

★ BASEBALL





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The Championship Program

Throwing Period—Jan. 7 | 1st Team Practice—Jan. 28 | 1st Contest—Feb. 18

Online Requirements For All Sports

POSTING SCHEDULES

Schools must post season schedules on the AHSAA website in the Members' Area by the deadline dates listed below. Failure to do so could result in a fine assessed to the school.

Schools may go online and make any changes immediately as they occur.

Deadlines for posting schedules:

May 1 — fall sports (football only)

June 1 — fall sports (cross country, swimming & diving, volleyball)

Sept. 15 — winter sports (basketball, bowling, indoor track, wrestling)

Jan. 15 — spring sports (baseball, golf, outdoor track, soccer, softball, tennis)

POSTING ROSTERS

Schools are required to post team rosters prior to its first contest of the season.

POSTING SCORES

Schools are also required to post scores of contests online **immediately** following all contests in the regular season (and within 24 hours after regular season tournaments) and in the playoffs or be subject to a fine.

In the post-season playoffs, failure to report scores **immediately** after a contest will subject the school to a fine.

1. The baseball program provides for competition in seven classes—1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A and 7A. Classes 1A-6A are divided into 16 areas. 7A is divided into 8 areas. Championship play shall be on a play-at-home basis. Every school fielding a team must play in the championship program.
2. Each high school is permitted 28 games (1A-6A), 32 games (7A) during regular season excluding games played during "Spring Break." Each junior high or middle school is permitted 24 regular season (26 for 7A) games excluding games played during "Spring Break." The Baseball Committee recommends that a team play a minimum of 12 regular season games prior to the playoffs. April 15—Last day for area baseball games. (1A-6A) April 22 - Last day for area baseball games (7A)
3. No regular season games are permitted after the regular season ends. A playoff team's season ends when it is eliminated from the playoffs.
4. All participants must be eligible under AHSAA rules. Any complaint regarding the eligibility of any student must be made to the State Office. The East-West all-star baseball program, sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Alabama, is a sanctioned event. After a school's season is completed, senior members of that team may participate in the East-West program.
5. Championship playoffs consist of the best 2 of 3 series in each round. Default dates for state playoffs in all classes are as follows: April 19-20, 26-27, May 3-4, 10-11 First four rounds of playoffs (1A-6A) April 26-27, May 3-4, 10-11 First three rounds of playoffs (7A) May 13-18 Finals
6. Schools must use AHSAA-registered umpires.
7. During a physical education period, free play is permitted and members of the school baseball team may throw a ball and use gloves, but there can be no organized practice. School facilities may not be used during the off-season for batting practice, etc.
8. The "throwing period" allowed prior to the regular team practice date is designed only for throwing. Only balls and gloves may be used.
9. An Evaluation Period of five days in a consecutive 10-school day calendar period is permitted any time during the first semester with all students allowed to participate, or the second semester after the season has ended. Schools are allowed only one evaluation period per year.

Pitch Count

1. Pitch count limitations apply for all regular season, tournament and playoff games and any

violation of the pitch count limitations will result in the forfeiture of the game and a fine of \$250. The rule applies to all levels of play (Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Jr. High and Middle School).

- The pitch count is based on pitches thrown to the batters during their time at bat. Warm up pitches allowed before each inning or those warm ups allowed by the umpire in case of injury or game delay do not count. All NFHS Substitution and Pitching Rules must be followed.
- All pitches **thrown** to a batter count toward the pitch count, legal or illegal pitches. Pitches during a dead ball (time called) do not count toward the pitch count.
- The **MAXIMUM** number of pitches per day is based on the level of the pitcher pitching. Note: A pitcher has the opportunity to complete the current batter when reaching the maximum allotment of pitches.

| <u>LEVEL</u> | <u>PITCHES ALLOWED PER DAY</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 11th and 12th Graders: | 120 |
| 9th and 10th Graders: | 100 |
| 7th and 8th Graders | 85 |

- Specific rest periods are in place when a pitcher reaches a high threshold of pitches delivered in a day. A calendar day is from 12:01 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. (Games that continuous play goes beyond 11:59 p.m. are considered to be part of that same calendar day). The rest periods required during the regular and tournament season are listed below:

| <u>Pitches Thrown</u> | <u>Required Rest Days</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 76 or more | 3 days |
| 51 to 75 | 2 days |
| 26 to 50 | 1 day |
| Less than 26 | no rest required |

A calendar day means that if a pitcher throws 76 pitches on Tuesday, that player may not pitch again until Saturday. The starting and ending time of the game does not matter in the calculation of when a pitcher is eligible to pitch again.

- Both teams are to present a pitch count chart of the last three days of games to the opposing coach **BEFORE** the game for review.
- During the game, pitch counts will be recorded by utilizing Game Changer to track the number of pitches thrown. The home team will be the official pitch count recorder. Both teams should compare the pitch count at the conclusion of each half inning. The AHSAA will assign an official pitch count recorder in the state finals championship series. The home team will be the official pitch count recorder in all other rounds leading up to the finals.**
- Each school will have the responsibility to maintain every pitch count chart until their school season is complete. Any discrepancy found after a game will be reported to the AHSAA and treated as an eligibility issue to resolve. A hard copy of all pitch count charts must be available upon AHSAA request.

Playing Rules

- All games will be played under National Federation rules.
- Metal cleats are permitted.
- The speed-up rules suggested in the National Federation Baseball Rules book may be used by one or both teams in each regular season or playoff game. The head coach of each team may choose for his team to use any, all or any part of the speed-up rules. During the pre-game conference each head coach must designate which speed-up rules his team will use.
- All balls used must have the NFHS Authenticating Mark. Any brand of baseball that meets National Federation specifications may be used during non-area, regular season play. Wilson balls must be used in all championship play (area and playoff games).
- Any player equipment judged by the umpire to be unreasonably dangerous is illegal. Each head coach must verify to the umpire-in-chief that all participants are legally equipped and all equipment is in accordance with NFHS rules. Such rules include compliant bats that are unaltered from the manufacturer's original design and production and also helmets that are

free of cracks and damage. Umpires no longer will be required to perform pregame equipment checks.

Game Ending Procedures

1. All varsity games must be regulation games (seven innings) unless lengthened or shortened under Rule 40201 or the 10-run mercy rule.
2. For non-varsity contest (B-Team, Junior Varsity, Middle and Junior High School), five-inning games are allowed. All non-varsity games will have time limits as follows:
 - (a) a two hour time limit for games involving any combination of 7th and 8th graders.
 - (b) a two hour and thirty minute time limit for any JH/JV combination with 9th graders.
 - (c) no new inning is to begin after the time limit has expired.
 - (d) breaking a tie must be decided prior to the game otherwise the game may end in a tie.
3. A 10-run rule will be used for all regular season and state playoff games. A game may end any time after 4 1/2 or 5 innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.
4. A game halted for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game halted anytime due to mechanical failure (i.e., 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 the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.
5. If a game is halted when the umpire considers the weather, or ground condition unfit for play, the umpire shall resume play as soon as possible. If play cannot be resumed within 30 minutes, the umpire may declare the game ended or suspended according to the rules.
6. If weather or darkness (a field without artificial lights) interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game:
 - (a) If five full innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat: or
 - (b) If play has gone beyond five full innings.
7. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the umpire-in-chief, any remaining play may be shortened or the game terminated.
8. Forfeit time is 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time. If the host team is notified prior to the scheduled starting time that an emergency situation will delay the visiting team's arrival, the forfeit time may be delayed.

Field Criteria

1. Any school hosting any area or state playoff game must provide a field that meets the requirements listed in the National Federation Baseball Rules book. NOTE: The AHSAA recommends a minimum height of six feet for all fences enclosing the field and a minimum distance of 15 feet from each foul line to the nearest obstruction in foul territory. If the home team's field fails to meet proper specifications, it will be the responsibility of the home school to obtain a site nearest to it that meets the specifications or to modify its own field.
2. A field may have one or more of the following modifications in order to meet the requirements for hosting a state playoff game:
 - (a) There is a minimum distance of 30 feet from the backstop to home plate. (The National Federation Rule Book specification is 60 feet.)
 - (b) There is a minimum distance of 290 feet down the foul lines and a minimum of 340 feet to center field in addition to compliance with the fence height modification of Item (c) Baseball 9 below. (The National Federation Rule Book specifications are a minimum 300 feet down the foul lines and a minimum 350 feet to center field.)
 - (c) There is a minimum height of 10 feet for fences complying with the distance modifications of Item (b) above.
3. A field used by middle schools (seventh and eighth graders) may have the following modifications if opposing coaches agree: 80-foot bases, 54-foot mound distance and a minimum 275-foot fence distance from home plate.

Special Playoff Rules

1. The Baseball Committee recommends that all host teams be at the game site at least an hour prior to game time.
2. In all state championship play (area and playoff games), ties are not permitted. If a game is

called for any reason before a winner can be determined, such a game shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time. In playoff games, it will be continued the next day. A winner must be determined.

3. If a team should not have an opponent in any round, that team is not credited with a “time traveled” in that round.
4. **The host team will be determined based on a pre-determined bracket with the following exceptions. a) If two teams from the same area meet, the highest finisher in the regular season area play will be the home team. b) The team that has traveled the most in the playoffs will be the home team. c) If travel is the same of two teams from different areas, the higher seed (area champion) will host over the lower seed (area runner up). d) If both teams are the same seed (both area champion or area runner ups) then the bracket will determine the host team.**
5. **The host team will be the home team in game 1. The traveling team will be the home team in game 2. The host team will be the home team of the third game (if game) of any series in all rounds prior to the finals. The bracket (#4 above) will determine the home team of games 1 and 2 in the finals. In the finals, the home team of the third game (if game) will be determined by a coin toss.**
6. The host school shall provide an adequate playing facility. (The rental fee of a municipally-owned facility shall not exceed what is usually paid by the host school for its regularly-scheduled games.) If the host team’s field is unplayable, it is the responsibility of the host team to secure another field that is playable.
7. Any rained-out playoff game will be played on the first available date (next day). Playoff games take precedence over all other games.
8. Default game starting times will be used if coaches cannot agree. Day one times are 4:30 and 7 p.m. for fields with lights and 1 and 3:30 p.m. for fields with no lights with a 20-minute break between games. A day two default time for a single game is 1 p.m.
9. **Any of the first four rounds may be played earlier in the week of the scheduled dates if a request is approved by the State Office, but the standard two day format must always be used (two games the first day and one game the second day, if needed). A request for a change from the standard dates may be approved if both schools (principals) agree and officials are available.**
10. The State Office will assign officials for all five rounds of the playoff. Three umpires will be assigned for each game prior to the finals. The host school in each playoff game must pay the officials at the game site.
11. Wilson balls meeting the National Federation specifications must be used in all championship play (area and playoff games). Each team will furnish six new Wilson balls for each game in the first four rounds of the playoff. Balls (Wilson A1010 PRO-RS) will be furnished for the finals.
12. Each best-of-three series shall stand on its own financially.
13. Admissions: Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4—\$8 for a doubleheader —\$6 for a third game. State Finals — \$10 per day
14. A financial report will be filed with the State Office by host schools in each of the first four rounds of the playoff.
 - (a) Expenses will be paid from gate receipts, to the extent available, in the following order:
 1. Taxes (state and local)
 2. Umpires—(first four rounds) — \$65 per official per contest
 3. Mileage Allowance — \$10 per official per day (first round); \$15 per official per day (second round); \$20 per official per day (quarterfinals); \$25 per official per day (semifinals); \$30 per official per day (finals).
 4. Municipal facility, if necessary (Rental fee shall not exceed what is usually paid by the host school for its regularly-scheduled games.)
 5. Trophies (final round only)
 6. Revenue Sharing (\$1 per ticket sold)
 - (b) Net receipts after expenses will be divided as follows:
 1. Visiting team travel (not to exceed 36 cents per mile round trip or 1/3 of net receipts in first round rounds and \$2.40 per mile/one way at the state finals)
 2. 1/3 of balance after travel to host school
 3. 1/3 of balance after travel to visiting school
 4. 1/3 of balance after travel to AHSAA
3. The host school will handle and receive proceeds from concessions and programs.

Area Playoff

1. **COORDINATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY:** The designated coordinator of each area must have an organizational meeting of all area schools prior to Jan. 31st to finalize the area schedule. This meeting should also include additional area games for tie breaking as well as, including setting up a procedure for making up area games.
2. Each team in the area must play each area opponent two regular season games (one at each school site) not later than April 14 for 1A-6A and April 21 for 7A in order to qualify for the championship program. If an area team fails to qualify for the playoff, any game played against that team will be treated the same as a non-area game.
3. Once area play has begun (any teams in the area play), no games may be added to the schedule to count toward tie breaking procedures.
4. The champion and runner-up of an area will be based on the percentage of area games won against teams that qualify for the playoff. **If a team plays a qualified area team more than twice during the season, only the first regular season game at each home site will count in determining area winning percentage. All other head-to-head games will be considered non-area games (the same as games against non-area opponents) for tie-breaking purposes.**
5. The winner and runner-up of each area must be determined not later than **April 14 (1A-6A)** and **April 21 for (7A)**. Coaches of the winner and runner-up teams of each area must report online their first round game times and sites to the State Office as soon as they are determined and **no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, April 15 for (1A-6A) and Monday, April 22 for (7A)**.
6. **TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE** - In the event there is a percentage tie by two or more teams in the area standings, the area champion (or runner-up) will be determined by applying the following tiebreaking factors in the order listed, beginning with (a) if two teams are tied or (k) if more than two teams are tied. Tournament games will not be used in applying any of the tiebreaking factors. A tie for the area championship will be resolved first, then the runner-up will be resolved by applying the appropriate set of tiebreaking factors, in the order listed, for all other teams involved in the tie. If a certain tiebreaker does not resolve the tie, apply the next factor in the order listed. Forfeited contests count as losses. If all tied teams have not played in the designated category of a certain tiebreaker factor, then that factor would not apply. Contests against teams that are not eligible for the championship program and contests in regular season tournaments are not used in figuring any tiebreakers.

If Two Teams Tie...

- (a) The team which defeated the other in both regular season area games will be the area champion and the other team the area runner-up. If two teams are tied percentage-wise for area runner-up, the team which defeated the other in both regular season area games will be the runner-up.
- (b) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the highest winning percentage in any non-area counting games against each other will be the area champion (or runner-up).
- (c) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the highest winning percentage in any non-area games against the other area teams. (In order for this tiebreaker to apply, each tied team must have played the same number of non-area games against any of the other area teams.)
- (d) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the highest winning percentage against all common, non-area opponents in its class will be the area champion (or runner-up).
- (e) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the highest winning percentage against all common, non-area opponents in its class and above will be the area champion (or runner-up).
- (f) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the highest winning percentage against all common, non-area opponents will be the area champion (or runner-up).
- (g) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the

highest winning percentage against all non-area opponents in its class will be the area champion (or runner-up).

- (h) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the highest winning percentage against all non-area opponents in its class and above will be the area champion (or runner-up).
- (i) If the two teams split their two regular season area games, the team which had the most wins against all non-area opponents will be the area champion (or runner-up).
- (j) The team which wins a flip of a coin will be the area champion and the other team the area runner-up.

If More Than Two Teams

- (k) The team which had the highest winning percentage against all the other tied teams during regular season area play will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
- (l) The team which had the highest winning percentage in any non-area games against each other will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. (In order for this tiebreaker to apply, all tied teams must have played the same number of non-area games against all the other tied teams.) If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
- (m) The team which had the highest winning percentage in any non-area games against the other area teams will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. (In order for this tiebreaker to apply, each tied team must have played the same number of non-area games against the other area teams.) If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
- (n) The team which had the highest winning percentage against all common, non-area opponents in its class. If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
- (o) The team which had the highest winning percentage against all common, non-area opponents in its class or above will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
- (p) The team which had the highest winning percentage against all common, non-area opponents will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
- (q) The team which had the highest winning percentage against all non-area opponents in its class will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
- (r) The team which had the highest winning percentage against all non-area opponents in its class and above will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams,

- beginning with (a).
- (s) The team which had the most wins against all non-area opponents will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, apply the two-team, tiebreaking factors for those two teams, beginning with (a).
 - (t) The team whose name is drawn out of a hat will be the area champion (or runner-up) ahead of all the other tied teams. If the name drawn is for the area champion, then the remaining teams will revert back to tie breaker (a) if two teams remain or tie breaker (k) if more than two teams remain.

State Playoffs

FIRST ROUND (1A-6A) April 19-20:

1. The champions and runners-up in all areas 1A-6A will advance to the first round of play April 19-20 at the home site of the area winners according to a pre-drawn bracket for each class. (Please review the section on “Special Playoff Rules”)
2. Play is double elimination (best-of-three games). All area runners-up will be visiting (traveling) teams in the first round.
3. The first and second games of each best-of-three series will be played as a double-header on the first day of the series.
4. The host team will be the “home team” in the first game of the series and the traveling team will be the “home team” in the second game. The host team will be the home team if the third game is necessary.
5. Admission is \$8 for a doubleheader and \$6 for a third game.
6. Winning coaches’ responsibilities:
 - (a) post their scores online IMMEDIATELY after the first-round games are completed
 - (b) report online second-round game times and sites by 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 22.

SECOND ROUND (1A-6A), FIRST ROUND (7A) April 26-27:

1. First-round winners in 1A-6A will advance to the second round April 26-27. In 7A the area champions and runners-up will play at the home site of the area winners according to the pre-drawn bracket. (Please review the section on “Special Playoff Rules”)
2. Play is double elimination (best-of-three games).
3. **The host team will be determined based on a pre-determined bracket with the following exceptions. a) If two teams from the same area meet, the highest finisher in the regular season area play will be the home team. b) The team that has traveled the most in the playoffs will be the home team. c) If travel is the same of two teams from different areas, the higher seed (area champion) will host over the lower seed (area runner up). d) If both teams are the same seed (both area champion or area runner ups) then the bracket will determine the host team.**
4. **The host team will be the “home team” in the first game of the series and the traveling team will be the “home team” in the second game. The host team will be the home team if the third game is necessary.**
5. Admission is \$8 for a doubleheader and \$6 for a third game.
6. Winning coaches’ responsibilities:
 - (a) post their scores online IMMEDIATELY after games are completed
 - (b) report online third-round game times and sites by 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 30

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND (1A-7A) May 3-4:

1. Second-round winners in 1A-6A and first round winners of 7A will advance to the quarter-final round May 3-4. (Please review the section on “Special Playoff Rules”)
2. Play is double elimination (best-of-three games).
3. **The host team will be determined based on a pre-determined bracket with the**

following exceptions. a) If two teams from the same area meet, the highest finisher in the regular season area play will be the home team. b) The team that has traveled the most in the playoffs will be the home team. c) If travel is the same of two teams from different areas, the higher seed (area champion) will host over the lower seed (area runner up). d) If both teams are the same seed (both area champion or area runner ups) then the bracket will determine the host team.

4. The host team will be the “home team” in the first game of the series and the traveling team will be the “home team” in the second game. The host team will be the home team if the third game is necessary.
5. Admission is \$8 for a doubleheader and \$6 for a third game.
6. Winning coaches’ responsibilities:
 - (a) post their scores online IMMEDIATELY after the games are completed
 - (b) report online semi-final game times and sites by 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 6.
 - (c) All teams that advance must submit a team picture (high resolution digital photo) and team tournament roster (Excel format) to state program coordinator Dennis Victory (AHSAA@cfxsports.com) by Monday, May 6. Both will be available for possible use in the state finals program.
 - (d) Teams must submit high resolution individual photos of players and head coaches to staff@ahsaa.com by Friday, May 10.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND (1A-7A) May 10-11:

1. Quarter-final round winners in all classes will advance to the semi-finals May 10-11. (Please review the section on “Special Playoff Rules”)
2. Play is double elimination (best-of-three games). .)
3. **The host team will be determined based on a pre-determined bracket with the following exceptions. a) If two teams from the same area meet, the highest finisher in the regular season area play will be the home team. b) The team that has traveled the most in the playoffs will be the home team. c) If travel is the same of two teams from different areas, the higher seed (area champion) will host over the lower seed (area runner up). d) If both teams are the same seed (both area champion or area runner ups) then the bracket will determine the host team.**
4. **The host team will be the “home team” in the first game of the series and the traveling team will be the “home team” in the second game. The host team will be the home team if the third game is necessary.**
5. Admission is \$8 for a doubleheader and \$6 for a third game.
6. Winning coaches’ responsibilities:
 - (a) post their scores online IMMEDIATELY after the games are completed
 - (b) report team and individual statistics to ringram@ahsaa.com by 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 13.

STATE FINALS (1A-7A) May 13-18

1. The Finals will be played in Montgomery at Riverwalk Stadium and Paterson Field
2. Semi-final round winners will play a double elimination (best-of-three games) round with a pre-set, schedule for each class.
3. The home team for game one will be determined by: a) the team that has traveled the most in the playoffs. b) If travel is the same of two teams from different areas, the higher seed (area champion) will host over the lower seed (area runner up). c) If both teams are the same seed (both area champion or area runner ups) then the bracket will determine the home team. **The “visiting team” in the first game will be the “home team” in the second game. A coin toss will determine the “home team” in the third game, if necessary.**
4. **Head coaches will have a mandatory meeting prior to their first game of each series.** The meeting will take place two hours prior to game time at the site of the game. All coaches must be certified and are subject to having their certified coaching

- credentials checked.
5. Admission is \$10 per day.
 6. A Plaque will be presented to the Most Valuable Player and Trophies will be presented to the champion and runner-up after the championship game of each class.

2019 State Baseball Finals Schedule

Monday, May 13, 2019

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| 4:00 | 1A Game 1 | Paterson Field |
| 7:00 | 3A Game 1 | Paterson Field |

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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| 10:00 | 1A Game 2 and If Game 3 | Riverwalk |
| 4:00 | 3A Game 2 and If Game 3 | Riverwalk |
| 6:00 | 2A Game 1 | Paterson Field |
| 6:00 | 4A Game 1 | Paterson Field |

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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| 10:00 | 2A Game 2 and If Game 3 | Riverwalk |
| 4:00 | 4A Game 2 and If Game 3 | Riverwalk |
| 4:00 | 5A Game 1 | Paterson Field |
| 7:00 | 6A Game 1 | Paterson Field |

Thursday, May 16, 2019

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| 10:00 | 5A Game 2 and If Game 3 | Riverwalk |
| 4:00 | 6A Game 2 and If Game 3 | Riverwalk |
| 6:00 | 7A Game 1 | Paterson Field |

Friday, May 17, 2019

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| 10:00 | 7A Game 2 and If Game 3 | Riverwalk |
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Officials' Fees

Regular Season:

- High School Varsity = \$60.00 per official per contest.
- Junior Varsity = \$45.00 per official per contest.
- Junior High (Grades 7-9) = \$40.00 per official per contest.
- Alternate Official = \$25.00 per official per contest.
- Mileage Allowance = \$8.00 per official per day.
- Mileage Allowance (Over 60 Miles) = \$10.00 per official per day.

Championship Playoffs:

- Alternate Official = \$25.00 per official per contest.
- Preliminary rounds = \$65.00 plus Mileage Allowance.
- State Finals = \$70.00 plus Mileage Allowance (3 Member Crew)
- State Finals = \$50 plus Mileage Allowance (6 Member Crew)
- First Round Mileage Allowance \$10
- Second Round Mileage Allowance \$15
- Quarter-Final Mileage Allowance \$20
- Semi-Final Mileage Allowance \$25
- State Finals Mileage Allowance \$30 (one day only)

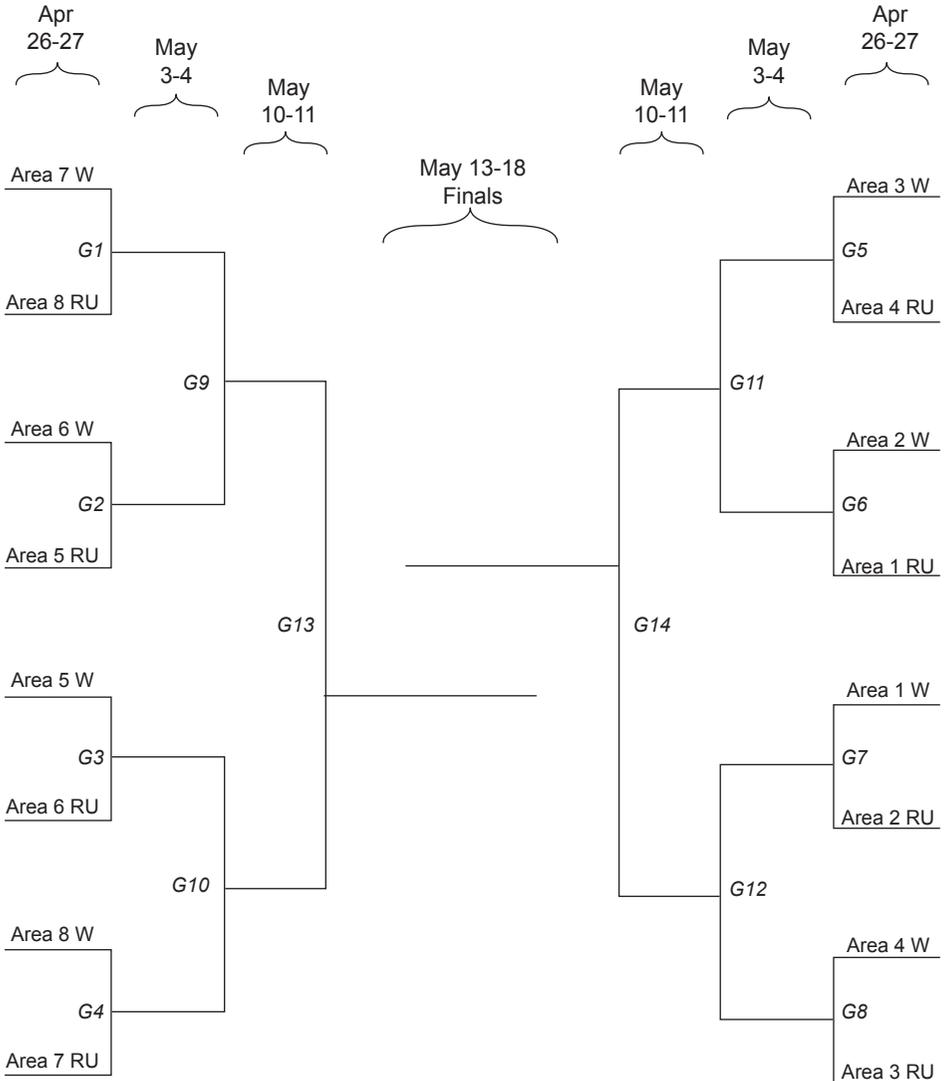
Baseball Playoff Bracket (1A-6A)

For the championship playoffs, area champions and runners-up will be placed in a 32 team bracket. In the first round, area winners will serve as host. In subsequent rounds the host team will be the team on the top of the bracket with the following exceptions. a) If two teams from the same area meet, the highest finisher in the regular season area play will be the home team. b) The team that has traveled the most in the playoffs will be the home team. c) If travel is the same of two teams from different areas, the higher seed (area champion) will host over the lower seed (area runner up). d) If both teams are the same seed (both area champion or area runners up) then the bracket will determine the host team.



Baseball Playoff Bracket (7A)

For the championship playoffs, area champions and runners-up will be placed in a 16 team bracket. In the first round, area winners will serve as host. In subsequent rounds the host team will be the team on the top of the bracket with the following exceptions. a) If two teams from the same area meet, the highest finisher in the regular season area play will be the home team. b) The team that has traveled the most in the playoffs will be the home team. c) If travel is the same of two teams from different areas, the higher seed (area champion) will host over the lower seed (area runner up). d) If both teams are the same seed (both area champion or area runners up) then the bracket will determine the host team.



Area Alignment

CLASS 1A

AREA 1

Coordinator: *William Stanger*
Fruitdale

Fruitdale
McIntosh
Millry
St. Luke's Episcopal

AREA 3

Coordinator: *Travis Whittaker, Jr.*
Floral

Brantley
Elba
Floral
Kinston

AREA 5

Coordinator: *Gregory Carl Pittman*
Billingsley

Autaugaville
Billingsley
Verbena

AREA 7

Coordinator: *Lori Carlisle*
Wadley

Lanett
Loachapoka
Wadley

AREA 9

Coordinator: *Jonathan Cleveland*
Appalachian

Appalachian
Cornerstone
Heritage Christian
Jefferson Christian

AREA 11

Coordinator: *Michael Welsh*
Spring Garden

Coosa Christian
Donoho
Faith Christian
Jacksonville Christian
Spring Garden

AREA 2

Coordinator: *Rodney Nichols*
Pleasant Home

Georgiana
McKenzie
Pleasant Home
Red Level

AREA 4

Coordinator: *Phyllis Mabowitz*
Sweet Water

Ellwood Christian
Keith
Sweet Water

AREA 6

Coordinator: *Steven Hunter*
Maplesville

Francis Marion
Isabella
Maplesville

AREA 8

Coordinator: *Shemia Wilson*
Pickens County

Berry
Holy Spirit
Hubbertville
Pickens County
South Lamar

AREA 10

Coordinator: *Jennifer Ball*
Ragland

Ragland
Talladega Co. Central
Victory Christian
Winterboro

AREA 12

Coordinator: *Todd Tittle*
Lynn

Brilliant
Lynn
Marion County
Meek

AREA 13

*Coordinator: Ann Scott
Belgreen*

Belgreen
Covenant Christian
Hackleburg
Vina

AREA 15

*Coordinator: Anthony Davidson
Skyline*

Gaylesville
Skyline
Valley Head
Woodville

AREA 14

*Coordinator: Randall Adams
Athens Bible*

Athens Bible
Falkville
Lindsay Lane
Saint Bernard

AREA 16

*Coordinator: Patrick Malone
Shoals Christian*

Cherokee
Mars Hill
Shoals Christian
Waterloo

CLASS 2A**AREA 1**

*Coordinator: Brantley Bailey
Elbert*

J.U. Blacksher
Cottage Hill
Elberta

AREA 3

*Coordinator: Joshua Robertson
Daleville*

Cottonwood
Daleville
Geneva County
Samson

AREA 5

*Coordinator: Jamie Howard
Luverne*

Goshen
Luverne
New Brockton
Zion Chapel

AREA 7

*Coordinator: Corey Clements
Thorsby*

Central Coosa
Fayetteville
Reeltown
Thorsby

AREA 9A

*Coordinator: Darryl Brooks
Vincent*

Altamont
Sumiton Christian
Vincent

AREA 2

*Coordinator: Vol Newsome
Southern Choctaw*

Choctaw County
Leroy
Southern Choctaw
Washington County

AREA 4

*Coordinator: Gray Harrison
New Brockton*

Abbeville
Ariton
Houston County
G.W. Long

AREA 6

*Coordinator: Cliff Maddox
Highland Home*

Calhoun
Central Hayneville
Highland Home

AREA 8

*Coordinator: Tim Ward
Ranburne*

Horseshoe Bend
LaFayette
Ranburne
Woodland

AREA 10

*Coordinator: Bobby Tittle
Ohatchee*

Gaston
Ohatchee
Westbrook Christian

AREA 11

*Coordinator: David Dixon
West End*

Cleveland
Cold Springs
Southeastern
West End

AREA 13

*Coordinator: Donny Jones
Collinsville*

Asbury
Cedar Bluff
Collinsville
Sand Rock

AREA 15

*Coordinator: Jeremy Jones
Decatur Heritage*

Decatur Heritage
Hatton
Tanner

AREA 12

*Coordinator: Micah Smothers
Addison*

Addison
Sulligent
Winston County

AREA 14

*Coordinator: Thomas Laster
Tharptown*

Colbert County
Red Bay
Sheffield
Tharptown

AREA 16

*Coordinator: Gene Roberts
Section*

Fyffe
Ider
North Sand Mountain
Section

CLASS 3A**AREA 1**

*Coordinator: Michael Papa
Bayside*

Bayside
Flomaton
St. Michael

AREA 3

*Coordinator: Aaron Hightower
Opp*

Geneva
Opp
Slocomb
Straughn

AREA 5

*Coordinator: Bryan Oliver
Saint James*

Pike Road Historical
Prattville Christian
Saint James
Southside Selma
The Montgomery Academy

AREA 7

*Coordinator: Jacqueline McNealey
Holt*

Gordo
Greene County
Hale County
Holt

AREA 2

*Coordinator: Charles Alford II
Thomasville*

Excel
T.R. Miller
Thomasville

AREA 4

*Coordinator: Cheryl Smith
Wicksburg*

Houston Academy
Pike County
Providence Christian
Wicksburg

AREA 6

*Coordinator: Darren Anglin
Randolph County*

Beulah
B.B. Comer
Dadeville
Randolph County

AREA 8

*Coordinator: Stephanie Robinson
Fultondale*

Fultondale
Holy Family
Oakman

AREA 9

*Coordinator: Christopher Hayes
Walter Wellborn*

Piedmont
Pleasant Valley
Saks
Walter Wellborn
Weaver

AREA 11

*Coordinator: Robin Netherton
Vinemont*

Hanceville
Locust Fork
Vinemont

AREA 13

*Coordinator: Lavell Everett
New Hope*

Brindlee Mountain
New Hope
Westminster Christian

AREA 15

*Coordinator: Mark Richards
Plainview*

Geraldine
Pisgah
Plainview
Sylvania

AREA 10

*Coordinator: Benjie Parrish
Winfield*

Carbon Hill
Lamar County
Winfield

AREA 12

*Coordinator: Brian Kirk
J.B. Pennington*

Glencoe
Holly Pond
J.B. Pennington
Susan Moore

AREA 14

*Coordinator: Ron Rikard Jr.
East Lawrence*

Colbert Heights
East Lawrence
Phil Campbell

AREA 16

*Coordinator: Eric Cornelius
Lauderdale County*

Clements
Lauderdale County
Lexington

CLASS 4A**AREA 1**

*Coordinator: Patricia Frazier
W.S. Neal*

Escambia County
Mobile Christian
W.S. Neal
Williamson

AREA 3

*Coordinator: James Odom
Ashford*

Ashford
Dale County
Headland

AREA 5

*Coordinator: Kyle Futral
Holtville*

Elmore County
Handley
Holtville
B.T. Washington

AREA 2

*Coordinator: Katrina Roper-Smith
Hillcrest Evergreen*

Andalusia
Clarke County
Hillcrest Evergreen
Monroe County

AREA 4

*Coordinator: Kerry Palmer
Trinity Presbyterian*

Alabama Christian Academy
LAMP
Montgomery Catholic
Trinity Presbyterian

AREA 6

*Coordinator: Willie Moore
Dallas County*

Dallas County
Greensboro Public
Sumter Central

AREA 7

*Coordinator: Dennis Alvarez
Sipsey Valley*

American Christian
Northside
Sipsey Valley
West Blocton

AREA 9

*Coordinator: Valrie Bain
Anniston*

Anniston
Cleburne County
Lincoln
Talladega

AREA 11

*Coordinator: Rod Aaron
Curry*

Cordova
Curry
Fayette County
Haleyville

AREA 13

*Coordinator: Mark Mason
Priceville*

Danville
Priceville
St. John Paul II
West Morgan

AREA 15

*Coordinator: Stephen Howard
Brooks*

Brooks
Elkmont
West Limestone

AREA 8

*Coordinator: Jeremy Turner
Montevallo*

Childersburg
Indian Spring
Leeds
Montevallo
Oak Grove

AREA 10

*Coordinator: Russ Waits
Jacksonville*

Cherokee County
Hokes Bluff
Jacksonville
White Plains

AREA 12

*Coordinator: Janet Johnson
Ashville*

Ashville
Fairview
Good Hope
Oneonta

AREA 14

*Coordinator: Robert Paradise
North Jackson*

D.A.R.
North Jackson
Randolph

AREA 16

*Coordinator: Russell Tate
Deshler*

Central-Florence
Deshler
Rogers
Wilson

CLASS 5A**AREA 1**

*Coordinator: Doug Barber
UMS Wright*

LeFlore
Satsuma
St. Paul's Episcopal
UMS Wright
Vigor

AREA 3

*Coordinators: Brock Kelly
Charles Henderson*

Carroll
Charles Henderson
Greenville
Rehobeth

AREA 2

*Coordinator: Duane Hale
Wilcox Central*

Citronelle
Jackson
Wilcox Central

AREA 4

*Coordinator: Sherry Ashe
Valley*

Beauregard
Brewbaker Tech Magnet
Tallassee
Valley

AREA 5

*Coordinator: James Alston
Bibb County*

Bibb County
Central-Tuscaloosa
Demopolis

AREA 7

*Coordinator: William Hathcock
Central-Clay County*

Central-Clay County
Munford
Sylacauga

AREA 9

*Coordinator: Jarvis Watkins
Pleasant Grove*

Fairfield
Parker
Pleasant Grove
Wenonah

AREA 11

*Coordinator: Paige Abner
Dora*

Corner
Dora
Hayden
Jasper
Mortimer Jordan

AREA 13

*Coordinator: Angie Stapler
Douglas*

Boaz
Crossville
Douglas
Sardis

AREA 15

*Coordinator: Jeremy Childers
A.P. Brewer*

Arab
A.P. Brewer
Guntersville
Scottsboro

AREA 6

*Coordinator: Donna Finch
Marbury*

Chilton County
Jemison
Marbury
Shelby Co.

AREA 8

*Coordinator: Shawn Brower
Briarwood Christian*

Briarwood Christian
John Carroll Catholic
Ramsay
Woodlawn

AREA 10

*Coordinator: Van Phillips
Center Point*

Center Point
Moody
Saint Clair County
Springville

AREA 12

*Coordinator: Chris Winningham
Southside Gadsden*

Alexandria
Etowah
Southside Gadsden

AREA 14

*Coordinator: Steven Deavours
Hamilton*

Hamilton
Lawrence County
Russellville
West Point

AREA 16

*Coordinator: Louis Berry Jr.
East Limestone*

Ardmore
East Limestone
Madison Academy
Madison County

CLASS 6A**AREA 1**

*Coordinator: Beverly Spondike
Saraland*

B.C. Rain
Faith Academy
Mattie T. Blount
Saraland

AREA 2

*Coordinator: Cindy Veazey
Gulf Shores*

Baldwin County
Daphne
Gulf Shores
Robertsdale
Spanish Fort

AREA 3

*Coordinator: Stan Eldridge
Dothan*

Dothan
Eufaula
Northview

AREA 5

*Coordinator: William Bergeron
Stanhope Elmore*

Selma
Stanhope Elmore
Wetumpka

AREA 7

*Coordinator: Jeff Hinton
Hillcrest Tuscaloosa*

Brookwood
Hillcrest Tuscaloosa
Northridge
Paul Bryant

AREA 9

*Coordinator: Albert Soles
Bessemer City*

Bessemer City
Hueytown
McAdory

AREA 11

*Coordinator: Shirley Burrell
Jackson Olin*

G.W. Carver, Birmingham
Gardendale
Minor
Jackson Olin

AREA 13

*Coordinator: Brian Jett
Fort Payne*

Albertville
Fort Payne
Oxford

AREA 15

*Coordinator: Travis Schrimsher
Athens*

Athens
Columbia
Muscle Shoals

AREA 4

*Coordinator: T. Danny Patterson
Park Crossing*

G.W. Carver, Montgomery
Sidney Lanier
Park Crossing

AREA 6

*Coordinator: Anthony Wilkinson
Benjamin Russell*

Benjamin Russell
Opelika
Russell County

AREA 8

*Coordinator: Amanda Wilbanks
Pelham*

Calera
Chelsea
Helena
Pelham

AREA 10

*Coordinator: Calvin Eaton
Minor*

Homewood
Huffman
Shades Valley

AREA 12

*Coordinator: Anthony Dowdy
Pell City*

Clay Chalkville
Pell City
Pinson Valley

AREA 14

*Coordinator: Johnny Berry
Decatur*

Cullman
Decatur
Hartselle

AREA 16

*Coordinator: Darrell Long
Hazel Green*

Buckhorn
Hazel Green
Lee-Huntsville
Mae Jemison

CLASS 7A

AREA 1

*Coordinator: Chip Menton
Theodore*

Alma Bryant
Baker
Davidson
Mary G. Montgomery
Theodore

AREA 3

*Coordinator: Brent Harrison
Enterprise*

Enterprise
Jeff Davis
R.E. Lee
Prattville

AREA 5

*Coordinator: Wesley Hester
Thompson*

Hoover
Oak Mountain
Thompson
Tuscaloosa County

AREA 7

*Coordinator: Chris Shaw
Sparkman*

Gadsden City
Grissom
Huntsville
Sparkman

AREA 2

*Coordinator: Russ Moore
Foley*

Fairhope
Foley
McGill-Toolen
Murphy

AREA 4

*Coordinator: Shannon Pignato
Auburn*

Auburn
Central, Phoenix City
Smiths Station

AREA 6

*Coordinator: Tim Salem
Hewitt Trussville*

Hewitt Trussville
Mountain Brook
Spain Park
Vestavia Hills

AREA 8

*Coordinator: Melissa Scott
Austin*

Austin
Bob Jones
Florence
James Clemens

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