



2026

May 15, 16, 17

***MICHIGAN
CHALLENGE***

PREMIER HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

***Welcome to all the High Schools,
Coaches, Players, Umpires and Fans***



MICHIGAN CHALLENGE – POOL TEAMS

Pool A



1. **Dakota** MAC
2. **Hartland** KLAA
3. **Lake Shore** Macomb
4. **Canton** KLAA

Pool B



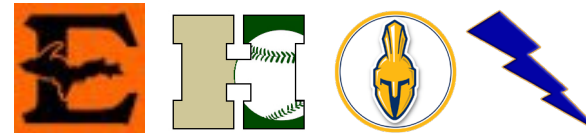
1. **Allen Park** Downriver
2. **Stoney Creek** OAA
3. **Clinton** LCAA
4. **Ottawa Lake** Tri County

Pool C



1. **Walled Lake Northern** LVC
2. **Bedford** SEC
3. **Heritage** SVL
4. **Armada** MAC

Pool D



1. **Escanaba** Great North
2. **Howell** KLAA
3. **Trenton** Downriver
4. **Ida** LCAA

Pool E



1. **Carleton Airport** Huron
2. **Wyandotte** Downriver
3. **Eaton Rapids** CAAC
4. **Farmington** OAA

Pool F



1. **Grand Haven** OK
2. **Brighton** KLAA
3. **Grosse Pointe South** MAC
4. **Walled Lake Western** LVC

Pool G Canton



1. **Salem** KLAA
2. **Anchor Bay** MAC
3. **Walled Lake Central** LVC
4. **Beal City** Highland

Pool H



1. **Lakeland** LVC
2. **Battle Creek** SW
3. **Holly** Flint Metro
4. **Oxford** OAA

MICHIGAN CHALLENGE – POOL TEAMS

Pool I



1. **North Farmington** OAA
2. **Vicksburg** Wolverine
3. **Summerfield** Tri-County
4. **Milford** LVC

Pool J



1. **Erie Mason** TCC
2. **Pinckney** SEC
3. **L'Anse Creuse** MAC
4. **Bloomfield Hills** OAA



FRIDAY POOL GAMES - May 15th
CANTON SPORTS CENTER

Field & Time	1	2	3	4
Friday 6:00pm	GAME 1 A1vsA4	GAME 2 B1vsB4	GAME 3 C1vsC3	GAME 4 I1vsI4
Friday 7:45pm	GAME 5 E1vsE2	GAME 6 G1vsG3	GAME 7 D1vsD4	GAME 8 J3vsJ4



Saturday Pool Games – Saturday May 16th

CANTON SPORTS CENTER

HERITAGE PARK

Field & Time	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
8:00am	Game 9 H1vsH2	Game 10 H3vsH4	Game 11 A2vsA3	Game 12 C2vsC4	Game 13 F1vsF2	Game 14 F3vsF4	Game 15 I2vsI3	Game 16 B2vsB3
9:45am	Game 17 H1vsH3	Game 18 H2vsH4	Game 19 A1vsA2	Game 20 A3vsA4	Game 21 F1vsF3	Game 22 F2vsF4	Game 23 B1vsB2	Game 24 B3vsB4
11:30am	Game 25 E3vsE4	Game 26 G2vsG4	Game 27 C1vsC2	Game 28 C3vsC4	Game 29 I3vsI4	Game 30 I1vsI2	Game 31 J1vsJ2	Game 32 D2vsD3
1:15pm	Game 33 H1vsH4	Game 34 H2vsH3	Game 35 A1vsA3	Game 36 A2vsA4	Game 37 B1vsB3	Game 38 B2vsB4	Game 39 J1vsJ3	Game 40 F2vsF3
3:00pm	Game 41 G1vsG2	Game 42 G3vsG4	Game 43 C1vsC4	Game 44 C2vsC3	Game 45 I2vsI4	Game 46 I1vsI3	Game 47 F1vsF4	Game 48 J2vsJ4
4:45pm	Game 49 G1vsG4	Game 50 G2vsG3	Game 51 E1vsE3	Game 52 E2vsE4	Game 53 D1vsD2	Game 54 D3vsD4	Game 55 J1vsJ4	Game 56 J2vsJ3
6:30pm			Game 57 E1vsE4	Game 58 E2vsE3	Game 59 D1vsD3	Game 60 D2vsD4		

CHAMPIONSHIP & TIER PLAY – Sunday May 17th
CANTON SPORTS CENTER

Field & Time	1	2	3	4
8:00am	Pool A&B 1st Place Championship Bracket GAME 61	Pool C&D 1st Place Championship Bracket GAME 62	Pool E&F 1st Place Championship Bracket GAME 63	Pool G&H 1st Place Championship Bracket GAME 64
9:45am	Tier 1 Pool A & B 2nd Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 69	Tier 1 Pool C & D 2nd Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 70	Tier 2 Pool E & F 2nd Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 71	Tier 2 Pool G & H 2nd Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 72
11:30am	Winners Game 61 & 62 Championship Bracket GAME 81	Winners Game 63 & 64 Championship Bracket GAME 82	Losers Game 61 & 62 Consolation Bracket GAME 83	Losers Game 63 & 64 Consolation Bracket GAME 84
1:15pm	Tier 1 Winners Games 69 & 70 GAME 93	Tier 2 Winners Games 71 & 72 GAME 94	Tier 1 Losers Games 69 & 70 GAME 95	Tier 2 Losers Games 71 & 72 GAME 96
3:00pm	Winners Game 81 & 82 Championship GAME 101			

CHAMPIONSHIP & TIER PLAY – Sunday May 17th
CANTON SPORTS CENTER

Field & Time	5	6	7	8
8:00am				
9:45am	Tier 5 Pool A & B 4th Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 73	Tier 5 Pool C & D 4th Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 74	Tier 6 Pool E & F 4th Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 75	Tier 6 Pool G & H 4th Place Finish In Pool Play GAME 76
11:30am	Tier 5 Winners Game 73 & 74 GAME 85	Tier 6 Winners Game 75 & 76 GAME 86	Tier 5 Losers Game 73 & 74 GAME 87	Tier 6 Losers Game 75 & 76 GAME 88

CHAMPIONSHIP & TIER PLAY – Sunday May 17th

HERITAGE PARK

Field & Time	1	2	3	4
8:00am	Tier 3 Pool A & B 3rd Place Finish GAME 65	Tier 3 Pool C & D 3rd Place Finish GAME 66	Tier 4 Pool E & F 3rd Place Finish GAME 67	Tier 4 Pool G & H 3rd Place Finish GAME 68
9:45am	Tier 7 Pool I 1st Place Pool J 3rd Place Game 77	Tier 7 Pool J 1st Place Pool I 3rd Place Game 78	Tier 7 Pool I 2nd Place Pool J 4th Place Game 79	Tier 7 Pool J 2nd Place Pool I 4th Place Game 80
11:30am	Tier 3 Winners Game 65 & 66 GAME 89	Tier 4 Winners Game 67 & 68 GAME 90	Tier 3 Losers Game 65 & 66 GAME 91	Tier 4 Losers Game 67 & 68 GAME 92
1:15pm	Tier 7 Winners Game 77 & 78 Game 97	Tier 7 Winners Game 79 & 80 Game 98	Tier 7 Losers Game 77 & 78 Game 99	Tier 7 Losers Game 79 & 80 Game 100

CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT RULES

TOURNAMENT ADVANCEMENT

Three (3) Pool Games
Two (2) Position Games – Sunday
2 teams will play an additional game for the Championship
Winners from top eight Pool Play results will advance into Championship Play
2nd, 3rd, 4th Place Pool Play teams will advance into Tier Play
Lower Bracket will play a cross over series on Sunday

TIE BREAKER TO DETERMINE ADVANCEMENT FROM POOL PLAY

1. Won-Lost Record
2. Head to Head if a two way tie occurs
3. Lowest total of runs allowed in their pool games
4. Total runs scored in pool play
5. Blind Draw

Each team will receive 3 Coaches Passes (**no more than 3**)

Pick those Coaches Passes up at the T-Shirt Table at your first game complex

PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL RULES

Home team will be determined by the closest softball rolled towards pitching rubber from home plate. Each team provides one player at the home plate meeting that will represent your team in this procedure. The score should be verified between the two teams at regular intervals during game.

Winning team's Head Coach is to text the game score to 248-802-8975 (AI)

**Each team will supply to umpire one game ball (High School Approved)
for each game for a total of 5 for the tournament.**

MHSAA Rules will apply for tournament except for time limits, tie breakers, and special rules implemented by the tournament committee.

MERCY RULE – Applies to both Pool Play, Bracket & Tier Play

15 runs after 3 innings

10 runs after 5 innings

WARM-UPS BETWEEN INNINGS - ALL GAMES

First inning each team will be allowed three (3) warm-up pitches and one throw down by catcher. Infield and outfield warm-up allowed in first inning only. **ALL INNINGS AFTER THE FIRST WILL BE ONE (1) WARM-UP PITCH AND A THROW DOWN BY THE CATCHER – NO INFIELD OR OUTFIELD WARM-UPS.** Make sure your leadoff batter is prepared to step in box after the pitcher's first warm-up pitch. We are looking to keep games on time and play as many innings as possible. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLAYERS ARE AWARE PRIOR TO GAME OF THIS WARM-UP RULE AND HAVE THEM HUSTLE ON AND OFF THE FIELD.** Play will be resuming quickly – umpires will be enforcing this for it allows a better opportunity of teams playing their seven innings. **EACH COACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE THEIR TEAMS PREPARED TO RESUME PLAY QUICKLY FROM DEFENSE TO OFFENSE.**

TIME LIMIT FOR POOL PLAY – one hour & thirty minutes

No new inning may start after one hour and thirty minutes. Inning will be completed if time expires during that inning already having started.

NO TIE BREAKER FOR POOL GAMES – GAME WILL END AS A TIE GAME.

TIME LIMIT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP & TIER PLAY – one hour & thirty minutes

No new inning may start after one hour and thirty minutes. Inning will be completed if time expires during that inning having already started.

ALL TIED GAMES AFTER THE 7th INNING OR AT THE TIME LIMIT WILL USE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER

SPORTSMANSHIP DURING TOURNAMENT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

All players and coaches are expected to behave in a professional manner.

No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated.

All games are to be played in a respectful manner towards players, coaches, umpires and fans.

No profanity will be accepted.

ANY EJECTIONS ... YOUR NEXT GAME THAT DAY OR THE NEXT DAY WILL BE SAT OUT ... NO APPEALS

We have a responsibility as coaches to set the example of proper game conduct.

There will be no inappropriate behavior towards umpires, a judgment call is exactly that - an umpire's judgment. You can make the players and fans have a respect for the game ... if you display that respect in a leadership role.

No Trainer will be Available

If an emergency situation 911 will be called

Ice and Zip Lock Bags will be at each field complex if needed

No Alcohol Allowed at the Playing Fields.

Food, Drinks, Alcohol available at Kickers Bar & Grill

Alcohol is allowed as long as you are inside the bar/grill.

Bar/Grill is located at the entrance to complex.

IN CASE OF RAIN – PLEASE READ

Tournament Staff may have to adjust schedule

This procedure will not be debatable!

Please read and understand process

We will have all the Head Coaches Cell Numbers on my phone for getting out instant communication.

One area that is always a concern is the weather. We will be on top of it quickly but rearranging a schedule takes a little time. The best way to work thru a delay is make you aware and then give you a time that we will be getting back to you with starting back up the Tournament.

School Team

Head Coach



Allen Park

Mike Kish



Anchor Bay

Mike Downey



Armada

Rob Girvin



Battle Creek Lakeview

Jason McCullough



Beal City

Liz Antvelink



Bedford

Marla Gooding



Bloomfield Hills

Scott Howland



Brighton

Madison Campbell



Canton

Sarah Street



Carleton Airport

Jessica Irwin



Clinton

Lisa Roberts



Dakota

Shelby Weeks



Eaton Rapids

Tori Askew



Erie Mason

Angie Gerber



Escanaba

Andy Fields



Farmington

Malik Madison



Grand Haven

John Hall



Grosse Pointe South

Bill Fleming



Hartland

Taylor Wagner



Heritage

Lacy Kenny



Holly

Keith Beck



Howell

Lauren Evans



Ida

Chelsea Wright



Lakeland

Mike Cleary



Lake Shore

Carl Agosta



L'Anse Creuse

Mike Werth



Milford

Will Russell



North Farmington

Dave Brubaker



Ottawa Lake-Whiteford

Matt VanBrandt



Oxford

Michael Sanchez



Pinckney

Eric Arnold



Salem

Bonnie Southerland



Stoney Creek

Rick Troy



Summerfield

Christine Zappone



Trenton

Rick Tanguay



Vicksburg

Steve Peters



Walled Lake Central

Samantha Tatu



Walled Lake Northern

Kristen Woodard



Walled Lake Western

Dan O'Connell



Walled Lake Central

Sami Tatu



Wyandotte

Joe Chlipala

We want to thank all the teams participating



Admission Prices

Friday - \$5.00

Saturday - \$10.00 Daily Admission

Sunday - \$10.00 Daily Admission

Seniors (65 & Older) - \$10.00 (Weekend-All 3 Days)

Under 12 – free

Three coaches free only (with their wristbands)

T-Shirt Price \$25



T-Shirts will be available for purchase at game sites during Challenge Weekend.
We encourage teams to preorder prior to event – coach or a parent only can order for players and parents.
Follow the instructions on the link if you wish to order shirts early as a team – thank you.



TEAM TROPHIES AWARDED

Championship Winner
Championship Runner Up

PLAYER AWARDS

Championship Winner – 1st Place Medals
Championship - 2nd Place Medals
Tournament MVP

Canton Sports Park

46555 W. Michigan Ave Canton, MI 48188

Heritage Park

1010 S Canton Center Rd Canton, MI 48188

AREA HOSPITALS

St. Joe's Urgent Care (Trinity Health)

1600 S Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48188 · (734) 398-7557

St. Joe's Hospital (Ypsilanti)

(Trinity Health-Ann Arbor Hospital)

5301 McAuley Drive - Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Hello Coaches,

We are prepared for the Challenge Weekend Tournament and looking forward to seeing all of you and your players. The competition should be exciting and the teams from all over the state allows us to witness the great players from all over Michigan.

Some additional notes to follow:

Remember to bring 5 game balls - one for each game. Sometimes with all the foul balls we ask teams to add a good ball from their bucket until the original balls are returned.

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Coaches can pick up their 3 weekend wristbands at the admissions table before their first game.

Please let your spectators, parents and fans know the Admission Fee before they arrive - it will not be a surprise. These fees help us pay for all the additional cost (that well exceed the Entry Fees collected). It went well in our previous events if the parents & spectators are well informed prior to attending.

Along with not raising our team entry fee, the admission prices and t-shirts prices also remain the same.

We have volunteer parents from the 3 host teams that work admissions table along with t-shirt sales (\$25). They are there to assist you.

Reminder - no trainers on sites but if a serious injury requiring medical treatment we can call the local EMS upon request or there is a very close medical facility.

We will have ice available upon request if needed. But we suggest you bring your own ice packs for quicker needs.

Please review the rules for this event and also make parents aware that the area past the temporary outfield fences will be designated as team warm up area. Not to be used by fans as a seating area - as teams will be hitting and warming up in those areas.

We have the schedule also on Sports Engine. Download their App and follow their directions to arrive at the Michigan Challenge. You will be able to follow the Tournament Scores, Pool Results, and Sunday Advancement as we will keep it updated as soon as we receive scores.

Coaches please text score after each game to 248-802-8975.

We do have on site people to collect final score but as a back-up text above number your winning score

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING and wishing all the teams, competitive games with good sportsmanship - Good Luck!