

2018 Softball

Classification — based on grades 9-12

5A	1,280 and over	2A	319-160
4A	1,279-640	1A	159 and under
3A	639-320		

2018 Softball Season

First day of practice	February 23
First game	After ten days of practice
Dist. completion date	May 12
State Play-ins	May 12
State Tournament	May 18-19

Game Limitations

A team or individual is limited to 22 games or 20 games plus one tournament (not more than 4 game tournament). If a school loses a scheduled tournament game or a school is unable to attend a tournament due to reasons beyond their control, the school can reschedule lost games. A contestant who exceeds the limitations of regular season participation will become ineligible for district, state or any other additional IHSAA sponsored competition of that sport.

Rules

All Idaho contests will be played under National Federation (NFHS) Softball Rules. Rules books and case books will be distributed to school representatives at the district rules clinics.

Idaho Rules Modifications

NFHS rules shall be followed, except as modified by the IHSAA Board of Directors. IHSAA modifications:

- Length of game:** This rule is in effect at the state tournament except during 5A, 4A, 3A 2A games #14 and #15 and 1A games #6 and #7. All varsity games shall be seven innings with the exception of the 10/15-run rule. A game shall end any time after the fifth inning when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat. Fast pitch games may also be terminated by mutual agreement of both coaches prior to the start of the contest and acknowledged by the umpire-in-chief under the following conditions:
 - When a team is ahead by 15 runs after three innings of play.
 - When a game exceeds the time limit of 1 ½ hours.
- Called game:** If weather or darkness causes a tied game to be called, such game shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time.
 - If a game is called before five full innings have been played and the score is not tied, such game shall also be considered a suspended game, unless the home team has scored a 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, in which case it is a regulation game.
 - If a game is called after play has gone beyond five full innings, the score is not tied, and the teams have had an equal number of completed turns at bat, it is a regulation game. The final score shall be recorded when the game is called.
- Baseline:** The baseline shall be 60 feet.

- Ball:** A 12" ball shall be used. The yellow optic ball may be used in fast pitch for league play and district tournaments, and the official ball – Dudley Thunder Heat WT-12-Y-FP. – will be used at all play-in and state tournament competition.
- Tie-Break procedure:** Each half-inning begins by placing a runner on second base. That runner is the player in the batting order who precedes the lead-off batter in the inning. The game then proceeds a full inning or until a winner is determined in that inning. This procedure shall start at the beginning of the eighth inning or at the game time limit previously agreed upon by both coaches.

Umpires

IHSAA certified umpires must be used for all interschool contests. Two umpires should be used at all games.

2018 State Tournament

Dates:	May 18-19
Sites:	5A Highland High School
	4A Blackfoot High School
	3A Bonneville High School
	2A Pocatello High School
	1A Quad Park, Caldwell

Number of Participants

At play-in and state tournament games, a maximum of seventeen players may be in uniform at the start of the contest. Violation of this rule will result in the school being assessed a maximum fine for dressing more than the approved number of players at a state play-in or tournament game with forfeiture of the game if excess numbers play. All classifications will be allowed four coaches and three support personnel to be admitted without an IHSAA card or tournament pass. Any coaches or support personnel exceeding that number must have either an IHSAA card or purchase a tournament pass.

Determining Home Team

At state play-in games, the home team shall be determined by the flip of a coin. At the state tournament, the home team for round one games shall be the team on the top of the bracket. In subsequent rounds, the home team shall be determined by the flip of a coin. The home team dugout shall be on the first base side.

Home Run Fence

When state fast pitch tournaments are held at fields that do not meet NFHS standard distance for the home run fence, a fence shall be installed at 210', if possible.

Play-in Game Option

Play-in games may be played just prior to the first game of the state tournament. The winner of that game qualifies as one of the eight teams in the state tournament. The loser is eliminated from further state competition.

2018 Softball Representation

5A		4A			
Dist. I-II	1.5	Dist. I-II	1		
Dist. III	4.5	Dist. III	3		
Dist. V-VI	2	Dist. IV	2		
		Dist. V-VI	2		
3A		2A		1A	
Dist. I-II	1.5	Dist. I-II	1	Dist. II	3
Dist. III	2	Dist. III	2.5	Dist. III-IV	3
Dist. IV	1.5	Dist. IV	.5		
Dist. V	1.5	Dist. V	2		
Dist. VI	1.5	Dist. VI	2		

State Play-ins

5A Play-in
 1-2B Lewiston HS
 12 p.m.
 3E Sat., May 12

3A Play-in
 1-2B Lewiston HS
 2 p.m. Pacific
 4B Sat., May 12

5B Blackfoot HS
 2 p.m.
 6B Sat., May 12

2A Play-in
 3C Mountain Home HS
 2 p.m.
 4A Sat., May 12

2018 State Tournament Pairings

5A		4A			
1-2A		1-2A			
3D		3B			
5-6A		5-6A			
3B		4B			
3A		4A			
1-2B/3E		3C			
5-6B		3A			
3C		5-6B			
3A		2A		1A	
1A		6A		2A	
3B		3C/4A		3B	
6A		5A		2C	
4A		3B		3A	
5A		1-2A		2B	
1B/4B		5B		3C	
3A		3A			
5B / 6B		6B			