

# IHSA RETURN-TO-PLAY



## SOFTBALL

Season Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice May Start: April 5</li> <li>Contests May Start: 7 days from the start of a team's first practice</li> <li>Season Must End: June 19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low -Risk Sports in Phase 4</li> <li>Non-conference contests, out-of-state contests, tournaments &amp; State Series allowed</li> <li><a href="#">Follow your IDPH Region Status</a></li> </ul>
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Team Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.272 Contest limitations-Softball teams representing a member school shall no participate in more than thirty-five (35) games.</li> </ul>	
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State Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Regional</b>-The higher seeded team will host each game.</li> <li><b>Sectional</b>-The top team on the bracket will host the sectional semifinal game and the bottom team on the bracket will host the sectional championship.</li> <li><b>Super-Sectionals</b>- IHSA will secure and assign Super Sectional sites.</li> <li><b>State Semi-Finals</b>- IHSA will secure and assign a site.</li> <li><b>State Finals</b>- IHSA will secure and assign a site.</li> </ul>	
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Spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectator and group gatherings are subject to current IDPH guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow CDC guidelines regarding hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.</li> <li><b>All spectators must wear face coverings</b></li> </ul>
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Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Individuals should not congregate in common areas prior to or following the game.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Teams must follow social distancing expectations in the dugout/bench area.</li></ul>
Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Players, coaches, team personnel, umpires, and spectators must follow current IDPH face covering requirements.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Face coverings may also be removed while eating or drinking.</li></ul>