



# MHSAA 2024 Baseball & Softball Semifinals & Finals

## Qualifying Team Information

### Michigan State University - East Lansing, Michigan

**TIME SCHEDULE/DATES** – Semifinal games will take place on Thursday and Friday. Championship games in each Division will be played on Saturday, June 15. The time schedule for Semifinal and Final games for 2024 is as follows:

**Thurs., June 13 – SEMIFINALS**

**SOFTBALL**

Division 1 – 10:00 a.m.  
Division 1 – 12:30 p.m.  
Division 2 – 3:00 p.m.  
Division 2 – 5:30 p.m.

**Fri., June 14 - SEMIFINALS**

**SOFTBALL**

Division 3 – 10:00 a.m.  
Division 3 – 12:30 p.m.  
Division 4 – 3:00 p.m.  
Division 4 – 5:30 p.m.

**Sat., June 15 – FINALS**

**SOFTBALL**

Division 1 – 10:00 a.m.  
Division 2 – 12:30 p.m.  
Division 3 – 3:00 p.m.  
Division 4 – 5:30 p.m.

**Thurs., June 13 – SEMIFINALS**

**BASEBALL**

Division 3 – 9:00 a.m.  
Division 3 – 11:30 a.m.  
Division 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
Division 1 – 5:00 p.m.

**FRI., June 14 - SEMIFINALS**

**BASEBALL**

Division 4 – 9:00 a.m.  
Division 4 – 11:30 a.m.  
Division 2 – 2:30 p.m.  
Division 2 – 5:00 p.m.

**Sat., June 15 - FINALS**

**BASEBALL**

Division 3 – 9:00 a.m.  
Division 1 – 11:30 a.m.  
Division 4 – 2:30 p.m.  
Division 2 – 5:00 p.m.

**Note** – See the MHSAA Web site at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com) for pairings & time assignments. Also note, all statements below pertain to both Baseball and Softball unless otherwise noted.

**TEAM ARRIVAL/DIRECTIONS** - The stadium is located on the northwestern end of the campus of Michigan State University. There is heavy construction on US-127 and the surrounding areas. Please plan ahead for delays and detours and consult your navigation system for guidance. The soccer/softball/baseball complex is located behind Jenison Fieldhouse. **Please contact our Transportation Coordinator when you are approximately 20 minutes from MSU: Connor Thomas (517-599-5201)**

We will be waiting for you and will have your team host ready to greet you.

**TEAM ENTRANCE** – School bus transportation should drop off teams/coaches/equipment in the half-moon drive located at the southeast entrance to Jenison Fieldhouse. Once de-boarded, teams will enter the complex as a group through the Team Gate at the southeast corner of the plaza (near the baseball field).

**BUS PARKING** – After drop off, team vehicles will be directed to Dem Hall Rd. If teams elect to use multiple vehicles (not busses) for transport, **only TWO vehicles** will be granted parking in the designated team lot. Questions regarding team bus parking should be directed to Connor Thomas (517-599-5201).

**PASS LIST** – By 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday (6/12/2024), using the [pass list form](#), please submit names of no more than 10 administrators and crowd control/chaperones. Those on the pass list should enter through the spectator gates. ONLY those ten individuals listed on the Pass List will be granted complimentary admission to the event.

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS** – A Certified Athletic Trainer will be on hand to provide water/ice and to assist with game injuries. Taping should be handled by teams prior to the game.

**SOFTBALL - BAT INSPECTION/TESTING** – All softball team bats will be subject to random testing to meet the National Federation/USA Softball bat standard. Testing will occur in the IPF batting facility inside Pentecostal Plaza. Coaches will be asked prior to each game if their team is legally equipped.

**BATTING PRACTICE/WARMUPS** – Your team host will escort you to an open field area and batting cages where you may conduct batting practice and warm-ups. Each team will have access to two cages (no machines) for 20 minutes. There will be no batting practice on the game field. Teams will be instructed to occupy their respective dugout 30 minutes prior to game time. Cleats are not permitted inside the batting cages: teams may wear sneakers or slides.

**TIME SCHEDULE OF FINAL TOURNAMENTS** - Times may vary depending on the length of the preceding game. In case of a suspended game due to inclement weather, games shall still be played in the scheduled sequence. In the case of lengthy weather delays, Sunday will be a consideration for completing the tournament.

**SOFTBALL - TIEBREAKER/MERCY RULE** – The National Federation tiebreaker rule will be used beginning in the 11<sup>th</sup> inning of tied games. The 15 run (3 innings) and 10 run (5 innings) mercy rule will be in effect for all games.

**BASEBALL - MERCY RULE** – The 15 run (3 innings) and 10 run (5 innings) mercy rule will be in effect for all games.

**DRESSING ROOMS/LOCKER ROOMS** - It is recommended that teams dress at the hotel or at home if commuting. There are no dressing facilities provided for competing teams.

**OFFICIAL SOFTBALL** - Used for all games will be the Wilson A9011SST.

**OFFICIAL BASEBALL** - Used for all games will be the Rawlings MICH.

**HOME TEAM** – A coin flip will determine home team for all games. Dugouts assignments are; top bracket, 3<sup>rd</sup> base - bottom bracket, 1st base.

**INFIELD PRACTICE** - Home team, 10 minutes, 30 minutes before game time. Visitors, 10 minutes, 20 minutes before game time. Teams shall remain off of the infield playing surface during their opponents' infield practice. Team introductions to follow. The same format will be used for all games.

**FINALS AWARDS CEREMONY** – TEAMS ARE TO EXIT THE PLAYING FIELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME. **20 minutes** after the conclusion of the game, award ceremonies will begin in the open area west of DeMartin Soccer Stadium. The MHSAA photographer will line up both teams for the official team photo. Credentialed media will also be allowed to take photos at this time. Following the official team photo, fans will be allowed to take personal pictures.

**SPECTATOR PARKING** - Parking is available at Jenison Fieldhouse, IM West, the Kellogg Center parking deck and at the large lot on the south end of the Breslin Center. Please see the [Parking Map](#) for further details on daily rates.

**ADMISSION** – Spectator admission (**GoFan Digital Tickets ONLY**): Semifinals \$11, Finals \$11 (for students and adults). There will be ZERO CASH SALE of tickets on-site. Pre-school children accompanied by an adult are admitted free of charge. Click here for more information: <https://gofan.co/app/school/MHSAA>

**Participating teams will be admitted at no charge for games before and after their game when teams enter together accompanied by the coaching staff.**

**CONCESSIONS** - There will be concessions available within the complex. **No spectator coolers will be permitted.**

**WEATHER INTERRUPTIONS - SUSPENDED GAMES** - All Semifinal and Final games in the MHSAA Baseball and Softball tournament will be played to a full 7 innings with the exception of games covered by the 15 or 10 run mercy rule. Games interrupted by weather will be suspended and resumed from point of suspension. When weather interrupts play, games will be played in order and resumed when field conditions and weather allows. Games will be played on the next available day when lengthy weather interruptions take place. Games may be moved to alternate diamonds if lengthy weather interruptions cause such action to be taken. Completing suspended games on Sunday may be a consideration if there are lengthy weather delays.

**SPECTATOR POLICIES** – Student and adult spectators are expected to observe the rules of good sportsmanship and conduct. Some specific policies as follows:

- No use of alcohol or tobacco is permitted on the park grounds
- Artificial noisemakers are not to be used during gameplay and may be confiscated by tournament administration if necessary.
- No pets or bicycles will be permitted inside Pentecostal Plaza
- All spectators must wear shirts
- Cheers of encouragement should be in support of teams, not directed toward opposing teams/individuals
- Abuse of umpires will not be allowed
- Sunflower seeds are not permitted inside the plaza

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT** - For those one way miles in excess of 75 miles a competing team will be paid:

\$1 per mile (76-100)

\$1.50 per mile (101-150)

\$2 per mile (151-250)

\$2.50 per mile (251-350)

\$3 per mile (351+)

**LODGING** - Payment for up to 21 student team members will be afforded a school at the MHSAA designated property, based on 4 students per room. Payment will be afforded for two coaches from each participating school team being housed (75 mile min.).

**HOTEL INFORMATION/POLICIES** - The MHSAA has secured rooms at hotels in the Greater Lansing Area. The housing request form which you submitted following the Regional Tournament will be used to reserve rooms for your team. You will receive a room confirmation report by noon Wednesday via e-mail to your school AD.

(A) Each competing school is to be prepared to pay for all expenses by cash or credit card. Only school checks for the **exact** amount will be appropriate. The MHSAA will reimburse participating schools according to the Baseball/Softball reimbursement schedule. To avoid paying State of Michigan tax a letter from the school which contains the school tax exempt ID number is required at check in. Local taxes will not be waived.

(B) The MHSAA reserved sufficient rooms for teams at an area hotel. Parents and fans are encouraged to contact the Lansing Sports Commission for housing information (517-377-1411).

Team lodging policies are as follows:

**Semifinal teams that do not advance (lose their first game)**

- Teams that play Semifinal games with AM start times (11 a.m. or earlier) and travel more than 75 miles to the Finals site qualify for lodging reimbursement and reservations the prior evening.
- Teams that play Semifinal games with late PM start times (5 p.m. or later) and travel more than 75 miles to the Finals site qualify for lodging reimbursement and reservations that evening.
- Teams that play Semifinal games with mid-day start times (Noon-4 p.m.) do not qualify for lodging reimbursement.
- Teams that do not qualify for lodging reimbursement may ask for hotel reservations through the MHSAA at their own expense.
- A maximum of ten rooms will be reserved for teams that need housing for players and coaches only. After all team housing needs are met, participating hotels may be able to accommodate additional needs such as spouses, drivers or trainers. Teams should request only the number of rooms needed based on four players per room.

**Semifinal teams that advance to the Championship game (win their first game)**

- Teams that win Semifinal games and travel more than 75 miles to the Finals site and are not commuting qualify for lodging reimbursement and reservations Friday night. Only teams that play in Championship games with late Saturday start times (after 5 p.m.) and have long distances to drive may qualify for Saturday night lodging reimbursement if approved in advance by the MHSAA.

**Special note** - Teams that stay the evening prior must check out of rooms in the morning, and check back in later in the day if they advance to the Championship game and need lodging. Teams that do not check out in the morning, and return later in the day and check out will be charged for a second night.

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