

2024 DISTRICT II/III/IV SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT 1A/2A/3A

1A

Nisqually League

Bellevue Christian
Cascade Christian
Klahowya
Vashon Island

2A

Olympic League

Bremerton
Kingston
North Kitsap
North Mason
Olympic
Port Angeles
Sequim

South Puget Sound League

Clover Park	Enumclaw
Fife	Foss
Franklin Pierce	Orting
Steilacoom	Washington
White River	

3A

Greater St. Helen's League

Evergreen
Kelso
Heritage
Mountain View
Prairie

North Puget Sound League

Auburn Riverside
Thomas Jefferson
Auburn Mountainview
Auburn
Kentlake
Todd Beamer
Kent Meridian
Bainbridge (if qualified)

Pierce County League

Bonney Lake
Lakes
Lincoln
Mount Tahoma
Silas
Spanaway Lake
Stadium

South Sound Conference

Capital
Central Kitsap
Gig Harbor
North Thurston
Peninsula
River Ridge
Timberline
Yelm

Regional Athletic Complex (RAC)
Lacey, WA
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RULES & REGULATIONS

COACH CHECK-IN AND MEETING INFO:

Coaches must check in with the tournament director upon arrival at the tournament site. Coaches meetings will be held at the tournament building (across from concessions) one hour before your first game.

1. The Tournament Manager is Rob Hill. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the District Tournament, please call him at (253)318-5984. E-mail address is robert_hill@ycs.wednet.edu

2. Roster / Team Pictures / Program



Rosters and team photo will be pulled from WPN (league) websites under the roster tab. Make sure to add supervisors, etc. You do not need to send copy to me as I will pull from your website prior to the tournament.

Make sure to save your district roster and photo on the website as something different than your regular season roster. If your league is not using WPN, please contact me about submitting information.

The due date for rosters and team photos for the WPN website is May 8th. Please submit them NOW rather than wait until you qualify as changes can always be made.

3. PASSES - Players in uniform will not be charged an admission fee, however they will be expected to present an ASB card when not in uniform or they will have to pay the regular fee. **No passes given out during the contest.**

Your roster completed on WPN website will be used as pass list. They will include the following: 20 players; five (5) team personnel i.e. coaches, managers, trainers, scorekeepers; school district superintendent; five (5) school board members; principal; two (2) assistant principals; two (2) athletic directors; one (1) school newspaper representative; one (1) school photographer; and one (1) video operator. Photo ID is required for the newspaper reporter, photographer, and video operator. League passes will NOT be honored. W.C.D. Executive Board member passes will be accepted as will WSSAAA (Athletic Directors) passes and Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA) passes. **Picture identification and sign-in required before admittance.**

4. The team bench is limited to 20 players and five (5) team personnel i.e. coaches, managers, trainers and scorekeepers authorized by the school.
5. In the event of inclement weather, please contact the Tournament Manager for rescheduling information. Teams must be prepared to play on the next available day, **INCLUDING Sunday**. If games are rained out tournament will be played on the next playable date. If rain forces us to go through the weekend and into the next week, weekday games, if necessary, will start no earlier than 10:00 a.m.

If the tournament cannot be completed due to inclement weather, Power Ranking of teams will be used to determine the final state tournament allocations as per the WCD Softball Tournament Committee.

6. The tournament committee will provide balls.
7. All games are 7 innings and must be played to completion, except when one team is ahead by 10 runs after 5 innings have been completed or 15 runs after 3 runs have been completed.

8. The National Federation tiebreaker rule will go into effect at the end of eight (8) complete innings, as per state adoption.
9. The better seeded team will be the HOME team, occupy the 3rd base dugout, and take infield first. Exception: A team playing back to back on the same field will occupy the same dugout and warm up first regardless of seed. The better seed will still be the home team regardless of dugout.
10. Home team is the official scorebook for each game.
11. Each team will be allowed five (5) minutes infield prior to their first game of the day. For all other games there will be no official warm-up conducted, however teams may take infield on the other available practice field. Infield warm-up will also be allowed behind the shortstop and second base areas prior to the start of each game if time permits following the conclusion of a game and any necessary field preparation. Fields available to practice on include field #5 and additional outlying areas beyond outfield fence.
12. Teams must be prepared to play immediately upon conclusion of the preceding game on their scheduled field, should it go beyond the starting time for your game.
13. *Continuing Suspended Game - Any game that is interrupted with teams having played less than the required number of innings will be continued from the point of suspension. The tournament manager shall determine when the game will be completed. The line-up and batting order of each team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing the game.*
14. *In case of inclement weather, the following speed-up procedures may be used. Your cooperation and understanding under adverse weather conditions is appreciated.*
 - a. *No throwing the ball around the horn.*
 - b. *No infield warm-up each inning.*
 - c. *No catchers throwing ball down to 2nd base at start of each inning or after strikeouts.*
 - d. *No pre-game infield allowed.*
 - e. *Pitchers limited to 3 warm-up pitches each inning.*
 - f. *No rah-rah huddles that delay the game.*
 - g. *Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box when taking signals unless they swing and miss, hit a foul ball or ask for a timeout. Failure to comply will result in a warning.*
15. Identical regulation team uniforms with numbers at least 6" high must be worn at all times. Uniform caps or visors are optional for individual players as long as they are clearly part of the uniform. Bandanas are prohibited.

A reminder to all coaches that, when on the field, you are required to be in a team uniform or properly attired as per Rule 3, Section 5, Article 3 on page 36 which states -Any time a coach is in live-ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coach's box, the coach shall be attired in school uniform or jersey/coaching shirt with coaching shorts/slacks or warm-up suits (including fleece warm-ups) in school colors or colors of khaki, black, white or gray. Cut-offs or any type of jeans are prohibited. Jackets are not considered part of the coach's uniform. **PENALTY: A coach not dressed in appropriate attire shall not be permitted in the field of play following the pre-game conference for the duration of the game or until the situation has been remedied.**

<p>For the good of the game this rule applies to all bench and field personnel.</p>
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16. Protests: Protests regarding rule interpretations and player eligibility **MUST** be made prior to the next pitched ball in order to be considered. The protest must then be resolved immediately by the tournament committee. Protests will not be accepted concerning a judgment call by the umpire.
 - Tournament Director, UIC and one coach from different classification will serve as tournament committee and will hear this type of protest.
17. Protests: Protests regarding a rule that was possibly misapplied (NFHS Rule 10.2.i.1), the team's coach or captain shall inform the umpire at time of the play and before a pitch to the next batter of either team, or before the umpires leave the field if the play in question was the last play of the game.
 - UIC will be called to consult with umpires and coach. A decision will be made by the UIC and play will continue or, if the last play of the game, the UIC will determine whether or not the game should continue.
18. No signs except official school banners may be displayed or posted. Noisemakers are not allowed.
19. All tickets will be available on *GoFan.com*. The admission fee as set by the West Central District is:

Adults	\$8.00
Students with ASB	\$5.00
Sr. Citizens (62 & over)	\$5.00
Military	\$4.00
Elementary (5-12)	\$4.00
Preschool (with parent)	Free
20. NO REFUNDS – tickets are good for all games played on the date of purchase. No refunds will be made.
21. AWARDS - West Central District will provide a trophy for the first and second place team in each tournament and a participation certificate for each player involving teams from the WCD.
22. Game officials will be assigned games in direct proportion to the number of teams serviced by their organization.
23. The 2023 National Federation (NFHS) rulebook will be used.
24. The double or safety base **WILL** be used. Please make sure your players are versed in their use.
25. Coaches should be prepared to abide by all rules as they relate to blood on individuals and/or uniforms and equipment.
26. There is no parking fee.
27. A full service concession will be in operation throughout the tournament.
28. TRAINER - Athletic trainer will be present throughout the tournament to tend to injuries and other medical needs as required. **Teams need to bring their own athletic training supplies with them to the tournament if they want to get taped.**
29. Any matter not covered above will be left to the discretion of the Tournament Director.
30. UAV's – The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at WCD tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry for anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed.