



2021 High School Baseball & Softball



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Important Dates

March 3	Baseball & Softball Coaches Meeting
March 10	All Schedules due to SCIAA
Online	TSSAA Softball Rules Meeting
Online	TSSAA Baseball Rules Meeting
Upon completion of Spring Sport checklist (AD and Principal)	First date of practice
March 15	TSSAA First Date of Contest
March 15	TSSAA Deadline to File Eligibility & Schedules
March 29-April 2	SCS Spring Break
May 14	TSSAA Districts Must Be Completed
May 17	TSSAA Region Semifinals
May 19	TSSAA Region Finals
May 21	TSSAA Sectionals
May 25-28	TSSAA State Championship

Games Limits

Baseball-TSSAA limits high schools to play a maximum of 30 games played, 4 tournaments (tournaments count as 3 games).

Softball-TSSAA limits high schools to play a maximum of 34 games, 5 tournaments (tournaments count as 4 games).

Schedules

All high school baseball schedules are due to the SCIAA Office by March 10th. It is the responsibility of the school to contact Memphis Parks for field availability, scheduling and fees. ***The school will be responsible for paying all fees associated with playing on Parks Fields. These fees will not be reimbursed.***

Game Time Limits: Time limits must be agreed upon by both coaches at the plate with the umpire before the game begins. *The time limit is not drop dead. No new inning will be started after the time limit expires.* If coaches cannot agree games will be played by NFHS rules: 7 innings. Run rules also need to be discussed prior to the game starting. Acceptable run rules are 15 run lead after 3 innings, and 10 run lead after 5 innings.

The SCIAA minimum time limits are 1 hour 30 minutes for softball and 1 hour and 45 minutes for baseball when playing 1 game.

SCIAA minimum time limits for varsity doubleheaders are 1 hour and 15 minutes for softball and 1 hour and 30 minutes for baseball. Doubleheaders should have no more than 30 minutes between games for officials' payment for DH.

Inclement Weather: Cancellation or postponement of games for inclement weather is the responsibility Athletic Director of the home team or his/her representative. The final decision and notification to the visiting team, umpire or assigning agent, and the SCIAA must be made by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the game. If there is any question as to playing conditions of Park Commission fields, the final decision for determining whether or not the field is playable will be made by the Park Commission representative.

Rescheduling Inclement Weather Games: The home team is responsible for obtaining field assignments for make-up games and contacting assigning agents to obtain umpires. The home team is responsible for contacting the visiting team within *three* days of the postponed game and setting a playing date for the rescheduled game. If the visiting team has not received notification of game reschedule by the third day, they are responsible for contacting the SCIAA in writing (e-mail). Please CC the SCIAA on all correspondence concerning make-up games (willisrh@scsk12.org).

Parks Services Fields:

All games at Tobey (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) & Willow (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) must be completed by 6:00 pm. Drop dead, no excuses! I will update any changes as I receive them from Memphis Parks and Rec.

Andrew Fisher (901) 636-5580 office andrew.fisher@memphistn.gov
Games postponed on Park Commission fields should be rescheduled through the Park Commission office. Please contact them at 636-5580 between 10am and 12pm, daily. The participating teams should reschedule games postponed on school fields.

Rainout line for Parks Services fields – (901)323-0023

Umpires

The home school is responsible for changes of the field location --You must notify the umpire's assigning agent of any change:

Baseball & Softball Assigning Agent: Tony Walsh

(901) 634-5201

twalsh06@aol.com

Notes:

1. All umpires are required to contact the home team school by **12:00 noon on game day**. Check with your financial secretary to insure that the officials have called in. Do not leave for your playing field without 100% assurance that your officials are assigned and are aware of your game.
2. Any changes on game day, coaches are required to contact the umpires or an assigning officer by 11:00 a.m. of game day or be in jeopardy of paying game fees.
3. In case it becomes necessary to postpone a regular game after the umpires have arrived, but before any play takes place, the umpires shall be entitled to collect only half of the fee.

Umpire Fees:

High School Baseball

SINGLE JUNIOR VARSITY GAME	\$ 75.00
SINGLE VARSITY GAME	\$ 85.00
JV / JV DOUBLEHEADER	\$ 115.00
JV / V DOUBLEHEADER	\$ 115.00
V / V DOUBLEHEADER	\$ 125.00

DOUBLEHEADER FEES APPLY TO REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS ONLY WHEN THERE IS NO MORE THEN 30 MINUTES BETWEEN GAMES. IF ONE GAME OF THE DOUBLEHEADER IS A JV GAME, IT IS LIMITED TO 5 INNINGS OR 1:15 TIME LIMIT WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. NO EXCEPTIONS.

High School Softball

SINGLE JUNIOR VARSITY GAME	\$ 65.00
SINGLE VARSITY GAME	\$ 75.00
JV / JV DOUBLEHEADER	\$ 105.00
JV / V DOUBLEHEADER	\$ 105.00
V / V DOUBLEHEADER	\$ 115.00

DOUBLEHEADER FEES APPLY TO REGULAR SEASON CONTEST ONLY WHEN THERE IS NO MORE THAN 30 MINUTES BETWEEN GAMES.

The home team of each contest must upload the outcome of the game to their DigitalSports website. The scores must be submitted by noon of the following day.

TSSAA Baseball Pitch Count Regulations

THESE RULES ARE IN REGARD TO THE POSITION OF BASEBALL PITCHER.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Make sure properly warmed up prior to any throwing activity. Use proper equipment to aid in the warm up. (Surgical tubing, etc...)
2. Make sure a proper dynamic and static stretching plan is followed prior to throwing.
3. Educate pitchers on proper mechanics and techniques of throwing.
4. Monitor for signs of mechanical breakdown and fatigue.
5. Take immediate action if a pitcher complains of pain.
6. Consult a trainer/doctor/trained coach upon completion of game pitching activity.
7. Put in place and follow a prescribed post pitching rehabilitation program.
8. Make every effort to avoid pitching a player in multiple games on the same day.

RULES:

1. A player cannot pitch three (3) days in a row regardless of number of pitches thrown. Using a pitcher three (3) days in a row would violate the rule regarding using an ineligible player.
2. Each pitch will count as a pitch. Even if a pitcher surpasses a cutoff number, the pitch count will be exactly the number of pitches thrown. No pitch count will revert to another number. (ie. 120 pitches will be 120 pitches)
3. It is strongly recommended that coaches check with the opposing team between each half inning to make sure both teams agree to and record the same pitch count.
4. In case of disagreement, the home team's count will be the final accepted count.
5. Both teams are required to sign each other's pitch count form at the end of each game.
6. The pitch count will apply to any player who pitches and is cumulative each day. JV pitch count and high school varsity pitch count are linked together. Example: a pitcher who pitches 45 Varsity pitches on Monday is not permitted to pitch JV on Tuesday.
7. The pitch count applies to regular season and postseason.
8. A pitcher may pitch in Game 1 of a doubleheader and return to pitch in Game 2 of the same doubleheader. The pitches in Game 2 will be added to the Game 1 total for the purposes of determining the number of days' rest needed.

Level	Maximum pitches per day	Daily Pitch Allowances by Calendar Days of Rest				
		0 days	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days
Middle School (6-8 grade)	85	1-19	20-35	36-50	51-66	67-85
High School Freshman/JV	100	1-25	26-40	41-65	66-80	81-100
High School Varsity	120	1-25	26-55	56-75	76-105	106-120

Penalty for violation of the Pitch Count Rule

1st Time – Forfeit; \$50 fine; coach suspended for one game at each level the violation occurred. 2nd Time – Forfeit; \$250 fine; coach suspended for two games at each level the violation occurred. 3rd Time – Forfeit; \$500 fine; coach suspended for four games at each level the violation occurred.

The SCIAA urges coaches to check with opposing team between each inning to ensure pitch counts are the same. If you see a coach not charting pitch counts, please make note of it on your sheet and contact the SCIAA Office the next day, willisrh@scsk12.org.

TSSAA FAQ's to Highlight

Schools Which Member Schools May Play or Scrimmage.

Q. What schools may a member school of TSSAA play or scrimmage during regular season?

A. TSSAA member schools may play or scrimmage the following:

1. Any secondary school team with grades 9 and above.
2. An individual home schooled student who might be invited to participate in a track meet, wrestling competition, golf competition, etc. This would primarily apply to individual sports.
3. A home school team in a team sport, such as basketball, baseball, softball, etc., where homeschooled students go together to form a cooperative team.

Q. Who can a member school of TSSAA not play during regular season?

A. Any non-school team. Examples would be a club team, recreational park league team, or any type of independent team.

Varsity Teams

Q. Can a school's junior varsity team participate against another school's varsity team?

A. No. A game is either a varsity game for both teams, a junior varsity game for both teams, or a scrimmage for both teams. An exception may be made by the Executive Director when a school is beginning an athletic program.

SCIAA Rules:

105. Inclement Weather and Postponed Games

- 105.1 Inclement Weather - When school is cancelled because of inclement weather conditions, all athletic events will be postponed. The home school is responsible for notifying officials and calling everyone involved in the contest.
- 105.2 If schools are closed on the day a meeting is to be held, the meeting will be rescheduled by the SCIAA office. Schools will be notified of the new date.
- 105.3 The principal of the home school will contact the principal of the visiting school and they will decide whether the game is to be played or postponed. In the event of disagreement, the decision rests with the Athletic Manager.
- 105.4 If postponed:
- a. The Athletic Manager should be notified of the decision immediately, including the new date and site preference.
 - b. The home school will notify the officials' assigning agent that the game has been postponed.
- 105.5 Guidelines for Forfeiting Athletic Contests

Forfeit - Any game that is cancelled by a school for reasons other than weather related conditions.

- a. To keep from paying a fine, the forfeiting schools must notify the opposing school and the SCIAA office in writing at least 24 hours before the contest.
- b. Officials should be notified of game cancellation by 11:00 a.m. on the day of a scheduled contest. If the school fails to notify the officials, the forfeiting school must pay and will not receive reimbursement from the Athletic Office.
- c. Both schools in a forfeiting situation should send a letter to the SCIAA office and a copy to the opposing school principal.
- d. The fines for forfeiting are two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for major sports, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for minor sports. **Baseball and Softball are both defined as major sports.**
- e. If a school fails to notify the opposing team by 11:00 am in writing on the day of a scheduled contest the forfeiting school must pay the cost of the bus for the visiting team if a bus charge is incurred.
- f. The forfeited game will not be rescheduled.
- g. If there is a continued pattern of forfeiting in any sport, the Athletic Manager may request an explanation.
- h. Any school that has a forfeit situation must notify the SCIAA within 24 hours. Failure to notify the SCIAA in writing will result in a no contest for championship purposes.
- i. A forfeit will remove the forfeiting team from consideration for the SCIAA Championship.

TSSAA 2021 District Alignment and Participation-Baseball & Softball

Region 8		Region 8	Region 8	Region 7	Region 8	
District 15A	District 16A	District 16AA	District 15AA	District 14AAA	District 15AAA	District 16AAA
BTW(SB)	Fairley	Craigmont	Bolton	<i>Arlington</i>	<i>Collierville</i>	Central
Douglass	Freedom Prep	Hamilton	<i>Bolivar</i>	<i>Bartlett</i>	Germantown	East
KIPP (BB)	Hillcrest	MLK Prep	<i>Covington</i>	Cordova	<i>Houston</i>	Overton
Middle College	MSE	Raleigh-Egypt	<i>Fayette-Ware</i>	Kingsbury	Kirby	White Station
MAHS(BB)	Oakhaven (SB)	Melrose	<i>Haywood</i>		Ridgeway	Whitehaven
Manassas (SB)	PCA	Mitchell	<i>Millington</i>		Southwind	
Trezevant	Westwood	Sheffield	<i>Ripley</i>			
MASE		Wooddale				
Crosstown						

District Tournament Sites

Baseball (Last Year)	2021
14AAA- no tournament in 2020	
15AAA- no tournament in 2020	
16AAA- no tournament in 2020	
15AA- no tournament in 2020	
16AA- no tournament in 2020	
15A- no tournament in 2020	
16A- no tournament in 2020	
Softball (Last Year)	2021
14AAA- no tournament in 2020	
15AAA- no tournament in 2020	
16AAA- no tournament in 2020	
15AA- no tournament in 2020	
16AA- no tournament in 2020	
15A- no tournament in 2020	
16A- no tournament in 2020	

Region Tournament Sites

Baseball	Softball
Region 8AAA	Region 8AAA
Region 7AAA	Region 7AAA
Region 8AA	Region 8AA
Region 8A	Region 8A

Tobey Park

2599 Avery Ave.

Behind the SCS Board of Education

Overton High School

Kennedy Park

4575 Raleigh LaGrange Road

Fields 6-9 are the first fields you come to

Fields 1-5 are the last fields

Willow Park

4971 Willow Road

#1 is behind the Community Center and

**NO BUSES OR OTHER
VEHICLES INSIDE ANY
PARK FENCES!!**

Team	Baseball Home Field	Softball Home Field
Bolton	Bolton	Bolton
Cordova	Cordova	Cordova
Kingsbury		Kennedy Park
Germantown	Red Devil Field	Germantown
Southwind	Southwind	Southwind
Kirby	Kirby	Willow Park
Ridgeway	Ridgeway	Ridgeway
Wooddale	Sowell Field	Willow Park
Central	Tobey Legion Field	Tobey Park
East	East	East
Hamilton	Lincoln Park	Tobey Park
Melrose	Orange Mound Park	Tobey Park
Overton	Willow Park #1	Willow Park
Whitehaven	Whitehaven	Whitehaven
White Station	White Station	White Station
Craigmont	Craigmont	Kennedy Park
Fairley	Carruther's Park	Fairley
MLK Prep	MLK Prep	Kennedy Park
Sheffield	Sheffield	Sheffield
Westwood	Westwood	Westwood
Douglass	Douglass	Kennedy Park
KIPP Collegiate	KIPP	-----
Manassas	Manassas	Manassas
Raleigh-Egypt	Raleigh-Egypt	Raleigh-Egypt
Trezevant	Trezevant	Kennedy Park
Mitchell	Mitchell	Carruther's Park
Oakhaven	Oakhaven	Oakhaven
Hillcrest	Graceland Elem.	Carruther's Park
PCA	-----	Willow Park
MAHS		Kennedy Park
MASE	-----	Tobey Park
BTW	Jesse Turner Park	Tobey Park
Middle College	Tobey Legion Field	Middle College
MSE		Willow Park

TSSAA Covid-19 Baseball and Softball Recommendations:

<https://tssaa.org/returntoplay>

2021 Baseball Modifications/Considerations

Face Shields - Per guidance from the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, plastic shields covering the entire face (unless integrated into the face mask and attached to a helmet) shall not be allowed during contests. Their use during practices increases the risk of unintended injury to the person wearing the shield or teammates.

Cloth Facial Coverings - Cloth facial coverings are recommended but not required. Facial coverings must be of one color, not distracting, and no designs. Pitchers cannot wear optic yellow cloth facial coverings. Umpire may wear disposable glove(s) and masks.

Pre-Game Conference - Limit attendees to one coach from each team plus the umpires. Coaches should stay outside the width of the batter's box at home plate, maintaining 6 feet of distance between each person.

Substitutions - The verbal exchange should occur 6 feet from the coach to scorer and opposing team when making lineup changes.

Equipment - Umpires do not handle equipment on the field during play. Contact with the game balls should be as limited as possible.

Coaching - Coaches who wish to discuss a rule or a ruling on the field must maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from the umpire. Base coaches must stay 6 feet from a runner at all times after suspension of play.

Bench and Field Conduct - Players are not permitted to leave the dugout area to congratulate players when scoring or after home runs. The number of individuals in the dugout is dependent on the size of dugout. Players and coaches must maintain 6 feet of social distance. NFHS rules allow for dugouts/designated warm up areas to be extended to provide for social distancing.

Charged Conferences - Coaches holding defensive conferences must stay on the home plate side of the pitcher's circle and the player or players must be on the opposite of the pitcher's circle maintaining the 6 feet distance. No more than 2 players plus the pitcher is allowed. Only one coach is permitted during the conference. If a coach visits the pitcher, all other players should stay outside the pitching circle.

Infractions by the Pitcher – If the pitcher puts his/her hands to their mouth off the mound and touches the ball, "Time" is called, a new ball is inserted and the pitcher must sanitize their hands before throwing the next pitch.

Plate Umpire - Plate umpire should stand deeper than normal to call balls and strikes.

General Considerations:

- Have hand sanitizer and wipes available at the field.
- Wash stations our sanitizer at each dugout.
- No one touches the score sheet except the scorer.

- Disinfect the bench/dugout prior to competition.
- Stagger seating of fans.
- Each team provides sanitized balls (bucket) while on defense.
- Sanitize bases after each contest.

Considerations for Coaches:

- No line-up card exchange.
- Eliminate handshakes post-game.
- Maintain 6' distance between players and umpires.
- No seeds, gum or spitting.
- Evaluate pre-existing health conditions.

Considerations for Players

- No seeds, gum or spitting.
- Players must clean and sanitize equipment after each game.
- Social distancing on the bench and/or dugout.
- No sharing of water bottles.
- No sharing of batting helmets.
- No sharing of catcher's equipment.
- No sharing of bats.
- No physical contact.
- Eliminate handshakes pre and post-game.
- Evaluate pre-existing health conditions.
- Carry hand sanitizer

Considerations for Umpires

- Bring personal hand sanitizer. Wash hands frequently.
- Don't share equipment.
- No touching of baseballs.
- No line-up card exchange.
- The UIC should wear a face mask behind the plate.
- Clean equipment after each game.

- Consider six feet minimum distance when talking to others (players, coaches, other umpires) at plate meeting.
- Do not shake hands with coaches, players, or other umpires upon completion of the ball game.
- Evaluate pre-existing health conditions.

Considerations for Parents

(A family's role in maintaining safety guidelines for themselves and others):

- Provide personal items for your child and clearly label them.
- Disinfect your student's personal equipment after each game or practice.

2021 Girls' Softball Modifications/Considerations

Face Shields - Per guidance from the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, plastic shields covering the entire face (unless integrated into the face mask and attached to a helmet) shall not be allowed during contests. Their use during practices increases the risk of unintended injury to the person wearing the shield or teammates.

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Equipment - Umpires do not handle equipment on the field during play. Contact with the game balls should be as limited as possible.

Coaching - Coaches who wish to discuss a rule or a ruling on the field must maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from the umpire. Base coaches must stay 6 feet from a runner at all times after suspension of play.

Bench and Field Conduct - Players are not permitted to leave the dugout area to congratulate players when scoring or after home runs. The number of individuals in the dugout is dependent on the size of dugout. Players and coaches must maintain 6 feet of social distance. NFHS rules allow for dugouts/designated warm up areas to be extended to provide for social distancing.

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Infractions by the Pitcher - Pitchers are not allowed to put their hands to their mouths or blow into their hands prior to pitching the ball. This will be a "no pitch." Any umpire is permitted to make this call. The ball should be called dead immediately and it will be a "no pitch." Ball goes to the dugout for sanitizing, pitcher sanitizes hands before play continues.

Plate Umpire - Plate umpire should stand deeper than normal to call balls and strikes.

General Considerations:

- Have hand sanitizer and wipes available at the field.
- Wash stations our sanitizer at each dugout.
- No one touches the score sheet except the scorer.
- Disinfect the bench/dugout prior to competition.
- Stagger seating of fans.
- Each team provides sanitized balls (bucket) while on defense.
- Sanitize bases after each contest.

Considerations for Coaches:

- No line-up card exchange.
- Eliminate handshakes post-game.
- Maintain 6' distance between players and umpires.
- No seeds, gum or spitting.
- Evaluate pre-existing health conditions.

Considerations for Players

- No seeds, gum or spitting.
- Players must clean and sanitize equipment after each game.
- Social distancing on the bench and/or dugout.
- No sharing of water bottles.
- No sharing of batting helmets.
- No sharing of catcher's equipment.
- No sharing of bats.
- No physical contact.
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- Bring personal hand sanitizer. Wash hands frequently.
- Don't share equipment.
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- The UIC should wear a face mask behind the plate.
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