



RIIL Softball Cover Sheet 2023-24

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Sport Committee Members:

Sport Director: Betty Marquis

Co-Director: Marty Crowley, Athletic Director (Cumberland).

RIIAAA Representatives: Michelle Rawcliffe (Central), Erika Paiva (St. Rays), Michael Traficante (Cranston).

Coaches Association Representatives: Chris Lupe (Westerly), Bill Aquilante (NK).

Officials Representative: Bucky Riccitelli

Approval Process:

- Sport Committee Approval: September 14, 2022
- RIIAAA E-Board Endorsement: November 4, 2022
- PCOA Approval: November 22, 2022

Season Dates:

- Pitchers and Catchers: Monday, March 11, 2024 – Friday, March 15, 2024
- First Day of Practice: Monday, March 18, 2024
- First Day of Possible Games: Friday, March 29, 2024
- Last Day of the Regular Season: Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- Final Championships: Saturday, June 8, 2024 & Sunday, June 9, 2024

State Championship Division (Div. I) (14 teams)

A

Coventry
Cranston West
Cumberland
Bay View
North Kingstown
East Greenwich
St. Raphael

B

La Salle
Pilgrim
Moses Brown
East Providence
Smithfield
Chariho
Prout

Schedule:

- Division is snaked into two sub-divisions
- 18 League Games. Game Cap of 22.
 - Play every team in sub-division twice (12 games)
 - Play every team in the other two sub-divisions once (6 games)
 - With the exception of one crossover game so the schedule does not exceed 18 games.
 - 1v7, 2v6, 3v5, 4v4

Playoffs:

- Teams must earn 30% of their division games to be eligible for the post-season.
 - Division 1 teams must win 5 games to be eligible.
- All teams who are eligible for the playoffs will qualify for the playoffs.
 - Top team in each sub-division automatically qualify as the 1 & 2 seed according to win %
 - All other teams who are eligible for the playoffs will be seeded according to win percentage in all division games.
- Single Elimination in Preliminary Round(s)
- Double Elimination beginning in the Quarterfinal Round
- Championships scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Sunday, June 9, 2024

Division II (16 teams):

North Providence
North Smithfield/Burrillville Coop
Westerly
Johnston
South Kingstown
Ponaganset
Mt. Hope
Woonsocket
Toll Gate
Barrington
Portsmouth
Lincoln
West Warwick
Middletown
Scituate
Narragansett

Schedule:

- Division will not be snaked into sub-divisions.
- 15 League Games. Game Cap of 22.
 - Play every team in the division once

Playoffs:

- Teams must earn 40% of their division games to be eligible for the post-season.
 - Division 2 teams must win 6 games to be eligible.
- All teams who are eligible for the playoffs will qualify for the playoffs.
 - All eligible teams will be seeded according to win percentage in all division games.
- Single Elimination in Preliminary Round(s)
- Double Elimination beginning in the Quarterfinal Round
- Championships scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Sunday, June 9, 2024

Division III (8 teams):

Rogers
Shea/Tolman Coop
Mount St. Charles
Exeter/West Greenwich
Central
Cranston East
Davies
Tiverton

Schedule:

- 14 League Games. Game Cap of 22.
 - Play every team in division twice

Playoffs:

- Teams must earn 40% of their division games to be eligible for the post-season.
 - Division 3 teams must win 6 games to be eligible.
- Top-4 teams automatically qualify for the playoffs
- All teams who are eligible for the playoffs will qualify for the playoffs.
 - All eligible teams will be seeded according to win percentage in all division games.
- Single Elimination in Preliminary and Quarterfinal Rounds
- Double Elimination beginning in the Semifinal Round
- Championships scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2024 and Sunday, June 2, 2024

Division IV (7 teams):

Block Island
Central Falls
Classical
Hope
Juanita Sanchez
Mt. Pleasant
Paul Cuffee/Times 2 Coop

Schedule:

- 12 League Games. Game Cap of 22.
 - Play every team in division twice

Playoffs:

- Teams must earn 40% of their division games to be eligible for the post-season.
 - Division 4 teams must win 4 games to be eligible.
- Top-4 teams automatically qualify for the playoffs
- All teams who are eligible for the playoffs will qualify for the playoffs.
 - All eligible teams will be seeded according to win percentage in all division games.
- Single Elimination in Preliminary and Quarterfinal Rounds
- Double Elimination beginning in the Semifinal Round
- Championships scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2024 and Sunday, June 2, 2024

Division 4 games will have the following limits on play:

- No more than five runs may be scored per inning with the exception of the seventh inning where an unlimited number of runs may be scored by either team.
- All games will be limited to two hours in length. The home team shall record the exact starting time in the scorebook. The umpire shall verify the starting time with the home team scorer. In the event an inning exceeds the two-hour limit, the inning shall be completed and the game ended assuming the score is not tied.
- If the score is tied after 2 hours then the international tie breaker rule shall be imposed.
- The 10-run rule shall be in effect after 5 innings.
- Umpires and coaches are requested to document the length of the game in hours and minutes.
- Umpires shall carry a set of these rules with them, as should all Division 4 coaches.