

2026

ADVANCE INFORMATION BULLETIN

WCD III 1A BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

**Wednesday, 5/13, Friday, 5/15, SATURDAY, 5/16
(FOSS High School)**

TOURNAMENT MANAGER PHONE #

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Games Committee:

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IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS!!!

- 1. Please enter your roster on the WPAN website. Please read the section on page 2 regarding roster limitations.**
- 2. Read WIAA Bound For State Baseball Regulations (www.wiaa.com).**
- 3. Call me @ (253) 278-3225 if you have any questions or special requests.**

TOURNAMENT SITE – Foss HS

Heidelberg Park is located at 4400 So. 19th (behind Cheney Stadium). From Highway 16 take the South 19th Street exit and head east. Turn right on Clay Huntington Blvd. across from Fred Meyer. Foss HS is located on the hill next to Heidelberg Park. There are stairs located past the main entrance to the school.

You will go up those stairs to enter the field. The buses can park in the rear of the lot for Foss HS (towards Cheney Stadium). The lot will be very crowded due to Metro Parks games. If there is a Tacoma Rainiers game played that evening, inform the parking lot attendant that you are attending the District Baseball Tournament at Foss and they will direct you to a specific area in the parking lot.

1A District Baseball Bracket Link
<https://www.wpanetwork.com/m2/tourn.php?act=vt&tid=5147#>

ROSTER LIMITATIONS:

- **NO PARTICIPANT PASSES ARE ISSUED** - Inform players they are to enter in **ONE GROUP** with a coach supervising. **ROSTER LIMIT IS THE SAME AS PER WIAA GUIDELINES** - to include **20 players** and **5 designated** team personnel (coaches, managers and statisticians), **1** medical staff, and **2 supervisors**. Roster will be pulled from the WPAN site on Monday, May 12 at 12:00pm.

VISITORS/HOME TEAMS

Home team is the **higher seed (team seed value closer to 1)** listed in the bracket. Home teams will be assigned to the third base dugout
Visiting teams will be assigned to the first base dugout

LOCKER ROOMS

- None available on site. Please come dressed to the tournament. There are Honey Buckets available at Foss HS.

BATTING PRACTICE

- There will NOT be any batting practice at Foss High School Campus. Hitting whiffle balls, heavy balls and soft toss into a portable net is allowed at the field.

TICKETS AND PASSES

- **Prices are established by the District III Executive Board:**

Adults & Students w/o ASB: \$10.00
Jr. & Sr. High students w/ASB and Sr. Citizens \$5.00
Elementary \$5.00
Five and under- No charge

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Ticket price is good for admission on specific day of game only. **No refunds once the game has started (this includes games called due to weather). PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FANS UNDERSTAND THIS! This will be the 1st time many of them will pay an admission charge to a baseball game this season.**

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Go Fan online ticketing (preferred)

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Cash is accepted

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No electronic photo of ASB cards accepted.

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Please inform your students and parents ahead of time so they come prepared to pay an admission charge.

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Only players in uniform, entering with team prior to their game, will be admitted free entrance. Players will be expected to pay if not in uniform and/or not participating in game.

- PRESS PASSES will be accepted with proper identification.
- LEAGUE PASSES - **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
- SONG & CHEERLEADER PASSES - Cheerleaders and song leaders of participating schools will be admitted free, only if **IN UNIFORM**.

GAME BALLS

- Game balls provided by the tournament manager. **Please help in retrieving all foul balls on your side of the dugout.**

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WARM UP TIMES

- Please make sure the 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 and visiting team taking the field immediately following the home team warm-up.
- The tournament manager will make the final decision regarding warm up times if behind schedule.

MEDICAL NEEDS

- Each team is responsible for its own medical and trainer needs.

10 RUN RULE

- The 10 run rule **will** be in effect for the West Central District tournament.

PITCH COUNT

- WIAA pitch count rule will be in effect for the West Central District tournament.
Pitches carry over from the 1st game to the 2nd game (the pitching limitation rule is based upon the number of pitches thrown during a **calendar day** with a maximum of 105 pitches in a **calendar day**). **New rule in 2019 (29.5.2). At the beginning of the at bat, if the pitch count is less than 105, a pitcher will be allowed to finish the at bat.**

LENGTH OF GAME

A regulation 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.

SUSPENDED CONTEST

- In tournament play, any contest called by the umpire before it can be considered a regulation game (five complete innings) 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, innings pitched, batting order of each team, and pitch count will remain exactly the same as when the contest was suspended. The tournament manager will determine when the game will be completed.

PROTESTS

- Baseball 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 a 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 with the game official, management or opposing coach **AT THE TIME THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION HAS OCCURRED** (before the next pitched ball or before the umpires leave the field if the play in question was the last play of the game). 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 judgment 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. - The tournament director will determine the members of the protest committee. The protest committee will consult with the umpires and coaches and make decisions as to the best way to proceed with the contest.
- A protest may be filed at a later date if the protest involves the eligibility of a participant.

Equipment

Clarifications: Foss does **NOT** allow metal cleats for hitters/fielders, but a PITCHER can wear metals while pitching. They must change to molded/turf if they hit.

OTHER TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- The current WIAA Handbook and the NFHS Baseball Rulebook will be used. Any matter not covered in either book will be left to the discretion of the tournament manager.