

SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

- A. Slow Pitch softball is a 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. All games will be played by the rules published by The National Federation of State High School Associations.
- C. The maximum number of games allowed (not including state tournament games) shall be (16) sixteen.
 - 1. Games shall be played on non-school days in a Round-Robin format.
 - 2. Teams shall play not less than (2) two games during the round-robin.
 - 3. Date for 1st Practice – Monday, February 20, 2017
 - 4. Date for 1st Contest – Saturday, February 25, 2017
 - 5. Last Playing Date – Saturday, April 8, 2017
- D. Area assignments will be made by the GHSA Executive Director each year.
- E. Schools intending to participate in Slow Pitch Softball must notify the GHSA Office no later than April 1 each year.
- F. Schools will play SP Softball games by National Federation rules. GHSA State adoption exception: 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.
- G. Regular season game fees shall be \$40.00 per game per umpire.

STATE TOURNAMENT

- A. Each Area will be responsible for determining the (4) four schools advancing to the state tournament.
 - 1. The (4) four schools advancing to the state tournament must be submitted to the GHSA Office no later than Monday, April 10 at 9:00 AM.
- B. The (4) four schools from each area advancing to the state tournament shall play in a double-elimination sectional tournament to be played at (4) locations on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 2017, at a site to be determined by the GHSA Executive Director.
 - 1. The first and second 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 22 2017.
- D. State tournament games fees shall be \$55.00 per game per umpire.

