



SEC and ECADA

A Partnership Serving Essex County Student Athletes

Softball 2019

- Eligibility:** All schools must be members of the ECADA in good standing to be eligible to enter the **2019 Softball Tournament**. The tournament will be a single elimination tournament played on the following dates:

Preliminary Rounds: Games shall be scheduled, as necessary, on Thursday, April 25, Saturday, April 27 and Thursday, May 2, at the higher seeded teams' fields. Rain date is the following day(s).

First Round: On or before Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the site of the higher seed.

Quarter Finals: Saturday, May 11, 2018 at Verona. Games scheduled at 9am, 11am, 1 pm and 3pm.- Rain Date: 5/12/19.

Semi Finals: Friday, May 17, 2019 at Ivy Hill Park-SHU- 5:00 PM (lower seed) – 7:00 PM (upper seed) - Rain Date: 5/18/19.

Championship: Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Ivy Hill Park-SHU- 7:00 PM
Rain Date: 5/19/19.

Postponed games shall be rescheduled on the following day if conditions are acceptable. The Tournament Director shall oversee the rescheduling of games and has the right to reschedule. Tournament contests take precedent over conference and independent contests.

- Entry Fee**
The entry fee for the tournament is \$105.00. Please make the check payable to the **Super Essex Conference** and mail to:

Bruce Essing, Tournaments Administrator

- Tournament Co-Directors**
Mr. Lorenzo Sozio
Mt. St. Dominic Academy
3 Ryerson Ave
Caldwell,NJ 07006

Robert Gogerty
Cedar Grove High School
90 Rugby Road
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

4. **Entry Procedure**

Entry materials must be submitted online through the Super Essex Conference website, www.sec.powermediallc.org, by midnight on **Monday, April 22, 2019**. Entry form must include results up thru Monday April 22 and include schedule up thru Tuesday, April 23. An automated invoice will be emailed to sender and athletic director upon submission.

An automated confirmation is sent to the person submitting the entry, an invoice is sent to the athletic director.

Note: In order to ensure that sufficient recording of game results be documented for seeding purposes, the online entry may only be submitted between Friday morning April 19th until midnight on Monday, April 22nd. An automated reply will be sent back to the person submitting the entry and an invoice sent to the athletic director upon submission.

5. **Seeding**

All schools entering the Tournament are invited to speak to the Seeding Committee, just prior to its meeting, about their team and prospective placement in the Tournament bracket. The school representative must limit the presentation to five minutes. This session shall begin at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday, April 23** at the Conference Room in the St. Dominic's Academy Athletic Center.

The tournament will be seeded by committee immediately after the presentation session. Only the members of the seeding committee and the tournament directors are permitted to attend the seeding meeting. Anticipated start of the Seeding Meeting is **7:30 PM**. Athletic directors will be contacted regarding their seeds and opening round opponents.

6. **Officials**

All umpires will be assigned by the SEC softball assignor. The higher seeded team is responsible for paying umpires up to the semifinals. The SEC will pay all officials and game personnel at the semifinals and Championship Final. The fee for all umpires is \$77.00 per game through the quarterfinals and \$82.00 for the semifinals and finals.

7. **Suspended Game Procedure**

All ECT tournament softball games must be played to the full seven innings (turns at bat) unless extra innings are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it. The exception to this is the 10-run rule that the state association has adopted.

A softball game that has not reached the point of regulation game that is called (ended) by the umpire(s) due to weather or darkness shall be replayed from the beginning of the game.

A softball game that has reached the point of regulation game, five full innings having been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four of four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat, or if play has gone beyond five full innings, and then the game is called (ended) by the umpire(s) due to weather or darkness, the game will be considered a suspended game and the game will be resumed at the point of interruption.

Both schools must document, in the scorebook, the situation that exists in writing and must have it verified by both officials. The stated situation must include things as base runners position, number of outs, batter's pitch count. If a player that was listed in the suspended game is also in the lineup in the resumed game, that player must be listed in the exact same lineup position in the resumed game. If a player in the suspended game would not be eligible for re-entry that will continue to hold true in the resumed game.

8. **Admission**

Admission for the Quarterfinals, Semifinal, and Final will be \$2 for Students and \$5 for Adults.

9. **Deadlines**

Please adhere to all the tournament deadlines. They will be strictly enforced.

10. **Proper completion of Entry Forms**

Properly complete all required entry forms and adhere to the instructions on each form or the instructions within the aforementioned rules and regulations.

-Seeding Information, next pages-

Essex County Athletic Directors Association

Guidelines for Seeding Committee Members

The purpose of the ECT Seeding Committee is to develop the Tournament brackets in their sport the fairest way possible. To the best of their abilities the committee members are requested to bring an “open-minded” and sportsman-like approach to the task.

Expectations of Seeding Committee Members

Members are designated as members of a specific SEC Division or as “At Large”. Division representatives are expected to be head coaches with a minimum one year previous tenure at their school. These Representatives are expected to have knowledge of the competitive levels and abilities of all Essex County schools within their Division. They are expected to be informational resources from which the entire committee may obtain an honest appraisal of each team. As such, they are on the Committee to give objective, first-hand information not only of their own school but all County schools from their Division. These members serve a two (2) -year term. In order to maintain a degree of experience each year all terms are not concurrent but are staggered so that approximately half of the previous year’s committee returns each year.

In the event that a Conference Representative head coach cannot attend the seeding committee meeting the Tournament Director(s) must be notified. A substitute may not be sent in their stead.

At Large Members

“At Large” members are invitational appointments made by the Tournament Director(s). “At Large” members fill in missing positions on the Committee. An “At Large” coach shall replace any missing representative or may be an additional member whose knowledge and experience provides a valuable resource to the seeding meeting. All “At Large” members must be an experienced, veteran coach with a thorough knowledge of Essex County schools supporting that Tournament and of the recent past history of the Tournament. An “At Large” member may be invited on an “as needed” basis to replace a missing member. Although an “At Large” member has no set term as a committee member that coach may serve on concurrent committees as needed.