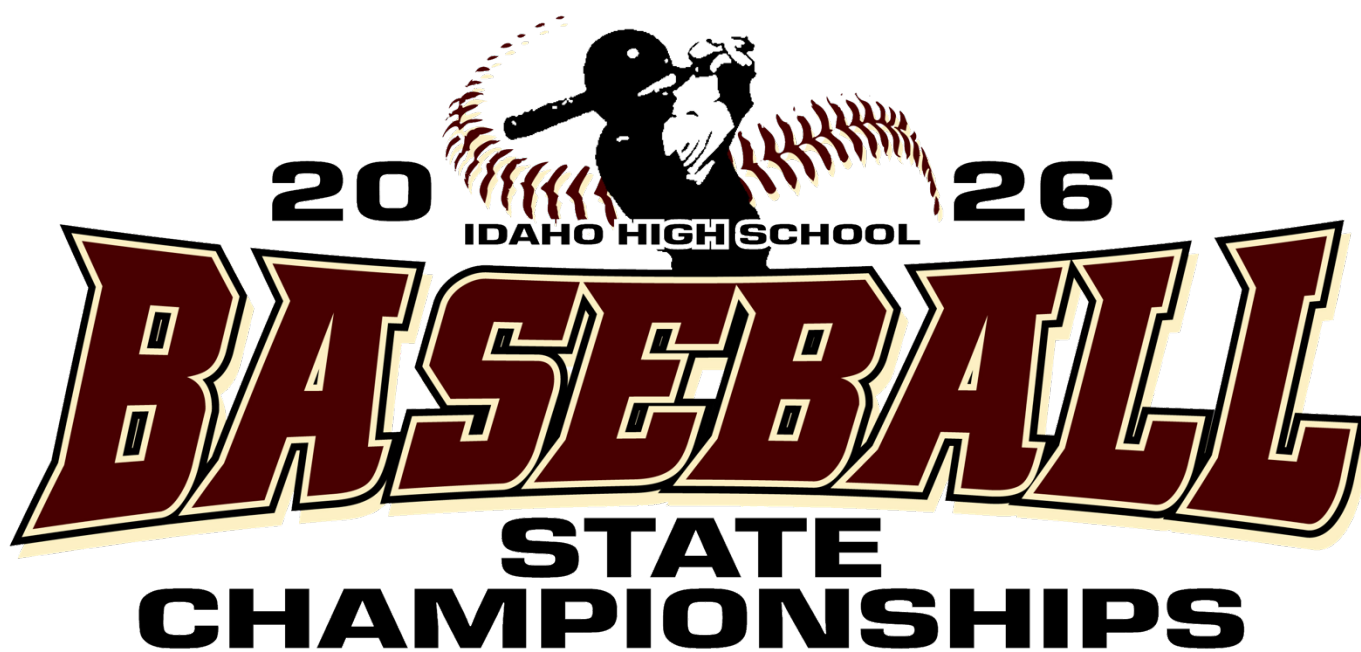


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State Baseball  
Tournament Manual



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# 2026 STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT MANUAL

## WELCOME

Welcome to the State Baseball Tournament. The Idaho High School Activities Association is proud to sponsor this tournament and we hope it will be an enjoyable, educational, and memorable experience for all players, coaches, and fans. Thank you for supporting Idaho high school activities.

This manual includes policies and procedures for the State Baseball Tournament.

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## Pre-Tournament School Responsibilities

### **Coaches’ Meeting**

A pre-tournament meeting for all classifications will be scheduled by the tournament managers. All participating schools should be represented at the pre-tournament meeting, as important tournament details will be discussed.

## TEAM SWEATSHIRTS ARE PROVIDED FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TEAMS

### Rosters, Team Pictures & Dairy West Sweatshirt Orders

- **Update Team Roster & Upload Team Photo on MaxPreps (Deadline May 4<sup>th</sup>)**
  - Go to MaxPreps.com and sign into your School Administrator Account
  - On the left side of the page CLICK “Manage Teams”
  - Locate appropriate sport and CLICK “Manage” - SELECT “Varsity”
  - Select “Login to Coach Admin”
  - On the right side of the page, CLICK “Update your Roster”
    - UPDATE Final State Roster – this information will be used by the IHSAA to create your state tournament roster
  - Return to the Coach Admin Page
  - On the right side of the page, CLICK “Photo” box
    - UPLOAD and SUBMIT team picture
- **Submit roster and sweatshirt order at [www.idhsaa.org](http://www.idhsaa.org)**
- **Sweatshirts are given to the teams that qualify for the State Championship Series**
  - Under the “Schools” tab CLICK “Rosters”
  - Log in with Username and Password used to update school directory
  - Select appropriate activity
  - Verify School Details – If changes are needed; CLICK “Edit My School” If correct; CLICK “My School is Correct”
  - Add Assistant Coaches
  - Complete and Verify Roster Form
  - **\*\*Only the sports of Football and Basketball Complete “Season Results”**
  - Submit Sweatshirt Order – The total number of shirts requested must be no more than the number of participants listed on the roster. **\*\* To purchase additional sweatshirts, contact Ben at McU Sports [ben@mcusports.com](mailto:ben@mcusports.com)**
  - SUBMIT FORM

## Baseball Championship Sites/Dates/Managers

May 14-16, 2026

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IHSAA Assistant Executive Director  
(208) 375-7027

### 6A

Memorial Stadium  
5600 N. Glenwood St.  
Garden City, ID 83714  
Mgr: Tony Brulotte, Eagle HS  
Ph: 208-350-4235

### 5A

Melaleuca Field  
900 Jim Garchow Way  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402  
Mgr: Nick Birch, Idaho Falls HS  
Ph: 208-525-7798

### 4A

Skip Walker Field  
College of Southern Idaho  
1092 Frontier Road  
Twin Falls, ID 83301  
Mgr, Shaun Walker, Twin Falls HS  
208-733-6551

### 3A

Wolfe Field  
2420 Griffith's Pkwy.  
Caldwell, ID 83605  
Mgr: Jon Hallock, Caldwell HS  
Ph: 208-455-3304

### 2A

Capital High School  
8055 West Goddard Road  
Boise, ID 83704  
Mgr: Allen Hutchens, Clearwater Valley HS  
Ph: 208-926-4511

## 2026 Baseball Representation

<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>2A</u>
District I 1	District I-II 1	District I 1	District I-II 2	District II 2
District III 5	District III 2	District III 2	District III 2	District III-IV 2
District IV-V-VI 2	District IV 2	District IV 1	District IV-V 2	*4 At-Large
*4 At-Large	District V 1	District V 1	District VI 2	
	District VI 2	District VI 1	*4 At-Large	
	*4 At-Large	*2 At-Large		

## 2026 State Regional Series

*Host site manager meeting for all host AD's will be held Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm Mountain Time via zoom*

### 6A

3-Team Play-In Format  
 Double Elimination Qualifier  
 Winner of State Regional Series Advances to State Championships  
 District Champions Host State Regional Series  
     North Host           District I  
     West Host            District III (2 hosts)  
     East Host             District IV-V-VI  
 3 Tier System (MaxPreps) for Play-in Bracketing  
     Tier 1                1-4 seeds  
     Tier 2                5-8 seeds  
     Tier 3                9-12 seeds

### 5A

3-Team Play-In Format  
 Double Elimination Qualifier  
 Winner of State Regional Series Advances to State Championships  
 District Champions Host State Regional Series  
     North Host           District I-II  
     West Host            District III  
     South Host           District IV  
     \*East Host            District V-VI  
     \*Highest ranked district champion of 5-6  
 3 Tier System (MaxPreps) for Play-in Bracketing  
     Tier 1                1-4 seeds  
     Tier 2                5-8 seeds  
     Tier 3                9-12 seeds

### 4A

2-Team Play-In Format  
 Best 2/3 Game Qualifier  
 Winner of State Regional Series Advances to State Championships  
 Play-In Game Host State Regional Series  
     Top 4 ranked (MaxPreps) District Champions  
 Opponents will be based on final Idaho (MaxPreps)  
 Rankings vs. District Champion Hosts

### 3A

3-Team Play-In Format  
 Double Elimination Qualifier  
 Winner of State Regional Series Advances to State Championships  
 District Champions Host State Regional Series  
     North Host           District I-II  
     West Host            District III  
     \*South Host           District IV-V  
     \*Highest ranked district champion of 4-5  
     East Host             District VI  
 3 Tier System (MaxPreps) for Play-in Bracketing  
     Tier 1                1-4 seeds  
     Tier 2                5-8 seeds  
     Tier 3                9-12 seeds

### 2A

2-Team Play-In Format  
 Best 2/3 Game Qualifier  
 Winner of State Regional Series Advances to State Championships  
 District Champions Host State Regional Series  
     North Host           District II  
     South Host            District III-IV  
     Top 2 ranked (MaxPreps) Non-District Champions  
 Opponents will be based on final Idaho (MaxPreps)  
 Rankings vs. District Champion Hosts

## 2026 Championship Series

- 4-Team Double Elimination Tournament
- Based on 4 Play-In Qualifiers
- Seeded by (MaxPreps) Final Idaho Rankings

#2 Seed

#3 Seed

#1 Seed

#4 Seed

## **State Regional Series Admission**

Tickets can be purchased online using the GoFan app on your mobile device.  
Link can be found on the IHSAA homepage at [www.idhsaa.org](http://www.idhsaa.org)

### **Day Ticket – Per Day**

General Admission	\$ 10.00
Discount Ticket	\$ 9.00

## **Championship Series Admission**

Tickets can be purchased online using the GoFan app on your mobile device.  
Link can be found on the IHSAA homepage at [www.idhsaa.org](http://www.idhsaa.org)

### **All Tournament Pass**

General Admission	\$ 27.00*
Discount Ticket	\$ 22.00*

*\*Online only; subject to additional service fees*

### **Day Ticket – Day 1 or Day 2**

General Admission	\$ 10.00
Discount Ticket	\$ 9.00

### **Day Ticket – Day 3**

General Admission	\$ 11.00
Discount Ticket	\$ 10.00

### **NOTE Discount Tickets:**

- Seniors 55 & older
- Students in grades 7-12 with an activity card
- Students in grades 1-6

\*Children 5 & under admitted free

## **Inclement Weather Procedure for State**

In the event the state play-in games and championships cannot take place in its scheduled format, the following procedure will be used:

1. All modifications will be handled in accordance with IHSAA Rule 20.
2. Alternate sites, if available, must be within reasonable distance to the original site so as not to incur additional travel/lodging costs for teams that have traveled.
3. Games will be shortened to 5 innings until the original game schedule can be resumed.
6. The length of championship games will be determined by the host site manager and the IHSAA.
7. If it is not possible to get the games in, the tournament may be cancelled.

## Team Personnel

**Coaches/Support Personnel:** 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.

**Number of Players:** At state regional and state tournament games, a maximum of twenty 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 series or tournament game with forfeiture of the game if excess numbers play.

## Game Policies

### **Pre-Tournament Practice**

Teams who wish to practice in the locale of the state tournament should contact the tournament manager for a site and time.

### **Dressing Rooms**

Due to limited space, teams are encouraged to dress at their hotel. Arrangements can be made to lock up valuables. Facilities are not for storage.

### **Training Room**

Training room facilities and a trainer will be available for special assistance or in case of emergency. However, schools should plan to furnish their own tape and supplies.

### **Determining Home Team**

At state regional and championship series, the home team shall be determined by the MaxPreps end of season higher seed. With exceptions for a higher seeded team losing their seed to a lower seeded team if a head-to-head game is won by the lower seed. The high seed can earn the seed back by winning against the team that was the lower seed. The home team dugout shall be determined by the site manager.

### **Warm-up Between Games**

A ten (10) minute warm-up on the playing diamond will be allowed for each team playing in their first game of each day. All other warm-up times between games will be limited to throwing and stretching at the side of the field near the teams' respective dugouts. The tournament manager will set the length of the warm-up time. In case of inclement weather, the tournament manager may alter warm-up time.

### **Official Ball**

The Official Baseball for all regional and state championships will be the Wilson A1010.

### **Officials/Scorers**

Tournament umpires will be provided and assigned by the IHSAA and the district commissioners. Tournament management will provide official scorers.

### **Official Rules**

All Idaho high school baseball games are governed by the rules of the National Federation of State High School Association and applicable Idaho state modifications.

### **T-shirts & Souvenir Merchandise**

State tournament t-shirts and other souvenir merchandise will be sold at the tournament by McU Sports. Please contact Nancy at McU Sports (208) 342-7734 with questions. (only at State Championships)

## **Programs**

The composition, printing and selling of programs is the responsibility of the IHSAA. Each team will receive one complimentary program in their team packets.

## **National Anthem**

The National Anthem will be played at the start of the state championship game when possible.

## **Lost & Found**

The tournament manager will provide a lost found area. Unclaimed items will be held at the IHSAA Office.

## **Awards**

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth-place teams. Medals will be awarded to members of the championship and runner-up teams.

## **Presentation of Awards**

The fourth-place and third-place trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of those games. The second-place and championship trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the championship game. The runner-up trophy will be awarded and the introduction of players with medal presentation if possible. The same procedure will be followed for the championship trophy and medal presentation.

## **Protests**

The IHSAA Board of Directors does not recognize protests of sports officials' decisions. Correction of errors will be handled in accordance with the NFHS rules.

## **All-Tournament Team**

The IHSAA is philosophically opposed to all-tournament team selections. It is the right of the media to conduct polls and establish rankings. However, the IHSAA will not participate in such selections nor announce them at the tournament.

## **Sportsmanship**

The following sportsmanship rules will be in effect at all IHSAA state play-ins and championship events:

1. Face Painting – Full and/or half face painting is not permitted. Partial face painting is permitted such as small markings on the cheeks, nose, or forehead. Covering the face or head with a mask, or anything that obscures identification, is not permitted. School mascots and halftime performers are excluded.
2. Posters/Banners/Signs – All signs must display only positive support for one's own team.
3. Artificial Noisemakers – Artificial noisemakers are prohibited.
4. Balloons – Balloons are not permitted at any IHSAA state play-in or championship event.
5. Attire – Bare chests are not permitted. Shirts must be worn.
6. Inappropriate Behavior – Throwing objects onto (or entering) the playing area before, during or after a contest and verbal harassment or derogatory remarks directed toward an opponent or official are not permitted.

## **Crowd Control**

Each school is responsible for the conduct of its students and adult fans. IHSAA rules require schools to provide close supervision at all contests and asks for support and cooperation of administrators in enforcing the following rules:

1. No one other than authorized individuals will be allowed on the field or in restricted areas.
2. Persons who enter the field or restricted areas will be removed from the premises for the remainder of the tournament.

## **IHSAA Sportsmanship T-Shirts**

At all first-round games of the state baseball championships, sportsmanship t-shirts are presented to an adult booster of each school who has consistently exhibited exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season.

## School Wide Sportsmanship Award

A sportsmanship award is presented at the Baseball State Tournament to the school in each classification that exhibits the best sportsmanship. Schools are judged before, during and after games throughout the tournament using the following criteria:

### Team and Coach

- Attitude displayed by players, coaches and bench personnel
- Respect for the flag, national anthem, opponents and officials

### Administrators

- Appropriate and effective supervision of students

### Students

- Respect for the flag, national anthem, opponents, and officials
- Courtesy towards opponents and tournament management
- Choice and timing of chants, cheers; crowd control
- Avoidance of unsportsmanlike behavior (listed below)

### Adult Fans

- Respect for the flag, national anthem, opponents, and officials
- Courtesy toward opponents and tournament management
- Avoidance of inappropriate behavior. (listed below)
- Following IHSAA State Tournament Sportsmanship Rules

### Inappropriate Behavior

- Displaying signs that are directed toward opponents, negative, vulgar, or display poor sportsmanship
- Throwing objects onto the playing area; creating distractions during introductions of opponents or while serving
- Derogatory/harassing remarks that are directed towards opponents or officials

### Littering

Teams are responsible to pick up litter from the dugout and on the playing field. Schools should assist tournament managers in keeping the facility clean, by closely supervising student sections.

## 2026 State Tournament Pitch Count Rules

1. No pitcher may throw more than 110 pitches in a game or day if the team is playing a doubleheader. Only a starting pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter only when they hit the maximum limit (110 in varsity play; 85 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat but must exit the position after the hitter. Once a non-starter reaches a pitch limit, they do NOT get the opportunity to finish an at bat.
2. A pitcher cannot throw three consecutive days no matter how many pitches they have combined to throw the previous two days.
3. No varsity pitcher can throw more than 100 pitches over two consecutive days. No sub-varsity pitcher can throw more than 60 pitches over two days. Pitchers are NOT allowed to finish a batter once they reach the limit over a two-day period. That limit will result in two days of mandated rest. (Note: Swing players who play multiple days at multiple levels should combine pitches thrown and use the VARSITY chart for mandated rest.)
4. Below are the required number of rest days:

<u>PITCHES</u>	<u>REQUIRED REST</u>
86-110	3 Days
61-85	2 Days
36-60	1 Day
1-35	0 Days

**\*Required Days rest is a complete calendar day**

EXAMPLE: If a pitcher throws more than 86 pitches on Tuesday, they would be able to pitch again on Saturday. Resting on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

5. If a school/pitcher violates the pitching rules, the game in which the violation occurred will result in a forfeit.
6. During each contest, the site manager is responsible for the official book. A record of pitches will be recorded and verified after each full inning.

### **High School Media Credential Protocol**

Members of the school media (school newspaper/yearbook) will be issued IHSAA tournament credentials by the school's Athletic Director and must comply with mainstream media guidelines (see Media page on the IHSAA website).

### **Broadcasting/Webcasting**

Live video and audio broadcasting of IHSAA State events (full or condensed versions) is strictly prohibited and in direct violation of the IHSAA's agreement with the NFHS Network and Idaho Sports.com.

**Broadcasting or streaming events declined by the NFHS Network and/or Idaho Sports.com must be approved by the Idaho High School Activities Association and each member school that is participating in this event.**

IHSAA Webcast Partner: [NFHS Network](#) - Exclusive video broadcast rights of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events are contracted through the NFHS Network. Permission for cable operators, newspapers, radio stations, television stations, school broadcasting, private individual or Internet sites in relation to video broadcast of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events must be done by contacting NFHS Network. Credentials will not be granted to media not receiving clearance from the IHSAA through NFHS Network.

IHSAA Audio Webcast Partner: [IdahoSports.com](#) - Exclusive audio broadcast rights of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events are contracted through IdahoSports.com. Permission for cable operators, newspapers, radio stations, television stations, school broadcasting, private individual or Internet sites in relation to audio webcast of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events must be done by contacting Paul Kingsbury at IdahoSports.com. Credentials will not be granted to media not receiving clearance from the IHSAA through IdahoSports.com.

Terrestrial radio broadcast requests need to be approved, prior to the start of the tournament, by submitting an IHSAA Radio Broadcast Contract to the IHSAA.