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## Utah High School Activities Association

# 2023 State Baseball Championships

1A Tournament at Spanish Fork & Kearns High School ..... Sept. 30, Oct. 3, 6-7

Even though the first rounds in Spanish Fork on Sept. 30 are part of the post season tournament, UHSAA will not receive any revenue and therefore will not pay any expenses. The UHSAA will pay the umpires, but the regions will be billed for the first round. Umpires must be arranged through the ArbiterSports system, please call Jeff Cluff (435) 619-7524 and notify him as soon as possible after arrangements are made.

Ticketing will be online via the official postseason partner GoFan. All costs (including programs) for the first round site are the responsibility of the schools involved. Those schools involved should share any profits gained from those games. All games after the home field sites will be eligible for expense reimbursement from the UHSAA.

The principal or assistant principal is responsible for the supervision of their students at all tournament games. Students must be always under adult supervision.

As per Executive Committee mandate, anyone under the ninth grade may not be on the field or in the dugout.

All ticketing is online via the UHSAA on-line ticket system GOFAN ticketing.  
<https://gofan.co/app/school/UHSAA>

No cash or checks are accepted at the venue site. Student ticket prices are \$5.00 and adult prices are \$10.00. Everyone must have a ticket including bus drivers, photographers, cheerleaders, pep squads and bands. There is no reimbursement for cheerleaders.

There are to be no banners or signs of any kind displayed at the state tournament.

Beginning with the home site games, the official game ball is Wilson and the host school is responsible for baseballs. At the state tournament venue, the UHSAA will provide the baseballs.

Due to the very tight time schedule, pregame infield will only be allowed during the championship game. A time limit of 10 minutes will be allowed for infield and pregame warm-up. More time will be granted if time allows and the teams will split the extra time equally.

In Spanish Fork and Kearns HS, cages are available prior to the game and will need to be shared between both teams.

Please use the main gates at each of the facilities. Please do not attempt to enter in any other access to the facility.

**The home teams are determined by the highest seeded team in the final RPI and official UHSAA bracket.**

The coach of each team must meet 30 minutes before each game with the announcer and score keeper to turn in line ups for each game (line-up cards must include first names).

The home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout unless mutually agreed otherwise.

Your coaches, team members and two managers, not to exceed 35 total, will not need passes to enter the stadium. The uniforms are their tickets. Each coach must be certified and credentialed throughout the tournament. Costs for all additional personnel more than 35 total without tickets will be billed to the school. Please do not ask for exceptions to this policy---you may purchase tickets for any additional personnel via the GOFAN app at <https://gofan.co/app/school/UHSAA>

PLEASE CLEANUP THE BENCH AREA SO THAT IT IS PRESENTABLE FOR THE NEXT TEAM.

BASEBALL INFORMATION--PLEASE REVIEW

- A. WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION: Inclement weather could be a factor in any of our tournament games.
- a. After the game starts, the umpires are sole judges as to whether conditions are fit for play. (4-1-1 note).
  - b. Halted or Suspended Game
    - i. A game that has been stopped at any time after its start because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure, or curfew may be continued by mutual agreement reached before the start of the contest by the competing member schools, or according to region or UHSAA state tournament policy, to a predetermined point of completion. Any such game must meet the conditions of each specific sport to be considered a regulation game. A halted game is for special conditions and is not intended to supersede the conditions of a regulation game.
    - ii. (Baseball Specific Language) A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
    - iii. The Halted-Game Procedure also may be used in non-region games, but this agreement clearly should be understood and mutually be agreed upon by the coaches and directors of athletics of the member schools before the start of the

contest. When the Halted-Game Procedure is agreed upon prior to the start of a non-region contest and the contest cannot be finished; the unfinished game becomes "no contest" if the game has not met the conditions of a regulation game.

c. No Game (baseball specific)

i. "No game" shall be declared by the umpire if play is terminated before five innings have been completed by each team.

1. *Exception 1*—If the team last at bat is at bat in the last half of the fifth inning and equals, before the completion of that inning, the score of the side first at bat, the umpire shall declare the contest legally tied. If the team last at bat has made more runs at the end of its fourth inning, or before the completion of its fifth inning, than the team first at bat has made in five completed innings, the umpire shall award the game to the team second at bat; and it shall count as a legal game.

2. *Exception 2*—Teams previously have agreed to play by the halted-game rule

d. No Contest

i. 1. There shall be no forfeit of a contest until the appropriate contest official has assumed jurisdiction of the contest in accordance with the applicable playing rules.

ii. 2. When a team does not appear (e.g., due to weather conditions, accidents, breakdown of vehicles, illness or catastrophic causes), a forfeit is not recorded. An member school shall not, for statistical purposes, declare a forfeit for nonfulfillment of a contract. Such instances shall be considered as "no contest."

e. Complete Game

i. Definition: a complete game is when suspension occurs and the home team is leading the game after 4 ½ innings or the visiting team is leading after five complete innings (4-2-3a).

f. NFHS rules will be in effect (4-2-3b). If play has gone beyond five full innings, and game is called, and when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last complete inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

g. At any time, if both opposing coaches and the umpires agree to end the game, the game may end as a completed game.

h. Ten run rule is in effect for all tournament games.

i. Speed up rules for pitcher and catcher will be in effect.

B. At all fields - teams warming up must do so in the outfield grass, do not warm up around the infield area. Team warm-up/stretching area must take place **near the foul line nearest team dugout (not in centerfield)**.

C. At Kearns, you will park on the north side of Kearns HS or on the west of the school.

D. At Spanish Fork, you will park on the east side of the facility.

E. Each venue will open 60 minutes prior to the start time of the game.

## PITCH COUNT

During competition at Spanish Fork and Kearns; the UHSAA will be responsible for keeping the pitch count. The UHSAA will provide officials stats via GameChanger and the link to the scoring will be located at [UHSAA.org/baseball](http://UHSAA.org/baseball)

## Pitching Limits

### All-Levels

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Pitches	Required Rest
86-110	3 days
61-85	2 days
36-60	1 day
1-35	0 days*

#### More info

- \* - Additionally, no pitcher may throw more than 75 pitches over two days. If they throw 75 pitches in two days, there will be one day of required rest.
- A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the limit of 110 pitches during an at-bat, but must exit the game after the hitter.
- Each contest must be recorded with the opposing team, noting the names of each pitcher and how many pitches that pitcher threw in the game. This information must be recorded in MaxPreps, along with the result of the contest, within 24 hours of the game. Note: The UHSAA recommends using Game Changer, as it is a free app for Apple products and can be easily exported into MaxPreps.

**PENALTY: If the pitch count rule is exceeded, the first offense is a coach suspension for two games; second offense and subsequent offense is forfeiture of contest. If there is a post-season violation, it is a forfeit.**

**The Region Board of Managers will handle violations of non-reporting of pitch counts.**

**NOTE:** Umpires will NOT mediate pitch counts. All concerns about pitch counts need to be addressed by the Athletic Director or UHSAA.

#### **SPECTATORS/FANS/BROADCASTING**

- Participants and patrons must adhere to **UHSAA State Event Guidelines** (See Handbook p. 79)
- The following are **NOT ALLOWED** at the tournament: bands, banners, hand-held signs of any kind, confetti/shredded paper, artificial noisemakers, thunder sticks, cow bells, whistles, air horns, sirens.
- Contact [jeffcluff@uhsaa.org](mailto:jeffcluff@uhsaa.org), regarding the rights to broadcast/stream state games.
- No pets/animals are allowed at any state venues.

#### **POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS**

Principals and coaches should carefully examine the tournament schedule for possible conflicts with end of year activities, especially graduation, so they can plan accordingly.

#### SPECIAL NOTES:

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE FULL-TIME COVERAGE BY A CERTIFIED TRAINER AT THE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS. SCHOOL TRAINERS SHOULD ACCOMPANY TEAMS. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR A CERTIFIED TRAINER TO ACCOMPANY YOUR TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE UHSAA OFFICE AT 801-566-0681 and WE CAN ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONE.