

LAKES VALLEY CONFERENCE

SOFTBALL

I. **Schedule:**

Varsity

Doubleheaders (no single games like Baseball)

Start time 4:00

Total number of Regular Season Conference Games = 16

Varsity softball and varsity baseball schedules are coordinated as closely as possible on Tuesday DH game days

Extra Innings: play out the 8th and 9th innings, and effective beginning the 10th inning the International Tie-Breaker will be used

JV

Double Headers will be two 7 inning games, light permitting

JV games may end in a tie

Start time 4:00

Freshman

Freshman will play Doubleheaders on Tuesday or Thursday

1st game of DH 7 full innings, 2nd game of DH time limit of 1:30 light permitting

Freshman games may end in a tie

Start time 4:00

Schedule will include conference schools, there will be many openings for non-league games

Current Freshman/JVB teams in league: Mott, Kettering, WLN, Milford

General Information

Host schools will be the HOME team for both games and will provide game balls.

Late Arrival: In the event of a late bus, game time will begin 45 minutes after team has arrived, or earlier if visiting team is ready

II. **Game Management:**

Rainouts:

Any rain out of a Divisional game will be made up on the next available date agreed upon by the two schools – preferably on Wednesday. Next choice would be to move to another day that is mutually available. If agreed upon, the game can be moved to the opponent's field if it's deemed ready to play.

Suspended games:

The first game must be completed before the second game begins. The NFHS rule for completed games will be applied if game is stopped due to darkness or weather.

Cold Weather:

If the wind-chill temperature / real feel reaches 37, a decision will be made at 1:00 p.m. to cancel. All schools will use weather.com to check the real feel temp at 1:00 p.m.

III. Championship

Conference Champion:

After the regular season is completed, a Conference Champion will be awarded along with the possibility of a Co-Championship

Conference Championship Tournament:

There will be no conference championship tournament. Discussions will continue to move in this direction in the future

IV. Awards

All- Conference

Medals will be awarded as follows: (1st=5, 2nd=4, 3rd=4, 4th=3, 5th=3, 6th=2, 7th=2, 8th=2, 9th=2 (= 27)

V. Team Awards

Conference

Champions shall receive a permanent award.

VI. National Federation and Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Rules and Regulations:

The MHSAA ten (10) runs rule after 5 innings of play (mercy rule) is in effect for all Association baseball and softball contest.

The MHSAA fifteen (15) runs rule after 3 innings of play (mercy rule) is in effect for all Association softball contests.

The National Federation (NFHS) rule for a complete game is in effect.

VII. Bylaw Revision

The Coaches and the Athletic Directors will revisit the Bylaws as they relate to Softball, should the league, add or drop teams moving forward

Calendar (2018)

April 10th
April 17th
April 19th
April 24th
April 30th

May 2nd
May 8th
May 15th
May 22nd