

2008 NIAA Class 4A SUNSET REGION Softball Championship Tournament Information Packet

The 2008 NIAA Class 4A Sunset Region Softball Championship tournament is scheduled to be played Tuesday, May 6 through Friday, May 9 at the Stephanie Lynn Craig Fields in Henderson. The Sunset Region tournament will be conducted on the same days and at the same site as the Sunrise Region tournament. The state "play-in" game is NOT scheduled for 2008 (odd years only).

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (final on May 9)

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 @ Stephanie Lynn Craig (see bracket)

Game 2 – Clark (#1 Southwest) def. Palo Verde (#4 Northwest), 3-2 in 8 innings

Game 4 – Shadow Ridge (#1 Northwest) def. Spring Valley (#4 Southwest), 11-1

Game 6 – Durango (#3 Southwest) def. Centennial (#2 Northwest), 3-2

Game 8 – Cimarron-Memorial (#3 Northwest) def. Sierra Vista (#2 Southwest), 5-1

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 @ Stephanie Lynn Craig (see bracket)

Game 10 – Centennial (Loser 6) def. Palo Verde (Loser 2), 6-3

Game 12 – Spring Valley (Loser 4) def. Sierra Vista (Loser 8), 12-2

Game 14 – Clark (Winner 2) def. Durango (Winner 6), 2-1

Game 16 – Shadow Ridge (Winner 4) def. Cimarron-Memorial (Winner 8), 2-1 in 10 ins.

Thursday, May 8, 2008 @ Stephanie Lynn Craig (see bracket)

Game 18 – Cimarron-Memorial (Loser 16) def. Centennial (Winner 10), 2-1

Game 20 – Durango (Loser 14) def. Spring Valley (Winner 12), 9-1

Game 22 – Shadow Ridge (Winner 16) def. Clark (Winner 14), 1-0 in 8 innings

Game 24 – Durango (Winner 20) def. Cimarron-Memorial (Winner 18), 2-0

Friday, May 9, 2008 @ Stephanie Lynn Craig (all Field 3)

Game 26 – Durango (Winner 24) def. Clark (Loser 22), 10-4

Game 28 "Championship", Shadow Ridge (Winner 22) def. Durango (Winner 26), 7-2

Game 30 -- Championship "If Game" NOT NECESSARY @ 7:00 p.m.

Monday Play-In Game

Play-In Game – NOT CONTESTED IN 2008 (odd years only).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The region tournament program will be prepared by Silverado High School. Please mail your team picture and roster by Friday, April 25 to Pamela Sloan at Silverado.

Please also be sure to include your team's check for \$50 to help cover the cost of printing the program.

As a reminder, the state tournament program will be prepared by the NIAA. Please mail another copy of your team's roster and picture by Friday, May 2 to the NIAA.

LOCATION

Stephanie Lynn Craig Fields are located at 1725 Galleria Drive in Henderson, in the vicinity of the mall. From the airport, take Russell south/east for about 10 minutes and look for the complex on the right. If you reach the interchange of Highway 95 or the school bus depot, you have gone 1/2 mile too far.

REGION QUALIFYING

The top four (4) teams out of the Southwest League and the top four (4) teams out of the Northwest League, both based on regular-season standings, qualify for the 2008 NIAA Class 4A Sunset Region Softball Championship tournament.

STATE QUALIFYING (Northern rotation in 2008)

The top two (2) teams (champion and runner-up) out of the Northern Region championship tournament, the top (1) team (champion) from the Sunset Region championship tournament and the top (1) team (champion) from the Sunrise Region championship tournament will advance to the 2008 NIAA Class 4A Nevada State High School Softball Championship tournament, presented by the Las Vegas Review-Journal and Farmers Insurance Group. The state tournament is scheduled to be played Friday and Saturday, May 16th & 17th at Bishop Manogue High School in Reno (please see the 4A softball state tournament packet for all information).

HOME TEAM

“In all post-season softball brackets, the higher seed will be the home team with the exception that the undefeated team, regardless of seed, will be the home team in the championship final. The home-visitor roles will be switched, however, in the case of a championship ‘if game’.

“In the case that similar seeds with equal records within the tournament meet in the tournament, the home team will be determined by a coin flip.

“The home team will always have choice of dugout.”

NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES

All rules according to the National Federation's rule book (game rules), the NIAA Reference Manual (regular-season tie-breakers, etc.) and the NIAA Handbook (eligibility, etc.) and this tournament information packet will apply and no protests will be allowed. Questions relating to rule interpretations and procedures will be resolved by the umpire-in-chief and tournament staff. This tournament information packet is a binding document for this tournament.

The 10-run "Mercy Rule" will be in effect after 4 1/2 innings.

GAME BALL

The official softball in all NIAA post-season games is the "Wilson A9016-BSST (cork)".

PRE-GAME CEREMONIES

The home team will take a 15-minute infield session 35-minutes prior to game time. After the visiting team has taken infield, the remaining five minutes will be designated toward the playing of the National Anthem – if applicable – and the introduction of the starting lineups.

INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS & NATIONAL ANTHEM

The visiting team will be introduced first.

The National Anthem/Pledge – if applicable for the first game only of each day – will follow the completion of the starting introductions.

UMPIRES

All umpires will be selected and assigned by the commissioner of officials in your area as directed by the NIAA.

PLAYER CONDUCT

The NIAA feels it is very important that coaches get a copy of and review with their players NAC 386.835 – 386.847, the NIAA's regulations regarding sportsmanship and ethics, on pages 87-92 of the NIAA Handbook.

WEATHER

If a playoff tournament game must be canceled or cannot be completed because of nature, weather, a major catastrophe or any other unforeseeable and/or unavoidable cause, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The director of the game/tournament shall attempt to complete the remainder of the schedule by using any means available to him/her. Such means may include delay, a brief postponement or a shortened format of the schedule, but in no case may the remainder of the schedule be held on Sunday.
2. If the tournament director is unable to complete the schedule by the indicated finishing date on the original tournament schedule, the (completion of the) tournament may be rescheduled within a reasonable time and at a site that is convenient to all competing schools so long as the superintendents of the school districts involved in the completion of the schedule approve such a rescheduling by a unanimous vote.

SUSPENDED GAME

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of the interruption with the lineup and batting order of each team the same as at the moment of the interruption, subject to the rules of the game.

ADMISSION PRICES

Adults, \$6; Students, \$4

Children (8 & younger), Free; Senior Citizens (62 & older), Free

NIAA Courtesy Card, Honored for the legitimate pass holder and one guest

NIAA Lifetime Pass, Honored for the legitimate pass holder and one guest

UNIVERSAL TIE-BREAKER (for league/region qualifying)

1. The win-loss records of the teams in league/region play shall determine seeding into the league/region tournament. The league's administrators will determine win-loss records based on previously approved schedules. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken using the following procedures:

2. Tie between two (2) teams

A. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.

B. If the tie remains after head-to-head, each tied team shall receive one (1) point for each game won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the higher seed.

C. If the tie remains, the team that won the second league game scheduled between the two teams will be the higher seed.

EXCEPTION: This step is only to be used for seeding. A team shall not be eliminated from league or region competition by the use of step 'C.' If the tie is not broken in step 'A' and/or 'B' and a team will be eliminated, a playoff game will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for this contest.

3. Tie between three (3) or more teams

A. In all cases of ties involving more than two teams, as each team is removed from the tie, all other tied teams revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining in the tie.

B. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.

Example of multiple team ties:

i. Games

- Team A defeated Team B twice and split with Team C
- Team B lost to Team A twice but defeated Team C twice
- Team C lost to Team B twice and split with Team A

ii. Mini Standings

- Team A is 3-1
- Team B is 2-2
- Team C is 1-3

iii. Results

- Team A is awarded highest seed
- Team B is awarded second highest seed because of its head-to-head record against Team C.

C. Seven (7) run system

If the tie remains, all tied teams will compare their margin of victory with each other in league play. Each team will total their margin of runs against the other tied teams with marginal runs being the difference in the scores of a game.

Winning teams will add the margin of runs while losing teams will subtract the margin of runs. No more than seven (7) runs will be added or subtracted in any league game. The team with the highest number of marginal runs will receive the highest seed. If there is a tie for highest marginal runs, then those tied teams shall revert back to the respective tie-breaking procedure based on the number of teams remaining in the tie. Once a team is eliminated, the remaining teams will always refer back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.

Example of point system:

i. Games

- Team A defeated Team B, 8-0
- Team B defeated Team C, 11-6
- Team C defeated Team A, 4-3

ii. Mini Standings

- Marginal points for Team A is +6
- Marginal points for Team B is -2
- Marginal points for Team C is -4

iii. Results

- Team A is awarded highest seed
- Team B is awarded second highest seed because of its head-to-head record against Team C.

D. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each game won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.

E. If a tie still exists and all tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region tournament, are guaranteed entrance into the tournament, then a coin toss will be used to determine seeding. The winner of any coin toss will receive the highest seed. Remaining teams would revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining in the tie.

F. If a tie still exists and one or more of the tied teams must, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region tournament, be eliminated, playoff game(s) will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for the event.

NOTE: In the event of a multiple team tie as outlined in step 'F,' the tied teams will draw numbers. The team drawing #1 will have a bye and will play the winner of the first playoff game. All games will be scheduled as soon as possible. Seeding will be established by the results of this playoff.