



# Girls Softball



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## IHSA State Adoptions of NFHS rules

**1-2-1** Use of a double first base is required.

**Penalty for non-compliance:** If a field does not have a double first base and the problem cannot be remedied, the game should not be played and the official should file a Special Report with the IHSA.

**4-2-3** Use of game ending procedures

*#1 (in state series competition)* If a game in any tournament must be postponed because of rain or wet grounds, or if a game is called by the umpires because of rain, darkness, or other reasons, it is ruled “suspended game” under provisions of Rule 4-2-3. Any game that is not an official game (4½ innings if the home team is ahead or 5 innings if the visitor is ahead) will be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension.

If a game is called with the score tied after enough innings have been played to make it a regulation game as provided in Rule 4-2-3, it shall be considered a “suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time.” Play shall be resumed the following day at the exact point when the game was terminated.

**NOTE**

*(in state series competitions)* Rule 4-2-2 defines a regulation game  
Rule 4-2-4 creates a “No Game” if a state has not adopted any game-ending procedures

*(in regular season competitions)* schools should refer to conference constitution

*#2 (in any contest)* a contest is ended and the score final if the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the completion of five innings of play – or – if the home team is ahead by a similar number of runs after four and one-half innings.

A contest is ended and the score final if the visiting team is ahead by 15 or more runs after the completions of four innings of play – or – if the home team is ahead by a similar number of runs after three and one-half innings.

**4-2-6** Use of tie-breaking procedures

**State Series** no tie-breaking procedures will be available

**Regular Season** conferences may use the International Tie-Breaker (ITB); those conferences wishing to do so must agree to do so formally prior to the start of conference play; conferences using the ITB are required to notify the IHSA of their use

**Regular Season Tournaments** tournaments may use the ITB; those tournaments wishing to do so must notify the IHSA of their intent as well as competing schools and umpires; notification must occur prior to the start of the tournament

**Non-Conference Games** the use of the ITB is available in non-conference games provided the involved schools have agreed prior to the start of the contest to use it

**International Tie-Breaker Procedure:** After the 7th inning of a tied contest, each team will begin their subsequent at bats by having the player who had the last official at bat in their previous offensive half inning begin that next at bat for her team at 2<sup>nd</sup> base with nobody out.

**3-1-3** **Lineup Card**

The IHSA has modified the Lineup Card Rule and requires coaches to fill out the lineup card with both the entire first name and entire last name of all players. The lone exception is when a team has a lineup card that features the entire roster, with first and last names for all players, printed on it.