

**GIRLS CLASS 1A/2A AND/OR CLASS 3A/4A SOFTBALL STATE FINAL  
Site Proposal Specifications**

**Proposals will be accepted for 1 or both weekends.**

Each proposal to host an Illinois High School Association state final event must address and include information relating specifically to the following items:

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

1) **Site Availability:** The site must guarantee availability of its facilities for all dates of event(s) sought. The IHSA seeks proposals for the following dates and events.

<b>GIRLS SOFTBALL – CLASS 1A/2A</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 48</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>June 4-5, 2021</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 48</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>June 3-4, 2022</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 48</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>June 2-3, 2023</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 48</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>May 31-June 1, 2024</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 48</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>June 6-7, 2025</b>

<b>GIRLS SOFTBALL – CLASS 3A/4A</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 49</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>June 11-12, 2021</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 49</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>June 10-11, 2022</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 49</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>June 9-10, 2023</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 49</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>June 7-8, 2024</b>
<b>Girls Softball – Fri./Sat. – Week 49</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>June 13-14, 2025</b>

The listed dates are fixed under current tournament structures. In the event changes in structure which may change these dates are considered during the term of the agreement, the venue will have the right of first refusal to continue hosting the event.

2) **Minimum Seating Requirements: 2000.**

Proposals must include seating diagrams, showing designated seating areas (including the number of seats in each area) for the following spectators, participants, handicapped and media.

3) **Term and Form of Contract:** Individual proposals must be submitted for each event. Each proposal must be for a 5-year term. Proposals must include provision for annual review.

4) **Facility Considerations:**

**Competition Area:** Describe in detail the dimension, design and surface of the competition area. List and describe all competition equipment that will be provided on behalf of venue, i.e. scoreboards, etc. Minimum requirements include:

The softball field shall contain an infield diamond and an outfield area that is enclosed by a fence. Bases shall be 60 feet apart. The rear tip of home plate and the front edge of the pitcher's plate shall be 43 feet. Recommended field distances are designated as follows: From home plate to the nearest obstruction on fair ground (i.e., the fence) shall be between 185 feet – 205 feet. From the top of the outfield fence to the ground should be 4 to 8 feet. Outside (foul ground) the foul lines and between home plate and the backstop – an unobstructed area with a distance of 25 – 30 feet. On-deck circles shall be a safe distance from home plate with a recommended distance of 30 feet, if space allows. All dimensions shall be in accordance with NFHS Softball Rules.

**Insurance:** Describe in detail any and all insurance coverage that the venue currently has as well as any insurance coverage that would be required of the association or lessee.

**Security:** Submit the venue's security plan. The plan must include, but is not limited to: routine crowd control, emergency control, i.e. fire, tornado, terrorist, etc.

**Handicap Accessibility:** Submit verification that the venue complies with all federal and state laws pertaining to disabled persons.

**Special Seating:** List and describe any special seating that is available such as corporate or VIP boxes.

**Special Technological Features:** Describe any technological capabilities the venue can provide to enhance tournament administration. Such items might include, but are not limited to, message boards, special lighting and sound capabilities, LED Boards, etc.

5) **Locker/Training Facilities:** Describe the locker room and training room facilities available. All dressing and locker areas need to provide security to ensure privacy and lock-up. Minimum requirements for each sport are:

**Girls Softball:** 2 team locker/dressing rooms, 2 officials locker/dressing rooms and 1 training room.

6) **Parking:** The following minimum numbers of parking spaces must be available on a complimentary basis for IHSA use: **40**.

These parking spaces must accommodate participating schools/athletes, IHSA workers and VIPs.

Describe parking arrangements which would be provided to accommodate a sell-out crowd. Specify the total numbers of parking spaces and parking areas available, indicating the numbers of spaces in each parking area, special accommodations for handicapped parking, locations of the spaces required for IHSA use (as noted above) and the proximity of each proposed parking area to the venue. Describe shuttle services, if available, from remote parking

locations to the venue. Furnish a map or chart showing all prospective parking locations. Describe all financial terms and arrangements associated with parking.

7) **Financial Considerations:** Describe in detail the costs which the Association would incur by holding its event in the venue. Provide a sample proposed budget for the event.

8) **Settlement:** Settlement of all financial matters must occur not later than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of the event.

9) **Hotel Accommodations:** 120 rooms for team accommodations.

**IHSA Accommodations:** The following minimum numbers of hotel/motel rooms must be available for IHSA use: **30**. These rooms will be used to accommodate participating schools/athletes, media, IHSA workers and VIPs.

**Spectator Accommodations:** List all hotels/motels in the area that have made commitments to provide accommodations during the event(s) sought. Include the number of rooms at each hotel/motel along with the rates at each facility for the duration of the proposed term. Include a map of the community showing all hotel/motel locations in proximity to the venue.

10) **Press and Media Seating:** The following minimum seating requirements for working press must be available on a complimentary basis for IHSA use: **25**.

A separate press work area providing a minimum of three (3) dedicated telephone lines is required. Accommodations must also be provided at each event for the following:

**Media Hospitality Room:** Fitted with television monitors with access to the game being played and accommodations for computers, phones and workspace.

**Television Camera Locations:** Venue must cooperate with producers of IHSA event telecasts to provide television camera locations as producers determine.

**Television Production Parking:** Must accommodate parking for one streaming truck. Parking space must be in close proximity to the venue.

11) **Meal and Hospitality Accommodations:** The venue must be able to provide meals and/or hospitality service for the following minimum numbers of persons: **40**.

12) **Merchandise:** The IHSA shall provide and have exclusive rights to sell merchandise with no royalty or fees to venue. The IHSA shall have exclusive control over all merchandise sold in the host venue.

13) **Concessions:** Food and beverage concessions shall be provided by the venue or its contracted concessionaire. Alcohol and tobacco products must be prohibited. Describe any financial terms associated with concessions.

14) **Tickets:** The venue must provide tickets and handle ticket sales for the event. Describe in detail the ticketing services the venue provides. Indicate whether and under what terms the venue will use a ticketing service such as Ticketmaster, etc. Describe any financial terms

association with ticketing. If no ticketing service is available, venue must agree to use digital and hard copy tickets provided via IHSA partner GoFan.

15) **Programs:** The IHSA shall provide and have exclusive rights to sell event programs with no royalty or fees to the venue. The IHSA shall have exclusive control over all programs sold in the host venue.

16) **Signage:** The IHSA shall have exclusive authority over event signage. No royalty or fee will be paid to the venue for IHSA's signage commitments. Please identify all existing signage and contractual commitments for its display which venue currently maintains. Describe any negotiability for such contracted space. Also describe venue's ability to work with IHSA and sponsors if product category conflicts or other signage issues should materialize. Describe what steps the venue will take to eliminate alcohol signage.

### **ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**

17) **Sponsorship:** Describe how venue and host community will advertise and promote tournament events.

18) **Special Events:** Please describe any plans the host community will implement to accommodate, help underwrite, or develop special events to be associated with the Girls Softball state final tournament(s).

Close the proposal with an explanation as to how and why the mentioned facility should be selected to host an IHSA state final event. Specifically address how the facility and surrounding community are qualified to uniquely fulfill the aforementioned specifications.

After examining all proposals thoroughly, the IHSA staff will prepare recommendations in regard to site assignments for consideration by the IHSA Board of Directors. Primary consideration will be given to the fulfillment of essential criteria.

Questions regarding proposals or proposal specifications must be directed to Craig Anderson at the IHSA Office.

Proposals should be sent to the attention of Craig Anderson, Executive Director, IHSA, 2715 McGraw Dr., Bloomington, IL 61704.

Deadlines for submitting proposals and the anticipated date of action by the Board of Directors to accept proposals for each sport are:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Deadline for Submission</b>	<b>Scheduled Board Action</b>
<b>Girls Softball</b>	<b>May 22, 2020</b>	<b>August, 2020</b>