

2024 PIAA Softball Championships: Finals

Thursday & Friday, June 13 & 14, 2024

Location: Beard Field at Nittany Lion Softball Park ~ Penn State University
University Park, PA (corner of Park Avenue and University Drive)

Schedule: See attached **PIAA Finals Time Schedule** for each day

Team Arrival: **New again this year: Team Buses MUST arrive from Curtin Road between the Intramural Building and the Tennis Courts. Very important! This is a one-way road. They will then drop off the team at the Team/Umpire Entrance and then proceed straight ahead to the parking attendant to back into the reserved bus parking area at the back of the Yellow-H Softball lot. NOTE: Teams will walk to the bus parking area to board the bus after the game is over.** (Please see attached **Nittany Lion Softball Park Overview**.) All teams are permitted to use the visiting team locker room as open, shared restrooms before and after each game. We will also open the small visiting team coaches' locker room for any male members of their traveling party. There are also bathrooms in each dugout and job johnnies in the open Warm-up Area.

Teams should take all of their equipment with them to the Warm-up Area. (See attached **Nittany Lion Softball Park Overview**.)

** If your athletic trainer is driving separate, please be sure he/she knows where to park and where to enter and is on the list from the AD for reserved parking!

Warm-ups: Each team will be given 15 minutes of batting cage time. To access the Outdoor Batting cage on the 3rd base side, teams will have to walk around the outfield fence and enter through those gates. Stay out of any muddy areas. **NO** mud should be tracked into the batting cage area.

For further warm-ups, the Home Team can use the 1st base bullpen and the Visitors can use the 3rd base bullpen. Batting cages are off limits after your allotted time. Should the team playing need to use the bullpen, they get first priority during their game and the team warming up will need to leave the bullpen.

Once in the dugout, each team will be given 10 minutes of infield practice.

During warm-up times, please do not stand or hit balls on the lines.

See attached **PIAA Finals Time Schedule** for your team's designated times.

Line-ups: Each team should hand in a copy of their line-up to the press box or your Team Liaison before taking Infield Warm-ups.

Dugouts: The home team will occupy the 1st base dugout (for 2024 the team at the Bottom-of-the-Bracket will be the home team).

End of Game: **Immediately** following the game and awards ceremony, teams will exit the field/dugouts to allow for the next teams to get ready for the next game. **ALL HEAD COACHES and requested athletes** are to report to the Media Area on the 1st base side for post-game comments. All teams must exit through the field access point on the 1st base side.

Important: No Sunflower Seeds. No dumping of water coolers. No cleats in the building.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FANS KNOW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

Spectator's Rules

1. All tickets must be purchased in advance through Home Town Ticketing. [PIAA Softball Championships Tickets - Home Town Ticketing](#)
2. Tickets will not be sold at the gate.
3. Admission Prices for the Finals will be: \$8.00 (plus processing fees) ALL Adults and Students (K-12). Pre-kindergarten children are admitted free-of-charge.
2. **No Strollers.**
3. **Limited Bag policy for Spectators... see attachment on policy.**
4. Lawn chairs can be brought in – however – they can ONLY be used on the limited lawn area (3rd base grassy knoll). All bench and chair seating have backs.
5. NO outside drink or food is permitted in Nittany Lion Softball Park.
6. NO use of any tobacco products are permitted on the Penn State Campus.
7. NO Pets are allowed inside Nittany Lion Softball Park.
8. **NO standing or sitting or walking on the dugout tops.**
9. NO fans are allowed on the field without PIAA Approval.
10. Parking will be free of charge courtesy of PIAA. See attached map for locations.

Media Covering Your Team

1. Credentials/parking should be requested through the PIAA.
2. In addition, radio space should be requested through Jennifer James at JQW7@PSU.EDU. **Advance reservation of space is highly recommended to be assured appropriate space is available.**