



2023 Baseball and Softball Bulletin  
State Championships: Sunday, May 21

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The District of Columbia State Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Baseball and Softball state tournaments.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the baseball and/or softball tournaments have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated within this Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants can be found in DCMR Title 5; Chapter 27 on the DCSAA website ([dcsaasports.org](http://dcsaasports.org)).
- D. The baseball tournament field will consist of nine (9) teams, including DCIAA and PCSAA representatives. If the DCIAA and PCSAA conduct league championships, the league champion will automatically qualify; if the leagues do not conduct league championships, the top team in the regular season will automatically qualify. The tournament field will be selected and seeded by the DCSAA Baseball Tournament Committee.
- E. The softball tournament field will consist of nine (9) teams, including DCIAA and PCSAA representatives. If the DCIAA and PCSAA conduct league championships, the league champion will automatically qualify; if the leagues do not conduct league championships, the top team in the regular season will automatically qualify. The tournament field will be selected and seeded by the DCSAA Softball Tournament Committee.
- F. All baseball and softball state tournament games are seven-inning, single-elimination games.
- G. As allowed in NFHS Rule 4-2-3, by state adoption, a game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.
- H. **Speed-Up Rules will Apply:**
  - Courtesy runners are permitted for injured players, pitchers and catchers only as described in the NFHS Rules Book.



- After putouts, the ball shall be returned directly to the pitcher.

## II. MaxPreps TEAM ACCOUNT - REQUIRED

- A. All teams vying for a spot in the 2022 DCSAA Baseball or Softball Championships must submit their scores to MaxPreps after each game in order to confirm regular season standings and manage the postseason point systems for qualification to state championship tournaments.
- B. MaxPreps Setup:
  1. Go to [MaxPreps.com](https://www.maxpreps.com) and click on "Join" in the top right corner. Select the "AD/Coach Account" option.
  2. Enter your email address and text from the image displayed. On the next screen, fill out the required fields.
  3. If you have an Access Code, please enter it when prompted. (If you do not have an access code, don't worry - You can request one after registration is complete)
  4. To complete the form, click "Create Account". You are now a MaxPreps member!
  5. If you still need your Access Code, click on "Set up Admin Accounts" on the following confirmation page.
  6. On the next screen, click on "Request Access". Our support team will get back to you within 24 hours of receiving your request with the Access Code for your team or school.
- C. MaxPreps members - Please complete the following steps:
  1. Click on "Hi, [Your First Name]".
  2. On the next page, click on "Set up Admin Accounts" under Admin Accounts.
  3. If you have an Access Code, enter in the text box provided.



4. If you do not have an Access Code, click on "Request Access". Our support team will get back to you within 24 hours of receiving your request with the Access Code for your team or school.

### III. SUBMISSION OF SCHEDULES, ROSTERS & GAME RESULTS

- A. After signing into your MaxPreps Membership account, place your mouse over "Hi, [Your First Name]" and click the link for your team under "Coach Accounts" to be directed into your admin.
  1. Click on "Roster" or "Schedule/Results" in the blue header of your team's admin to access that section.
  2. To enter your schedule under the "Schedule/Results" link, click on the green "Schedule a Game" button.
  3. To enter your results, click on the button under "Add/Edit" next to the specific game.
- B. Technical Assistance:
  1. If you have any questions, please email [support@maxpreps.com](mailto:support@maxpreps.com) or give them a call at 800-329-7324x1 and their support team will be more than happy to help! You can also contact MaxPreps District of Columbia rep Eric Frantz at [efrantz@maxpreps.com](mailto:efrantz@maxpreps.com)

### IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

- A. Tournament Organization
  1. The DCSAA will conduct a nine-team (9) baseball tournament and nine-team (9) softball tournament that includes public schools, public charter schools, independent schools and parochial schools located in the District of Columbia.
  2. Home teams are responsible for providing an athletic trainer for the quarterfinals and semifinals. DCSAA will provide an athletic trainer for the state championship game.



3. DCSAA will provide state certified officials for all tournament games.
4. Wilson is the official baseball/softball of the DCSAA and Wilson baseballs/softball will be provided for all state tournament games. Per NFHS rules, softball games will be played with optic yellow softballs.
  - A. The first-round baseball game and first-round softball game will be played Monday, May 15 at the home field of the higher seed: No. 8 seed vs. No. 9 seed.
  - B. Baseball and softball quarterfinals will be played Tuesday, May 16 at the home field of the higher seed: No. 1 vs. 8/9 winner; No. 2 vs No. 7; No. 3 vs No. 6; No. 4 vs No. 5.
  - C. Baseball and softball semifinals will be played Thursday, May 18 at the home field of the higher seed: 1/8/9 winner vs. 4/5 winner and 2/7 winner vs. 3/6 winner.
  - D. Baseball and softball championships will be played on Sunday, May 21. Rain date: Monday, May 22, pending discretion of the DCSAA Executive Director.
  - E. If the higher seed does not have a home field, they will be responsible for finding a location that meets NFHS standards. Otherwise, the lower seed will host the game.

Home teams are responsible for securing facilities that meet NFHS standards and must provide adequate security. Schools that do not provide appropriate and safe facilities will face sanctions including not being permitted to host DCSAA postseason competitions.

5. The home team (higher seed) will wear WHITE.
  6. **Teams are required to provide their own transportation to all DCSAA competitions.**
- B. Playing Rules
1. The tournaments will be conducted under National Federation rules.
  2. SEEDING: Will be determined the DCSAA Baseball Coaches Committee and the DCSAA Softball Coaches Committee. The committees will release in-season polls on the following Tuesdays: April 11, April 25 and May 9. The tournament fields will be selected and seeded on Friday, May 12.
  3. RECORDS: All records must be entered into MaxPreps, so that this information can be made available to inform the members of the committees.



4. A regulation game consists of seven innings. A game will be considered complete any time after 4 ½ or 5 innings, similar to a regular season game.
5. DCSAA certified umpires will be assigned for each game. Two umpires will be assigned for quarterfinal and semifinal games and three officials will be used for the championship game.
6. Warm-up procedures
  - a. Both teams will warm up on the entire field for 15 minutes each.
  - b. The visiting team will warm up first unless extenuating circumstances cause a late arrival of the visiting team in which case the home team shall warm up first.
7. Postponed/suspended games may be required to be made up as part of a double header. Any postponed or suspended game must be rescheduled for the following day, pending approval of the DCSAA Executive Director.
8. In case of inclement weather, athletic directors shall consult with the tournament director before finalizing arrangements.
9. All games must be played on a regulation size baseball or softball field.
10. Weekday games will be played at 5 p.m. unless there is a double header or otherwise approved by DCSAA.
11. **Pitch Count:** All DCSAA baseball “Pitch Count” rules must be adhered to before and during the tournament. A pitchers count WILL NOT start over, but instead runs continuously with their regular season and league playoff game count. Please see DCSAA “Pitch Count” rules.