



# Laramie High School

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## Ron Wagner Activities and Athletics Director

To: A.D. and South Region Softball Coaches

From: Ron Wagner Tournament Director / A.D.

Date: May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: WHSAA South Regional Softball Tournament

Laramie High School is pleased to host the 2025 South Regional Softball Tournament. This year's tournament will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sandy Aragon Softball Fields in Laramie, Wyoming. This packet of information will assist you in planning for the tournament competition.

## **Roster Information and Tournament Programs**

Pictures and rosters must be received no later than <u>Friday May 9th</u>. Please email these to nwilson@acsd1.org. No more than 18 players may be in uniform for any regional tournament contest. The 18 players whose names are entered in the official scorebook for the first contest, shall be the only players used for the entire tournament. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit. Rule 7.11.57.1. <u>All programs will be accessed through a QR code. The code will be sent out ahead of time for you to access.</u>

General Information:

# Teams:

- Cheyenne East Cheyenne South Green River Wheatland
- Cheyenne Central Laramie Rock Springs Torrington

**Locker Rooms** – No locker rooms are available at the fields. Please come dressed and ready to play. If locker rooms are needed please contact Ron Wagner to set up access at Laramie High School. Laramie High School and Albany County School District #1 will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. **You** are responsible for your own valuables.

<u>Bus Parking</u> – Buses can drop players and coaches off and pick up next to the gates for entrance next to the complex. Please have busses park either on N. Television Road or in the Little League Fields Parking Lot. (See map)

The dirt parking lot of the complex will be used for spectator, tournament workers, and umpire parking. It is a large lot but we will have a good crowd for the event.

<u>**Team Packets**</u> – Team packets will be handed out upon arrival at the Sandy Aragon Softball Complex. Team passes must be presented for admission to the tournament

<u>Video Taping</u> - Provisions will be made for one person from each team involved in the contest to video the game from a vantage point off the level of the field. Please be prepared to use battery power to accomplish this videotaping.

<u>Hospitality Room</u> – Due to the location of this event, a hospitality room will not be provided. There will be a trailer for umpires to change and get out of the sun. We will however allow all bus drivers, coaches, and tournament staff to eat from the Plainsmen Plates Food Truck (will be on site) or the concessions stand at no charge. Please refrain from using this for family, friends, or students i.e...managers, cheerleaders, players, trainers, video-personnel etc.

#### Sportsmanship:

Please model appropriate sportsmanship and expect your players to demonstrate exemplary behavior throughout the tournament. It is extremely important for coaches to provide supervision, pre-teach athletes regarding expectations, and monitor student-athlete behavior. We appreciate your commitment in this area.

<u>Athletic Trainers</u> – There will be a Certified Athletic Trainer on-site. Teams need to bring their own water bottles and med kit. There will be minimal athletic trainer supplies. We will have coolers to fill water bottles.

<u>Coaches Meeting</u> – There will be a coaches' meeting at Laramie High School on Friday, May 16th, at 8:00 pm for all conference voting in the LHS Commons. If your coach will not be in attendance, please have them coordinate with Ron Wagner at <u>rwagner@acsd1.org</u> for a way to participate prior to May 16th. We will have the All-State meeting in Casper on Tuesday, May 27th at WHSAA building.

#### **Conference Bylaws for voting and tie-breaking:**

The All-Conference and All-State selections will be determined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1.) All-Conference nominations shall be submitted to the commissioner(s) by no later than the 7:00pm on the Tuesday evening prior to the Regional Tournament.
- 2.) The Head Coach may nominate his/her own players but may not vote for them. <u>Coaches</u> <u>can nominate up to 9 total Players for All-Conference</u>
- 3.) Players will not be selected by position areas. Coaches will nominate up to as many as 9 players and these players will be listed in order of preference with the best player listed first, followed by the second-best player, and so on. <u>Coaches should only nominate players that are truly deserving of All-Conference accolades.</u>

\*\*There shall be a total of  $\underline{24}$  players selected as 4A North First Team All-Conference and a total of  $\underline{24}$  players selected as 4A South First Team All-Conference. A total of  $\underline{48}$  Players will be named First Team All-Conference, and these players will be considered for All-State Honors.

- 4.) At the All-Conference selection meetings, lots will be drawn to determine the order in which teams will present nominees. Each coach will then, in turn, present their nominee(s). Coaches will be given a 1:00 minute maximum time limit to present each of their first 3 nominees on their list (3:00 min total). If a coach has nominated more than 3 players, they will have a :30 second maximum time limit to present each of the remaining nominated players up to a limit of 7:00 minutes maximum (1:00 minute each for the first 3 players and :30 seconds each for the next 6 players if they have nominated a total of 9 players = 7:00 minutes). Coaches are welcome to provide statistics and any other written information to other head coaches regarding players they have nominated. There will be a spreadsheet emailed to each head coach so that each coach can provide stats prior to the meeting, or they can share their Game Changer stats. These stats will be shared with other coaches prior to the All- Conference meeting as well as during the meeting. No coach is allowed to speak negatively about an athlete from any team. The only time allotted for coaches to speak on behalf of their players is during their presentation of nominees in the rotation.
- 5.) A ballot will be given to each coach. Each head coach shall vote for players nominated by the other teams in the Conference. Coaches may not vote for their own players. The top 24 (North) and 24 (South) will be First Team All-Conference, all other vote getters will be Second Team, and those who receive no votes will be Honorable Mention.

\*\*If there is a tie vote for the final First Team All-Conference selections between two or more players, coaches will have 1:00 minute each to speak again on behalf of their player or players (if they have a player involved in the tie) and another vote will take place listing first choice through last choice in a point system between the tied players in order to determine the final First Team All-Conference selection.

6.) The coaches will nominate and vote for the Player of the Year for the North Conference and South Conference. It is recommended that this player be nominated from those who have earned First Team All-Conference. 8. A press release of All-Conference and All-State players shall be sent to the Media by 4:00 p.m. the Tuesday following the State Softball Tournament. Coaches should not release All-Conference or All-State information until after the Press Release is sent.

- 1) Coaches will select one Conference Coach of the Year in the 4A North and one in the 4A South by ballot, which will take place at the All-Conference meetings while we are tallying final All-Conference votes. Selection of a State Coach of the Year, however, will be determined through the WCA (Wyoming Coaches Association), who will send out an online ballot to those coaches and administrators who are active members of the WCA.
- 2) Each team will see that the most accurate statistics are kept of all games. Each Conference team will subscribe to the accepted stat program and make a concerted effort to ensure softball game stats are as accurate as possible. The Game Changer Stats program is widely accepted and encouraged.
- 3) Softball will utilize an 8 team modified double elimination bracket for the 4A Regional Tournaments. The conference regular season win/loss record will determine seeding (Quad vs. Quad, 1-4 seeding, 1SW vs. 4SE, etc.) Tie breaker criteria can be seen below and is set by 4A AD's. The top 4 teams in the Regional Tournament qualify for the State Softball Tournament.

Tiebreaking Procedures to Seed Quads for Regionals:

- 1. Overall Quad Record (Varsity Game 1 of Double Headers)
- 2. Head-to-Head
- 3. Record against Highest Ranked Quad Opponent
- 4. Record against Common Quad Opponent
- 5. Runs Allowed
- 6. Total Runs Scored against Common Quad Opponent
- 7. If a tie still exists, best total record against all cross-quad teams in your conference.
- 8. If a tie still exists, compare the records of the tied teams against the record of the highest

ranking 4A non-conference opponent. Continue through the 4A non-conference standings until the tie is broken.

9. If a tie still exists, compare the records of the tied teams against the record of common opponents from all 4A softball teams.

10. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken with the flip of a coin. If there are multiple ties in the quadrant standings to be decided by a coin flip, the lowest tie shall be broken first.

**Home and Away** – Higher seeded team throughout the winner's bracket will be the home team. If two teams are the same seed, a coin flip will determine who is the home team for that game. The home team in the loser's bracket will be determined by a coin flip for every game, regardless of seeding.

Tournament Ball – The official tournament ball is the Baden Perfection 28SFPY.

<u>Suspended Games</u> – Refer to Rules 7.11.57.5 & 7.11.57.6 concerning suspended games and inclement weather procedures that will be used at the tournament.

<u>Other Playing Rules</u> -- All Rules in 7.11.55, which were used during the regular season, will be followed during the State Tournament.

Internet Access - There is no wireless access at the fields.

<u>Shelter</u> – Should there be inclement weather, school buses will be used to house teams until next steps are known and communicated.

<u>Awards</u> – Placards will be presented for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. Individual medals will be presented to the Regional Champions and Runner-Up teams, 18 medals each. Team awards will be presented following the  $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ , and championship games.

<u>Contact</u> – Please contact Laramie High School Activities Director Ron Wagner at rwagner@acsd1.org with any questions.

#### Spectator Behavior:

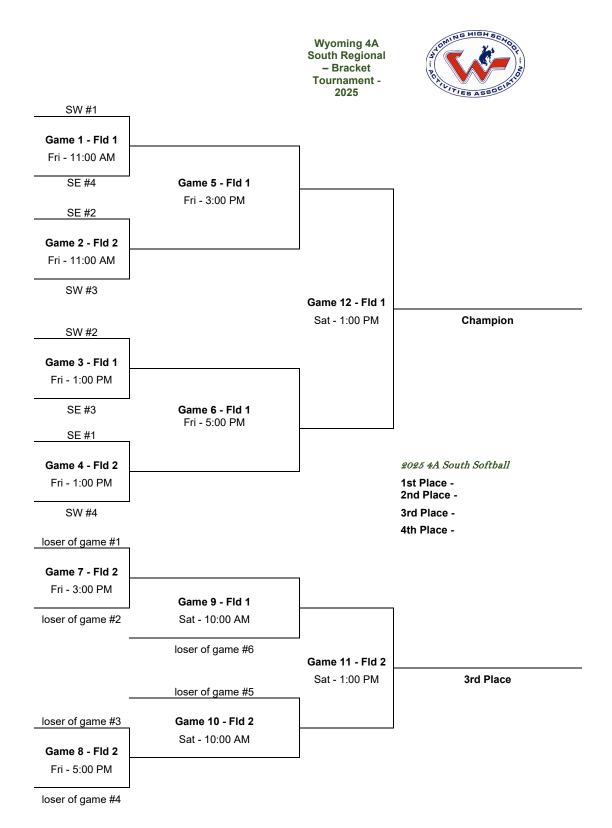
### COACHES AND PLAYERS SHOULD TAKE THE LEADERSHIP TO DISCOURAGE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY SPECTATORS. PLEASE TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO HELP SUPERVISE YOUR OWN FANS.

<u> Ticket Prices –</u>	Admission prices are as follows:	
	Day Pass	All-Tournament Pass
Students:	\$6.00	\$10.00
Adults:	\$7.00	\$12.00

<u>Concessions</u> - will be available for purchase during the tournament.

<u>Practice Fields</u> – There are not practice fields at the facility. However, if you would like a place to do some extra work during the tournament, the turf fields at Laramie High School will be available. Contact Ron to schedule this, please.

\*\*\*Please see the next pages for the bracket and field assignments for games along with maps.\*\*\*



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\*\*\*Field 1 is the West Field and Field 2 is the East Field. See map on following page\*\*\*

