

## 2026 ACAA Baseball/Softball Tournament Information

We are looking forward to you being with us in Cottondale, AL for the ACAA Baseball and Softball Final Four's. Here is some information that will be helpful for the upcoming event.

- **All** games (baseball and softball) will be played at the campus of Tuscaloosa Christian School located at 1601 Prude Mill Rd, Cottondale, AL 35453
- **No one will be admitted to the fields until 11:00 a.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.**
- Please make sure all players and fans **remain in the athletic field area.**
- **Concessions and restrooms will be available.**
- Coaches, please make sure you fill out the all-tournament ballots and return them to Alan Montgomery or his designee before the start of the championship games.
- Tournament team coaches, bookkeepers, and managers will be admitted free of charge. Please help by ensuring all spectators pay admission.
- Tournament players wearing uniforms will be admitted through player gate to the right of the fan admission gate.
- **Your players will need to arrive dressed and ready to play – dressing rooms will not be available.**
- A hospitality area will be available for coaches, spouses, school administrators, and media. It will be housed in a designated area for this purpose.
- Bleachers are available; however, fans are welcome to bring personal chairs. There will be space available for tents for each team, please bring your own canopy.

**NOTE: Please cooperate with the tournament host and others to ensure a smooth, well-run tournament.**

### **ADMISSION**

**Sub-State games: \$6 per adult and \$3 per student.**

### **ADMISSION Friday and Saturday**

**Cash or GoFan. We will have the URL for GoFan**

*\$10 per day for adults*

*\$5 per day for students*

**NO exceptions, please! This price is set by the ACAA.**

***YELLOW ACAA Coaches Cards are the only cards accepted during post season play.***

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## **Baseball**

- Baseball teams need to bring **5 new baseballs per game**, the size according to the NFHS Rules Book. These will be returned to you (balls not lost) at the conclusion of the game.
- Baseball teams may take the infield, 25 minutes before game time for the visiting team, and 15 minutes before game time for the home team.
- The home team dugout will be on the third base side of the field, the visiting team on the first base side.
- For the games where there is a higher seed playing a lower seed, the higher seed will be the Home team. In instances where equal seeds are playing, a coin toss will determine the Home team.
- **Tournament games are seven innings with mercy rules in effect.**
  - 15 run lead after 3 innings
  - 12 run lead after four innings
  - 10 run lead after five innings
- Teams, please exit the dugout as soon as your game is over to prevent delay of the tournament. Hold post-game meetings outside the dugouts.
- Please do not enter the field until the previous team has exited the dugout.
- The home team book will be the official book.
- Pitch Counts must be submitted to Pam Cason immediately following each game.
- The National Anthem will be played prior to the first game of each tournament day.

## **Softball**

- All teams will need to supply **2 new softballs per game**, the size according to the NFHS Rules Book. These will be returned to you (balls not lost) at the conclusion of the game. Bring balls to the plate meeting. If you plan on keeping home run balls as a souvenir, please plan on having replacements for these.
- Teams will be allowed 10 minutes infield warm-ups prior to the first game of the day only.
- **Tournament games are seven innings with mercy rules in effect.**
  - 12 run lead after 3 innings
  - 10 run lead after 4 innings
  - 8 run lead after 5 innings
  - **The international tiebreaker rule will only go into effect in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning to avoid extremely long games.**
- Tournament games will have one minute between innings. Umpires will move games along.
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## **Shirts**

Tournament shirts will be sold at the tournament site for \$20 each. There will be a limited number of shirts available....

## **Concession**

A full concession stand will be available.

## **Contact Information**

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## **Park Physical Address:**

**1601 Prude Mill Road**

**Cottondale, AL 35453**

## **Parking**

- Bus parking: Please, park buses in designated areas. This information will be available at the entry gate.
- Car parking: You may park in the grass area adjacent to the school parking lot.

We look forward to giving our players, coaches, and fans a great tournament experience that will be enjoyable and memorable.

If we can serve you in any other way, please feel free to contact us.

Warmest Regards,

Alan Montgomery

Athletic Director

Tuscaloosa Christian School

**May 2026 ACAA Softball  
State Playoff Dates and Times**

<b>Game</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
A	Mon/Tues	May 4-5	TBD	S-A2 #2 @ S-A1 #1
B	Mon/Tues	May 4-5	TBD	N-A1 #2 @ N-A2 #1
C	Mon/Tues	May 4-5	TBD	N-A2 #2 @ N-A1 #1
D	Mon/Tues	May 4-5	TBD	S-A1 #2 @ S-A2 #1
1	Fri	May 8	12:00 PM	Tuscaloosa
2	Fri	May 8	2:00 PM	Tuscaloosa
3	Fri	May 8	4:00 PM	Tuscaloosa
4	Fri	May 8	6:00 PM	Tuscaloosa
5	Sat	May 9	10:00 AM	Tuscaloosa
6	Sat	May 9	12:00 PM	Tuscaloosa
7 (if necessary)	Sat	May 9	2:00 PM	Tuscaloosa

- Games A, B, C and D are substate games. The winner advances and the losers are eliminated. These games are played at the #1 seed home field.
- The bottom team in the bracket will be the home team in the sub-state games. Beginning with game #1 of the tournament the home team will be the higher seed or in situations where teams are seeded equally, the home team will be determined by a coin toss.

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1	Fri	May 8	12:00 NOON	Tuscaloosa
2	Fri	May 8	2:30 P.M.	Tuscaloosa
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