



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

WIAA/DAIRY FARMERS OF WASHINGTON/LES SCHWAB TIRES  
**2015 Bound for State Regulations**



**May 29-30, 2015**

**1B, 2B**    **Wheeler Field**  
**1A, 2A**    **County Stadium**  
**3A, 4A**    **GESA Stadium**

**Centralia**  
**Yakima**  
**Pasco**

**Changes from the 2013-14 Baseball Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.**

**State Championships**

**Finals: May 29-30, 2015**

**Roster/dugout limit**

20 players  
5 designated school personnel (coaches, managers, statisticians, etc)  
1 bat boy/girl  
1 medical  
2 supervisors

**WIAA Handbook rule 25.3.0 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS IN POSTSEASON QUALIFYING AND STATE TOURNAMENTS** - When a team qualifies for postseason competition, the school shall submit the roster to the appropriate tournament manager. Changes in the roster are permitted from one (1) level of competition to the next level except in baseball, basketball, football and soccer where changes are allowed between each round of play. (Example: Changes may be made from the league to the District qualifying event, from the District qualifying event to regional or first round event, from the first round to the second round, or from the regional event to the State event). No changes are permitted at that level once the tournament begins.

25.3.1 In the event of an emergency or catastrophe after the tournament begins, team members may be replaced if approved by the tournament manager, WIAA Executive Director or designee, thereby permitting a school to add eligible players to restore the team to the original number for tournament play.

**Allocations** - Allocations in baseball are made to the WIAA Districts.

**Game Balls** - The Baden 3B-PPRO Perfection shall be used during all district, regional and state championship contests.

**Team Registration Form** – All forms must be filled out online at [www.mywiaa.com](http://www.mywiaa.com).

**Team Statistics and Pitching Summary** - Team statistics and pitching summary record sheets are to be filled in by the coaches of the participating schools and exchanged between the coaches participating in the regional and state championships.

**Line-up Cards** - Each coach must deliver the batting order to the umpire on a Line-up Card.

**Bat Boys/Girls** – Boys or girls of school age may be used as bat attendants provided they have been approved by the participating school principal. The attendants shall be properly insured and suitably attired.

**Coaches' Uniforms** - Any coach participating in either pre-game or regular game activities must be in the uniform of the school at all times. The minimum uniform would be a hat, pants, appropriate socks, shoes, and either a warm-up jacket or regular uniform top.

**Coaching** - Coaching boxes may be occupied by a coach, player, or eligible substitute (one school approved coach in each coach's box). The coach shall be in proper uniform.

**Protests** - Baseball rules are designed to permit coaches to confer with umpires during the progress of the game pertaining to matters of rules administration. Umpires are instructed to permit such conferences when respectfully requested and conducted in a rational, reasonable and sportsmanlike manner. A head coach may protest a misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule before the next pitch is thrown. Protests must be ruled upon within two hours of the completion of the protest game by the tournament manager and the games committee. Decisions of the tournament manager or games committee shall be final.

**Selecting Home Team** – In each team’s first game at regionals, the home team will be the bottom team on the tournament bracket. Prior to each team’s second game at regionals, both semifinal games, the consolation and championship games, the tournament manager will conduct a coin toss with the two coaches to determine the home team. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of being the home or visiting team.

**In all 16-entry brackets**, one team will advance from each regional for semifinals. Pairings for the semifinals will follow the rotation below, with succeeding years in the same manner.

<b>YEAR:</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Pairings	Region IV vs Region I	III vs IV	IV vs II	III vs II	II vs I
Pairings	Region II vs Region III	I vs II	III vs I	I vs IV	IV vs III

**In all 8-entry brackets, one team will advance from each regional for the finals. The regional champions will alternate as bottom team on the state tournament bracket every other year.**

**Designated dugout** - The second or bottom team on the state tournament bracket will occupy the third base dugout. For the regional championship game, the winner of game 2 will remain in its dugout and the winner of game 1 will occupy the other dugout.

**Batting Practice** – Each team will have 30 minutes of batting practice at a site selected by the tournament manager, if possible, preferably at a neutral field. Time will not allow teams playing in the second game of a doubleheader to take batting practice at the playing site.

**Infield Practice** - Each team will be allowed ten (10) minutes of infield prior to the game. The home team will take the infield first.

**Re-entry, Designated Hitter and Speed-Up Rules** - These rule provisions are in effect for all league, district and State tournament games (are optional, not required).

**Length of Game** - A regulation tournament game shall be seven innings in length unless extended because of a tie score or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it, or because of weather or similar conditions.

**Game Times** - Upon mutual agreement of the coaches, the umpires, and the tournament manager, game times may be changed due to weather or other conditions.

Regional game times: The regional championship game (game three) will begin 45 minutes following the final out of game two.

State game times: The first game will begin according to the scheduled time. Each subsequent game will begin 45 minutes after the final out of the previous game or at the scheduled game time, whichever is later. No games will begin earlier than the listed times.

When two classifications of schools play their semifinals, consolation, and championship games at the same site, the smaller classification will play the later game times during the school years ending with an even number and the larger classification will play the later game times during the school years ending with an odd number.

**Run Rule** - The NFHS ten-run rule will be in effect for regional, semifinal and final games.

**Inclement Weather Policy** - Refer to the General Tournament Regulations.

**Continuing Suspended Game** - Any game that is interrupted with teams having played less than the required number of innings will be continued from the point of suspension. The tournament manager shall determine when the game will be completed. The line-up and batting order of each team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing the game. A suspended game may be continued on Sunday with approval of all participating teams involved.

**Postponed Games** - When necessary to postpone any tournament game, it shall be the responsibility of the tournament manager to re-schedule according to WIAA policy (please refer to Inclement Weather Policy in General Tournament Regulations.) The tournament manager shall have a plan for rain-outs worked out in advance. The manager shall keep everyone informed including the WIAA office. Postponed games may be played on Sunday, weather permitting, with approval of the school boards of the participating teams.

**Games Committee** - The Games Committee shall consist of the tournament manager, the umpire-in-chief, and a participating coach, athletic director or school administrator not involved in the dispute in question.

**Awards** - The team trophy presentation will be at the conclusion of the consolation and championship games.

**Umpires** - The selection of tournament umpires shall be the joint responsibility of the WIAA and the WOA. Three umpires will be assigned for all tournament games in all classifications. Umpires will be assigned to work both games of a double or triple header. In this case the umpires will switch positions (plate - bases) for each game. Either the tournament manager or the umpire-in-chief will make the initial home plate and base assignments.