

## SoCon Baseball Championship seeds Set

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Regular-season champion Western Carolina has earned the top seed in the upcoming Southern Conference Baseball Championship, which will take place May 22-26 at Fluor Field in Greenville, S.C. Six of the eight seeds were determined Saturday in a wild finish to the league's regular-season slate. The top eight teams in the final

Southern Conference standings qualified for the tournament, which features two four-team double-elimination brackets producing a single-elimination championship game at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 26. The tournament winner earns the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Baseball Championship.

The tournament will begin Wednesday at 10 a.m., with No. 4 seed The Citadel taking on No. 5 seed Appalachian State. That game will be followed by No. 1 seed Western Carolina vs. No. 8 seed Samford at 1:30 p.m. and then No. 3 seed Elon vs. No. 6 Furman at 5 p.m. The first day of the tournament will close with No. 2 College of Charleston against No. 7 seed Georgia Southern at 8:30 p.m.

The 29th-ranked Catamounts (38-18, 23-7 SoCon) won 21 of their final 24 games but saw their 16-game league winning streak snapped at Appalachian State (28-22, 13-14 SoCon) on Saturday. The Mountaineers scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth for a 9-8 win, locking up the No. 5 seed.

College of Charleston (31-24, 18-11 SoCon) swept Georgia Southern (25-30, 13-17 SoCon) in the teams' final regular-season series setting up a rematch in the postseason. The Cougars' sweep forced a tie with idle Elon (27-27, 18-11 SoCon), and CofC held the tiebreaker by virtue of winning the season series with Elon, giving CofC the 2 seed and the Phoenix the 3.

The Citadel (32-24, 18-12 SoCon) saw UNCG score six runs in the bottom of the eighth inning Saturday to pull off a 7-4 upset, dropping The Citadel a half-game behind CofC and Elon and relegating the Bulldogs to the No. 4 seed. Furman (31-23, 14-16 SoCon) finished league play last weekend and had to await this week's conference results to learn its seed, while Georgia Southern finished 25-30 and 13-17 in the SoCon to take the 7 seed.

Samford (27-28, 12-17 SoCon) clinched the final spot in the tournament with a doubleheader split against Davidson on Thursday. A free video stream of each tournament game will be available at SoConSports.com, and Sunday's championship game will be broadcast live on ESPN3 and Time Warner Cable in some markets.

**NOTES:** All ASU baseball games in the SoCon Tournament can be heard on AM 1450, WATA. Coverage of Wednesday's first-round game begins at 9:40 a.m.

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### Wednesday, May 22

**(Fluor Field, Greenville, S.C.)**

**Game 1: #4 The Citadel vs. #5 Appalachian State, 10 a.m.**

Game 2: #1 Western Carolina vs. #8 Samford, 1:30 p.m.

Game 3: #3 Elon vs. #6 Furman, 5 p.m.

Game 4: #2 College of Charleston vs. No. 7 Georgia Southern, 8:30 p.m.

### Thursday, May 23

**(Fluor Field, Greenville, S.C.)**

Game 5: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 10 a.m.

Game 6: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 1:30 p.m.

Game 7: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 5 p.m. (or 8:30 p.m. if Furman wins Wednesday)

Game 8: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 8:30 p.m. (or 5 p.m. if Furman wins Wednesday)

### Friday, May 24

**(Fluor Field, Greenville, S.C.)**

Game 9: Loser Game 7 vs. Winner Game 5, 3 p.m.

Game 10: Loser Game 8 vs. Winner Game 6, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 25

**(Fluor Field, Greenville, S.C.)**

Game 11: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 9, 10 a.m.

Game 12: Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 10, 1:30 p.m.

^Game 13: Loser Game 11 vs. Winner Game 11, 5 p.m.

^Game 14: Loser Game 12 vs. Winner Game 12, 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday, May 26

**(Fluor Field, Greenville, S.C.)**

Game 15: Championship game (ESPN3), 2 p.m.

**All times Eastern**

**^ If necessary. If Game 13 is not necessary, Game 14 will begin approximately 40 minutes after the conclusion of Game 12.**