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Utah High School Activities Association

2026 State Baseball Championships

2A Tournament at Home Sites & BYU	May 7-9
3A Tournament at Home Sites & Lindquist Field and Kearns HS	May 11-16
4A Tournament at Home Sites, Kearns HS	May 11-16
5A Tournament at Home Sites, UVU	May 18-23
6A Tournament at Home Sites, BYU and UVU	May 18-23

Even though the home school rounds are part of the post season tournament, UHSAA will not receive any revenue and therefore will not pay any expenses. The home school is responsible for paying the umpires. 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 is optional for schools participating in games played at home school sites. All costs (including programs) for home school sites are the schools' responsibility. 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 the 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 online ticket system GOFAN ticketing.
<https://gofan.co/app/school/UHSAA>

No cash or checks are accepted at the venue site. Student ticket prices are \$8.00 and adult prices are \$13.00. 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 series. 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.

At Kearns, Lindquist, UVU, and BYU cages are NOT available before the game and other arrangements will need to be made at these facilities.

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

Home team determination at the double elimination championship (2A): Higher seed

Home team determination at the bracket play championships that end in best of 3 (3A, 4A, 5A, 6A):

Home Sites:

Best of 3 - Home Team
Game 1 - Host Team
Game 2- Visiting Team
Game 3 (if necessary) - Coin Toss

Venue:

UHSAA Baseball Championship Bracket Play	
Game Type	Home Team Determination
Opening Round	Higher seed is home team (coin flip if equal or unseeded)
Winner's Bracket / Elimination	Team with fewer home games in bracket play
Winner's Bracket / Elimination (Tied Conditions)	If tied: team with more visitor games, then coin flip if still tied
Championship Series - Game 1	Coin flip
Championship Series - Game 2	Other team from Game 1
Championship Series - Game 3 (if needed)	Coin flip

The coach of each team must meet 30 minutes before each game with the announcer and score keeper to turn in lineups 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 in excess of 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 CLEAN THE BENCH AREA SO THAT IT IS PRESENTABLE FOR THE NEXT TEAM.

BASEBALL INFORMATION--PLEASE REVIEW

- A. WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION: Rain could be a factor in any of our tournaments.
 - a. After the game starts, the umpires are the sole judges as to whether conditions are fit for play. (4-1-1 note).

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Halted or Suspended Game

1. 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.
2. (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.
3. 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.

No Game (baseball specific)

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

Exception 1—If the team's 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's 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's first at-bat has made in five completed innings, the umpire shall award the game to the team's second at-bat; and it shall count as a legal game.

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

No Contest

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.
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. A member school shall not, for statistical purposes, declare a forfeit for nonfulfillment of a contract. Such instances shall be considered as "no contest."

b. Suspended Play Procedure

- i. Definition: a suspended game is a contest where the game is stopped because of weather, mechanical, or facility problems.
- ii. Procedure: The point of suspension will be marked in the scorebook and on the umpire's lineup cards. If there is more than one suspension, games will be made in the same order as they were suspended. All games will continue from the point of suspension until the game is completed. Lineups will remain the same as they were at the time of suspension. Tie games are treated as suspended games if both teams have had an equal number of completed turns at bat (UHSAA Handbook).

c. 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).

- d. 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.

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

- f. Ten run rule is in effect for all tournament games.
- g. 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. Parking at UVU will be on the lots north of Brent Brown Ballpark.
- D. Parking at BYU will be in the parking on the north side of Miller Park.
- E. Parking at Kearns is on the North of the school and the west side of the football field.
- F. Parking at Lindquist Field is on the west of the stadium.
- G. Each venue will open 60 minutes before the start time of the game.

PITCH COUNT

During competition at Kearns, Lindquist Field, UVU, and BYU; the UHSAA will be responsible for keeping the pitch count. The UHSAA will provide official stats via GameChanger and the link to the scoring will be located at UHSAA.org/baseball. The home team is still responsible for submission of tournament games in the PitchKount system immediately after the game.

Pitching Limits

All-Levels

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

Additional Notes:

- *No pitcher may throw more than 75 pitches over two consecutive days.* If they reach **75 pitches in two days**, they must rest the required days equal to the days rest.
- A pitcher may finish a batter if they reach **110 pitches during an at-bat**, but they must exit the game immediately afterward.
- Each contest must be recorded with the opposing team, noting pitcher names and pitch counts. This data must be entered into **PitchKount Software** within **24 hours** of the game.

Penalty for Exceeding Pitch Count:

- **First offense:** Coach suspension for **two games**.
- **Second and subsequent offenses:** Forfeiture of contest.
- **Post-season violations:** Automatic forfeit.

Non-Reporting of Pitch Counts:

- The **Region Board of Managers** will handle any violations related to non-reporting. Reports are due within 24-hours and failure to report will be fined \$250 per incident payable to the region. (approved in EC 3/23/25)

Important: Umpires are NOT responsible for monitoring pitch counts. Any concerns should be directed to the Athletic Director or UHSAA.

RUN RULE

Change Adopted 8/7/24

10-run rule after 5-innings, 15-run rule after 4-innings

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, 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.