

**2026 District 1, 2A Fastpitch
Bender Fields in Lynden
May 11, 13**

Tournament Facts:

Tournament Director
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Tournament Committee

Mike McKee - Tournament Director
Wesco AD Representative
Umpire in Charge

Location of Tournament:

Bender Fields
8770 Bender Road
Lynden, WA 98264
Telephone: Main Office: (360) 354-4401

Participating Schools

Anacortes Seahawks
Archbishop Murphy Wildcats
Bellingham Bayhawks
Burlington-Edison Tigers

Lakewood Cougars
Lynden Lions
Marysville Pilchuck Tomahawks
Sehome Mariners

Itinerary (May 11, 13):

2:45 – Coaches Meeting
3:30 – Home Infield/Outfield
3:40 – Visitor Infield/Outfield
3:50 – Umpires Meeting
3:55 – Welcome
3:57 – National Anthem
4:00 – Game Time

Friday, May 8th

Not needed this year as we only have 8 teams participating.

Monday, May 11th

4:00 pm	Game 1	Field 3	2 Seed vs. 7 Seed
4:00 pm	Game 2	Field 1	3 Seed vs. 6 Seed
4:00 pm	Game 3	Field 4	4 Seed vs. 5 Seed
4:00 pm	Game 4	Field 2	1 Seed vs. 8 Seed

(Games 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be played approximately 20 minutes after the finish of the previous games)

Game 5	Field 3	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 6	Field 2	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Game 7	Field 1	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2
Game 8	Field 4	Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4

Wednesday, May 13th

4:00 pm	Game 9	Field 4	Winner Game 7 vs. Loser Game 6
4:00 pm	Game 10	Field 1	Winner Game 8 vs. Loser Game 5

(Game 11 will be played approximately 20 minutes after the finish of the previous games)
(Game 12 is the district championship game and will be played at 6:00 p.m.)

	Game 11	Field 2	Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10 (Winning team plays District 5 at home on Saturday)
6:00 p.m.	Game 12	Field 3	Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (Both Teams Qualify for State)

W.I.A.A. Tournament Rules:

W.I.A.A. Tournament rules will apply. (I.e. Sportsmanship, signs/banners, noisemakers, confetti, admissions.)

Officials:

Two (2) umpires will be assigned for each game using the NIAA Official Allotment Criteria/Formula for determining assignments. Officials will be assigned by the NWIAA Executive Secretary, Don Beazizo.

Game Balls:

Game balls will be a **BADEN-Perfection #2BSFPY** and will be provided by the district tournament manager. Each school must furnish their own warm-up balls.

Rain-Out Procedure:

All games will be moved one day at a time for rainouts.

If games at Bender rainout, we will use the following schedule:

Monday – Games 3 & 4 at Sehome H.S. & Games 1 & 2 at Bellingham H.S. 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Games 5 & 6 at Sehome H.S. & Games 7 & 8 at Bellingham H.S. 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Game 9 at Sehome H.S. & Game 10 at Bellingham H.S. 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Game 11 at Bellingham H.S. & Game 12 at Sehome H.S. 6:30 p.m.

In the unlikely scenario that games can't be made up by the Friday deadline, the NWIAA emergency conditions policy will be followed to determine state representation.

Parking:

Buses should park in the church parking lot to the north of Bender Fields.

Locker Rooms:

All teams need to come dressed and ready to play. No dressing facilities will be available.

Rest rooms will be provided.

Game Length/10 Run Rule:

All games are seven (7) innings and must be played to completion except if one team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more after the completion of five (5) innings. Any game ending in a tie after seven (7) innings will continue until a winner is determined or until the end of the eighth (8th) inning. If the game is a tie at the end of eighth (8) innings, refer to the tie-breaker procedure below.

Tie-Breaker Procedure:

In case of a tie game at the end of **eight full (8) innings** the following NFHS tie-breaker procedure will be followed: "Beginning with the ninth (9th) inning, each half-inning begins by placing a runner on second base. The runner is the player in the batting order who precedes the lead-off batter in that inning. Then the game proceeds a full inning or until a winner is determined in that inning."

Home Team – Visiting Team:

The higher tournament seed is the home team. The home team will sit on the third base side, and the visiting team will sit on the first base side. The exception to this is for years when we only have 2 births, the loser of the district championship game is the home team.

Warm-ups/Pre-game

Infield/Outfield will be taken only before the first game your team plays. The home team will take infield/outfield the first ten (10) minutes. The visiting team will take infield/outfield the second ten (10) minutes. The Bender field complex will open 90 minutes before the district tournament. All other times the fields will be closed for tournament preparations.

Batting Practice:

The use of wiffle balls/restricted lite-flight balls in a **Front or Soft-toss manner** will be acceptable at the 2A District One Tournament. Please do not hit balls against fencing.

Protests:

All problems concerning rules interpretation must be resolved immediately. The games committee will consist of the Umpire in Charge, Wesco Conference Athletic Director, and the Tournament Director.

Players Bench:

Only uniformed players will be allowed on the team bench. As per the state guidelines, a maximum of twenty (20) players and five (5) designated personnel (coaches, managers, scorekeeper, and trainer) will be admitted.

Scorekeepers:

The home team's scorekeeper will keep the official book. If a team does not have a scorekeeper.

Admissions:

Gates for spectators will open one hour prior to the start of the first game. Please remind patrons that this is a district tournament and a paid venue. Animals (dogs) are not allowed in the park; animal bites and fecal materials pose a risk.

Prices are as follows:

Adults & Students w/out ASB	\$9.00
Students w/ASB, Children and Seniors (62+)	\$6.00

Passes:

Northwest District One Event Administrator Pass, Northwest Conference Lifetime passes, District 1 Lifetime passes, WSCA passes and WSSAAA passes (w/ photo ID) will be the only passes accepted for admission. The school's name must be printed/typed on the pass. **No other passes will be accepted!**

Athletic Director and Principal Supervisor, participants, coaches, bus/van driver(s) and scorekeeper must be included on the participant's sheet provided. **This list needs to be completed and returned to the Lynden High School Athletic Office by 2:30 PM, Thursday, May 7, 2026.**

Press:

Members of the working media and press photographers who wish to cover the event will be admitted but need to check-in at the pass gate with appropriate credentials.

Supervisors:

Each participating school will need to provide one (1) school supervisor/designee for crowd control.

Concessions:

Concessions will be provided for games played at Bender Fields.

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Manager/Scorekeeper_____

Trainer_____

Supervisor_____

Supervisor_____

Supervisor_____

AD_____

Bus Driver_____

Email this Pass List to Alicia Blankers
blankersa@lynden.wednet.edu
Lynden H.S. (360) 354-4401 x3271
by May 7, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

**ENTER ROSTER
On the WPA Network
w/ Team Photo
by May 7th, 2026**