

GSAC Softball Schedule Criteria

Athletic Directors' Criteria:

1. Two-year roll over schedule.
2. Not more than two home or away matches in a row.
3. Home and away balance in each round of the schedule in a double round robin schedule.
4. Strive for balance on weekend and midweek matches.
5. Extreme distance institutions do not have to travel to extreme distance institutions two consecutive matches. (Fresno / San Diego / Santa Barbara)
 - Not applicable as Point Loma is the only institution involved.
6. If possible the extreme distance institutions will play each other on a weekend.
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7. Attempt in single round schedules to have the extreme distance teams to travel to the other extreme teams once.
 - Not applicable - schedule is double round robin.
8. Schedules will be sent to the Softball Officials Assignor in September for the following spring season.

Coaches' Criteria:

1. Saturday before & Tuesday following Easter are off.
2. Games played against an opponent on Tuesday in the first half of the schedule will be played on Saturday in the second half of the schedule & visa versa.
3. Balance home & away games.
 - See AD's criteria #3 & #4.
4. Begin Tuesday, March 8 & end Saturday, April 30.
 - Future years will use these same dates relative to the starting date of nationals.
5. Weekday games are 1:30 prior to daylight savings and 2:00 after daylight savings.
 - Times are not indicated on the schedule, but this should be followed unless both schools consent to playing later on a lighted field.
 - Daylight savings begins on the first Sunday in April.

6. Each opponent should be played once before any opponent is played a second time.
 - In addition, the order of play in the second half is the same as the first half. The starting & finishing games each year are to have different match-ups from the previous year's start & finish.
 - This is in conflict with AD's criterion #1, so this will change every two years instead of every year. The second year of each pair will be hosted at the opposite site.
 - Future schedules will be rotated in a manner that will protect this.
7. Games played on a Tuesday at one site will be played at the opposite site on a Tuesday the following year.
 - This is a change from the previous schedule where the same games at the same site tended to be always on Tuesday or always on Saturday.
 - For future schedules this will be met every other year. For example 2008 will be opposite of 2007, but 2007 will not necessarily be opposite of 2006.
8. Seven-year schedule.
 - Because of AD's criterion #1, it will actually take 14 years to complete a rotation where every team is assigned to each spot.
 - So long as the GSAC has the same 7 teams competing, every other year the schedule will be shifted as follows:

APU - CUI - VUSC - BU - PLNU - CBU - HIU - APU