

# **2026 MPA SOFTBALL BULLETIN**

5/26/26

## **SOFTBALL SEASON**

March 23, 2026	Pitcher / Catcher Conditioning (no limit on number)
March 30, 2026	First Practice
April 16, 2026	Team Schedules Due
April 16, 2026	First Countable Game (after 3:00pm)
May 29, 2026	Officials No Votes Form Due
May 29, 2026	Tournament Program Information Due
June 3, 2026	Last Countable Scheduled Game
June 8-12, 2026	Online Sportsmanship Balloting
June 9, 2026	Regional Prelim Games
June 11, 2026	Regional Quarter-Final Games
June 13, 2026	Regional Semi-Final Games
June 16, 2026	Regional Final Games (MPA site and responsibility)
June 20, 2026	State Championship Games

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Each coach must complete the following NFHS Courses prior to the start of the season. These courses may be found at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

\*Each coach must complete the NFHS “*Concussion in Sport*” video that is available at the NFHS website ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)).

\*Each coach must complete the NFHS “*A Guide to Heat Illness*” video that is available at the NFHS website ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)).

\*Each coach must complete the NFHS “*Sudden Cardiac Arrest*” video that is available at the NFHS website ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)).

\*Each coach must complete the NFHS “*Protecting Students from Abuse*” video that is available at the NFHS website ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)).

***The MPA Softball Committee “RECOMMENDS” the use of facemasks for all infielders and the pitcher beginning in the Spring of 2017. Please refer to the National Federation Rule Book as a reference.***

***The MPA Baseball and Softball Committees with the support of the MPA Sports Medicine Committee, “RECOMMEND” screening on the facing of all dugouts and bench areas to help prevent injury to players, coaches, and team personnel.***

## **MANDATORY RULES CLINIC**

There is no video or rules exam for 2026. The Athletic Administrator should ensure that all coaches have viewed the rule changes.

Click [here](#) to find the rule changes for the 2026 season.

## **GAMECHANGER**

Schools are encouraged to use GameChanger for softball. Lineup cards must still be provided to the umpires in the pre-game meeting.

Starting this season schools are recommended to use the GameChanger App to for all scoring during the game. By syncing with MaxPreps, the pitch count tracking and scoring will be available for public view.

Here's how to get started:

1. Download the new GameChanger app.
  - [Download GameChanger in the Apple Store](#)
  - [Download GameChanger on Google Play](#)
  - Even if you have used in the past, ensure you have the newest app version.
  - [Learn More >](#) about GameChanger
2. REQUEST ACCESS as a Coach Admin on MaxPreps: [Get Coach Admin Access on MaxPreps](#) AND [Download the free MaxPreps app for your mobile device](#) (app may be easier for entering your roster)
3. ADs MUST enter team schedules correctly into the MPA website no later than **4/9/26**.
  - *DO NOT enter your schedule into MaxPreps OR GameChanger. The schedule in FusionPoint will sync to MaxPreps. Once in MaxPreps, you MUST sync to Gamechanger (see sync note in #5 below).*
4. Coaches MUST enter rosters into MaxPreps.
  - *DO NOT enter rosters into GameChanger. If an AD enters a roster into FusionPoint, it will sync to MaxPreps. Once in MaxPreps, the roster will sync with Gamechanger (see sync note in #5 below).*
  - PLEASE enter data correctly and fully. The data we receive is only as good as the data that is entered. NOTE: This same roster may be used in programs for playoffs, including the State Championships.
5. To get your schedule (entered by AD into FusionPoint) and roster (entered into MaxPreps by Coach or FusionPoint by AD) into the GameChanger app, you MUST turn on the "Sync with MaxPreps" option in your GameChanger app. [Click here to watch a 6-minute how-to video](#). This is a one-time sync.

## **ARM CONDITIONING WEEK**

\*The purpose of the additional week of arm conditioning for pitchers and catchers is to allow those athletes to begin a conditioning program that will help to begin to build a base and reduce early season arm injuries. Schools may determine the number of participants.

The week of conditioning should be a comprehensive program that involves the following components:

**Stretching** – Proper stretching of the entire body, allowing for preparation of proper mechanics, is crucial. Flexibility and balance are important components of the program.

**Strengthening** – A throwing program should be progressive and should begin to build a base that athletes will develop throughout the season.

**Cardio** – Aerobic training designed to build full body endurance to prevent fatigue and overuse injuries is an important component. Recommendation include 20-40 minutes (biking, elliptical, treadmill) three times during the week.

**Recovery** – Pitchers should be throwing no more than 3-4 times during the week and should be provided the proper amount of rest that allows the arm to recover.

This week of arm conditioning is **not** intended to be an additional week of preseason practice. Below is a list that includes, but may not be limited to, activities that are prohibited during the week.

- No bats, including fungo bats
- No defensive drills related to positional play
- No pick off drills
- No blocking drills
- No base coverage drills
- No footwork drills, other than proper mechanics for pitchers and catchers
- No live stand-in batters
- No simulations

### **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The safety of athletes (*participants*), spectators, coaches/directors, school personnel, and all others present at an athletic contest must be the first and foremost concern to the contest officials and building administrators.

1. When an interscholastic contest has been scheduled and dangerous playing conditions exist or severe weather is anticipated, the following should be considered:
  - a. Prior to beginning an athletic contest, when severe weather is anticipated, the head contest official and the principals of each school, or their designees, will meet to review the suspension and/or postponement procedures. This would include any playing rule book coverage.
  - b. The host school administrator will be responsible for informing contest officials, visiting school administrators and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements of designated shelter areas.
  - c. When lightning is observed, or thunder is heard in the vicinity of a contest conducted outdoors, play should be suspended immediately and not resumed for 30 minutes after the last visual sighting of lightning or clap of thunder.
  - d. If any other life-threatening condition occurs, play should be suspended immediately, and predetermined directions to safe locations will be announced.
  
2. When a suspension of a contest occurs, the following should be considered:
  - a. If the suspension is forty-five minutes or greater, resuming at a later date should be considered.
  - b. Play shall not be resumed until **30 minutes** after the last flash of lightning or clap of thunder.
  - c. When it appears that weather conditions are no longer a threat to the safety of participants, spectators, or contest officials, administrators from all schools involved will meet with the head contest official to determine if play will continue.
  - d. If play is to be resumed, contestants will be given at least a fifteen-minute warm-up period prior to competition.

3. If evacuation is necessary, the following should be considered:
  - a. If lighting is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators should evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced.
  - b. All personnel, athletes and spectators should be clearly informed of available safe structures or shelters in the event a thunderstorm approaches. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced. The person in authority must be aware of the amount of time it takes to get to each structure and the number of persons each structure can safely hold. For large events, time needed for evacuation is increased and there must be a method (i.e., announcement over loudspeaker) for communicating the need for evacuation and directing both athletes and spectators to the appropriate safe shelters.
  - c. The most ideal structure is a fully enclosed, substantial building with plumbing, electrical wiring and telephone service, which aids in grounding the structure. A fully enclosed automobile with a hard metal roof and rolled up windows is also a reasonable choice. School buses are an excellent lightning shelter that can be utilized for large groups of people. However, it is important to avoid contact with any metal while inside the vehicle.

Avoid using shower facilities for safe shelter and do not use showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm as the current from a local lightning strike can enter the building via the plumbing pipelines or electrical connections. It is also considered unsafe to stand near utilities, use corded telephones or headsets during a thunderstorm, due to the danger of electrical current traveling through the telephone line. Cellular and cordless telephones are considered reasonably safe and can be used to summon help during a thunderstorm.

When caught in a thunderstorm without availability or time to reach safe structures, you can minimize the risk of lightning-related injury by following a few basic guidelines:

- Avoid being the highest object. Seek a thick grove of small trees or bushes surrounded by taller trees or a dry ditch.
- Avoid contact with anything that would be attractive to lightning. Stay away from freestanding trees, poles, antennas, towers, bleachers, baseball dugouts, metal fences, standing pools of water, and golf carts.
- Crouch down with legs together, the weight on the balls of the feet, arms wrapped around knees, and head down with ears covered.

## **RULES**

**Head coaches must verify that their players are legally and properly equipped. The requirement of an umpire's inspection has been removed.**

The National Federation rules for softball will be used as well as the MPA adoptions, exceptions, and additions listed below in all regular season and post-season games.

**All notes in the rulebook relative to state adoption are not adopted unless specified in this bulletin.**

1. MPA has adopted the rule which terminates a game when a team after five (5) innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead) is **ten (10)** runs ahead in softball. Five-inning games will have the ten-run rule in effect after 2 ½ or 3 innings. This rule applies to all levels of play--varsity, JV,

and 9th grade. At any level (varsity, junior varsity, freshman), the ten-run rule may **not** be waived by mutual consent of the schools involved prior to the start of the game. NOTE: THE TEN-RUN RULE IS IN EFFECT DURING REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.

2. MPA has adopted the rule which terminates a game when a team after three (3) innings (2 ½ if the home team is ahead) is **fifteen (15)** runs ahead in softball. This rule applies to all levels of play--varsity, JV, and 9th grade. At the **VARSITY** level the fifteen-run rule may not be waived by mutual consent of the schools involved prior to the start of the game. At the sub-varsity level the rule may be waived prior to the game by mutual agreement. NOTE: THE FIFTEEN-RUN RULE IS IN EFFECT DURING REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.
3. **Maine has adopted the double first base rule (rule 8-10). All regular-season and post-season games must use a double first base.**
4. National Federation Rule 6, Fast Pitch, has been adopted. Some schools share fields with other user groups. Consequently, the pitching rubber gets moved to accommodate the other outside user groups. It is the Home school's responsibility to check the pitching distance each game. It is also recommended and advised that Home coaches have accessible a tape measure to verify distances if requested by the visiting team. (Again, where fields are shared)
5. **A game of 5 innings (4 ½ with the home team ahead) called for darkness, weather conditions, or any other reason is an official game in the regular-season and post-season play. If tied, it shall be recorded as a tie; if less than official game, it shall be replayed in its entirety.** There will be no tie games in tournament competition. Tie games must be replayed in their entirety. (Softball - Rule 4, Section 2, Article 5).
6. Schools may play 5-inning doubleheader games during the regular season. All 5 inning games must be approved prior to the game by the MPA Softball Committee. All post-season games will be 7 innings.
7. In a case of extenuating circumstances that prevents the completion of an official game, by mutual agreement of the administration for both schools involved, the game may be terminated and declared final.
8. **Schools must reschedule a postponed game on the next open date (including Saturday and holidays) regardless of home field advantage, or other extenuating circumstances, etc.** Postponements may be made only for weather, field conditions, death of a player, parent, or school member, or other reason deemed appropriate by the committee chair. If a team does not show for a scheduled contest, after an appropriate waiting period, the official may declare that no game will be held and participants may go home. They may not declare the game a forfeiture. In the case of disagreement between schools, a date will be set by the Softball Committee Chairperson. **SCHOOLS MAY NOT RESCHEDULE GAMES INTO THE LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRPERSON.** It is every school's responsibility to complete all Heal Point countable games before the end of the season. **SCHOOLS MAY NOT SCHEDULE MORE THAN ONE GAME IN THE LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.**
9. **Maine has no protest rule or option. If a rule interpretation or application is in question, the issue must be discussed and resolved before resumption of play. Coaches raising**

**a question must have a rulebook and/or bulletin in their possession and make specific reference to the rule at issue.**

10. The Softball Committee requires a "C" Screen or "Square" Screen be available for pre-game batting practice. If live batting practice is conducted in a batting cage or on the field, it is **required** that batters wear a helmet. **If a catcher is in a squatting position to warm up a pitcher, they must be wearing a mask and helmet by rule.**

11. Tiebreaker Procedure – If, after the completion of nine innings of play, the score is tied, the following tiebreaker will be used in both regular season and all playoff games:

(4-2-6) Starting with the top of the tenth inning and each half-inning to follow, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player scheduled to bat ninth in that half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the No. 5 batter is the leadoff batter, the No. 4 batter in the batting order will be placed on second base.) The runner placed on second base may be either a legal substitute or a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher.

In an approved 5 inning game the tie-breaker procedure would begin after the completion of 7 innings.

12. One-way electronic communication devices are permissible from the dugout to the catcher while the team is on defense for the purpose of calling pitches. When using the electronic communication device, the coach cannot be outside the dugout/bench area.

### **BONA FIDE TEAM RULE**

A member of a school team is a student athlete who is regularly present for and actively participates in team practices and competitions. Bona fide members of a school team are prevented from missing high school practice or competition to compete or practice elsewhere.

\* Two waivers per student athlete per sport season may be granted by the principal on a case-by-case basis for extraordinary circumstances (e.g. If a student/athlete were invited to participate in a prestigious weekend event then a waiver may be granted. If a student/athlete were invited to participate in a nationally recognized tournament over a school vacation, then **that** waiver may be granted for that activity. If a request to miss practice every Friday because he/she is receiving specialized coaching from an outside team/coach, then a waiver should not be granted **because it violates the spirit and intent of the rule**).

\*\* This policy is not intended to restrict dual sport participation in schools that allow dual participation.

\*\*\* Penalty for violation of this policy:

1<sup>st</sup> Violation                      Suspension from play for one game/contest

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation                      Removal from team for remainder of season

(Effective Date: 2019 Fall Sport Season)

### **EJECTION RULE**

In all team and individual sports (varsity or sub-varsity), ejection or disqualification from a game, meet, or match for unsportsmanlike behavior of any form, by a coach or a player shall result in the suspension of that player or coach. The coach or player ejected from a contest must sit out all contests at all levels until the coach or athlete completes the ejection penalty by sitting out the next game at the level from which he/she was ejected. This rule applies to a game, meet, or match

suspended before completion as well as a completed contest. This penalty may not be served by sitting out an exhibition, sub-varsity, or other competition.

Prior to their return to play any player ejected from a game must complete the NFHS “*Sportsmanship*” video that is available at the NFHS website ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)).

A suspended coach may not be present at the game site. Not being physically present at the site means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands, or site area before, during, or after the game/meet.

Prior to their return to the sideline any coach ejected from a game must complete the NFHS “*Teaching and Modeling Behavior*” video that is available at the NFHS website ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)).

Any coach or player ejected from the last game, meet, or contest of a sports season shall serve a one game suspension in the opening countable game, meet, or contest in the next varsity sport in which he/she participates. The coach/athlete may participate fully in the preseason prior to serving the one game suspension.

This policy will not prevent standing committees from imposing more restrictive disciplinary action. (Effective Date: 1996-97 Winter Sport Season; Revised 2008, 2009)

A coach who intentionally strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with an official before, during, or after an interscholastic contest, as determined by the school, shall be disqualified immediately and his/her coach's eligibility will be suspended for one full year. At the end of the suspension, the coach may request the reinstatement of his/her eligibility. At this time, the Interscholastic Executive Committee will place the request on its next meeting agenda, at which meeting the coach and principal must attend. The Interscholastic Management Committee will make the determination whether or not to reinstate the coach's eligibility.

Any member of the team who intentionally strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with an official before, during, or after an interscholastic contest, as determined by the school, shall be disqualified immediately and shall be ineligible to participate in all sports for one full year. NOTE: Member of the team includes player, manager, score keepers, timers, and statisticians.

### **TOURNAMENT SELECTION**

The MPA Softball Committee has approved a return to the traditional 2/3 of schools in each region qualifying for the MPA Softball Tournament. In regions that 2/3 results in less than 8 teams qualifying the field will be filled to 8 unless there are 7 or less teams in that region.

The Heal Point system will be used to determine the teams that will qualify for the regional softball tournaments.

The maximum number of countable games is 16. Each school's Heal Point divisor will range from a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 16, depending on the number of games played.

In case of a mathematical tie for the last qualifying position in the final Heal Point standings, ties will be resolved (for play-off bracket position) by looking first at head-to-head competition results. If the tie remains unresolved, a play-off game will be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> with the home site determined by a flip of a coin. In the event of a tie in all other playoff positions, the tie will be resolved by first head-to-head. If a tie remains, the ranking will be determined by a flip of a coin.

The Committee recognizes that graduation programs and year-end schedules may conflict with scheduled regional games and, therefore, recognizes the need for changes of dates. With the Committee Chairperson's approval, preliminary, quarter-final, or semi-final games may be played one day earlier by mutual agreement but may not be played later than scheduled.

### **MPA SPORTSMANSHIP TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS**

- Fighting, instigating, or retaliatory actions (i.e.: charging the mound, throwing a bat, etc.) will be considered unsportsmanlike behavior resulting in ejection for the remainder of the game and the next regularly scheduled game at that level.
- Any team personnel who leave the bench during an altercation will be ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior and the player will be ejected for the remainder of that game and the next regularly scheduled game.
- Profanity/vulgarity of any kind will not be tolerated. Coaches, umpires and school administrators are asked to address violators.

### **MPA SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS**

- Bare-chested individuals are not permitted.
- Shakers, signs, or placards on sticks or other devices designed to support the shaker, sign, or placard are not allowed. Banners may not obstruct spectators viewing of the contest.
- Horns, musical instruments, or noisemakers of any kind that interfere with the game are not allowed.
- Anyone throwing objects on the playing field will be removed immediately from the field. This includes confetti.
- Mascots or other individuals are not allowed on the playing field.

### **HEAL POINT REPORTER SYSTEM**

Athletic Administrators are responsible for the reporting of home games as soon as possible following the game's completion. Athletic Administrators/Coaches are asked to enter results through the link on the MPA website. Please report all rescheduled/postponed games to the site.

### **REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS (Preliminary – Quarterfinal – Semifinal Games)**

1. Regional Preliminary, Quarterfinal and Semifinal games are held at the site of the higher seeded team. The home team is responsible for all expenses incurred. Admission may be charged and used to defray expenses. Concessions shall be at the discretion of the host school.
2. Playoff brackets will be available on the MPA website ( [www.mpa.cc](http://www.mpa.cc) ).
3. The condition of the playing field must be acceptable in terms of playability and safety, or the game site will be changed by a Softball Committee representative upon complaint to the Chairperson of that Committee.
4. The time of all regional tournament games is 4:00 p.m. (1 p.m. on Saturday) or at a time mutually agreeable to both schools. Night games, if mutually agreed to, are also permissible (7:00 p.m. starting time or time mutually agreed to).
5. It is recommended that three umpires shall be hired for each regional tournament game. The regular season assignor will be used.

6. Dugout personnel are limited to the names submitted on the MPA game roster. A maximum of 25 certified people (coaches, players, student managers, student score keepers, trainers) will be allowed to be on the bench for all tournament games. The head coach is responsible for all people on the bench. All bench personnel must be high school age or older (this includes bat girls or boys). All adults (except for certified trainers) in the bench area must be on the school's coaches' eligibility roster. All student managers must be enrolled at the competing school. All Softball Return to Play Guidelines must be followed regarding dugout personnel.
7. It is required that a principal, or a designee, of each school in the tournament, be present at the games. At the regional and state finals, he/she must sign in with the MPA representative. At all other regional games, the administrators or their designees should make themselves known to their counterpart from their opponent.
8. A pregame warm-up schedule that includes 30 minutes warm-up practice and 10 minutes fielding practice for each team shall be set by the home team. Pitchers may not pitch from the pitcher's mound rubber or from inside the pitcher's circle prior to the normal five warm-up pitches prior to the start of the game.
9. Softball game balls that may be used are Dudley Fast Pitch SB-12YFP, Diamond 12RFP.47, Baden 3B-S, and Worth C12-WL. The Dudley SB-12YFP will be used in the regional finals and state finals.
10. All game softballs must be stamped with the NFHS authenticating logo.
11. Tiebreaker Procedure – If, after the completion of 9 innings of play, the score is tied, the following tiebreaker will be used in both regular season and all playoff games:  
  
(4-2-6) Starting with the top of the tenth inning and each half-inning to follow, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player scheduled to bat ninth in that half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the No. 5 batter is the leadoff batter, the No. 4 batter in the batting order will be placed on second base.) The runner placed on second base may be either a legal substitute or a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher.
12. The 43' distance from the pitcher's plate to home plate has been adopted.

### **REGIONAL FINAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**

1. A team shall not practice or play games on the MPA sites after the last countable game (June 2, 2026) unless it is the team's regular season home field.
2. Metal spikes are not permitted on artificial turf fields. Players must wear sneakers or molded turf shoes.
3. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout. Home teams for the 2026 State Championship games are: Regional Finals-High Seed. State Championships: Class A – North team; Class B - South team; Class C – North team, Class D - South team.
4. Game balls will be provided by MPA. Softball – Dudley 12 L RF Y FP (Optical Yellow).

5. Umpire recommendations from coaches and local boards will be used to form a pool from which regional finals and state championship game assignments will be made by the Softball Committee and its official representatives.
6. The principal, athletic administrator, or principals' designee of each school in the tournament must be present at the game and is responsible for student and/or fan behavior. Upon arrival, the school representative must sign in with the committee member in charge.
7. Dugout personnel is limited to the team submitted on the MPA roster. A maximum of 25 certified people (coaches, players, student managers, student score keepers, trainers) will be allowed to be on the bench for all tournament games. The head coach is responsible for all people on the bench and the umpire is authorized to call a game forfeit if, after adequate warning, a team does not comply. All bench personnel must be high school age or older (this includes bat girls or boys). All adults (except for certified trainers) in the dugout must be on the school's coaches' eligibility roster. All Softball Return to Play Guidelines must be followed regarding dugout personnel.
8. A pregame warm-up schedule that includes 30 minutes warm-up practice and 10 minutes fielding practice on the game field for each team shall be set by the MPA.
9. Team personnel on the game field must be in game uniforms during pregame practice and post-game awards (shirts tucked in, unless manufactured to be worn out, hats on straight, etc.)  
**Teams may not wear T-shirts over their regular uniform for the awards presentations.**
10. Pitchers may not pitch from the pitcher's mound rubber prior to the game. Areas on the side will be provided.
11. Pitching machines are not allowed on the game field.
12. A game called for darkness, weather conditions, or any other reason is an official game if five innings (or four and one-half if the home team is ahead) have been played. If not an official game, it shall be replayed. There will be no tie games in tournament play. Tie games must be replayed in their entirety.
13. A \$12.00 adult admission fee, and a \$6.00 student and senior citizen admission fee will be charged. If it is necessary to postpone or replay a game due to weather, rainchecks will be issued and honored at the make-up of that game.
14. A coach or player ejected from a game may not participate in the postgame awards ceremony.
15. In the event any situation not covered by the rule book, or this bulletin arises, it shall be the responsibility of the Committee, or its on-site representative, to decide and that decision shall be final. It is recommended that the principals, or their designees, be present and make their presence known for consultation purposes when appropriate.
16. Any request by local stations involving radio and/or local access stations/television coverage of any MPA-sponsored contest or event must be reviewed and approved by the MPA executive director. If you receive requests for hook-up, etc. please call the MPA office to see if a station has been approved for coverage. Public access television stations may broadcast an event as long as it is delayed at least six hours and the station sells no advertising. Again, please call the office in relation to public access television.

17. The MPA reserves the right to allocate space for the media at all tournament sites.

### **REGIONAL FINAL GAMES (Need to update)**

Date: June 16, 2025 (Rain date – June 17, 2025)

#### **Regional Softball Championships**

*North – University of Maine, Orono*

**(No metal spikes or sunflower seeds allowed on the turf softball field)**

Class D – Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 p.m.

Class B – Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

*North – Central Maine Community College, Auburn*

**Class A** – Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

*North – Brewer High School*

Class C – Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

*South – St. Joseph’s College, Standish*

Class D – Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 p.m.

Class B – Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

*South – University of Southern Maine, Gorham*

Class C – Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 p.m.

Class A – Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

\* Class A North Regional Final - If a school has both their baseball and softball teams in the regional championship games, the baseball game will start at 4:30 p.m. and softball at 7:00 p.m.

\*\* Class B/C/D North Regional Final - If a school has both their baseball and softball teams in the regional championship games, and they are the standalone class, the baseball game will start at 4:30 on odd years and the softball game will start at 4:30 on even years.

### **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**

Date: June 20, 2026

#### **State Championships at South - St. Joseph’s College, Standish**

Class B, Saturday, June 20, 12:30 p.m.

Class D, Saturday, June 20, 4:00 p.m.

#### **State Championship at North – Central Maine Community College, Auburn**

**(No metal spikes or sunflower seeds allowed on the turf softball field)**

Class A, Saturday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.

#### **State Championship at North – Brewer High School**

**(No metal spikes or sunflower seeds allowed on the turf softball field)**

Class C, Saturday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.

\*Time will be adjusted if one or both schools’ baseball teams are also in the state championship

*Rain Dates -- Earliest possible date as determined by the committee.*

## SOFTBALL CLASSIFICATION

<b>CLASS A 665+</b>	<b>CLASS B 400-664</b>	<b>CLASS C 175-399</b>	<b>CLASS D 0-174</b>
<u>NORTH</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>NORTH</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lewiston, 1,655</li> <li>2. Edward Little, 1,136</li> <li>3. Bangor, 1,069</li> <li>4. Oxford Hills, 1,021</li> <li>5. Hampden, 749</li> <li>6. Mt. Ararat, 738</li> <li>7. Camden Hills, 737</li> <li>8. Brunswick, 717</li> <li>9. Messalonskee, 713</li> <li>10. Skowhegan, 696</li> <li>11. Mt. Blue, 694</li> <li>12. Brewer, 693</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cony, 647</li> <li>2. Nokomis, 614</li> <li>3. Gardiner, 583</li> <li>4. Hermon, 556</li> <li>5. Old Town, 536</li> <li>6. Lawrence, 528</li> <li>7. Ellsworth, 522</li> <li>8. John Bapst, 508</li> <li>9. Oceanside, 498</li> <li>10. Waterville, 484</li> <li>11. Mt. Desert, 476</li> <li>12. Belfast, 471</li> <li>13. Presque Isle, 456</li> <li>14. Foxcroft, 431</li> <li>15. Caribou, 422</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Houlton/GHCA, 383</li> <li>2. Winslow, 367</li> <li>3. Orono, 365</li> <li>4. Bucksport, 358</li> <li>5. Central, 311</li> <li>6. Washington, 306</li> <li>7. Mattanawcook, 294</li> <li>8. Mt. View, 288</li> <li>9. Dexter, 273</li> <li>10. Maine Central Institute, 268</li> <li>11. George Stevens, 254</li> <li>12. Fort Kent, 251</li> <li>13. Sumner, 238</li> <li>14. Calais, 228</li> <li>15. Narraguagus, 209</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Penquis Valley#, 178</li> <li>2. Machias, 168</li> <li>3. Fort Fairfield, 149</li> <li>4. Piscataquis, 143</li> <li>5. Woodland, 140</li> <li>6. Hodgdon, 138</li> <li>7. Stearns, 132</li> <li>8. Penobscot Valley, 129</li> <li>9. Lee, 117</li> <li>10. Madawaska, 115</li> <li>11. C. Aroostook, 108</li> <li>12. S. Aroostook, 107</li> <li>13. Bangor Christian, 105</li> <li>14. Washburn/Easton, 105</li> <li>15. Schenck, 102</li> <li>16. Deer Isle-Stonington, 91</li> <li>17. Shead, 83</li> <li>18. Katahdin, 74</li> <li>19. Wisdom, 70</li> <li>20. Ashland, 63</li> <li>21. Jonesport-Beals, 60</li> </ol>
<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thornton, 1,287</li> <li>2. Deering*/Casco Bay/Portland, 1,514</li> <li>3. Sanford, 1,075</li> <li>4. Bonny Eagle, 1,034</li> <li>5. South Portland, 990</li> <li>6. Noble, 940</li> <li>7. Windham, 935</li> <li>8. Scarborough, 911</li> <li>9. Massabesic, 870</li> <li>10. Cape Elizabeth/Falmouth, 858</li> <li>11. Gorham, 813</li> <li>12. Westbrook, 704</li> <li>13. Kennebunk, 701</li> <li>14. Biddeford, 689</li> <li>15. Marshwood*/Berwick/Traip, 743</li> <li>16. Cheverus^, 388</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fryeburg, 663</li> <li>2. Freeport, 629</li> <li>3. Morse, 629</li> <li>4. Greely, 613</li> <li>5. Gray-NG, 591</li> <li>6. Yarmouth, 562</li> <li>7. Lincoln, 555</li> <li>8. Leavitt, 552</li> <li>9. Medomak Valley, 552</li> <li>10. Erskine, 533</li> <li>11. York, 503</li> <li>12. Lake Region, 500</li> <li>13. Poland, 493</li> <li>14. Mountain Valley, 415</li> <li>15. Spruce Mountain, 407</li> <li>16. Wells, 400</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oak Hill, 389</li> <li>2. Maranacook, 369</li> <li>3. Lisbon, 362</li> <li>4. Sacopee Valley, 281</li> <li>5. Hall-Dale, 251</li> <li>6. Dirigo, 228</li> <li>7. Winthrop/Kent's Hill, 261</li> <li>8. Mt. Abram, 213</li> <li>9. Telstar/Gould, 212</li> <li>10. Old Orchard, 203</li> <li>11. Carrabec, 196</li> <li>12. Monmouth, 188</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Madison, 167</li> <li>2. Buckfield, 149</li> <li>3. Wiscasset/Boothbay, 154</li> <li>4. North Yarmouth, 140</li> <li>5. Richmond, 124</li> <li>6. Searsport, 120</li> <li>7. Valley, 63</li> <li>8. Temple, 56</li> <li>9. Rangeley, 49</li> <li>10. Forest Hills, 49</li> <li>11. Greenville, 38</li> <li>12. Vinalhaven, 35</li> </ol>

\*Adjusted Enrollment

^Applied to Higher Classification

#Applied to Lower Classification