



2018-19 SOFTBALL GUIDELINES

Official Rules: **NFHS Rule Book with exception of the following modifications below**

Official Referee Assignor: Regular season games: NA. **PSAA Championships:** Alan Wharton (League Pays Semis/finals)

Official game ball: **Dudley 12" yellow.**

Athletic Trainer: Regular season games: N/A **PSAA Championship Game:** Portledge Trainer (League Pays)

Girls Varsity: 1 Division 9 teams (1 game vs. each) **Title:** League Champion or co-champions if teams are tied.

Knox School, Lawrence-Woodmere, **Long Island Lutheran**, Martin Luther, Our Savior New American, Portledge,

Schechter School of L.I., Staten Island Academy, Waldorf School of Garden City

Rosters: Rosters must be sent to the PSAA and the Chris Bruno (Softball Coordinator) by April 1, 2019

1. Game Protocol:

I. Duration of games: **7 innings. 4 ½ to make an official game if cut short by weather.**

II. Game suspension due weather or other reason: **Resume where it was left off (if possible.)**

III. Home team is responsible for providing game balls and a lined field with a pitching area 43 Ft from home base. **Each team must provide two game balls.**

IV. Minimum number of players: **A team may start the game with 8 players and can add the 9th players up until the completion of the 3rd inning. Please note that a late player must be added to the 9th spot in the lineup. If a team only has 8 players the 9th spot in the lineup is an automatic out when it is that spots turn in the batting order to bat.**

V. Uniforms: NA

VI. Mercy Rule

15 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ If home team is leading)

12 runs after 5 inning (4 ½ if home team is leading)

Reminder that if the home team is trailing by the mercy rule they must bat in that inning in order for the mercy rule to be valid Ex: Away team is leading 15-0, the home team must bat in the bottom of the 4th inning.

VII. **Lateness:** If a team is running late it is the responsibility of that team to CALL immediately

2. Umpires:

Games **MUST** be officiated by assigned officials. No parent, assistant coach etc, may officiate a game.

3. Teams and fans:

It is encouraged for each coach to control players and fans and encourage good sportsmanship. Ultimately the HOME team coach is responsible for unruly fans for either team.

4. Schedule/Results: Schedules and Results must be reported to Bela Tomahatsch via text and Chris Bruno immediately after the game ends by BOTH TEAMS

E-mail & text Score to: bela.tomahatsch@aol.com (phone # will be provided) and cbruno@statenilandacademy.org on the same day. Results and standings will be posted on the league website. www.psaany.org

5. Standings:

Standings for all leagues are determined by win/loss record

6. Playoffs:

Top 6 teams will make playoffs.

Assignor- Alan Wharton for all playoff games

Quarter Finals- Wednesday, May 8-

(Higher Seed Hosts)

#3 seed vs. #6 seed & #4 seed vs. #5 seed

Semifinals – Thursday, May 9-

(Higher Seed Hosts)

#1 seed vs. #4/#5 winner & #2 seed vs. #3/#6 winner

Finals- Monday, May 13 @ Portledge 4pm

7. Tie breaker system: #1-overall record; #2-head to head result; #3-record against teams above in the standings; #4-the team that allowed the fewest points/goals /runs in the head to head meetings will advance; # 5- coin flip or draw.

8. NYSAIS Tournament:

- I. The varsity regular-season champion (first seed) automatically qualifies for a play-in game for the NYSAIS tournament.
- II. All other PSAA teams who wish to be considered for a bid to the NYSIAS tournament must submit a bid to the NYSAIS selection committee through their school's AD.

9. Season Awards:

Regular Season & PSAA Championships MVP

All-PSAA Selections: Regular Season Champion =4 selections; 2nd place = 3 selections; 3rd /4th place = 2 selections; & 5th/6th place= 1 selection