

Georgia High School Association

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 1st Practice – Monday, February 18, 2019
 - 3. Date for 1st Contest – Saturday, February 23, 2019
 - 4. Last Playing Date – March 30, 2019
- 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 1, 2019 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 3-4, 2019, at sites to be determined by the GHSA Executive Director.
 - 1. The first and second place finishers shall advance to the Final-Four at a site to be determined by the GHSA Executive Director.
- C. The Final-Four of the State Tournament will be a double-elimination tournament held at a “neutral” site on Saturday, April 10-11, 2019.

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4 - AREAS

Area 1

Baker County
Mitchell County
Quitman County
Thomas County
Charlton County
Twiggs County
Crawford County
Greenville
Macon County
Northeast Macon
GMC

Area 2

Franklin County
Morgan County
North Oconee
Central Oconee County
Butler
Hancock Central
Hepzibah

Area 3

Carver, Atlanta
Chamblee
Haralson County
New Manchester
Miller Grove
Jackson, Atlanta
K.I.P.P.
Redan
Southwest DeKalb
Towers

Area 4

Cherokee
Creekview
Etowah
Fellowship
North Murray
Kennesaw Mountain
North Springs

1. Each team in each area shall play a maximum of (16) regular season games and a minimum of (10) games against the schools within your respective area. Your record in your games against your respective area teams will determine the top (4) seeds. NOTE: Each area is responsible to develop a "tie-breaker" policy to determine the top (4) teams in the event of ties.
2. The top four (4) teams from each Area Tournament will advance to one of the two (2) Sectional Tournaments to be held April 6 & 7, 2018.
 - Areas 1 & 2 will be bracketed in one Sectional Tournament
 - Areas 3 & 4 will be bracketed in one Sectional Tournament
3. The top (4) teams from each Sectional Tournament to advance to the Elite Eight Championship to be held on April 13 & 14, 2018.
4. Area Coordinators:
 - Area 1 – James Moore (Crawford County)
 - Area 2 – Jason Oliver (Franklin County)
 - Area 3 – Kathy Walton (Southwest DeKalb)
 - Area 4 – Lisa Chapman (Kennesaw Mountain)