

2026 DISTRICT ONE PLAYOFF PLAN

SPORT: SOFTBALL
CLASSIFICATION: 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A
TOURNAMENT FORMAT: Single Elimination with Playbacks for 6A and 5A

THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL SEED:

6A—24 Teams, 5A—12 Teams, 4A—4 Teams, 3A—see below, 2A—4 Teams, 1A—4 Teams

NOTE: 3A Softball – 2 D1 teams play at higher seed. D1 winner plays the DXI winner for 1 PIAA state playoff qualifier.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS MUST CHECK Winners WITH THEIR LEAGUE MEMBERS AS TO INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT IF SEEDED. INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS MUST CONTACT THE CHAIRPERSON WITH INTENT AND RECORD BY THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE SEEDING MEETING.

District One Playoff Dates:	6A	1 ST ROUND	MAY 18, 2026
		2 ND ROUND	MAY 20, 2026
		QUARTER-FINALS	MAY 22, 2026
		SEMI-FINALS	MAY 26, 2026
		FINALS	MAY 28, 2026
		PLAYBACKS	MAY 27 and MAY 28, 2026
	5A	1 ST ROUND	MAY 18, 2026
		QUARTER-FINALS	MAY 20, 2026
		SEMI-FINALS	MAY 22, 2026
		FINALS	MAY 27, 2026
		PLAYBACKS	MAY 27, 2026
	4A	SEMI-FINALS	MAY 19, 2026
		FINALS	TBD
	3A	D1 GAME (2 TEAMS)	MAY 19, 2026 DXI REGIONAL PLAY-IN TBD
	2A	SEMI-FINAL	MAY 19, 2026
		FINAL	TBD
	1A	SEMI-FINALS	MAY 19, 2026
		FINALS	TBD

Dates of States:

1 st round:	JUNE 2, 2026
2 nd round:	JUNE 5, 2026
Semis:	JUNE 9, 2026
Finals:	JUNE 12/13, 2026

SITES & TIMES: ALL GAMES THROUGH AND INCLUDING THE SEMI-FINALS WILL BE PLAYED AT THE FIELD OF THE HIGHER SEEDED TEAM. IF THAT FIELD IS NOT PLAYABLE, THE FOLLOWING PROCESS WILL BE USED: (1) ANOTHER FIELD IN THE LEAGUE OF THE HIGHER SEEDED TEAM WILL BE CONSIDERED. (2) THE LOWER SEEDED TEAM'S FIELD. ALL FINALS WILL BE PLAYED ON NEUTRAL FIELDS SELECTED FOR LOCATION AND **SUITABILITY**. ALL GAMES SHOULD START AT 4:00 PM UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED ON BY BOTH SCHOOLS AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON. HOME TEAM OR TEAM TRAVELING THE SHORTEST DISTANCE TAKES THE FIELDING PRACTICE FROM 3:30-3:40. VISITING TEAM OR THE TEAM TRAVELING THE FARTHEST TAKES FIELDING PRACTICE FROM 3:40-3:50. NO BATTING PRACTICE ON THE GAME FIELD. FOR FINAL GAMES, THE HIGHER SEEDED TEAM IS THE HOME TEAM ON A NEUTRAL FIELD.

HOME TEAM: For all games in the tournaments, the higher seeded team will be the home team.

Seeding Meeting: Thursday 5/16/26 via zoom 7:30.

METHOD OF SEEDING:

**Teams will be seeded in the tournament by using the power ranking system described below:
Win points—5 points for each win.**

Schedule points—winning percentage of all opponents on your schedule X5.

Bonus points—the winning percentage of the team that your team defeated X12.

All schools on your schedule are now included in the calculation including non-PIAA schools. The power ranking is determined by dividing the sum of all the win points, schedule points and bonus points by the number of games played. It is strongly recommended that you play all 20 games. All games should be completed the day prior to the seeding meeting. Coaches of the winning team must report their score to the Score Service-- 800-756-4570. If you play a non-PIAA school or a non-District One school you must find their win-loss record by noon on May 18 and forward that record to Morgan Funsten (morg2316@yahoo.com)

OFFICIALS: THE OFFICIALS ARE ASSIGNED BY THE DISTRICT 1 OFFICIALS' REPRESENTATIVE

TICKETS: No admission will be charged at games.

ENTRY FEE: NONE ASSESSED THIS YEAR

AWARDS: 1ST PLACE TEAM RECEIVES A TROPHY AND 20 PLAYER MEDALLIONS. 2ND PLACE TEAM RECEIVES 20 PLAYER MEDALLIONS.

NUMBER OF TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR STATES:

6A—6 Teams

5A—4 Teams

4A—1 Team

3A—1 from Regional Championship with DXI

2A—1 Team

1A—1 Team

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON: Sheila Murphy
14001 Kelvin Ave.
Phila. Pa. 19116

SCORE REPORTING For District One Tournament Play:

WINNING TEAM MUST REPORT THE SCORE OF THE GAME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BY CALLING Sheila Murphy @ 215-676-1622

GAME BALL:

DISTRICT ONE WILL PROVIDE THREE GAME BALLS FOR EACH PLAYOFF GAME. THEY ARE: Dudley (Leather WT 12 Y FP Thunder Heat). THIS IS THE OFFICIAL BALL FOR ALL DISTRICT AND STATE PLAYOFFS. **The coefficient of restitution (COR) and compression (375 lbs max-325 lbs +/-50) shall be labeled on all balls. The specifications of color, COR and compression shall be identical for all balls used for the game. The NFHS Authenticating Mark shall be marked on each ball.**

ENDING A REGULATION CONTEST: Rule 4.2.2 If a game is ended because of weather conditions, or darkness interferes with the play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided:

- a. Five full innings have been played; or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns.
- b. Play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number turns at bat. The shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning.; unless the homed team in its half of the incomplete inning, in its half of the incomplete inning and scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURE: If the score remains tied upon completion of 9 innings, the player who last completed her turn at bat is placed on second base.

SUSPENDED CONTEST: A PIAA District or Inter-District softball championship contest called (ended) by the umpire before it is a regulation contest, or a regulation contest called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined shall be treated as a suspended contest. The suspended contest must be resumed later that same day or on the next playable day, and it must be continued from the point of suspension with the lineup and batting order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension. Players that were not at the suspended game **may** participate in the game when it is continued but are subject to the rules of the game.

WEARING ATTIRE OF COACHES: Rule 3-5-3: 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 a school uniform or jersey/coaching shirt with slacks, short or other leg coverings in school colors or colors of khaki, black or gray. Cut off or any type of blue jeans are prohibited. Jackets are not considered part of the coach's attire.

SCOREBOOK:

EACH TEAM MUST KEEP SCORE. HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING A QUALIFIED SCOREKEEPER AND THE HOME TEAM'S SCOREBOOK WILL BE CONSIDERED THE OFFICIAL GAME BOOK.

SITE MANAGER:

THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOLS WHERE THE GAMES ARE BEING PLAYED WILL DECIDE IF A GAME CAN BE PLAYED, PROVIDE CROWD CONTROL, CONTACT EACH SCHOOL COMING TO THE SITE WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, DIRECTIONS, ETC. AND HAVE THE FIELD PREPARED. THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/SITE MANAGER WILL ALSO CONTACT THE OFFICIALS AND SCHOOLS INVOLVED IF THE GAME IS POSTPONED. THE SITE MANAGER WILL BE REIMBURSED BY DISTRICT ONE.

ATHLETIC TRAINER:

DISTRICT ONE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ATHLETIC TRAINER AT ALL CONTESTS DURING THE PLAYOFFS. IF THE ATHLETIC TRAINER AT THE SITE OF THE CONTEST IS AVAILABLE, DISTRICT I WILL REIMBURSE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR HIS/HER SERVICES.