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36th ANNUAL GIRLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
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2008 TOURNAMENT RULES

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THE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION IS ARRANGED IN TWELVE (12) SECTIONS.

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1.0 **DIVISIONS**

1.1 Only institutional members of the Conference may enter this tournament which will be in four (4) divisions. Placement of schools has been based on the girl enrollment for 2006-07:

LL -- 494 - over	M -- 234 - 361
L -- 362 - 493	S -- Up to 233

1.2 The 2008 Softball Championships will be played using an Open Tournament format.

2.0 **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

2.1 **SCHEDULE** -- Must be completed and submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by February 7, 2008. Games added to the schedule after April 2 will not count for tournament qualification.

2.2 **CHANGE OF DIVISION FORM** -- Optional, if filed via the password-protected online eligibility center by March 30, 2008.

2.3 **SITE AVAILABILITY FORM** -- Must be filed via the password-protected online eligibility center by March 30, 2008.

2.4 **TOURNAMENT ROSTERS** -- Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by Friday, May 16, 2008. Any request for changes after the initial roster is submitted must be made before the first CIAC tournament game on a "support ticket" via the online eligibility center.

2.5 **GAME SCORES** -- Must be submitted on a weekly basis (scores for all games through a Saturday must be entered no later than the following Monday via the password-protected online eligibility center. **LIST SCORES FOR ENTIRE SCHEDULE INCLUDING FORFEITS AND CANCELLATIONS.**

FINAL GAME SCORES -- Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Thursday, May 22, 2008 MUST BE THE FINAL DAY TO COUNT FOR TOURNAMENT. **All games played on May 22 must be started by 4:00 p.m. The score of games played on that day must be reported via the password-protected online eligibility center immediately following the game.**

2.6 **ENTRY FEE** -- There is a \$60 entry fee for softball. Entry fee should be mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.

2.7 **QUALIFYING RECORD** -- Win 40% of games against member schools, and eligible out-of-state schools.

3.0 **EXPENSES/TICKETS**

3.1 Expenses for all GAMES EXCEPT THE STATE QUARTER-FINAL GAMES AT WHICH CIAC TICKETS ARE NOT SOLD, SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL GAMES will be borne by the participating teams. The host team will pay all game expenses including officials and shall provide the site director who should be someone other than the coach. The visiting team will pay its own traveling expenses.

3.2 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.

3.3 The Softball Committee will pay all game expenses directly associated with the staging of ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES AT WHICH CIAC TICKETS ARE SOLD.

- 3.4 Charges for admission to CIAC tournament games:
 Free -- Children five (5) and under
 \$5.00 -- Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)
 \$5.00 -- Students (grades 1-12)
 \$7.00 -- Adults (all others not in the above categories)
- 3.5 If in the qualifying, first round, second round or quarter-final games schools wish to charge admission they should notify the Principal and Athletic Director of the visiting school in advance. **Schools are encouraged to sell tickets at quarter-final games. If tickets are sold, all game expenses will be borne by the CIAC. The CIAC must be notified by 10:00 a.m. on the day after the second round.**
- 3.6 During the 2008 Tournament, the following passes will be honored at all games where an admission is charged.
- CIAC Softball Pass (softball coaches must request from CIAC and provide a self-addressed stamped envelope)
 - All school administrators and athletic directors with proper identification. They must identify themselves to the site director and be willing to help with crowd control.
 - CIAC softball officials membership card
 - Press Card

No other complimentary admissions will be permitted.

4.0 **FORFEITS**

- 4.1 Member schools will be required to submit regular season schedules for all sports controlled by CIAC in which member schools participate. Determination of forfeitures will be based on this schedule.
- A forfeit game shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and as a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualifications and ratings. For tournament qualifications only the following reasons for a forfeit shall be accepted.
- 4.2 A team shall forfeit a game or games if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.
- 4.3 A team shall forfeit a game if the game official declares the game a forfeit as a result of a National Federation rule violation, or a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the game official.
- 4.4 Forfeitures will be honored by each CIAC sports committee when there is mutual agreement between the Principals of the two schools involved in the game not played. **Each principal must submit** on the official CIAC Canceled Game - Forfeiture Form his/her decision and it must be received in the CIAC office within 72 hours following the time of the scheduled contest. On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures (72 hours) if a question of team forfeiture arises the Executive Director or his designee, in consultation with the Chairman of the sports committee affected and the Principals of the two schools will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interests of the tournament as a whole.
- 4.5 All games listed on the original schedule and submitted to the CIAC which are not played and have not been forfeited in accordance with this policy will be considered by each sport committee as No Contest and shall not count for tournament qualification and ratings unless it affects the minimum number of games required to qualify for tournament participation. In this instance the sport committee shall review the evidence submitted by the teams involved and may grant an exception from the minimum game number requirement. The minimum winning percentage as determined by the individual sports committee must be met under all circumstances.

5.0 **OFFICIALS**

- 5.1 By May 1, 2008, each varsity head coach, regardless of his won or loss record, should submit via the password-protected online eligibility center -- a list of up to four (4) umpires from the master list whose services you reject. From this list a MASTER LIST OF UMPIRES will be developed.
- 5.2 A MASTER LIST OF OFFICIALS will be distributed to participating schools via the CIAC password protected web site on Friday, May 23, 2008.
- 5.3 From the MASTER LIST OF UMPIRES, the higher ranked team will select the two umpires for qualifying, first round and second round games. **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE VISITING TEAM COACH CONTACT THE HOME TEAM COACH TO VERIFY OFFICIALS.** In the event no agreement is reached, the Umpire Coordinator will decide, and that decision will be final.
- 5.4 Beginning with the quarter-final games, the umpire coordinator will assign umpires for all games, using the Master List of Umpires as the source.
- 5.5 Identity of the Umpires assigned games by the Umpire Coordinator will not be disclosed prior to the game.

6.0 **PROTESTS**

- 6.1 Each sports committee will establish a protest committee whose purpose will be to adjudicate all protests relating to the operation of the tournament, including the application and administration of tournament regulations. National Federation or CIAC game rule interpretations and game officials judgments cannot be protested. The Protest Committee for each sport shall consist of the Assistant Executive Director for CIAC, the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, an administrator member of the sports Committee, the Tournament Director, and the Coaches' Chairman on the sport Committee. All Protest Committee decisions are appealable to the CIAC Board of Control as provided in the CIAC By-laws.
- 6.2 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and Board of Control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament as a whole.
- 6.3 **DECISIONS BY GAME OFFICIALS** -- Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the National Federation or CIAC game rules by officials during the contest will not be considered. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the officials are final.

The record of the official scorekeeper at the conclusion of the contest is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific contest rules.

Any team leaving the contest area before the conclusion of the contest because of dissatisfaction with the officiating will render the school liable to disciplinary action by the Conference.

7.0 **QUALIFYING**

- 7.1 To be eligible for consideration in the tournament, a team must play a minimum of twelve (12) games **AGAINST VARSITY OPPONENTS** and have won 40% of its approved scheduled games played. Only the first two games played with any single opponent will be included in the twelve (12) games.
- 7.2 Only games played with Conference member schools, or Region I out-of-state schools who are members of their state athletic association shall be considered.

7.3 Games played with non-member Connecticut secondary schools shall not be considered in the rating of teams.

8.0 **RANKING/SEEDING**

8.1 The rating of teams shall be determined by the percentage method: the number of games won divided by the number of games played.

8.2 When more than one team is undefeated, the team with the most wins WILL be ranked first.

8.3 In case of ties the Committee will determine the rankings in the following order:

- 1) most wins
- 2) by lot

8.4 A TEAM MAINTAINS ITS INITIAL PERCENTAGE RANKING THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.

8.5 In case more than thirty-two (32) teams qualify, a qualifying round game will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2008.

8.6 Order of play if more than 32 teams qualify for the tournament in any division.

If 33 teams	If 34 teams	If 35 teams	If 36 teams
32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33
	31 vs 34	31 vs 34	31 vs 34
		30 vs 35	30 vs 35
			29 vs 36

8.7 In case there are not thirty-two (32) teams that qualify, byes will be awarded to the appropriate number of higher ranked teams.

8.8 **Tournament Format:**

<u>First Round</u>	<u>Second Round</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	<u>Semi-finals</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1 vs 32				
16 vs 17	1 vs 16			
8 vs 25		1 vs 8		
9 vs 24	8 vs 9		1 vs 4	
4 vs 29				
13 vs 20	4 vs 13			
5 vs 28		4 vs 5		
12 vs 21	5 vs 12			
2 vs 31				1 vs 2
15 vs 18	2 vs 15			
7 vs 26		2 vs 7		
10 vs 23	7 vs 10			
3 vs 30			2 vs 3	
14 vs 19	3 vs 14			
6 vs 28		3 vs 6		
11 vs 22	6 vs 11			

8.9 **Ranking and Pairing information will be distributed** to coaches via the CIAC web site -- casciac.org on Friday, May 23, 2008.

9.0 **SITES AND DATES**

9.1 Member schools may start practice on but not before Monday, March 17, 2008.

9.2 Member schools may play the first game on but not before Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

9.3 **Scheduled Playing Dates for the 2008 Softball Tournament**

Saturday, May 24	Qualifying Round
Week of Tuesday, May 27	First Round and Second Round Games
Friday, May 30	State Quarter-finals
Saturday, May 31	State Quarter-finals (Rain date)
Monday, Tuesday, June 2, 3	State Semi-finals
Friday & Saturday, June 6, 7	State Finals -- DeLuca Field, Stratford
Sunday, June 8	Rain date for State Finals

9.4 In the event of inclement weather, the site director has the authority to postpone the game. **THE SITE DIRECTOR MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.** The postponed game will be played on the next day excluding Sunday, except in the case of the Final games.

9.5 All qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games will be played on the field of the higher ranked team based on the ORIGINAL PERCENTAGE RANKINGS. The host school shall provide a site director who should be someone other than the coach. In the event of consecutive day postponed preliminary, first round, second round and quarter-final games, the tournament director has the authority to select another site if the higher ranked field is not playable, and the higher ranked team cannot find a suitable site.

9.6 The Tournament Director will determine the sites and times for all state semi-finals and state finals. Night games may be scheduled. The Tournament Director will designate the site director.

10.0 **SUPERVISION/SPORTSMANSHIP**

10.1 **IN THE INTEREST OF CROWD CONTROL AND PROPER SUPERVISION THE CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL HAS APPROVED THE TOURNAMENT REGULATION REQUIRING THE PRINCIPAL OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO ATTEND ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES. THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD IDENTIFY HIM/HERSELF TO THE SITE DIRECTOR.**

10.2 When a member school's coach is ejected from a game for an infraction as prescribed by the rules, the game may not continue until the member school replaces the ejected coach with a certified coach. If this cannot be accomplished within 15 minutes after the ejection, the official in charge will declare a forfeit win for the opposing team.

10.3 ***Video Taping by spectators may be done for personal use only and shall not be used for coaching or scouting.*** (Refer to CIAC Handbook)

10.4 Use of tobacco products or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, are not permitted on the field of play, including dugouts, or within the field or park at which a tournament game is scheduled. Many towns, or fields which we use have local ordinances prohibiting use of tobacco products or possession of alcoholic beverages. The principal or his/her designee at the game shall see that this rule is enforced and adhered to by the teams.

10.5 **Banners, signs and noisemakers are NOT permitted at any games.**

10.6 **Bench and Field Conduct**

Personnel -- Only coaches, players, other team members, statisticians, managers and trainers will be allowed in the dugout or bench area.

Conduct -- The above identified personnel shall not be outside the vicinity of the designated dugout (bench) or bull pen area if not a batter, runner, on-deck batter, in the coach's box or one of the nine players on defense.

Violations will be subject to the penalties cited in National Federation Rule 3-3-1 and 3-3-2.

11.0 **TIME OF GAMES**

11.1 **Whenever possible, all first round, second round and quarter-final games will start at 4:00 p.m., except by mutual agreement. All changes in game time must be approved by the tournament director.** If a team's arrival is delayed due to transportation problems the site director should be called and the team will be given a minimum of 30 minutes for warm-up. If rain causes a postponement, games will be played on the next day (excluding Sunday). The site director will have the authority to postpone games in the event of inclement weather, and in the case of a POSTPONED GAME HE/SHE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

12.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

- 12.1 The official National Federation Fast Pitch Rules will prevail for the tournament with the following clarifications or state option.
- 12.2 A CIAC tournament game must be seven (7) innings, or if tied after seven innings must be completed to constitute a legal game. In the event of rain or any other cause which prevents the game from continuing the game will be resumed at the exact point where it left off and will be completed at the first opportunity. **FOR CIAC TOURNAMENT PLAY ONLY (NOT REGULAR SEASON) -- AFTER 4.5 OR 5 INNINGS OF PLAY AND ONE TEAM IS 15 OR MORE RUNS AHEAD, THE MERCY RULE WILL BE INVOKED.**
- 12.3 Beginning with the semi-final games, the umpire must consult with the site director before a game is called because of inclement weather.
- 12.4 **BALL -- *The official ball for the 2008 Tournament will be the Spalding Thunder Heat WT12YFP NFHS Leather - with a labeled 375 compression and 47 core.***
- EACH SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE TWO (2) SPALDING Thunder Heat WT12YFP NFHS LEATHER BALLS FOR THE QUALIFYING GAMES THROUGH SEMI-FINALS GAMES.***
- 12.5 The Softball Committee will provide balls only at the State Finals.
- 12.6 The higher ranked team has the privilege of choosing dugouts or benches. The higher ranked team is the team with the higher percentage ranking in its division.
- 12.7 During qualifying, first round, second round and quarter-final games, the higher ranked team will bat last. During the state semi-finals and finals, the team to bat last will be determined by a flip of a coin. The coin toss shall take place at least 30 minutes before game time by the site director or umpire. The higher ranked team shall have the privilege of calling the coin toss. In the event of a postponed or suspended game, all conditions described herein shall prevail when the game is played or resumed.

- 12.8 **Pre-game procedures** - During infield practice pitchers may be on the mound only to practice fielding, they may not be practicing pitching. The home team will take infield practice for 10 minutes starting 30 minutes prior to game time. The visiting team will take infield practice for 10 minutes starting 20 minutes before game time. No team will be allowed to take batting practice on the infield prior to any tournament game.
- 12.9 The home team scorer will be considered the official scorer through the semi-finals.
- 12.10 In the event of any situation not covered in the rules, the decision of the Committee or its representatives shall be final. Selection of teams and sites by the Committee is final.
- 12.11 **REPORTING OF TOURNAMENT GAMES**

Immediately following a first or second round tournament game:

Coaches of winning LL and L schools will telephone game scores to JUDY SAXTON (Windsor) -- (860) 688-7419.

Coaches of winning M and S schools will telephone game scores to JUDY DEEB (East Lyme) -- (860) 739-2067.

JUDY SAXTON MUST BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ALL OTHER GAMES.

In the event the winning coach cannot make contact with the Committee member named above, for his/her division he/she should call the other committee member.

12.12 **CIAC Late Entry Policy**

- No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
- Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
- All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. **No phone requests will be considered.**

Tournament Regulations Violations: If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

APPENDIX A

2008 SOFTBALL DIVISIONS**LL Division - 494 and Over (40)**

Bridgeport Central	904
Bridgeport - Warren Harding	619
Bristol Central	518
Cheshire	626
Danbury	1055
East Hartford	1001
East Lyme	505
Glastonbury	774
Greenwich	999
Groton - Fitch	497
Hamden	792
Manchester	848
Middletown	521
Monroe - Masuk	572
Naugatuck	524
New Britain	1212
New Haven - Wilbur Cross	497
New Milford	568
Newington	531
Newtown	632
Norwalk	562
Norwalk - Brien McMahon	556
Norwich Free Academy	925
Ridgefield	676
Shelton	609
Simsbury	517
Southington	836
South Windsor	612
Stamford	688
Stamford - Westhill	827
Stratford - Bunnell	529
Torrington	503
Trumbull	789
Wallingford - Lyman Hall	494
Waterbury - Crosby	521
West Hartford - Conard	517
West Hartford - Wm. Hall	586
West Haven	675
Westport - Staples	591
Woodbridge - Amity Reg.	663

L Division - 362 - 493 (40)

Berlin	397
Bethel	380
Branford	441
Bridgeport - Bassick	469
Bristol Eastern	440
Brookfield	363
Darien	409
East Haven	407
Enfield - Enrico Fermi	429
Fairfield - Ludlowe	477
Fairfield - Warde	452
Farmington	487
Guilford	458
Hamden - Sacred Heart Academy	362
Hartford - Bulkeley	435
Hartford Public	407
Hartford - Weaver	373
Hebron - RHAM	366
Ledyard	407
Madison - Daniel Hand	452
Meriden - Maloney	473
Meriden - Platt	403
Middletown - Mercy	486
Milford - Foran	402
Milford - Jonathan Law	381
New Canaan	427
New Haven - Hillhouse	433
North Haven	474
Redding - Joel Barlow	373
Southbury - Pomperaug	484
Storrs - E.O. Smith	491
Vernon - Rockville	470
Waterbury - Kennedy	481
Waterbury - Wilby	447
Waterford	380
Wethersfield	443
Wilton	429
Windsor	479
Woodbury - Nonnewaug	367
Woodstock Academy	447

M Division - 234 - 361 (40)

Ansonia	241
Avon	341
Beacon Falls - Woodland Reg.	304
Bridgeport - Bullard Havens	334
Burlington - Lewis Mills	282
Clinton - Morgan	250
Colchester - Bacon Academy	359
Deep River - Valley Reg.	234
East Hampton	239
Ellington	248
Enfield	334
Griswold	268
Higganum - Haddam-Killingworth	258
Killingly	339
Manchester - East Catholic	270
Milford - Luralton Hall	331
Montville	305
New Fairfield	324
New Haven - Career	301
New London	236
North Branford	261
Plainfield	292
Plainville	331
Rocky Hill	281
Seymour	344
Stamford - Trinity Catholic	250
Stonington	284
Stratford	309
Suffield	357
Tolland	321
Trumbull - St. Joseph	333
Wallingford - Sheehan	361
Waterbury - Holy Cross	290
Watertown	357
W. Hartford - N.W. Catholic	247
Weston	280
Windham	319
Windsor Locks	236
Winsted - N.W. Reg.	324
Wolcott	347

S Division - Up to 233 (57)

Ansonia - Emmett O'Brien	118
Bloomfield	225
Bolton	118
Bridgeport - Kolbe/Cathedral	157
Bristol - St. Paul	88
Canton	188
Chaplin - Parish Hill	78
Coventry	219
Cromwell	213
Danbury - Abbott Tech.	105
Danbury - Immaculate	133
Derby	160
Durham - Cuginchaug	206
East Granby	123
East Haddam - Hale Ray	139
East Windsor	185
Fairfield - Notre Dame Catholic	207
Falls Village - Housatonic Valley	213
Granby Memorial	230
Groton - Grasso-Southeastern	198
Hamden - Eli Whitney	201
Hartford - Classical Magnet	107
Hartford - A.I. Prince Tech.	213
Hartford - Sports Science Academy	172
Hartford - University	70
Killingly - Ellis Tech.	107
Lebanon - Lyman Memorial	231
Litchfield	176
Litchfield - Wamogo	155
Manchester - Cheney Tech.	68
Meriden - Wilcox Tech.	148
Middletown - Vinal Tech.	103
Milford - Platt Tech.	179
New Britain - Goodwin Tech.	161
New Milford - Faith Prep.	33
No. Stonington - Wheeler	96
Norwich Tech.	90
Lyme-Old Lyme	191
Old Saybrook	159
Oxford	
Portland	139
Putnam	169
Somers	226
Sprague - Ac. Holy Family	34
Stafford	206
Stamford - Wright Tech.	66
Terryville	201
Thomaston	119
Thompson - Tourtellotte	149
Torrington - Wolcott Tech.	169
Uncasville - St. Bernard	130
Washington - Shepaug Valley	157
Waterbury - Kaynor Tech.	192
Waterbury - Sacred Heart	199
Westbrook	116
Windham Tech.	104
Winsted - Gilbert School	170

APPENDIX B

2008 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE -- Must be completed and submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by February 7, 2008. Games added to the schedule after April 4 will not count for tournament qualification.

Game scores must be submitted on a weekly basis (scores for all games through a Saturday must be entered no later than the following Monday via the password-protected online eligibility center. **LIST SCORES FOR ENTIRE SCHEDULE INCLUDING FORFEITS AND CANCELLATIONS.**

APPENDIX C

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT UMPIRES LIST – By May 1, 2008, each varsity head coach, regardless of his/her won or loss record, should submit via the password-protected online eligibility center – a list of up to FOUR (4) umpires from the master list whose services you reject. From this list a MASTER LIST OF UMPIRES will be developed.

APPENDIX D

CHANGE OF DIVISION -- Any principal desiring a change to a higher division must make the request no later than March 30, 2008 via the password-protected online eligibility center. Schools electing to move up a division must remain in that division for a period of three (3) years.

SITE FORM -- Must be submitted by March 30, 2008 via the password-protected online eligibility center.

APPENDIX E

TOURNAMENT ROSTERS – Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by Friday, May 16, 2008. Any request for changes after the initial roster is submitted must be made on a “support ticket” via the online eligibility center.

Final game scores, regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of Thursday, May 22, 2008 must be the final day to count for tournament. All games played on May 22 must be started by 4:00 p.m.. The score of games played on that day must be reported via the password-protected online eligibility center immediately following the game.

Each school will be allowed not over eighteen girls in uniform. List all girls with uniform number and grade level.

Entry fee of \$60 must be mailed to the CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

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ALERT

FINAL GAMES ARE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 7. THIS IS AN SAT DATE. PLEASE ADVISE TEAM MEMBERS ACCORDINGLY.

All CIAC tournament games from the playdown round through the finals of the 2007 CIAC Softball Tournament will be played with a **single first base**. Schools should make the necessary plans to be in compliance before tournament play begins through the removal of the double base and replacing it with a single base.

NFHS 2008 Girls Softball Rules Changes

Rule changes in high school girls' softball have been approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Board of Directors. They are in effect for the 2008 season and beyond.

- 3-2-11 Players are permitted to wear metal cleats and metal toe plates.
- 3-6-7
Penalty The head coach will be restricted to the dugout, in addition to the offender, when a second unreported substitution occurs.
- 7-3-1 The batter is now required to take her place in the batter's box within 10 seconds after the ball is returned to the pitcher in the circle.

2008 Major Editorial Changes

- 1-5-4 Clarifies that a legal bat must meet the 2004 ASA bat performance standard, bear either the 2000 or 2004 certification mark and not be on the ASA non-approved list.
- 1-6-7 New Adds that if an eye shield is attached to the helmet, it must be constructed of a molded rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission.
- 2-5-3
8-2-13 New
8-6-15 Clarifies when an on-deck batter is subject to interference and the penalty associated with the infraction.
- 3-5-5
Penalty Adds a penalty when offensive team personnel are near a base to which a runner is advancing or returning.
- 3-6-6 &
New Note Adds that bat/ball shaggers are permitted out of the dugout. Also adds a new note to clarify that bench personnel are permitted to engage in throwing and running activities during the one minute designated for the pitcher to throw her five warm-up pitches at the beginning of each half-inning.
- 7-4-4 Clarifies that the batter is subject to interference if she makes any movement that hinders the action at home plate after the pitch reaches the catcher.

2008 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Pitching
2. Equipment
3. Use of proper NFHS softball signals

2008-10 MAJOR MECHANICS CHANGE

Umpires will once again start from 18-21 feet behind first and third base when no runners are on base. Therefore, with no runners on base, the base umpire(s) should be positioned 18-21 feet behind the base, on the line and "walking the line" as the pitch is released. This mechanic provides for a smoother transition when the ball is hit and the umpire (s) must move to the next position.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT FORMS LISTING

All tournament forms must be submitted via the online eligibility center section of the CIAC website located at <http://www.casciac.org/elig/eligibility.cgi>. This area of the site requires the school's username and password for entry.

Worksheets for collecting the information needed to submit the online forms can be found on the following pages. These worksheets are intended for giving to coaches to provide information for submission to the school officials who will be filing the information online. Under no circumstances will printed forms be accepted in lieu of submissions via the eligibility center.

The following forms must be submitted for the sport of softball:

1. Site Information
2. Change of Division - Optional
3. Officials Selection
4. Tournament Roster*
5. Game Results*[&]

* For these forms, you may find it easier to print out a copy of the actual web form, instead of using the worksheet, since the web form will be filled in with your eligible players and/or game schedule. Any form in the online eligibility center can be printed without being submitted.

[&] Game results must be submitted on a weekly basis (all results through a Saturday must be entered no later than the following Monday).

If schools choose to do so, they may set up access codes which allow coaches to enter game results without having the main school eligibility center password. Access codes can be set up in the online eligibility center by selecting the appropriate option from the "Administrative Actions" menu. Once the code is setup and the schedule is entered in the eligibility center, results may then be entered at http://www.casciac.org/scripts/submit_scores.cgi.

CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: Softball Officials

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Recommend umpires (up to eight):

Umpire	Plate	Base	Both	Address	Phone with Area Code
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					

Umpires not wanted for tournament games:

Official	Board
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Name of Principal:

Name of Athletic Director:

Name of Head Coach:

Head Coach Home Phone:

Head Coach School Phone:

CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: Softball Tournament Roster

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Name	Light#	Dark#
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		
11.		
12.		
13.		
14.		
15.		
16.		
17.		
18.		

School Medical Official:

Name of Principal:

Name of Athletic Director:

Name of Head Coach:

Head Coach Home Phone:

Head Coach School Phone:

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CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: Softball Schedule/Results

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Game Results

Date MM/DD/YYYY	Opponent	Site	Time	Score Games Won	Score Games Lost
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
13.					
14.					
15.					
16.					
17.					
18.					
19.					
20.					
				Total Wins	Total Losses

Principals Name:
Athletic Director Name:
Head Coach Name:

Home Phone:
Home Phone:
Home Phone:
Work Phone:

School Phone:
School Phone:
School Phone:
Cell Phone:

Graduation Date:

Prom Dates:

Senior:

Junior:

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CIAC ONLINE ELIGIBILITY CENTER WORKSHEET

FORM: Softball Site Information

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Can admission be charged at your field?

If yes, who would be the site director?

Name:

Telephone:

Are other suitable town sites available?

Can admission be charged?

If yes, who is the contact?

Name of Site:

Site Director:

Telephone:

Are other suitable town sites available to conduct a night game?

Can admission be charged?

If yes, who is the contact?

Name of Site:

Site Director:

Telephone:

Mark dates your site is available: May 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

June 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8