



# TRAILBLAZER CONFERENCE

## 2020 Trailblazer Conference Softball Tournament

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Halleck Park and Petersen Field, Papillion**

**See attached maps**

- Format:** Round robin format with seeding into a bracket to play for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place. Tie Breaker During Pool Play - Run Differential.
- Seeding:** The pools for the tournament will be seeded on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> using the most current NSAA power points. If two teams are tied – a. overall win % and b. coin flip.
- Host School:** Platteview High School
- Tournament Director:** Ron Alexander, [ralexander@springfieldplatteview.org](mailto:ralexander@springfieldplatteview.org) - (402) 339-3606
- Home Team:** The higher seeded team will be designated the home team and will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout for all pool play contests. In bracket play the team that was seeded the highest coming into the tournament will be designated the home team and will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
- Admission:** Each team must supply a pass list of no more than 8 individuals for each family of an athlete(s). Please send this pass list to Ron Alexander no later than Thursday, 09.24 at the end of the day. Adults \$6.00 / Students \$4.00
- Balls:** Each team will need to supply two game balls per game.

Spectators: Spectators are required to wear a mask on entry and anytime that a 6' social distance cannot be maintained. Spectators should bring portable seating and have a minimum of 6' between family groups.

Supervision: Each school should have a supervisor on hand for their contests.

### **NFHS and NSAA Guidelines**

1. Assigned seating in bench areas – we recommend that your staff assign areas where each athlete stands or sits in dugout and extended dugout area to allow for social distancing when not playing
2. Expanded bench areas to accommodate social distancing is permitted
3. No post game handshakes
4. Pregame Conference: Limit attendees to one coach from each team plus the umpires. Coaches should stay outside the width of the batter's box at home plate, maintaining 6 feet of distance between each person.
5. Substitutions: The verbal exchange should occur 6 feet from the coach to scorer and opposing team when making lineup changes.
6. Foul Balls/Coaching: Umpires do not handle equipment on the field during play.
7. Contact with the game balls should be as limited as possible. During competition, foul balls should be retrieved by personnel from the defensive team. Simultaneously a new ball should be thrown into game play from the defensive team's dugout.
8. Coaching: Coaches who wish to discuss a rule or a ruling on the field must maintain at least 6 feet of distance from the umpire.
9. Coaching: Base coaches must stay 6 feet from a runner at all times after suspension of play.
10. Bench and Field Conduct: Players are not permitted to leave the dugout area to congratulate players when scoring or after home runs. The number of individuals in the dugout is dependent on the size of dugout. Players and coaches should maintain 6 feet of social distance. NFHS rules allow for dugouts/designated warm-up areas to be extended to provide for social distancing. The dugout extension should be outside of the field.
11. Charged Conferences (3-7-1, 3-7-2, 3-7-3): Coaches holding defensive conferences must stay on the home plate side of the pitcher's circle, and the player or players must be on the opposite side of the pitcher's circle maintaining 6 feet of distance. No more than two players plus the pitcher are allowed. Only one coach is permitted during the conference. If a coach visits the pitcher, all other players should stay outside the pitching circle.
12. Exchange of Lineup Cards: Lineups should be handed to the umpire, and the umpire will verbally approve or ask any questions about the lineup. It is recommended that lineup cards be exchanged team to team and teams to scorekeeper to be shared via photo or text.
13. Infractions by the Pitcher: Pitchers are not allowed to put their hands to their mouths or blow into their hands prior to pitching the ball. This will be a "no pitch." Any umpire is permitted to make this call. The ball should be called dead immediately and it will be a "no pitch." The ball should be put in the dugout for cleaning, and the pitcher should sanitize hands before play continues.
14. Plate Umpire: The plate umpire should stand deeper than normal to call balls and strikes.
15. Equipment and Apparel: Cloth facial coverings are recommended but not required. The

masks must be of one color, not distracting and have no designs. The umpire may wear disposable gloves and masks.

16. The catcher and batter should be 6 feet apart when the umpire is dusting off the plate.
17. Players should use their own equipment (e.g. gloves, helmets and bats) as much as possible.
18. Press box personnel should be limited to maintain social distancing.
19. Coaches are responsible for ensuring social/physical distancing is maintained between players before, between and after contests.
20. Water Coolers: Schools are asked to provide their own water bottles. Each athlete must have their own personal water bottle. Water coolers are provided on the sideline for all contests. No cups will be provided. If your cooler(s) need refilled during the contest, it will be your responsibility. Schedule:

**Seeding and Schedule:**

Pool A	Pool B
Seed 1 Beatrice (42.8824)	Seed 2 Wahoo (42.6111)
Seed 4 Ralston (39.9048)	Seed 3 Nebraska City (40.3125)
Seed 5 Plattsmouth (39.6000)	Seed 6 Platteview (39.0000)

\*All pool play games will have a 90-minute time limit. No new inning may be started once the time limit has elapsed regardless of the number of innings played.

<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Field #</i></b>	<b><i>Pool Play A</i></b>		<b><i>Seed</i></b>	<b><i>Team</i></b>	<b><i>Power Points</i></b>
9:00 AM	VF	<b>#1 Beatrice</b> vs. #5 Plattsmouth		1	Beatrice	42.8824
	PF	<b>#2 Wahoo</b> vs. #6 Platteview		2	Wahoo	42.6111
11:00 AM	VF	<b>#4 Ralston</b> vs. #5 Plattsmouth		3	Nebraska City	40.3125
	BF	<b>#3 Nebraska City</b> vs. #6 Platteview		4	Ralston	39.9048
1:00 PM	VF	<b>#1 Beatrice</b> vs. #4 Ralston		5	Plattsmouth	39.6000
	BF	<b>#2 Wahoo</b> vs. #3 Nebraska City		6	Platteview	39.0000
3:30 PM	VF	Championship				
	BF	3rd Place Game				
	PF	Consolation Final				

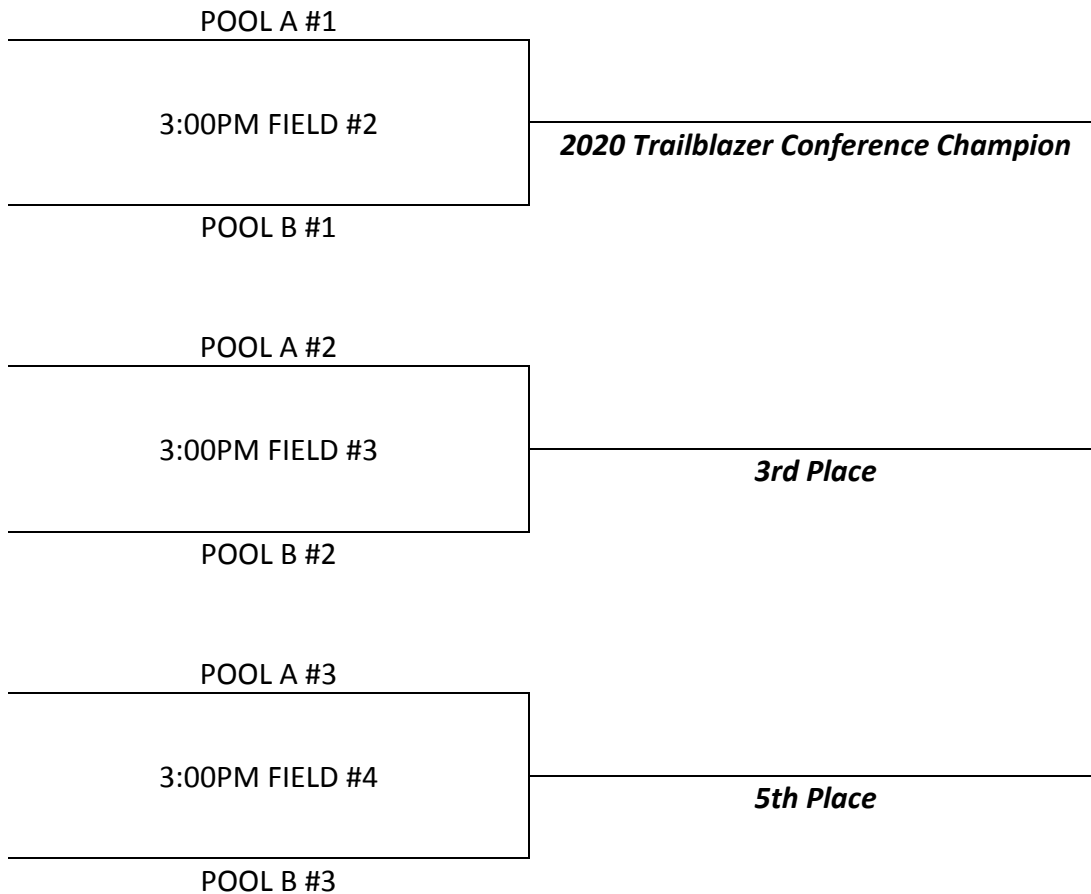
VF = Volunteer Field, Halleck Park

PF = Petersen West Field

BF = Blonde Ruff Field, Halleck Park

### Championship Round

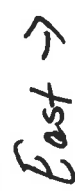
***The highest overall seed will be the home team in each contest. The championship round will not have a time limit.***



**Workers:** A scoreboard operator and public address announcer will be supplied by host school for all contests. The designated home team for each contest shall supply a person to keep the official scorebook.

**Updates:** Any updates to Covid-19 precautions and final seeding/schedule will be sent out next week after seeding.

West



K Hwy 370 →

8th Ave.

West

North



East

South

Blonde Ruff Field