

GIRLS SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS - 2024

First year of State Series:

1976

Classifications:

Four (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

Classification History:

One Class	1976-1984
Two Class (A, AA)	1985-2007
Four (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)	2008-Present

Schools Entered in:

2024 Series: 598 Total (162 Class 1A, 165 Class 2A, 133 Class 3A, and 138 Class 4A)
2023 Series: 606 Total (166 Class 1A, 170 Class 2A, 139 Class 3A, and 131 Class 4A)
2022 Series: 606 Total (167 Class 1A, 173 Class 2A, 134 Class 3A, and 132 Class 4A)
2021 Series 550 Total (155 Class 1A, 153 Class 2A, 114 Class 3A, and 128 Class 4A)
2020 Series: No state series due to COVID-19
2019 Series: 621 Total (150 Class 1A, 158 Class 2A, 164 Class 3A, and 149 Class 4A)
2018 Series: 628 Total (158 Class 1A, 157 Class 2A, 160 Class 3A, and 153 Class 4A)
2017 Series: 634 Total (158 Class 1A, 159 Class 2A, 161 Class 3A, and 156 Class 4A)
2016 Series: 628 Total (145 Class 1A, 166 Class 2A, 163 Class 3A, and 154 Class 4A)
2015 Series: 638 Total (158 Class 1A, 168 Class 2A, 159 Class 3A, and 153 Class 4A)
2014 Series: 640 Total (165 Class 1A, 163 Class 2A, 156 Class 3A, and 156 Class 4A)
2013 Series: 640 Total (156 Class 1A, 170 Class 2A, 157 Class 3A, and 157 Class 4A)
2012 Series: 640 Total (174 Class 1A, 177 Class 2A, 148 Class 3A, and 141 Class 4A)
2011 Series: 643 Total (171 Class 1A, 164 Class 2A, 147 Class 3A, and 161 Class 4A)
2010 Series: 641 Total (175 Class 1A, 161 Class 2A, 151 Class 3A, and 154 Class 4A)
2009 Series: 632 Total (170 Class 1A, 160 Class 2A, 146 Class 3A, and 156 Class 4A)
2008 Series: 628 Total (161 Class 1A, 163 Class 2A, 150 Class 3A, and 154 Class 4A)
2007 Series: 633 Total (334 Class A and 299 Class AA)
2006 Series: 620 Total (328 Class A and 292 Class AA)
2005 Series: 616 Total (352 Class A and 264 Class AA)
2004 Series: 621 Total (356 Class A and 265 Class AA)
2003 Series: 628 Total (356 Class A and 272 Class AA)
2002 Series: 634 Total (349 Class A and 228 Class AA plus 57 Chicago Public League)
2001 Series: 647 Total (352 Class A and 233 Class AA plus 62 Chicago Public League)
2000 Series: 642 Total (352 Class A and 227 Class AA plus 63 Chicago Public League)
1999 Series: 634 Total (350 Class A and 227 Class AA plus 57 Chicago Public League)
1998 Series: 629 Total (348 Class A and 226 Class AA plus 55 Chicago Public League)
1997 Series: 622 Total (342 Class A and 224 Class AA plus 56 Chicago Public League)
1996 Series: 619 Total (332 Class A and 228 Class AA plus 59 Chicago Public League)
1995 Series: 599 Total (308 Class A and 229 Class AA plus 57 Chicago Public League)
1994 Series: 596 Total (308 Class A and 229 Class AA plus 59 Chicago Public League)
1993 Series: 593 Total (303 Class A and 231 Class AA plus 59 Chicago Public League)
1992 Series: 575 Total (291 Class A and 229 Class AA plus 55 Chicago Public League)
1991 Series: 561 Total (301 Class A and 229 Class AA plus 32 Chicago Public League)
1990 Series: 558 Total (296 Class A and 230 Class AA plus 32 Chicago Public League)
1989 Series: 534 Total (267 Class A and 235 Class AA plus 32 Chicago Public League)
1976 Series: 256 Total

Levels of Competition:

Class 1A/2A

Regional Quarterfinals: Monday, May 13

Regional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15

Regional Finals: Friday, May 17 or Saturday, May 18

Sectional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22

Sectional Finals: Friday, May 24 or Saturday, May 25

Super-Sectionals: Monday, May 27

State Final: Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1

Class 3A/4A

Regional Quarterfinals: Monday, May 20

Regional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22

Regional Finals: Friday, May 24 or Saturday, May 25

Sectional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29

Sectional Finals: Friday, May 31 or Saturday, June 1

Super-Sectionals: Monday, June 3

State Final: Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8

Advancement

(Single Pairing)

How Pairings are Determined:

Seeding shall occur only at the lowest level of grouping, and therefore, neither the super-sectionals nor the state final shall be seeded.

In Class 1A and 2A, all state series shall begin with sub-sectionals. A sub-sectional is a grouping of two geographic regionals.

In Class 3A and 4A, all state series shall begin with sectional complexes. In sectional groupings where excessive travel is a factor, geographic sub-sectionals may be used at the discretion of the IHSA Administrator

In grouping and seeding a sectional complex, true seeds shall be used to populate the brackets except in cases where a conflict arises with pre-determined regional hosts. (For example, if the #1 and 38 seeds are both regional hosts, they cannot be assigned to the same regional and an adjustment must be made).

In grouping and seeding a sub-sectional, only the top four seed shall be separated. Seeds #1 and #4 shall be assigned to the same regional unless there is a hosting conflict, in which case seeds #1 and #3 shall be assigned to the same regional. The remaining schools shall be assigned to the regionals based on geographic proximity and paired according to their seeds.

In pairing the sectional semi-final round containing sub-sectionals, the regional from sub-sectional A containing the #1 seed shall be paired with the regional of sub-sectional B containing the #2 seed, and vice versa, except for the southernmost sectional in Class 4A, where the two regionals in each sub-sectional shall be paired with each other.

In pairing the sectional complexes, the sectional tournament shall be set up so that the semi-finals will pair the winners of the regionals with the numbers 1 & 4 seeds in one game, and the winners of the regionals with the numbers 2 & 3 seed in the other game.

In all classes of bracketed team sports, the Executive Director is authorized to modify the state series brackets to accommodate unique travel situations.

Super-Sectionals: Correlated sectionals are assigned to send winner to pre-selected super-sectional site on basis of geography.

State Final: By blind draw in IHSA Office.

State Final Ticket Prices

Regional: Quarterfinal, Semifinal, Final Tickets: \$5.00 Per Session (If admission is charged)

**If GoFan is used:* Digital Ticket: \$5.00, Cash Ticket: \$6.00

Sectional – Digital Ticket: \$7.00 per day, Cash Ticket: \$8.00 per day

Super-Sectional – Digital Ticket: \$8.00 per day, Cash Ticket: \$9.00 per day

State Final – Digital Ticket: \$10.00 per day, Cash Ticket: \$11.00 per day