

# 2015-2016 PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BANK BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION - 2015-2016

1. The cutoff date for games to count for ranking purposes is Thursday, February 4. Only regular season games against PIAA opponents count. League playoff games do not count toward power rankings.
2. The playoffs will have 20 teams in 4A, 18 in 3A, 10 in 2A and 12 in 1A. Qualifying teams will be bracketed in the traditional tournament format. The District III Power Rankings will be used to determine seeding. **HOME TEAM** is at the top of the bracket and **VISITING TEAM** at the bottom.
3. All preliminary games and first round games will be played on the floor of the higher seeded team. This will also be true of those teams that had a first round bye in A & AA.
4. Preliminary round games are scheduled for Friday, February 12. District Games do not take precedence over league championships. Time for both must be resolved by involved schools. Round 1 games will follow on February 16 and 17.
5. There shall be no floor rental fee for games played on the home floor of a team. The Committee reserves the right to determine if a floor is not suitable for playoffs.
6. No sirens, whistles or artificial noise makers will be permitted. No bands are permitted. No banners or signs shall be displayed. This includes use by the cheerleaders. Such articles will be confiscated by the Game Manager. Students may also not have painted faces or bodies. Principals of contesting schools are asked to announce this State Policy to their students and other followers prior to departure for the game.
7. There is no advance sale of tickets. At all school sites student prices will be \$4.00 and adults \$6.00. At the Giant Center all tickets, student and adult will be \$6.00.
8. Basketballs will be given to winners of all first round games, not preliminary rounds, in all classes. In 1A & 2A they will be given to the team that had a first round bye with their tickets as host for the quarterfinals. This way everyone will have a ball for practice prior to playing quarterfinals. In preliminary and first round games, teams may use any approved basketball. From quarterfinals through championships, teams must use the approved PIAA basketball. Each team will use its ball for ½ of the contest.
9. Players, coaches, trainers, equipment managers, etc., will be admitted without tickets. Personnel to be admitted free of charge will be identified by the head coach upon arrival at the game site. Varsity basketball cheerleaders *in uniform* will be admitted free of charge. The chaperone/coach will be admitted with the cheerleaders. Each participating school will be permitted a maximum of **6** complimentary admissions for their games. Individuals with a **District III Pass** shall be admitted free of charge. **League passes; officials' passes and faculty passes will not be honored.** Each school may request up to **6** complimentary admissions for their games. The attached comp ticket form is to be completed and faxed to the site manager for all games at school sites. Teams playing in the Giant Center will receive their tickets as winners of the prior game.



10. All media personnel with proper identification will be admitted free. It will be the media's responsibility to contact the game manager for any further arrangements. Each media organization will be given a copy of the team rosters provided by each team.
11. Site Directors are reminded that there will be NO meeting at Manheim Township to pick up materials. Instead, they will be available at the school of the nearest Committee Member to you after our meeting on Thursday, February 11. Those who will have play-in games will need to arrange to pick them up Friday morning for your evening game. Others can pick up then or wait until the following week. A listing of pick up sites will be posted on the internet and sent to schools via district\_iii\_athletic\_directors on Tuesday, February 9.
12. State Qualifiers are: 1A - 4 teams 2A - 3 teams 3A – 7 girls / 6 boys teams 4A – 7 girls / 8 boys
13. *David A. Smith Publishing* has been chosen by the District III Committee to be the exclusive publisher of the District III Basketball Program. Schools with a chance to enter the playoffs must complete the team information electronically. This information includes team roster and team picture and will be due by Friday, January 15. Directions for submitting team information will be sent to schools through the District III List Server with specific instructions and a reminder of the due date.
14. ***The Principal of each school or their faculty designee (non coach) is required to sit at the scoring table or team bench. A pregame conference will be held with them in attendance.***
15. Complete schedule is an attachment.

#### DATES

Thursday, February 4 – Cut off date for games to count  
Sunday, February 7 – Final rankings listed  
Tuesday, February 9 – Listing of where to pick up materials  
Friday, February 12 – Play-in games  
Tuesday & Wednesday, February 16, 17 – Regular games

