

# **1600 SOFTBALL**

## **1610 Regulations**

- 1611 Softball shall be played under the rules and regulations of the sport as listed in the current WIAA Handbook and the WIAA Spring Sports Regulations, except as stated in these By-Laws.
- 1612 The conference schedule for Varsity and **IV** will consist of a double round robin. The JV-2 schedule will be developed by each participating school.
- 1613 A student may not participate in more than 26 games, but a student who participates at multiple levels on the same day playing in one inning of a varsity game or three innings of a sub-varsity game does not count toward the maximum number of games. JV-2 teams will adhere to the maximum number of games as set by the WIAA for Freshmen teams.

## **1620 Schedules and Dates (2023-24 is the second year of the new draw)**

- 1621 Dates:
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| Start of Season:               | Monday, March 11, 2024                       |
| Earliest Date for a Game       | Tuesday, March 19, 2024                      |
| WIAA Regionals (D1):           | May 21 & 23, 2024                            |
| WIAA Sectionals:               | May 28 & 30, 2024                            |
| WIAA State Tournament:         | June 6, 7 & 8, 2024                          |
| End of Season Coaches Meeting: | May 22, 2024 7PM @ West Allis Nathan Hale HS |
- 1622 All softball schedules will be drawn up by the Conference Commissioner, presented to the coaches at the annual meeting, and approved by the Athletic Directors in its final form.

## **1630 Contest Guidelines**

- 1631 Varsity game times are 4:30pm for all Greater Metro Conference schools.
- 1632 Fifteen minutes of infield practice shall be allotted each team. Home team is to take the field first and visiting team to take the field fifteen minutes prior to the start of the game. A minimum 15-minute warm-up period must be provided. If at the field, the visiting team should take the field for practice 20 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- 1633 The host school shall determine if a game is to be canceled.
- A. In the event a game has to be postponed, the home team shall notify the visiting team as soon as possible.
  - B. Postponed games should be rescheduled as soon as possible by mutual agreement of the schools involved.

- C. Schools will leave the last week before the WIAA Regional games open for make-up games. Any non-conference scheduled game must be cancelled to accommodate conference make-up games. The Saturday before the regional should be designated as a Rain date on your schedule.
- 1634 The home school's scorebook shall be the official scorebook and the home school is responsible for updating the score/stats based on their record-keeping to WisSports and the WIAA Score Center site.
- 1635 A game shall end when, after five innings, a team is ten or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.
- 1636 There will be a one hour and forty-five minute time limit on all JV and JV-2 games.
- 1637 The conference will adopt as the official conference ball the ball designated for use at the State Tournament (Official Ball – Dudley, SB 12L RF Y FP optic yellow with red stitches).
- 1638 If the home team needs to travel to the opponent's field, there will NOT be a home/away flip for the following match-up; the next scheduled match-up will remain as is on the schedule. The HOME team shall pay the officials and provide the balls (NOT the HOST).

## 1640 Awards

- 1641 A Conference Championship bar will be awarded to the championship team.
- 1642 A GMC Softball Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year will be selected.

## 1650 All-Conference Selection

- 1651 The All-Conference Softball team is selected by head coaches/designees at the end of season meeting which will be held the Wednesday the week of the WIAA Regional.
- 1652 Nominations, conference statistics and scholar-athletes, using the official conference statistical sheet and forms, must be returned to the Athletic Director in charge of Softball prior to the All-Conference meeting. Year in school will be listed. In addition, coaches should only cite conference statistics from the current year when speaking about their nominees.
- 1653 Each team will consist of selections in the following positions: Pitchers (2), catchers (2), infielders (5), outfielders (3), and wild cards (1) for 1<sup>st</sup> and (1) for 2<sup>nd</sup> team. **If coaches vote in a 2/3 majority to shift a first or second team position award to another position, they may do so. A position**

**shift in voting will be declared at the beginning of the end of the year GMC softball meeting.**

1654 A player may be nominated at only one position. A player nominated at a position and not making first team at a position will be eligible to be voted to the first or second team as a wild card player. Nominees may be added / deleted at the end of season meeting prior to the distribution of All-Conference ballots for voting of the first position, which is pitcher.

1656 Coaches will cast ballots for each position and will not be allowed to vote for their own players. Votes will be cast using a numerical value system, with the best player being awarded the highest number, followed by the remaining players in descending order. All ties will be re-voted. Coaches shall vote for one more player than the number of eligible positions (eligible here means the number of total places on the First and Second team).

Pitcher = vote for five (6-4-3-2-1)

Catchers = vote for five (6-4-3-2-1)

Infielders = vote for eleven (12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1)

Outfielders = vote for seven (8-6-5-4-3-2-1)

Wild Card = vote for three (4-2-1)

1657 This procedure will determine the selection of a 1st and 2nd team, with the players receiving the highest scores assigned to the First Team, followed by the Second Team. An Honorable Mention Team shall consist of all players receiving at least one vote. Certificates shall be provided for Honorable Mention athletes.

1658 A player shall be voted for recognition as "Player of the Year." A separate player shall be voted as "Pitcher of the Year." Each of these two players will receive a plaque from the Greater Metro Conference. Coaches can vote for their own player. Ties will be broken by the Athletic Directors.

1659 **PLAYING SITES: (updated 06/18/2019)**

Brookfield Central – All games at Brookfield Central

Brookfield East – All games at Brookfield East

DSHA - Varsity at High School; JV and JV2 at Madison Park

Germantown – All games at Kennedy Middle School

Hamilton – All games at Hamilton

Menomonee Falls - Varsity at Menomonee Falls High School, JV and JV2 at Willowood Park (Between Lilly and Pilgrim on Silver Spring)

Wauwatosa East – All games at Longfellow Middle School (76th and North)

Wauwatosa West – Varsity at Wauwatosa West HS, JV at Whitman Middle School

West Allis Hale - All games at Hale