

**2019 WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT 4A SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
**KENT SERVICE PARK—Kent, WA**  
**May 17-18, 2019**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**COACH CHECK-IN AND MEETING INFO:**

Coaches must check in with the tournament director upon arrival at the tournament site. Coaches meetings will be held on Friday at 10:30 am for all 11:00 am games, at 4:00 pm for all 4:30 games just inside the front gate.

1. The Tournament Manager is Jo Anne Daughtry. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the District Tournament, please email at [joanne.daughtry@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:joanne.daughtry@kent.k12.wa.us) . Her cell phone number is 206-465-5603.

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**Please complete the on-line roster form on Max Preps and the WIAA (pass list).  
The due date for rosters and team photos for the WIAA website is May 10! Please submit them NOW rather than wait until you qualify as changes can always be made.**

3. Please share the following information with ALL parents. The admission fee as set by the West Central District is:

Adults	\$8.00
Students with ASB*	\$5.00
Students without ASB	\$8.00
Sr. Citizens (62 & over)	\$5.00
Elementary (under 12)	\$4.00
Preschool (with parent)	Free

**Cash ONLY. NO Checks Accepted. NO Credit/Debit. NO bills over \$20.**

**The complex will open at 9:00 for teams. Ticket sales will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

Spectators will purchase tickets at the main gate as they enter the ballpark. Tickets are good for the entire **daily** session.

**\*In order for students to receive the ASB discount, they must present their ASB card at the ticket booth.**

**Pets are not allowed inside the main gate to the complex.**

4. **PASSES** - Players in uniform will not be charged an admission fee, however they will be expected to present an ASB card when not in uniform or they will have to pay the regular fee. **No passes given out during the contest.**

A tournament pass list from each team will be located at the field entrance and it will be good for the entire tournament. They will include the following: 20 players; five (5) team personnel i.e. coaches, managers, trainers, scorekeepers; school district superintendent; five (5) school board members; principal; two (2) admin; two (2) supervisors; one (1) school newspaper representative; one (1) school photographer; and one (1) video operator. Photo ID is required for the newspaper reporter, photographer, and video operator. League passes will NOT be honored. W.C.D. Executive Board member passes will be accepted as will WSSAAA (Athletic Directors) passes and Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA) passes. **Picture identification and sign-in required before admittance.**

5. The team bench is limited to 20 players and five (5) team personnel i.e. coaches, managers, trainers and scorekeepers authorized by the school, as indicated on the Official District Tournament Entry form provided in this packet.
6. In the event of inclement weather, please contact the Tournament Manager for rescheduling information. Teams must be prepared to play on the next available day, INCLUDING Sunday. If games are rained out on Friday, tournament will be played on the next playable date. If rain forces us to go through the weekend and into the next week, weekday games, if necessary, will start no earlier than 10:00 a.m.

If the tournament cannot be completed due to inclement weather, Power Ranking of teams will be used to determine the final state tournament allocations as per the WCD Softball Tournament Committee.

7. The official tournament ball will be the Baden 2BSFPY-08 SOFTBALL LTHR NFHS SB. The tournament committee will provide balls.
8. All games are 7 innings and must be played to completion, except when one team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 complete innings or 10 runs after 5 innings have been completed.
9. The National Federation tiebreaker rule will go into effect at the end of eight (8) complete innings, as per state adoption.
10. For all first round games the team on the bottom of the bracket is the home team and will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. For all remaining games, the team on the bottom half of the bracket will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and take infield first. Exception: A team playing back to back on the same field will occupy the same dugout and warm up first.
11. The home team, for all second round games and beyond, will be decided by a coin flip to be conducted during the pre-game conference by the umpires. **Home team is the official scorebook for each game. This official scorebook will need to be located directly behind home plate in the area provided.**
12. Each team will be allowed five (5) minutes infield prior to their first game of the day. For all other games there will be no official warm-up conducted. Infield warm-up will also be allowed behind the shortstop and second base areas prior to the start of each game if time permits following the conclusion of a game and any necessary field preparation. On the first day of the tournament, there will be no fields available to practice, only a few outlying designated areas to warm up their arms.
13. Teams must be prepared to play immediately upon conclusion of the preceding game on their scheduled field, should it go beyond the starting time for your game.
14. ***Continuing Suspended Game - Any game that is interrupted with teams having played less than the required number of innings will be continued from the point of suspension. The tournament manager shall determine when the game will be completed. The line-up and batting order of each team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing the game.***
15. ***In case of inclement weather, the following speed-up procedures may be used. Your cooperation***

*and understanding under adverse weather conditions is appreciated.*

- a. *No throwing the ball around the horn.*
  - b. *No infield warm-up each inning.*
  - c. *No catchers throwing ball down to 2nd base at start of each inning or after strikeouts.*
  - d. *No pre-game infield allowed.*
  - e. *Pitchers limited to 3 warm-up pitches each inning.*
  - f. *No rah-rah huddles that delay the game.*
  - g. *Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box when taking signals unless they swing and miss, hit a foul ball or ask for a timeout. Failure to comply will result in a warning.*
16. Identical regulation team uniforms with numbers at least 6" high must be worn at all times. Uniform caps or visors are optional for individual players as long as they are clearly part of the uniform. Bandanas are prohibited.
- A reminder to all coaches that, when on the field, you are required to be in a team uniform or properly attired as per Rule 3, Section 5, Article 3 on page 36 which states: Any time a coach is in live-ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coach's box, the coach shall be attired in school uniform or jersey/coaching shirt with coaching shorts/slacks or warm-up suits (including fleece warm-ups) in school colors or colors of khaki, black, white or gray. **Cut-offs or any type of jeans are prohibited.** Jackets are not considered part of the coach's uniform. **PENALTY: A coach not dressed in appropriate attire shall not be permitted in the field of play following the pre-game conference for the duration of the game or until the situation has been remedied.**
17. Protests: Protests regarding a rule that was possibly misapplied (NFHS Rule 10.2.i.1), the team's coach or captain shall inform the umpire at time of the play and before a pitch to the next batter of either team, or before the umpires leave the field if the play in question was the last play of the game.
- UIC will be called to consult with umpires and coach. A decision will be made by the UIC and play will continue.
18. No signs except official school banners may be displayed or posted. Noisemakers are not allowed.
19. AWARDS - West Central District will provide trophies for the first and second place team and a participation certificate for each player involving teams from the WCD.
20. Game officials will be assigned games in direct proportion to the number of teams serviced by their organization.
21. The 2019 National Federation rulebook will be used.
22. The double or safety base WILL be used at Kent Service Park. Please make sure your players are versed in their use.
23. Coaches should be prepared to abide by all rules as they relate to blood on individuals and/or uniforms and equipment.
24. There is no parking fee.
25. Parking is very LIMITED at the field site. We encourage schools to bring their teams on a bus, or at the very least, carpool. We encourage spectators to carpool as much as possible. Buses are asked to angle-park at the front of the parking lot (and not in the regular lot).

26. A full service concession will be in operation throughout the tournament.
27. **Medical Services**  
We will have a licensed Athletic Trainer serving as the designated medical authority. This person will respond to needs of athletes before, during and after the games but schools are to provide taping supplies, etc. Your school is welcome to bring their own athletic trainer. In this case the Site Athletic Trainer **will** work with your Athletic Trainer, HOWEVER if they don't agree on a return to play decision the Site Athletic Trainer is the designated medical authority so he/she will have the final say on all return to play decisions.
28. Any matter not covered above will be left to the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
29. **Directions to Service Club Fields, 1406 SE 288th Street, Kent WA. 98042**  
From Hwy 18 East: Take the 304th St./Green River Community College Exit. Turn right onto 304<sup>th</sup>. Take another right at the light onto 132nd). Go approximately .08 miles and turn a right onto 288th (crest of hill). Go through stop sign, fields on your left.

