

GIRLS SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS — 2014-15

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:

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 (314 Class A and 228 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 228 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 18

Regional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20

Regional Finals: Saturday, May 23

Sectional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27

Sectional Finals: Saturday, May 30
Super-Sectionals: Monday, June 1
State Final: June 5-6 at EastSide Centre, East Peoria, IL

Class 3A/4A

Regional Quarterfinals: Monday, May 25
Regional Semifinals: Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27
Regional Finals: Saturday, May 30
Sectional Semifinals: Tuesday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 3
Sectional Finals: Saturday, June 6

Super-Sectionals: Monday, June 8
State Finals: June 12-13 at EastSide Centre, East Peoria, IL

Advancement
(single elimination)

How Pairings are Determined:

A. Class 1A and Class 2A: In Class 1A and 2A, all state tournament series will begin in Regionals. Regionals will be used for all 1A and 2A assignments. Geography will be the factor used in the assignment. Regionals will seed with a 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 concept.

B. Class 3A and 4A Chicago Suburban Area: In Class 3A and 4A, all state series tournaments in the Chicago suburban area will begin with a sectional complex. The sectional complex will utilize true seeds unless conflicts arise from the seeds of the pre-determined hosts.

C. Class 3A and 4A Outside the Chicago Suburban Area: In Class 3A and 4A, all state series tournaments outside of the Chicago suburban area will begin with traditional geographic regionals. Generally, the Chicago suburban area will be defined as the following counties – Cook, Northern Will, DuPage, Kendall, Kane, McHenry, and Lake. By Policy, in sectionals that have a large geographic representation, a designated pairing may be used to reduce travel in that sectional.

D. Tournament Series: The successive tournament series shall be designated respectively as regional, sectional, super-sectional and state final. The IHSA Office will select all regional, sectional and super-sectional host sites. All schools including the Chicago Public Schools entered in the state series will be assigned to a regional or a sectional complex based on geography.

E. Seeding and Pairings: The seeding shall be completed on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 for Class 1A & 2A and on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 for Class 3A & 4A. The seeding will be completed online in the Schools Center by all coaches. All coaches will be required to fill out the online data form which contains information about their team. Information on all schools in your tournament will be available for each coach to review prior to making their seeds online. Pairings will be released on the IHSA website. Pairings for the first round of games of the State Final Tournament(s) will be made by chance drawings at the Spring Sports Drawing.

State Final Ticket Prices

Regional - \$4.00 Per Session (If admission is charged)
Sectional - \$5.00 Per Session
Super-Sectional - \$5.00 Per Session
State Final - \$6.00 Per Session