

P.S.A.A. GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL GUIDELINES (UPDATED FOR 2021)

Official Rules: NFHS Rule Book with exception of the following modifications below

Official Referee Assignor: Regular season games: RECOMMENDED Alan Wharton or FJ Assigning:

- Consistency with league rules has been an issue outside of these two assignors
- **Please note: modified games (not played by our leagues rules) will lead to a forfeit to the home team that was responsible for providing the umpires.**

Playoffs: Alan Wharton (League Pays Semis/finals)

Official game ball: Dudley 12" yellow.

Athletic Trainer: Regular season games: N/A Finals: TBD (League Pays)

Girls Varsity: 1 Division 5 teams **Title:** League Champion or co-champions if teams are tied.

Long Island Lutheran, Martin Luther, Our Saviour New American, Portledge ,Staten Island Academy

Schools will play 2X (Exception: Travel restrictions due to Covid will have 1 game count as 2 for league standings purposes)

Rosters: Rosters must be sent to the leagues and the sports coordinator by April 13,2021

1. Game Protocol:

I. Duration of games: 7 innings. 4 ½ to make an official game if cut short by weather.

II. Game suspension due weather or other reason: Resume where it was left off (if possible.)

III. Home team is responsible for providing game balls and a lined field with a pitching area 43 Ft from home base. Each team must provide **two** game balls.

IV. Minimum number of players: A team may start the game with 8 players and can add the 9th players up until the completion of the 3rd inning. Please note that a late player must be added to the 9th spot in the lineup. If a team only has 8 players the 9th spot in the lineup is an automatic out when it is that spots turn in the batting order to bat.

V. Uniforms: NA

VI. Mercy Rule

15 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ If home team is leading)

12 runs after 5 inning (4 ½ if home team is leading)

Reminder that if the home team is trailing by the mercy rule they must bat in that inning in order for the mercy rule to be valid Ex: Away team is leading 15-0, the home team must bat in the bottom of the 4th inning.

VII. **Lateness:** If a team is running late it is the responsibility of that team to CALL immediately

VIII. **COVID protocols:** will be in effect. Schools will communicate the particulars for their location.

All players must wear Masks at ALL TIMES and softballs will be cleaned as needed.

2. Umpires:

Games **MUST** be officiated by assigned officials. No parent, assistant coach etc, may officiate a game.

3. Teams and fans:

It is encouraged for each coach to control players and fans and encourage good sportsmanship. Ultimately the HOME team coach is responsible for unruly fans for either team. (PLEASE NOTE HOST SCHOOL WILL DICTATE COVID POLICY FOR FANS)

4. Schedule/Results: Schedules and Results must be reported:

Bela Tomahatsch and Chris Bruno

Email to: bela.tomahatsch@aol.com and cbruno@statenilandacademy.org on the same day, by both teams. Results and standings will be posted on the league website (www.psaany.org)

5. Standings:

Standings for all leagues are determined by win loss record

6. Playoffs:

Top 4 teams will make playoffs.

Assignor- Alan Wharton for all playoff games

Semifinals – Tuesday, May 18

(Higher Seed Hosts)

#1 seed vs #4

#2 seed vs #3

Finals- Thursday, May 20 @ TBD 4pm

7. Tie breaker system: #1-overall record; #2-head to head result; #3-record against teams above in the standings; #4-the team that allowed the fewest points/goals in the head to head meetings will advance; # 5- coin flip.

8. NYSAIS Tournament:

There will be NO NYSAIS Tournament in 2021

9. AWARDS:

Regular Season MVP

PSAA Championships MVP

All-PSAA selections will go as follows

Regular Season Champion (4 selections)

2nd place (3 selections)

3rd /4th place (2 selections each)

