



INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1ST AND 2ND ROUND SOFTBALL GAMES

A. First round series will be hosted by the #1 and #2 seeded teams in each region. Second round series will be hosted by the higher advancing seed according to the GHSA State Tournament Bracket.

1. First round series: October 10 - 12 (Playing dates are subject to availability of umpire crews)
2. Second round series will be played on October 17 – 19
3. Games scheduling starting times prior to 4:00 PM are subject to availability of umpire crews.
4. Contest officials will be assigned by the GHSA Office. If you are hosting and you have NOT heard from the game officials no later than (48) hours in advance of the first game, contact the GHSA Office.
5. The host school is responsible for the following in the 1st & 2nd round series:
 - a. New game balls (3 per game)
 - b. Secure dressing area for umpires
 - c. Site Security & Game Manager
 - d. On-site lightning detection systemNOTE: The designated home team is responsible for keeping the official score book

6. FINANCES as follows:

- a. Ticket prices are \$7.00 per day for double headers and \$5.00 for single games. The double header must be played the first date of each round.
- b. The district assignment coordinator assigned to each series is responsible to invoice the host schools either prior to, or within 24 hours following, the final game by agreement with the host school.
- c. The GHSA Office receives 12% of the gate receipts.
- d. The host school receives 40% of the gate receipts after the GHSA amount.
- e. The visiting school receives 60% of the gate receipts after the GHSA amount.

NOTE: The "Financial Report" form can be found in the GHSA Forms booklet, or on the GHSA web site.

7. All other GHSA Policies and Procedures pertaining to the State Tournament apply unless otherwise specified. (Refer to page 75 of the GHSA White Book)
8. Each participating team member is allowed free admission at the site in which they are participating until their team is eliminated from the tournament.
9. ONLY GHSA Coaches Passes and officials with a GHSA Official's Pass are to be admitted at no charge with proof of identification.
10. Each competing team is allowed a maximum of (20) individuals on the "Team Travel Form". Others must sign in on the "Excess Team Entry Form".
11. Each school is responsible for the behavior of its coaches, players, and spectators. Therefore, the behavior and sportsmanship of spectators is a high priority and must be monitored by on-site school administrators.
12. Only "Team Essential Personnel" are allowed in the team dugouts. "Spirit" individuals, non-playing students, coaches' children, etc. are NOT considered "Team Essential Personnel".
13. Teams advancing to the "Elite Eight" in Columbus will find "Softball Elite Eight Team Instructions" on the GHSA web site.

14. Teams advancing to the 2nd round shall also submit a complete roster and team photo to RhondaRawls@scoreall.com no later than Monday, October 15 @ 9:00AM. Failure to do so will result in a \$250.00 fine to the school.(The templet form is attached)

OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: _____

Each team is allowed (20) names on the "Team Travel Form, consisting of players, managers, trainers, statisticians, etc. Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the (20) names on this form must list the names of those individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____
9 _____	_____
10 _____	_____
11 _____	_____
12 _____	_____
13 _____	_____
14 _____	_____
15 _____	_____
16 _____	_____
17 _____	_____
18 _____	_____
19 _____	_____
20 _____	_____

COACH: _____ DATE: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue.

EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL: _____

Teams wishing to admit more than the (20) names must list the names of those individuals on this "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

	NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
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15	_____	_____
16	_____	_____
17	_____	_____
18	_____	_____
19	_____	_____
20	_____	_____

COACH: _____ DATE: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue.

TEAM ROSTER AND TEAM PHOTO TEMPLATE

DEADLINE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 15 @ 9:00 AM

Email to: Score Atlanta – Attention Rhonda Rawls at RhondaRawls@scoreatl.com

SCHOOL _____ CITY _____

CLASSIFICATION _____ REGION _____ OVERALL RECORD _____

HEAD COACH NAME _____

ASS'T. COACHES _____

NOTE: List each player with the following information.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____

Failure to submit this information will result in a \$250.00 fine to the school.



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The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. No artificial noisemakers may be used while the ball is in play. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

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It's your call to Officiate. When your playing or coaching days end you can still "Stay in the Game" by becoming an official in the Georgia High School Association. Many officials are former athletes and/or coaches at various levels who love the game and are now able to contribute to the experience of current athletes, coaches, and spectators. Learn more at [GHSA.net](https://ghsa.net) or highschoolofficials.com