

- A. ELIGIBILITY. Only girls may try out for and participate under the high school Girls' Softball Plan.
- B. STARTING DATE. Starting date for
1. practice,
 2. scrimmages,
 3. first playing date,
 4. and district certification are shown on the TAPPS current calendar.
- C. NUMBER OF GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS.
1. **No team shall compete in more than**
 - a. **three (3) individual tournaments,**
 - b. **plus 22 games in a season, up to and including the last date for certifying district champions.**
 2. **Those students who play on both the JV and varsity may play in no more than**
 - a. **three (3) tournaments**
 - b. **plus a total of 28 games (Varsity and JV games combined)**
 3. **No games may be scheduled after the certification date, except by teams that are in the play-offs. No additional games may be played by a team once it has been eliminated from the play-offs.**
 4. **A district tournament or district play-off does not count as one of the three tournaments.**
 5. **Teams in the play offs are allowed one practice game between each round of the play offs. These games do not count toward the total games allowed.**
 6. **Schools may**
 - a. **substitute two (2) games for a tournament**
 - b. **or drop two (2) games and add an additional tournament.**
 - c. **These changes should be clearly noted on the school's official schedule.**
 7. **A varsity starter shall not play on a junior varsity team unless the opposing coach agrees, and there are not enough junior varsity players to begin the contest. Under no circumstances should a varsity starter be allowed to play when there are junior varsity player(s) on the bench.**
 8. **All district games must be played and all district games count as varsity games on the schedule.**
 9. **No game is to be scheduled on Sunday**
- D. ADVANCE TO PLAYOFFS – See Section 141 and playoff format.

- E. **RESOLVING TIES IN WIN-LOSS PERCENTAGE.** Districts should outline procedures (before the season begins) for determining the representatives in their district. Definite procedures should be outlined (in writing) to provide orderly facilitation for teams tied in win-loss percentage. Especially remember to outline a procedure to be used when three teams are tied for the district runner-up spot.
- F. **CERTIFICATION.** The District President shall certify the District Champion and other play-off qualifiers to the TAPPS office by the deadline indicated on the current year TAPPS calendar.
1. District President's certification, play-off entries, and program information (rosters, etc.) shall be sent to the TAPPS STATE OFFICE.
 2. **USE FEDERAL EXPRESS OR SOME OTHER OVERNIGHT MAIL IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR ENTRY ARRIVING ON TIME.**
 3. Entries and other information may be FAXED to the TAPPS OFFICE.