



# ***Utah High School Activities Association***

## **2023 SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENTS**

### **State Tournament Dates & Locations**

**2A and 3A State: May 6 at Pod Home Sites  
May 11-13 at Spanish Fork Softball Complex**

**4A State: Super Regionals: May 12 & 13  
Home Sites (Best of 3)**

**State Tournament Bracket Play: May 17 & 18 at Cottonwood Softball Complex  
Final Series: May 19 & 20 at Brigham Young University**

**5A and 6A State: Regionals: May 13 & 15 Home Sites (best of 3 series)  
Super Regionals: May 18 & 19 Home Sites (best of 3 series)**

**State Tournament Bracket Play: May 23-24 at Cottonwood Softball Complex  
Final Series: May 25 & 26 at Brigham Young University**

**Spanish Fork Softball Complex  
295 West Volunteer Drive, Spanish Fork (Turn right at 950 South Main)**

**Larry H Miller Big Cottonwood Softball Complex  
4302 So 1300 E, Salt Lake City  
BYU Miller Park  
400 E University Parkway, Provo**

### **HOME AND POD ROUNDS** (Game times posted on the brackets)

- Call Jeff Cluff (801-566-0681), UHSAA Supervisor of Officials with questions regarding officials.
- Even though the home and pod site rounds are part of the post-season tournament, the UHSAA will not receive any revenue and therefore will not pay any expenses.
- The home school is responsible for paying officials.
- Home teams will be responsible for providing game balls at all home-site games. The official tournament game ball will be the **Wilson A9011**.

- All costs for home school sites are the responsibility of the schools involved.
- Revenues from home and pod rounds should be shared, after expenses, by the schools involved.
- See the UHSAA policy for post-season games NOT ticketed by the UHSAA (See Handbook, page 76).
- Ticketing is optional, but encouraged, for schools participating in games played at home school sites.
- The higher seed will be the home team. In best of 3 series, the “if necessary” game home team will be determined by a coin toss.
- Games held at the state tournament sites are eligible for UHSAA expense reimbursement.
- There is no reimbursement for cheerleaders.

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION / STUDENT SUPERVISION

- School administrators are responsible for the supervision of their students.
- Administrators shall assist with crowd management.
- Remind students & fans what is NOT allowed at tournament sites.



## TICKET PRICES

- Everyone must have a ticket (including bus drivers, school photographers, etc).
- Ticket prices are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. **Venue will NOT Accept CASH!**
- **All tickets must be purchased online.** Go to: <https://gofan.co/app/school/UHSAA>

## TEAM ADMISSION

- Gates open 60 minutes prior to the first game. **Teams should not enter the park prior to that time**
- Teams are allowed free entrance for a maximum of 25 (any combo of players, coaches, managers, etc).
- **Teams must enter as a group** to be counted and have their hands stamped for admission each day. If a team brings in more than 25 the school will be billed.

## TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Because of limited parking, buses will not be allowed to park in the general parking. (See maps on the UHSAA website softball page)
- Gates open and tickets will be redeemed 60 minutes prior to the first game of the tournament.
- Thirty minutes prior to game time, the head coach should check in at the press box with tournament management to turn in their lineup.
- The higher seed will be the home team. In the best of 3 series, the “if necessary” games, home team will be decided by a coin toss.
- Home team will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout unless mutually agreed otherwise.
- Each site will have designated grassy areas that teams can use for warm-up.
- Due to the tight time schedule, there will be no warm-up allowed on the diamonds.
- Prior to all games, infield warm-up is only allowed outside the base lines.
- There are no time limits in any games at the State Tournament.
- The 10-run rule is in effect after five innings and a 15-run rule is in effect after three innings.
- The official tournament game ball will be the **Wilson A9011**.
- Teams should clean up their bench area before leaving so it is presentable for the next team.
- By UHSAA policy, anyone under the 9<sup>th</sup> grade may NOT be on the field or in the dugout.
- A certified trainer will **not** be on site. School trainers should accompany teams to the tournaments.
- All coaches must be certified and wear their UHSAA credentials while coaching at the tournament.

## INTERNATIONAL TIE-BREAKER

- If a game is tied after seven innings of play, the international tiebreaker will be implemented.
- At the start of the 8th inning, before the first batter begins her turn at bat, the last batter who completed their turn at bat in that team's half of the last inning will assume a position at 2nd base. This means that the first batter in the top of the 8th will bat with a runner on 2nd base and no one out. The same procedure will continue in each half inning until a winner is determined.

## SPECTATORS/FANS/BROADCASTING

- Participants and patrons must adhere to **UHSAA State Event Guidelines** (See Handbook p. 80)
- 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 Jon Oglesby, [joglesby@uhsaa.org](mailto:joglesby@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. Contact Jan Whittaker to arrange for a possible field graduation ceremony.



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