

# Arkansas Officials Association

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TO: Softball Umpires  
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RE: Softball Examination  
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1. It is mandatory for all officials to take an annual examination on rules on the sport in which they officiate.
2. Part I of the softball exam shall be taken online no later than March 16, 2019.
3. The "open book" examination permits you to use rule books and case books in taking the test. You must get the answers by your own research, either individually or in a group study.
4. In order to work high school softball games in Arkansas, all umpires must be registered with the Arkansas Officials Association and take the softball exam.
5. **You MUST take your test ONLINE.** Test scores will appear immediately following the completion of your test. The Exam will be available for review following the closing date of the exam.

A passing score on the softball exam and attendance at required meetings and/or clinic is mandatory to work a postseason tournament.

**SOFTBALL ADOPTIONS** – The following recommendations were approved by the Arkansas Activities Association Executive Committee for state tournament play:

Ball: 12" softball;  
Field: 60' base paths;  
Pitcher: 43' pitching distance

## **Extra Inning Tie Breaking Procedure**

While using the tie-breaker, each half-inning shall begin by placing a runner on second base. That runner shall be the player in the batting order who precedes the leadoff batter in that inning. The game shall then proceed a full inning until a winner is determined in that inning.

This procedure shall be used in games that are tied after seven innings of a single game or five innings of a doubleheader.