



2018 AIA State Softball

TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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Softball Sports Advisory Committee:

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1A	Lee Haws	Ft. Thomas
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5A	OPEN	
6A	Red Morrow	TUSD

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At Large	Phil Gruensfelder	Sal Pointe
At Large	Dean Visser (AIA – tournament director)	

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Sites: **Rose Mofford Softball Complex;** 9833 N. 25th Ave; Phoenix, AZ 85021

ASU – Farrington Stadium; 510 S. Athletes Place Tempe AZ 85287

Saturday	04/28/18	1A	1st Round	Rose Mofford – 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday	04/28/18	2A	1st Round	Rose Mofford – 11:00 a.m. - 1:00/3:00 p.m.
Saturday	04/28/18	3A	1st Round	Rose Mofford – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	04/28/18	4A	1st Round	High Seed – 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	04/28/18	5A	1st Round	High Seed – 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	04/28/18	6A	1st Round	High Seed – 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday	05/01/18	4A	2nd Round	High Seed – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	05/01/18	5A	2nd Round	High Seed – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	05/01/18	6A	2nd Round	High Seed – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	05/03/18	4A	3rd Round	Rose Mofford – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	05/03/18	5A	3rd Round	Rose Mofford – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	05/03/18	6A	3rd Round	Rose Mofford – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	05/04/18	1A	Quarterfinals	Rose Mofford – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	05/04/18	2A	Quarterfinals	Rose Mofford – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	05/04/18	3A	Quarterfinals	Rose Mofford – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	05/05/18	1A	Semi - Finals	Rose Mofford – 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	05/05/18	2A	Semi - Finals	Rose Mofford – 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	05/05/18	3A	Semi - Finals	Rose Mofford – 12:15 p.m.
Monday	05/07/18	1A	Championship	ASU/Farrington Stadium – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	05/08/18	2A	Championship	ASU/Farrington Stadium – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	05/08/18	3A	Championship	ASU/Farrington Stadium – 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday	05/08/18	4A	Elimination Rd	Rose Mofford – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	05/08/18	5A	Elimination Rd	Rose Mofford – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	05/08/18	6A	Elimination Rd	Rose Mofford – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	05/10/18	4A	Elimination Rd	Rose Mofford – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday	05/10/18	5A	Elimination Rd	Rose Mofford – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	05/10/18	6A	Elimination Rd	Rose Mofford – 7:30 p.m.
Friday	05/11/18	4A	Semi - Finals	Rose Mofford – 5:30 p.m.
Friday	05/11/18	5A	Semi - Finals	Rose Mofford – 7:30 p.m.
Friday	05/11/18	6A	Semi - Finals	Rose Mofford – 7:30 p.m.
Monday	05/14/18	5A	Championship	ASU/Farrington Stadium – 5:30 p.m.
Monday	05/14/18	6A	Championship	ASU/Farrington Stadium – 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday	05/15/18	4A	Championship	TBD – 6:30 p.m. #

#if a game includes two teams from Southern Arizona, the game will be played at TBD

SITE ADMINISTRATOR HOST SITE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is required that a MD, DO, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner or Certified Athletic Trainer be at the game site. The game cannot be played without one of the above mentioned healthcare professionals present.

- If you have not done so yet for the softball field or stadium that will be used for your high seed hosted game, complete the [Anyone Can Save A Life](#) site plan for this event and submit to the AIA no later than 4/29/14 (Tuesday).
 - See AIA Save a Life policy link - http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/Anyone_Can_Save_A_Life_POLICY_1380140384.pdf
 - See AIA Save a Life plan submission link - http://www.greatapes.com/acsal_eap/course/1.php

SCORE REPORTING

Host School Athletic Directors must contact the AIA immediately following the game to ensure proper posting of the AIA State Tournament Results.

RULES

Rules shall be those of the current National Federation Softball Rule Book, the AIA Constitution and Bylaws and these tournament instructions.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

State Tournament Qualifying:

6A, 5A and 4A (16 team bracket): In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings, the top team in each region (except 6A Southern) will earn an automatic bid at minimum to the conference play-in tournament. The automatic bid in the 6A Southern will be the winner of the No 1 Tucson division team vs. The No. 1 Yuma division team. The conference play-in tournament will match up teams ranked No. 9 through No. 24. Teams ranked No. 1 through No. 8, along with the eight winning teams from the conference play-in tournament, will make up the 16 team state tournament. In addition, any 4A region champion in the play-in tournament will be reseeded to be at minimum a No. 16 seed to be guarantee a home game. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams. The state tournament will be double elimination with a single game championship.

- 6A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8 and eight (8) conference play-in winners
- 5A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8 and eight (8) conference play-in winners
- 4A: Teams ranked No. 1 to 8 and eight (8) conference play-in winners

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3A (16 team bracket): In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings, the top two teams in each region will earn an automatic bid at minimum to the conference play-in tournament. The conference play-in tournament will match up teams ranked No.9 through No. 24. Teams ranked No. 1 through No 8, along with the eight winning teams from the conference play-in tournament, will make up the 16 team state tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall rankings of the 16 teams. The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 3A: 12 (12) automatic bids, four (4) at-large qualifiers based on ranking

2A (16 team bracket): In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings, the top team in each region will earn an automatic bid to the state tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams; however, the region champs will be guaranteed as the designated home team in the first round even if the region champ is the lower seed in the matchup (if the first tournament game is between two region champs, the high seed will be the designated home team). The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 2A: Eight (8) automatic bids, Eight (8) at-large qualifiers based on ranking

1A (16 team bracket): In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of 14 games. Based on region standings, the top two teams in each region will earn an automatic bid to the state tournament. The state tournament bracket will be seeded according to overall ranking of the 16 teams. The state tournament will consist of four rounds and will be single elimination.

- 1A: Ten (10) automatic bids, six (6) at-large qualifiers based on ranking

Dugouts (At Neutral Sites)

- Home team shall be on the side of third base. Visiting team shall be on the side of first base.

Batting Practice

- There is no batting practice at Rose Mofford, however the batting cages will be available at ASU – Farrington Stadium. Just prior to game time, warm-ups may take place on the outfield warning track of the assigned diamonds and shall be limited to whiffle-balls and soft toss into nets.

Warm-ups (At Neutral Sites)

- Each team shall have seven (7) minutes for warm-ups provided the games are running on time; the home team will be first. When the City of Phoenix staff are lining and dragging the field it is expected that the teams will honor the request to not throw or hit balls that may have the potential of hitting a city employee.

Ice and Sport Drink

- Each school is responsible for "injury treatment ice", water cooler and cups at games played at high school sites.
- Coolers (for water and sport drink) and cups will be provided at all neutral game sites.



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Game Balls

- Official AIA softball is the Wilson Fast Pitch SST (A9011BSST) and must be used at all AIA State Tournament games.

SCORE BOOK

The official score book will be that of the home team.

RULES:

Official rules for girls' softball shall be those published in the current edition of the National Federation Softball Rules Book.

COACHING ATTIRE

The National Federation rule on coaching attire shall be applied to all coaches. Any time a coach is in live-ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coach's box, the coach shall be attired in school uniform or jersey/coaching shirt with coaching shorts/slacks or warm-up suits (including fleece worm ups) in school colors or colors of khaki, black, white or gray. Cut offs or any type of jeans are prohibited. Jackets are not considered part of the coach's uniform. See National Federation Softball Rules, 3- 5- 3.

TEN RUN RULE

A softball game shall end any time after five (5) innings, or after four and one-half (4 ½) innings when a team is ten (10) or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

Refer to AIA Constitution and Bylaws Article 27. (Section 27.1.4, Page 91)

ROSE MOFFORD SOFTBALL COMPLEX – ARRIVAL OF TEAMS

Teams arriving in buses or vans need to drop-off players and coaches at the NORTH entrance gate. Drivers and/or coaches need to proceed to the western most area of the parking lot to be directed to their parking area. Teams arriving at any other gate will be directed to the North entrance gate. Please park buses at the west end of the parking lot. The parking lot will fill up so have the buses park as close to the curb as possible. If the bus parking space is filled you will be directed across 25th Avenue to Mountain View Street.

Teams (in uniform) entering with their Coach - maximum of 22 players shall suit up (27.10.1.5)

PROGRAMS AND SOUVENIRS

Kukulski Brothers is the official supplier for AIA Programs and Souvenirs. ***Sale or distribution of AIA State Tournament related game programs, t-shirts or any other souvenirs by any individual or company other than the Kukulski Brothers at any AIA State Tournament playoff site or game is prohibited.*** Please call David Kukulski or Dan Kukulski at (480) 921-1975 if you have any questions regarding AIA Team Pictures, Team Rosters, Programs, Souvenirs or Digital Photography



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AIA365.com Video Streaming: Any school wanting to video stream a playoff game in any round must contact Brian Bolitho, bbolitho@aiaonline.org. The exclusive rights for post season tournaments belongs to the NFHS Network; however, schools may broadcast a first round through semi-final game through AIA365.com/NFHSNetwork.com and not have to pay a rights fee. Any school wishing to broadcast on a third party website will be subject to the rights fee of that sport.

2018 ADMISSION PRICE

High Seed Sites:	\$5.00 <u>High School Students with ID</u> \$10.00 Adults
Rose Mofford – ASU – U of A:	\$5.00 <u>High School Students with ID</u> \$10.00 Adults

Fans that have their ticket stub and an AIA hand stamp from the same day AIA softball tournament game will be given free entry into the same day AIA baseball tournament game.

FAN SEATING

The City of Phoenix has taken out most of the grand stand seating at Rose Mofford Sports Complex for safety and maintenance reasons. Their long range plan is to have new shaded bleacher seating, but no timeline has been established for this project. In the meantime please make your teams fans aware that it recommended that fans bring their own portable seating (lawn chairs). If portable shades structures are set up we ask that you do not block anyone else's ability to see the softball game!

FAN PARKING

Please park east of 25th Avenue in the **Rose Mofford Softball Complex** until the parking lot is full. The over full parking will be at the Black Canyon Conference Center and along West Mountain View Street. Do not park in the Sanford Brown College or the Corporate Center Property parking lots on weekdays or you may be subject to being towed. Those parking lots will be available for weekend parking only.

FREE ADMISSION

Children five or under

Teams (in uniform) entering with their Coach - maximum of 22 players shall suit up (26.10.1.5)

Media with proper credentials

AIA Lifetime Pass Holder and One Guest

AIA Complimentary Pass and One Guest

Photo ID required for AIA Pass Holder and all AIA Complimentary Passes