

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2025 State Softball Tournament
Class A and Class B - Aberdeen - Players Complex

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Kristina Sage, SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director
Randy Soma, SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director
Dawn Seiler, Aberdeen Central HS Athletic Director

HOST VENUE:

Aberdeen Players Softball Complex

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

1. Practice Sessions

A practice session for your team has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 4. The practice times are listed below. Each team has the field for 55 minutes.

9:00 – 10:00 – Closest School	1:00 - 2:00 – Next Closest
10:00 - 11:00 – Next Closest	2:00 - 3:00 – Next Closest
11:00 - 12:00 – Next Closest	3:00 - 4:00 – Next Closest
12:00 – 1:00 – Next Closest	4:00 - 5:00 – Longest Distance

Note: Please check the SDHSAA website following the SoDak 16 for practice schedule (www.sdhsaa.com) Teams may trade practice times but must notify the host school tournament director, Dawn Seiler.

2. Coaches Meeting

There will be a coaches meeting for all coaches on **Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00 pm. Site is upstairs at the Malchow Plaza (506 S Main St).** The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with your team packets that will have information pertaining to the state tournament and instructions along with your team passes.

3. Equipment

Each team will need to bring all the necessary equipment for practice and game purposes. The only things supplied by the host site will be the game balls, softball diamonds and field necessities.

4. Bus Parking and Team Entrance

Players Complex (Class A and Class B): Entrance for teams, umpire, and media will all use east gate entrance into the softball complex. Buses will park in the east parking lot. Players must have their player pass wristband to enter during the tournament.

5. Team Lodging

Team lodging has been arranged for participating teams at the following hotels.

Class B Aberdeen Ramkota Hotel.

Class A – Seeds 1 and 2 at the Fairfield Inn; Seeds 3-8 at the Hampton Inn.

Each participating team has 9-10 rooms reserved for its needs for Wednesday through Friday night. If you would like to stay on Saturday, it is your responsibility to book the room for the additional night. It is also your responsibility to contact the hotel and make payment arrangements for your rooms, as well as cancel any rooms that you do not need.

6. TOURNAMENT WARMUP PRIOR TO EACH GAME

Class A will have two designated game fields (C-D) and Class B will have two designated game fields (A-B). Each class will alternate fields as to which diamond will be used so field prep will be completed and games will start on time. Game warmup will take place on the warmup field. No infield on game field. No hitting drills into the fences.

7. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A regulation contest of 7 innings will be played for all contests unless the run rule after 3 innings (15-run rule) or 5 innings (10-run rule) is applicable. If the game is suspended before seven innings, the game will be continued at the point of suspension when conditions permit. Games may be shortened due to inclement weather. That decision will rest with the Tournament Directors.

8. OFFICIAL SQUAD

- Your roster is the **on-line form** on the SDHSAA website.
- A team's state roster is the same as the SoDak 16 roster.
- The roster may include as many names on it as you wish, but a school may only dress 16 for a contest.

Only 16 players can suit up in a school issued uniform for any one game during the tournament. These 16 players can change each game if necessary. Only rostered participants should be in the dugout.

9. Program and Media Guide Information

All PROGRAM information is due Wednesday, May 28. The program printers will need a labeled team picture, and a coach picture for the program.

All Media/Stats Guide info is due on May 28. This is your regular season stats. Please note where each of the above needs to be sent to the website.

Here is the link to access the information and where it needs to be sent:

<https://www.sdhsaa.com/sb-program-media-guide/>

Any qualifying school which fails to comply will be assessed a \$50.00 fine.

10. Substitutions/Scratch List

The State Tournament Director must be notified of a substitution. It is not necessary for a coach to verify each day the 16 players who will be playing in the game, unless it is necessary to draw upon a player whose name was not on the original list.

11. Passes/Tickets for the Competing Schools

For each school qualifying for the tournament, complimentary tickets will be provided as follows:

- **Players/Student Managers:** 20 passes will be issued for players, student managers, statisticians, etc. (given at tournament in team packet)
- **Coaches:** 6 adult passes will be issued to be used for coaches and adult personnel assisting in dugout duties -includes trainer (given at tournament in team packet)
- **Bus Driver:** One bus driver pass (labeled and given at tournament in team packet)
- **School:** Eight (8) season complimentary tickets to each school. (these were given to you following your SoDak 16 contest)

12. Tickets for Qualifying Schools

Tickets will be sold at the complex. Tickets may also be purchased online. There will be no

advanced sales to the qualifying school. Upon the purchase of the event, each person will receive a wristband, which will allow fans admittance to either field for that day of the tournament, depending on the type of ticket purchased.

<u>Ticket Prices for Tournament</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Single Day Pass	\$10.00	\$15.00
All Tournament Pass (all three days)	\$30.00	\$45.00

All tickets are general admission. Feel free to bring lawn chairs for viewing. Proper student identification must be shown to purchase student tickets. Tickets are for High School, Jr. High and elementary students only.

13. NO Coolers will be allowed at either facility.

Water coolers will be provided on each bench for the teams.

14. SDHSAA Tournament Headquarters

The State Association Headquarters during the tournament will be at Players Complex.

15. Tournament Pairing/Schedule/Starting Times

The pairings are as follows:

Thursday, June 5	10:00 a.m.	Seed 1 vs Seed 8
Thursday, June 5	12:00 p.m.	Seed 4 vs Seed 5
Thursday, June 5	2:00 p.m.	Seed 2 vs Seed 7
Thursday, June 5	4:00 p.m.	Seed 3 vs Seed 6

Games will move ahead of schedule where possible but will not start any earlier than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start times. Games will also move ahead of schedule should the weather become an issue. Consolation round contests may be shortened due to inclement weather. **High Seed will be the home team** and have the 3rd baseline dugout. Gates are open at 9 am each day.

16. Video Taping Policy

The following is taken from the SDHSAA videotaping policy as printed in the General section of the Handbook. For the complete policy, refer to the Handbook.

Video Taping Policy - At State Events

- A. Provided that videotaping is not intended for broadcasting, participating schools may videotape the game or event that involves their team or athletes.
- B. Upon advising the SDHSAA and the team(s) and/or individuals involved in a specific state event, schools may videotape other teams and/or individuals for scouting purposes at said state event.
- C. Parents or guardians may videotape the game or event that involves their own daughter.

17. Presentation of Awards

All awards will be presented at the conclusion of each game on Saturday. Teams will line up on their respective sidelines and be presented medals and plaque/trophy immediately following each game. Details will be provided for each team during the coaches meeting.

The SDHSAA will award four team trophies and four plaques.

- Trophies will go to the following:
 - championship team
 - runner-up team

- third place team
- consolation championship team
- The other four teams will receive plaques to show participation in the tournament.
- Twenty individual medals will be given to each team.

The maximum number of student names to be read at the State Softball Awards ceremony is at the discretion of the participating schools.

Award Protocol. All fans will be expected to remain off the playing field. Failure to remain off the playing field will result in the offending team not being recognized by the public address announcer. Medals and trophy will be awarded to school personnel following the awards ceremony. **Fans can gather outside of the fenced areas after the contest for further team pictures.**

The South Dakota Coaches Association will present to 12 individuals from each class an All-Tournament Plaque. These athletes will be determined by a pool of coaches to determine who makes the All-Tournament team.

18. State Tournament Regulations for Fans

Sportsmanship/Conduct - Administrators responsibility. No signs, banners or mechanical noisemakers allowed no jumping on bleachers, other rules & regulations. **Review regulations published in the general section of handbook** for both adult fans and student body.

19. Tournament Expenses

Each team entered in the State Tournament shall pay all its own expenses.

20. High School Student and Adult Press Pass Request

To request a High School Press Pass or Adult Press Pass, log into your school dashboard, click on the SD Icon on the left side bar, and on the forms page, under Journalism click on the link that says Student Press and Adult Press Pass Request. **These are due no later than 1:00 p.m. on the Monday Prior to the state event.** Students' names must be listed on the school's journalism roster on the SDHSAA website. If school journalism roster has not been submitted on the SDHSAA website, press passes will NOT be issued to that school.

Media Entrance will be at the South Entrance Ticket/Media Gate at Players Complex.

Gate Openings: Ticket Sales and Pass Gate

Thursday, June 5	9:00 a.m.
Friday, June 6	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 7	9:00 a.m.