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Spring Softball

**Positive Developments
and Highlights**

The 2026 state softball tournament concluded at the University of Kentucky. UK continues to be an terrific host site with cooperating staff to make the experience the best for the girls of Kentucky.

**Championship
Update/Review**

Saw an increase of over 1600 sold tickets for the 2026 state tournament. This year featured two games (1 semifinal and championship game) exceed over 1000 fans for the single game. The one semifinal between George Rogers Clark and Bullitt East had over 1600 in attendance, which we believe to be the largest crowd to ever watch a KHSAA State softball game in history (it is the largest crowd ever recorded since the tournament moved to UK.
The UK staff was extraordinary in terms of being on site and on call to address all of our needs. Coaches and teams were exceptional in terms of sportsmanship and engaging with our event staff in a positive manner.

**Officials
Update/Review**

The officials were professional throughout the tournament. The KHSAA received positive feedback from the coaches involved in the tournament.