

2009-2010

SOFTBALL

July 27, 2009 – Aug. 15, 2009	Dead Period
Aug. 17, 2009 – Oct. 23, 2009	Weight training and conditioning permitted. No open facilities and no practice.
Oct. 26, 2009 – Nov. 14, 2009	Dead Period
Nov. 16, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2009	Weight training and conditioning permitted. No open facilities and no practice.
Jan. 1, 2010 – Feb. 12, 2010	Weight training, conditioning, open facilities permitted. No practice
Feb. 15, 2010	Practice begins. After team is eliminated from tournament series, coaches may be involved in a coaching capacity with students in their school in summer programs or on non-school teams.
End of school until June 26, 2010	No practice regulations
June 27, 2010 – July 10, 2010	Dead Period
July 11, 2010 – July 25, 2010	No practice regulations

Definitions

Practice: Coach and player(s) together with instruction, teaching, coaching, etc.

Open Facilities: Schools may use school facilities for students in their building prior to or at the conclusion of the school day. Coaches may serve in a supervisory capacity only. There is no instruction, no teaching, no coaching, etc. Coaches may not participate or play in any manner. It is a free play type atmosphere.

Weight training/conditioning: Must be a generic type program that would be beneficial to all students and not sport specific. Exception: In baseball and softball, players may throw to condition arms.

Dead Period: No coaching, observing, or contact between coach and players in sport involved. There is no practice, no open facilities, and no weight training/conditioning.

Preseason Scrimmages: A school cannot practice with or scrimmage another school until both schools have practiced a minimum of three days. A school may have a maximum of 4 preseason scrimmages or 2 preseason scrimmage dates or 1 preseason scrimmage date and 2 preseason scrimmages.

Practice During the School Day: All athletic practice during the regular hours of any school day shall conform to the same rules, regulations, and seasons as corresponding athletic practice outside the school day.

50 % Rule: Applies to basketball, baseball, and softball. Participation (includes practice) during the school year on a non-school team prior to the school season by students that will play the following season on the high school team is limited to 50% of the number of players required to play the game (5). Only the specified number of students participating on a non-school team prior to the school season may be placed on the same high school roster the following season. Those students cannot be interchanged on the school team roster.

Tournament: All tournaments shall be held on consecutive days with no other regular season games being played during the tournament unless permission is granted by the Executive director. A tournament is defined as a competition of three or more teams and three or more games, matches, etc., which progress to determine a winner.

Multiple Contests: In all individual sports (cross country, golf, track and field, tennis, and wrestling) individuals accompanied by a coach may enter varsity competition at a different site on the same time and date, and this will count as two days on the school's schedule.

Beginning Sport: Any school that is starting a sport for the first time may have five days of off-season practice prior to the first season the sport begins. This would apply to girls' volleyball, girls' soccer, soccer, baseball, girls' softball, and track and field. It would not apply to football and basketball since schools are allowed 10 days in the off-season in football and 5 days in the off-season in basketball.

Maximum number of contests: 34 games, 5 tournaments with each tournament counting as 4 games.