

Region/Area Instructions

**SOFTBALL – SLOW PITCH**

- A. Slow Pitch softball is a varsity only state championship event organized on an Area basis in one classification with 4 – 8 areas depending on the number of schools participating, and will be played in the spring each year.
- B. The maximum number of games allowed (not including state tournament games) shall be (16) sixteen.
  - 1. Games played in an area tournament count in the total games allowed (16)
  - 2. Date for 1<sup>st</sup> Practice – Monday, February 15, 2021
  - 3. Date for 1<sup>st</sup> Contest – Saturday, February 20, 2021
  - 4. Last Playing Date – April 11, 2020
- C. Area assignments will be made by the GHSA Executive Director each year.
- D. Schools intending to participate in Slow Pitch Softball must notify the GHSA Office no later than July 1 each year.
- E. All games will be played by the rules published by The National Federation of State High School Associations.
  - 1. GHSA State adoption exceptions: The distance from home plate to the nearest obstruction (fence) in fair ground shall be not less than 200'. The distance between bases shall be 65' and the pitching distance shall be 50'. The ball shall be 12"/.47cor/375 compression.

**STATE TOURNAMENT**

- A. Each Area will be responsible for determining the four (4) schools advancing to the State Tournament.
  - 1. The schools advancing to the State Tournament must be submitted to the GHSA Office no later than Monday, April 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM.
- B. The schools from each Area advancing to the state tournament shall play in a double-elimination Sectional tournament to be played at (2) locations on April 14-15, 2021, at sites to be determined by the GHSA Executive Director.
  - 1. The first four place finishers shall advance to the Elite-Eight at a site to be determined by the GHSA Executive Director.
- C. The Elite-Eight of the State Tournament will be a double-elimination tournament held at a “neutral” site on Saturday, April 21-22, 2021.