

# 2021-2022 ACEL Softball Plan & Schedule



# The General Season Information

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## The 2022 Baseball & Softball Schedule

Baseball and softball have a 9-week regular season with an additional week for both playoffs and the state championship. The 9th week on the schedule has been left open as a bye week for use as make-up dates for any games cancelled due to inclement weather. Please be aware that Easter Sunday is April 17th this year and falls between the bye week and playoffs.

For 2021-2022 there are 12 varsity softball teams and 11 varsity baseball teams.

### Districts

Districts are NOT geographic. There was not enough time in the baseball/softball calendar to allow all teams to play each other twice. Districts are used to get the maximum number of games for each team in the number of weeks available. Each team will play in-district opponents twice and out-of-district opponents once.

### All games must be completed

Please be aware that last year's no-fault game cancellation was a COVID policy that is no longer in effect. All scheduled games must be completed this year. Any game that can not be completed will be subject to a \$500 fine.

If a team is unable to complete the required number of games, then any unplayed games must be appealed to the ACEL executive board for a determination on how to proceed. Teams will be required to provide detailed documentation explaining why the games could not be reasonably made-up.

## Playoffs: Week of April 18th

Please be aware that playoff week immediately follows Easter weekend! Top 6 teams by regular season power points will advance to playoffs with #1 and #2 earning byes to the state semi-finals. Highest seed will host playoff games for seeds 3-6.

This year, across all ACEL sports, the number of teams advancing to playoffs is being limited to roughly half of the total number of participating teams in an effort to encourage better competition in playoff games. Brackets that allow the highest seeded teams to advance to the semi-finals are preferred.

## All-State Voting

All organizations participating in baseball/softball are required to attend All-State Voting even if no player is nominated for all-state from the organization. There is a \$500 fine for failure to attend. The Baseball/Softball All-State Voting meeting will be via Zoom, Saturday, April 23rd.

## State Championship

The 2021-2022 ACEL Baseball/Softball State Championship is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30 in Alexandria/ Pineville.

## Reminders

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### Read the ACEL Standing Rules

Please make sure to read the ACEL Standing Rules available for download on the website. If any particular situation is not covered in the ACEL Standing Rules, the current NFHS rules apply. (ACEL Rule 1.5) If you have any questions about ACEL rules or operating procedures, please ask your athletic director for clarification. Be aware that ACEL rules and procedures are tailored to the unique needs of our member organizations. Therefore, some ACEL rules are unlike those customarily found in other leagues.

### Administrator Required at Each Game

An administrator or a designated representative for each team must be in attendance at all ACEL events. The administrator may NOT be the team's coach nor may they sit on the bench. The purpose of the administrator is to handle issues that may arise with the fans, players, or coaches of their organization. The administrator must locate and introduce themselves to the administrator of the opposing team prior to the beginning of the game. Administrators for each team will work together to handle any issue that arises beyond the scope of the officials' authority. (ACEL Rule 13)

## Update Your Coach Information

Please check the members' section of the ACEL website (theacel.com) to confirm that the contact information for your coach and the location of your facility are correct. (The members' section of the website is password protected. Your administrator and athletic director have the password.) To update your information, use the "Information Update Form" available from the forms and downloads section of the website.

## Rubex by eFilecabinet

Rosters, birth certificates, and grades reports must be uploaded to your organization's drawer in eFilecabinet by the dates listed on the baseball/softball page of the ACEL website. Your administrator and/or athletic director have log-in information and password for eFilecabinet. Make sure to use the "Rubex by eFilecabinet" login page and NOT the "eFilecabinet online" login page.

Please be aware that members cannot delete files nor can they add folders to eFilecabinet. After receiving your roster, I will make student folders for each of your athletes and notify you when those folder are ready for birth certificate and grade report uploads.

A fillable roster form is located in the athletics folder of your efilecabinet drawer or is available for download from the forms and downloads section of the website.

## MaxPreps

The use of MaxPreps to report player stats for all-state consideration in the ACEL is mandatory. No all-state nomination will be accepted without an accompanying MaxPreps stat report.

Please do not underestimate the time that it can take MaxPreps to approve new organizations or to fix problems within existing accounts. ***If you are new to MaxPreps or are having issues with your MaxPreps account, NOW is the time to get those fixed.***

Inorder for MaxPreps to work for us as it is intended, player stats must be uploaded for each ACEL game in which an all-state nominated player participates. Stats should be uploaded routinely throughout the season. Waiting until the end of the season makes it difficult for our other teams to link to your schedule and for stat reporting to be transparent.

# Baseball/Softball Rules, Procedures & Policies

The ACEL follows the rules and regulations set by the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) for all sanctioned ACEL sports. ACEL supplemental policies and exceptions to NFHS rules are listed below.

## ACEL Specific Rules and Policies for Baseball/ Softball 2021-2022

### **Schedule Changes**

The ACEL allows organizations to easily change their schedules as necessary. Both the home and the away team must submit the schedule change form located on the website to change the date of a game.

### **Score Reporting**

Scores must be reported by both the home and away teams by noon the following day. Failure to report the score will result in a fine. (See ACEL Rule 6.1)

### **Physicals and Coaches' Concussion Course**

Per ACEL Rule 14.1.7, all athletes participating in league competition (boys/girls) are required to take and pass a physical examination. These physicals are good for one calendar year. Physicals must be kept on-hand by athletic directors and coaches at all ACEL events and must be presented immediately upon request.

All ACEL coaches are required to take a concussion course and be able to provide evidence/certificate of completion upon request.

### **Game Day Rosters**

A Game Day Roster will be supplied to the opposing team from each team that exceeds 27 players on their official roster. Only players that appear on a team's official roster may be used on the game day roster. Only players listed on the game day roster are eligible to dress out for that game.

### **Baseball Pitch Limits**

Per ACEL Rule 18.7.1, The maximum number of baseball pitches allowed is 110: 36-60 pitches, 1 day of rest is required; 61-85 pitches, 2 days of rest; 86-110, 3 days of rest. Pitch count limits are the same for playoffs and the state championship tournament.

## AED

The ACEL strongly recommends that all organizations have an AED at all ACEL events.



## Read the ACEL Standing Rules for 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 ACEL Standing Rules are available for download from the ACEL website. A complete list of rule changes is available from the members section of the webpage.

## Follow the ACEL on Facebook

Make sure to follow the ACEL on Facebook @ACELathletics and make sure your families follow the ACEL too! Loads of ACEL information and state championship PICTURES are posted throughout the year!

## Communicate with your Executive Director

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Most problems and misunderstandings can be avoided simply through communication. Coaches, if you have a league concern please discuss it with your athletic director ASAP. In many instances athletic directors will already have related information from the ACEL. Athletic directors, please do not hesitate to contact me with any league issue you may have. The more you all communicate with me, the better I understand what is actually happening within our league, making me better able to act in the best interest of all our organizations. I cannot address what I do not know.

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(Leave a message, and I will get back to you.)



## 2021-2022 ACEL Softball Schedule

### District 1

\*Christ Bridge Academy Archangels—Jennings  
Faith Training Christian Academy Patriots—Leesville  
Good Samaritan Fellowship Hornets—Fred, TX  
Mt. Olive Christian School Eagles—Athens  
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles  
Word of God Academy Force—Shreveport

### District 2

Acadiana Christian Athletics Defenders—Lafayette  
Acadiana Christian School Lions—New Iberia  
CHEF of Baton Rouge Patriots—Baton Rouge  
Christian Homeschool Sports Association of Acadiana ArchAngels—Lafayette  
Harvest Time Christian Academy Lions—Abbeville  
Westminster Christian Academy Chargers—Lafayette

\*Probationary team ineligible for post-season

### Monday, February 14

MOCS@WOGA  
Christ Bridge@FTCA  
Good Samaritan@SWLA  
ACA@ACS  
CHEF@HTCA  
WCA@CHSAA

### Thursday, February 17

CHEF@WOGA  
CHSAA@MOCS  
WCA@FTCA  
HTCA@Good Samaritan  
ACA@SWLA  
ACS@Christ Bridge

### Monday, February 21

FTCA@Good Samaritan  
MOCS@SWLA  
WOGA@Christ Bridge  
CHSAA@ACA  
HTCA@WCA  
ACS@CHEF

### Thursday, February 24

SWLA@ACS  
Good Samaritan@ACA  
FTCA@HTCA  
MOCS@WCA  
WOGA@CHSAA  
Christ Bridge@CHEF

### Monday, February 28

SWLA@WOGA  
FTCA@MOCS  
Good Samaritan@Christ Bridge  
CHSAA@ACS  
ACA@HTCA  
WCA@CHEF

### Thursday, March 3

WCA@WOGA  
HTCA@MOCS  
ACA@FTCA  
ACS@Good Samaritan  
CHEF@SWLA  
CHSAA@Christ Bridge

**Monday, March 7**

SWLA@FTCA  
WOGA@Good Samaritan  
MOCS@Christ Bridge  
CHEF@ACA  
ACS@WCA  
HTCA@CHSAA

**Thursday, March 10**

FTCA@ACS  
MOCS@ACA  
WOGA@HTCA  
Christ Bridge@WCA  
SWLA@CHSAA  
Good Samaritan@CHEF

**Monday, March 14**

FTCA@WOGA  
Good Samaritan@MOCS  
Christ Bridge@SWLA  
ACS@HTCA  
ACA@WCA  
CHEF@CHSAA

**Thursday, March 17**

ACA@WOGA  
ACS@MOCS  
CHEF@FTCA  
CHSAA@Good Samaritan  
HTCA@Christ Bridge  
WCA@SWLA

**Monday, March 21**

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FTCA@Christ Bridge  
ACS@ACA  
CHSAA@WCA  
HTCA@CHEF

**Thursday, March 24**

WOGA@ACS  
Christ Bridge@ACA  
SWLA@HTCA  
Good Samaritan@WCA  
FTCA@CHSAA  
MOCS@CHEF

**Monday, March 28**

Christ Bridge@WOGA  
SWLA@MOCS  
Good Samaritan@FTCA  
CHEF@ACS  
WCA@HTCA  
ACA@CHSAA

**Thursday, March 31**

Good Samaritan@WOGA  
Christ Bridge@MOCS  
FTCA@SWLA  
WCA@ACS  
CHSAA@HTCA  
ACA@CHEF

**Monday, April 4**

MOCS@FTCA  
Christ Bridge@Good Samaritan  
WOGA@SWLA  
HTCA@ACA  
CHEF@WCA  
ACS@CHSAA

**Thursday, April 7**

WOGA@FTCA  
MOCS@Good Samaritan  
SWLA@Christ Bridge  
HTCA@ACS  
WCA@ACA  
CHSAA@CHEF

**Monday, April 11**

Inclement Weather  
Make-up

**Thursday, April 14**

Inclement Weather  
Make-up





**All Games must be completed by April 16**

**Softball All-State Voting**

Saturday,  
April 23rd  
(via Zoom)

**Playoffs**

April 18 & 21

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**ACEL Softball State Championship**  
**in Alexandria/Pineville**

**Friday, April 29**  
Semifinals

**Saturday, April 30**  
State Championship  
Consolation game