

2026 1B-Bi-District Softball

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B. Facilities: RAC in Lacey.

C. Participating Schools: 1B Teams from Districts 2 & 1

D. Bracket:

The Bi-District has 2 allocations to state in the 2026 season. We will use the bracket posted on WPA to determine these allocations.

Wednesday, May 13 –Semi Finals will be at 11:00, winner to state, loser plays, and the championship will be at 2:00. There will be a play in game between D2 #3 and D1 #2 on Friday, May 8th.

Seeding for this tournament will be done using power seeding for seeds #1, #2, and #3. D1 #2 and D2 #3 will use head-to-head to determine who hosts. If the teams did not play, then we will flip a coin by May 5 to determine who hosts.

E. WIAA Tournament rules will apply for sportsmanship, signs/banners, noisemakers, confetti, etc.

F: Two umpires will be assigned for each game.

G. Game Balls:

Game balls at game #5 will be Baden Perfection. Every team should bring 4 game balls to the field on game day.

H. Rain-out procedures:

In case of rain-outs, the next playable date is required to be used. If the games cannot get played, seeding for state will be determined by the district directors, using criteria such as the seed they entered the bi-district tournament, head-to-head, RPI, or other criteria. If a neutral field is not available for make-up games, we will have the tournament at a D2 site if possible.

I. Locker Rooms:

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

J. Game Length/10 run-rule:

Due to time limits on field availability, games will be 7 innings, or 2 hours and 30 minutes, whatever comes first. No inning can start after the 2 hour and 20 minute mark. All innings started will be played to completion if necessary. If either team is ahead by 10 or more runs at the completion of the 5th inning, that team will be declared the winner.

- Any game ending in a tie after 7 innings will continue until a winner is determined or until the end of the 8th inning.

- In case of a tie after 8 innings the following NFHS tie-breaker procedure will be followed. **Beginning with the 9th inning**, each half inning begins by placing a runner on second base. **That runner is the player in the batting order that precedes the leadoff hitter in that inning.** Then the game proceeds until a winner is determined.

K. Warm-ups/Pre-game:

The home team will take infield/outfield 25 minutes prior to the game. The visiting team will take infield/outfield 15 minutes prior to the game. No ground balls will be taken on the infield prior to this.

L. Batting Practice:

The use of whiffle balls/restricted flight balls in a soft-toss manner will be acceptable at the Bi-District Tournament. No softballs hit on the field or against the fence.

M. Players Bench:

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

N. Scorekeeper:

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

O. Admissions:

No admission charged at the championship game. The Sea-Tac league will bill the home teams for the cost of umpires for their games, and also bill out field rental cost as follows: the two teams eliminated in the semi-finals will be billed 1/6 the cost each, and the two teams that advance will be billed 1/3 the cost each.

P: Supervisors:

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

Q: Roster/Pass List: Please email rosters to your opponent prior to the games. No pass list is necessary.

R. Protests: Protests will be handled by a "games committee". The Games committee will be the lead umpire, the tournament manager (unless his team is involved), and the District 2 and 4 District Directors.

S: Miscellaneous: All NFHS, WIAA, and Sea-King District 2 rules not covered in this bulletin apply.