

2024 SIJHSAA SOFTBALL ACTIVITY UPDATE

NFHS Rule Changes

1-8-6 – Permits electronic information to be transmitted to the dugout from anywhere outside of live ball area.

3-2-5 – Removes the color restriction for headbands and ribbons.

3-2-7 – Defines where a wristband with a playbook/playcard may be worn. If worn by the pitcher, the wristband with a playbook/playcard must be worn on the non-pitching wrist or arm.

4-2-7, 10-2-3e, h – The umpire may call (end) a game if the playing conditions in or around the facility become unacceptable to safely continue the game.

3-2-3 – Beginning January 1, 2027 – Uniforms may only bear a single manufacturer's logo, school name, school logo, mascot and or the participant's name. Advertisements, messages, team slogans, etc. will no longer be permitted.

6-2c. 2-47 – The pitcher may now have both feet off the ground at the same time as long as both feet remain within the 24-inch width of the pitcher's plate and the pitcher does not replant the pivot foot.

6-2-2 – Pitchers shall only use dirt, powered rosin, or comparable drying agents that are listed on the USA Softball's certified equipment webpage to dry the hand.

Run Rules

15-run after 3 innings

12-run after 4 innings

10-run after 5 innings

SIJHSAA Recommendations, but not required

***Time Limits: No inning should start after 2 hours**

***International Tie-Breaker: May be instituted starting the top of the 8th inning.**

****Time Limits and International Tie-Breaker will not be used in the SIJHSAA Softball State Series.**

Commonly Asked Questions

Q1 – Can a softball player on my junior high team also play on a travel team at the same time?

A – This is a local school decision. Coaches, students, and families need to check with the school administration regarding the school's policy

On participation on a school team and a non-school team at the same time.

Q2 – Can a softball player wear jewelry?

A – Yes – umpires still have the authority to rule on anything they deem dangerous.

Q3 – Do schools have to use a time limit or international tiebreaker softball games?

A – Competing schools may use either as long as both schools are in agreement previous to the start of the contest.

Official Rawlings Softballs for State Series Play

Model Number: RSIJHSAASB (No NFHS Logo Required)

Regional Officials Pay

Regional officials are each paid \$65 per game. The cost of which is split by the schools participating in the given contest(s).

Sportsmanship

A player ejected from a contest must serve a 2-game suspension and complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course. A player ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 4-game suspension.

A coach ejected from a contest must serve a 2-game suspension and complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course. A coach ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 4-game suspension.

A fan ejected from a contest must serve a 3-game suspension and complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course. A fan ejected a second time during the school year will be banned from attending any further SIJHSAA Contests.

***Note all player/coach/fan ejection consequences must be met, documented and confirmed by the SIJHSAA previous to eligibility and or attendance is reinstated.**

****Additional penalties may be assessed by the school and/or the SIJHSAA.**