

2011-2012 WPIAL JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

May 19, 2011

First Practice Date ~ March 5, 2012
First Scrimmage Date ~ March 10, 2012
First Play Date ~ March 23, 2012

Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2
Maximum Contests ~ 20

A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach. Please check the schedule grids for WPIAL junior high softball competition dates. Athletic Directors and coaches must make all efforts to complete section play according to the schedule. Please check the schedule carefully and notify the League Office at (412) 921-7181 or (800) 297-9553 of any errors or omissions.

1. All WPIAL games will be played according to the National Federation Rulebook. This includes all rules that apply to varsity softball. All eligibility rules as outlined in the PIAA By-Laws will prevail.
2. The home team will furnish four balls at the start of each contest.
3. Only PIAA softball officials may officiate. The WPIAL recommends the use of two PIAA officials for each softball game.
4. Please make sure that both teams and the umpires know the correct starting time. This should be established by the home team and made known to the visitors in plenty of time. It is recommended that all afternoon contests do not start **before 3:30 PM** unless the competing school principals agree.
5. All games must be played on scheduled days. By mutual agreement, schedule adjustments can be made to take advantage of fair weather.
6. **Coaches who elect to handle base line coaching duties or to confer with players and/or umpire must be dressed in the complete uniform that is worn by the players.** No other attire is permitted if the coach wishes to handle this responsibility. Players in uniform may also act as base line coaches.
7. Softball coaches must be in/on the dugout/bench with the following exceptions:
 - a. **Coaching in the coaching box when their team is at bat.**
 - b. **Executing a pitching or position change.**
 - c. **Attending to an injured player with the approval of the umpire.**

A warning will be given on the first violation; ejection will result on the second.

8. If rain or wet grounds prevent the playing of a game, the home team must notify the visiting team at least two hours before game team. **The home school principal must approve this postponement.**
10. **During all WPIAL competition, any game that is interrupted by bad weather prior to becoming a legal game will be resumed at that point on the next available playing date.**

11. No protests based on play situations or an official's decision involving interpretation or judgment will be considered. In no case will the results of a contest be reversed nor will a contest be replayed.
12. The principal may grant waivers for dual participation by team members (with teams outside the school). A letter must be submitted to the League Office announcing the waiver.
13. The Ten Run/ Fifteen Run Rule will be in effect for all WPIAL girls' softball games.
14. The designated hitter (DH) is a part of the softball game and all coaches should be aware of the rule covering the DH. In addition, shin guards are compulsory for catchers and pitching rubbers are required.

JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL ALIGNMENT –26 TEAMS

SECTION 1

Butler
Ellwood City
North Allegheny (*Gold*)
North Hills
Seneca Valley
Shaler (*Blue*)

SECTION 2

Avonworth
Burrell
East Allegheny
Highlands
Mars
Plum
Valley

SECTION 3

Franklin Regional
Gateway
Kiski
McKeesport
Norwin
Penn Hills (*Linton*)
Penn Trafford

SECTION 4

Fox Chapel
Hampton
Mt Lebanon
North Allegheny (*White*)
Pine Richland
Shaler (*White*)

TEAM DROPPED

New Castle
Oakland Catholic
Woodland Hills

TEAM ADDED

Kiski