

ADVANCE INFORMATION BULLETIN

2025 4A WCD III FASTPITCH PLAYOFFS

Friday May, 16th 2025- 10:00am; 12:30pm; 3:00pm; 5:30pm

Saturday May 17th- 10:00am; 12:30pm; 3:00pm

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IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS!!!!

1. Upload completed roster to WPAN.
2. Read and share Kent Service Fields Rules with coaches, players & fans.
3. Call Courtney McCurry, Site Manager, if you have any questions or special needs.

GAME SITE

**Kent Service Fields
14608 SE 288th St.
Kent, WA 98042**

COACHES MEETING

Mandatory coaches meeting will take place one hour prior to games 1-8. First meeting at 9:00am and second meeting at 2:00. Head coach or representative from each team will need to be present. We will meet next to the concession stand. Game balls will be provided.

DUGOUT ASSIGNMENTS

The **lower seed** will be the visiting team and will occupy the first base dugout, the **higher seed** will be the home team and will be on the third base side. The team bench is limited to 20 players and five (5) team personnel i.e. coaches, managers, trainers and scorekeepers authorized by the school

FIELD ACCESS

The field will be available at 8:00AM.

BUS PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Busses will park in main parking lot off of SE 288th street.

DIRECTIONS

From I-5: Take the 272nd Street exit and drive east into the Kent Valley. Travel across Kent Valley and up 277th Street Corridor to Kent Kangley Road (272nd Street). Turn right, head east to 144th Avenue SE. Turn right, travel south to SE 288th Street, turn left, parking will be on the left.

From Hwy 167: Take the 277th Street exit and drive east up the 277th Street Corridor to Kent Kangley Road (272nd Street). Turn right, head east to 144th Avenue SE. Turn right, travel south to SE 288th Street, turn left, parking will be on the left.

From Hwy 18: Take the SE 272nd Street/WA-516 exit towards Kent/Covington. Turn west onto SE 272nd Street/ WA-516. Drive west to 144th Avenue SE. Turn left, travel south to SE 288th Street, turn left, parking will be on the left.

ROSTERS

UPLOAD PLAYOFF ROSTERS TO SCHOOL WEBSITES ON WPAN.

TICKETS AND PASSES

- Go fan will be used for online ticket purchasing.
- QR code will be sent to building athletic directors
- QR code will be provided at the entry gate
- **No Cash will be accepted. Card readers are available at the gate for purchase**

GAME BALLS

Softballs will be provided by the West Central District (WIAA sanctioned Baden)

WARM UP TIMES

Please make sure grounds crew has completed their work before entering onto the infield.

- The HOME team will take infield first, followed by the VISITORS.
- Each team has a 10-minute maximum allowance.
- The HOME team shall begin warm-ups 25 minutes prior to start time.
- Tournament Manager will make final decisions regarding warm-up times if behind schedule.

10-RUN RULE

The NFHS 10-Run Rule will be in effect for the West Central District tournament.

LENGTH OF GAME

A regulation tournament game shall be seven innings in length unless extended because of a tie score or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it, or because of weather or similar conditions. All games are 7 innings and must be played to completion, except when one team is ahead by 10 runs after 5 innings have been completed or 15 runs after 3 runs have been completed.

TIED GAME

Starting with the top of the 9th inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base. (e.g., if the number five batter is the leadoff batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base).

A substitute may be inserted for the runner, provided the action is within NFHS Softball Rules

SUSPENDED CONTEST

In tournament play, any contest called by the umpire before it can be considered a regulation game according to NFHS rules shall be a suspended contest and will be continued at a later time. The contest shall continue from the point of suspension. The lineup, and batting order of each team, will remain exactly the same as when the contest was suspended. The Tournament Manager shall determine when the game will be completed.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the interest of safety, weather/conditions beyond the control of the participating teams/individuals and/or Tournament Manager, there may be times that it becomes necessary to delay, postpone, or cancel a contest or tournament, though the intent of this policy is to accommodate teams/individuals by rescheduling. The following practices shall be observed:

- If severe weather conditions affect a participating team/individual, but not the tournament, the team must notify the Tournament Manager.
- If severe weather conditions affect the tournament, the WIAA Staff will make the final decision concerning tournament postponement or rescheduling.
- Play will resume on the next playable date.
- Changing of sites, postponement, or cancellation of events will be determined by the WIAA Staff. Procedures to follow if contests are rescheduled:
 - The WIAA Staff has the final authority on contest rescheduling.
 - If contests are rescheduled on the same day as originally scheduled but at a different site, the Semifinal and Championship contests will be scheduled at the same time or later than originally scheduled.
 - The time between contests may be shortened. Example: If contests were originally scheduled at two (2) hour intervals, they may be rescheduled at one and one-half (1½) hour intervals.
 - Individuals/teams shall be granted a minimum of twenty (20) minutes for rest between contests.
 - Whenever possible, contests played on the final day of the tournament shall be scheduled to allow individuals/teams to return to their home community that day.
 - If during the last scheduled day of a tournament, contests are unable to be restarted requiring overnight postponement, only those teams/individuals still in contention for the Championship will continue play.
 - Teams/Individuals not in contention for the Championship shall be awarded a tie for the highest placing that could have been earned if postponement had not been necessary.

PROTESTS

Fastpitch rules are designed to permit coaches to confer with umpires during the progress of the contest pertaining to matters of rules administration, and umpires are instructed to permit such conference when respectfully requested and conducted in a rational, reasonable and sportsmanlike manner.

- The basis of any protest must involve a misapplication or misinterpretation of a rule or a game condition that may have an undue or unfair effect upon the outcome of the game. The facts and reasons for the protest must be filed by a coach with the game official, management, or opposing coach AT THE TIME THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION HAS OCCURRED (before the next pitched ball). It is advisable that the game officials and both head coaches sign the scorebook and note the reason for the protest.
- Protests of an official's judgement will NOT be heard.

- Protests regarding playing conditions, facilities, and/or equipment must be filed PRIOR to the start of the contest. Game officials and the opposing coach must be notified at the time.
- A protest may be filed at a later date if the protest involves the eligibility of a participant.

GAMES COMMITTEE

The tournament Games Committee will consist of at least three members to be appointed by the Tournament Manager. The Games Committee will act as an arbitration board of dispute on questions or protests that might arise. The final decision will be the consensus of the Games Committee.

- Courtney McCurry
- Darren Rawie
- Bryce Strand

OTHER GAME PROCEDURES

The current WIAA Handbook and the current National Federation rulebook will be used. Any matter not covered in either book will be left to the discretion of the tournament Games Committee.