

2014-2015 DISTRICT III M&T BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGULATIONS

I. National Federation Baseball Rules for 2015 will be in effect.

- A. The fifteen and ten run rules will be in effect.
- B. Rule 4-2-1, 4-2-2, 4-2-3, and 4-2-4 will govern abbreviated games.

II. Baseballs will be provided by District III for neutral site games.

III. Game Managers

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| A. Rich Leathery - Dover | B. Steve Sweigert – Ephrata |
| C. Mike Craig – Hampden Township | D. John Confer - Hershey |
| E. John Loose - Manheim Township | F. Pat Tulley – Gov. Mifflin |
| G. Nate Artz - Northern Lebanon. | H. Allen McCloud – Reading George Field |
| I. Branden Lippy - Lampeter-Strasburg | J. Scott Govern – Spring Grove |
| K. Gerry Schwille – Northern | L. Tory Harvey – Dallastown |
| M. Matt Hoffmaster – Muhlenberg | N. John Guiseppe – Twin Valley |
| O. Arnie Fritzius – Red Lion | P. Shawn Lesh - Newport |

IV. Home Team Determination:

The higher seeded team will be the home team for each game throughout the tournament.

V. Time schedules (may be adjusted to meet individual field demands.)

A. Game One of a Double Header

The first game of an evening double header (or a single game) that begins at 4:30 PM will use the following time schedule:

3:30 - 3:55 PM - Home team batting and fielding practice.

3:55 - 4:20 PM - Visiting team batting and fielding practice.

4:20 PM - Ground rules meeting, starting line-ups, National Anthem, etc.

The first game of an evening double header (or single game) that begins at 4:00 PM will use the following time schedule:

3:00 – 3:25 PM – Home team batting and fielding practice.

3:25 – 3:50 PM – Visiting team batting and fielding practice.

3:50 PM – Ground rules meeting, starting line-ups, National Anthem, etc.



B. Game Two of a Double Header

The second game of a double header will not start after 8:30 PM. If the first game of the double header is not over by 8:15 PM the second game will not be started and will be played the next day. The site manager can adjust the pre-game schedule (eliminate the teams warming up on the field / dragging and lining the field) to get the game started before 8:30 PM.

In games that the 8:30 curfew is not a factor the site manager shall have the option of dragging and re-lining the field between games of a double-header. Following the conclusion of the first game, the home team will use the field for 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes use of the field by the visiting team. The field shall be cleared 5 minutes prior to game time for a ground rules meeting.

- C. If only a single game is scheduled, the starting time may be adjusted with the consent of both schools, the site manager, and the Baseball Chairman. Otherwise, the guidelines established for the first game of a double-header will be followed.

VI. Umpires

- A. Umpires will be assigned by and paid by District III.
- B. Three (3) umpires will be used for all games with the exception of the championship games and state qualifying games when four (4) will be used.

VII. Official scorer will be appointed by the game manager.

VIII. Dugouts

- A. The higher seeded team will be the home team and will sit in the third base dugout. The lower seeded team will be the visiting team and will sit in the first base dugout. This will be consistent throughout the tournament.

IX. Admission and Tickets:

- A. A maximum of 24 team personnel will be admitted to the field without tickets. This number includes players, coaches, managers, etc.
- B. Each school can forward the game manager five names for complimentary admission to the games.
- C. Ticket prices for all rounds are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. There will be no pre-sale of tickets. The only passes accepted are a green District III pass and a gold Lifetime District III pass.

X. Trophies and Medals:

- A. A team trophy and 20 individual medals will be presented to the championship team in each classification (A, AA, AAA, & AAAA).
- B. Twenty (20) individual medals will be presented to the runner up team in each classification (A, AA, AAA & AAAA).

XI. State Tournament Qualifiers

- A. Two (2) teams in class A (Note: in 2016 class A will get one qualifier)
Two (2) teams in class AA
Four (4) teams in class AAA
Three (3) teams in class AAAA
- B. If, because of inclement weather, the tournament cannot be completed by the district deadline, co-champions will be declared and teams will be seeded into the State Tournament on the basis of the District III approved power rating system. The last day for games to count for the District III Power Rating is Wednesday May 13, 2015.
- C. The first round of play in the State Tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015.

XII School Conflict Statement

The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflicts with school graduation, baccalaureate and state or federal testing. For all other school conflicts such as dances, homecoming, banquets, et. al., the District III Committee will only alter times if facilities and game workers are available and all schools involved mutually agree to the time adjustment.

