval between all tournament games. However, the preceding game may not start prior to the established scheduled time.

C. Twelve Team Single Elimination Tournament Format



VII. SIZE OF TEAM IN TOURNAMENT

Schools may bring an unlimited number of players accompanied by authorized coaches. Name of coaches and players must be listed on the official tournament roster form.

VIII. SEEDING/PAIRING
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A. Seeding/Pairings shall be done by the Tournament Seeding/Pairing Committee.

1. HHSAA Executive Director, Chairperson
2. Sport Coordinators
3. Tournament Director
4. Others as selected by the Sport Coordinator

B. Seed the league champions.

C. Place the league's 2nd representative in the opposite half bracket based on league champion's seed. EXAMPLE: The state's top seeded league will place their 2nd representative in the same quarter bracket as the state's 3rd seed.)

D. Place the league's 3rd representative in the opposite quarter bracket of the league's 2nd representative.

E. Place the league's 4th representative in the same half bracket opposite quarter bracket from league champion.

- F. Place the league's 5th representative in the same quarter bracket as the league champion. If the bracket is full, place the 5th representative in the last remaining open slot.
- G. Place the league's 6th representative in the only remaining slot.

IX. TOURNAMENT BALL

The tournament ball shall be the Baden Perfection 2BSFPY-07.

X. UNIFORMS

- A. Mandatory school designated uniform for all coaches and players shall be of the same color and style which includes: uniforms, shirts, softball pants (short or long) and shoes.
- B. Markings allowed on a player's helmet are restricted to: school logo, American flag, award stickers of recognition given by the school, and numbers.

XI. Awards and Trophies

- A. Team trophy for the championship team
- B. Team trophy for the runner-up team
- C. 20 medals for the championship team members
- D. 20 medals for the runner-up team members
- E. Schools may order additional medals for team members at their own expense.

XII. TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

An evaluation report and results of the tournament are to be submitted to the HHSAA Executive Director within two weeks after the tournament.

XIII. ADMISSION

Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium/Other School Sites (where applicable)	
General	\$7.00
Senior Citizens (62 and over)	\$5.00
Students (Grades K-12)	\$5.00

Admission will not be charged for the Division II games played at Central Oahu Regional Park.