

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

District III M&T Bank Soccer Championships

2016

Conditions of Entry into District III Championship

Entry and participation in the 2016 PIAA District III Soccer Championships is voluntary. Entry of a team signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described below. Furthermore, a member school accepts the fact that the soccer chairman reserves the right to make changes in the management and operation of the championships if, in his judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.

General Instructions

The cutoff date for games to count in the power rankings is **Thursday, October 20, 2016**. Games played on that date will count. No League Playoff games count in the power rankings.

Girls' Soccer

There will be four classes in girls' soccer for 2016. Schools with a female enrollment of the following are:

172 or lower are 1A (8 team bracket from 18 eligible schools)

173-270 are 2A (10 team bracket from 21 eligible schools)

271-440 are 3A (16 team bracket from 33 eligible schools)

441 and above are 4A (16 team bracket from 30 eligible schools)

A minimum of 9 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non PIAA opponents will not count. **The teams will be seeded using the District III power ranking system.**

Boys' Soccer

There will be four classes in boys soccer for 2016. Schools with a female enrollment of the following are:

170 or lower are 1A (10 team bracket from 24 eligible schools)

171-282 are 2A (10 team bracket from 21 eligible schools)

283-467 are 3A (16 team bracket from 35 eligible schools)

468 and above are 4A (16 team bracket from 30 eligible schools)

A minimum of 9 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non PIAA opponents will not count. **The teams will be seeded using the District III power ranking system.**

Teams that wish to enter the tournament must inform the Soccer Chairman via e-mail of their intention to participate in the tournament. **An entry form is not required this year.** If you have questions, concerns or problems, phone 717-737-6608 or 717-215-3136 (cell), or e-mail aisopi@aol.com.



Playing Dates

Monday, Oct. 24: First round for 1A Girls, 3A Girls, 1A Boys, 3A Boys

Tuesday, Oct. 25: First round for 2A Girls, 4A Girls, 2A Boys, 4A Boys

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Quarterfinals 1A Boys

Thursday, Oct. 27: Quarterfinals 3A Girls, 3A Boys; Semifinals 1A Girls

Saturday, Oct. 29: Quarterfinals 2A Girls, 4A Girls, 2A Boys, 4A Boys
Semifinals 1A Boys

Monday, Oct. 31: Semifinals 3A Boys, 3A Girls

Wednesday, Nov. 2: *Championships 1A Girls, 1A Boys*

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Semifinals 2A Girls, 4A Girls, 2A Boys, 4A Boys

Thursday, Nov. 3: *Championships 3A Girls, 3A Boys*

Saturday, Nov. 5: *Championship 2A Girls and 4A Girls; 2A Boys and 4A Boys*

We will attempt to play all games on the scheduled dates. In case of inclement weather, the game manager and soccer chairman will make the final decision to play or postpone the games.

School Conflict Statement

The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflict 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.

Consolation Games

Third Place Games for 4A-Boys and 4A Girls will be played on Saturday, November 5, 2016. There will not be a Third Place Game in 3A-Girls or 3A Boys. The Third Place Team will be the team that loses to the eventual Champion.



State Tournament Entries

District III will send the following number of teams to States:

1A-Girls	2	1A-Boys	2
2A-Girls	2	2A-Boys	2
3A-Girls	4	3A-Boys	4
4A Girls	3	4A Boys	3

The State Tournament Playing dates are November 8, 12, 15, 18, 19, 2016

Game Supervision/Pre-Game Meeting

The principal or designee **MUST** identify him/herself to the game manager on the field thirty(30) minutes prior to the start of the game and is required to participate in the pre-game meeting conducted by the game manager 10 minutes prior to game time. He/she must remain within the team or spectator area during the game, and report to the playing area after the game, remaining until the teams have left the playing area

First Round Sites

All first round games will be played at the home of the better seeded teams. Teams that have a bye in the first round will host a game in the second round.

If a hosting site is not available, or the site cannot charge admission, or doesn't meet regulations, the school is responsible to secure an acceptable site and notify the Soccer Chairman.

In subsequent rounds, we will *attempt* to play games at neutral sites that are available and geographically convenient for teams involved.

Final decisions will be the responsibility of the Soccer Chairman.

Afternoon games should begin at 4:00 and evening games at 7:00 pm. Game managers at hosting sites will be in contact with teams playing at their site to confirm details. There is no rental fee charged for the facility.

Officials and game help will be paid by the District.

Officials

District III is required to use the double dual system. There will be three (3) officials, each having a whistle and rotating positions each third of the game. Officials will be a neutral crew, all from the same chapter and assigned by the chapter assigner under the direction of the soccer chairman.



Mercy Rule

When one team gains a seven (7) goal differential over its opponent, the clock will continue to run after goals.

Tie Games

National Federation Soccer Rules will be used. In all District 3 playoff games, tie games will be decided by the following method:

1. Two (2) fifteen (15) minute “sudden victory” overtime periods
2. Penalty kicks

Home Team and Game Balls

Throughout the tournament the home team is the one appearing on the top half of the bracket, regardless of the seed. The home team will wear white uniforms.

It is the visiting team's responsibility to be in contact with the home team to make sure that the uniforms are different.

The home team will provide the game balls for the first round games.

District III will provide the game balls for subsequent rounds. Each school is responsible to provide two (2) ball persons to run the sidelines.

Lightning Policy

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play.
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d. No game should be restarted after 90 minutes past the scheduled ending time of the game. For a 7:00 PM game, 10:00 PM is the latest that a game may be restarted.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.



Team Personnel and Cheerleaders

Twenty-eight (28) persons including players, coaches and other non-playing personnel will be admitted, **as a group**, without a ticket. Cheerleaders, in uniform, and accompanied by their advisor will be admitted free. Each school will receive five complimentary tickets. The form to be completed and returned to the Game Manager can be found on the District III web site.

Banners and Noise Makers

Hand-held signs are not permitted at District III events. Stationary banners and signs with sportsmanlike messages are permitted with the approval of the game manager.

Crowd Control

The principal, along with the game manager and event security, is responsible for crowd control as it pertains to members of his/her school and other spectators from his/her school community.

Ticket Prices

Ticket prices for all rounds of the tournament are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. The only passes accepted are a white District III pass and a gold Lifetime District III pass.

Radio Fees

See the District III Website for details.



Schools Listed by League and Boys Enrollment

4A 468 and above

Berks

Reading – 1770
Wilson – 795
Governor Mifflin – 530
Exeter – 496

Lancaster-Lebanon

J.P McCaskey -- 1040
Hempfield -- 906
Manheim Township -- 720
Penn Manor -- 663
**Warwick -- 587
**Co-Op Veritas
Conestoga Valley -- 563
Lebanon – 543
Cedar Crest -- 523
Elizabethtown – 496
Ephrata -- 476
Solanco -- 476

Mid-Penn

Cumberland Valley – 1021
Chambersburg -- 844
Central Dauphin -- 663
Carlisle -- 601
CD East – 564
Harrisburg -- 530
Cedar Cliff – 520
Mechanicsburg -- 472
Waynesboro -- 472

York

Dallastown -- 784
Central York – 725
Red Lion -- 637
New Oxford – 481
Southwestern -- 475

Independent

York Country Day – 771*
Co-Op York Vo Tech

Total: --30

3A 283 - 467

Berks

Muhlenberg – 461
Daniel Boone – 456
Twin Valley – 431
Fleetwood – 357
Conrad Weiser – 333
Hamburg – 305
Berks Catholic -- 290

Lancaster-Lebanon

Garden Spot – 436
Manheim Cent – 402
Cocalico – 400
Lampeter-Strasburg – 385
Donegal – 364
N, Lebanon – 299

Mid-Penn

Lower Dauphin – 467
Red Land – 444
Hershey – 434
Palmyra – 417
Northern – 384
Greencastle-Antrim – 380
Milton Hershey – 359
Shippensburg – 353
Big Spring – 347
West Perry – 328
East Pennsboro – 323
Susquehanna Twp – 301
James Buchanan – 300
Bishop McDevitt – 291

York

Northeastern – 430
Spring Grove – 423
Dover – 398
Gettysburg – 378
Susquehannock – 352
West York – 336
York Suburban – 332
Kennard Dale – 301

Total – 35

2A 171 – 282

Berks

Wyomissing – 251
Schuylkill Valley – 236
Oley Valley – 231
Brandywine Hgts – 184
Tulpehocken – 172

Lancaster-Lebanon

Elco – 282
Lancaster Catholic – 221
Pequea Valley – 208
Lanc Mennonite – 205
Anville-Cleona – 192

Mid Penn

Middletown – 275
Boiling Springs – 239
Trinity – 192

York

Eastern York – 282
Bermudian – 250
Littlestown – 248
Biglerville – 223
Hanover – 184
Delone Catholic – 179

Tri-Valley

Susquenita – 222
Upper Dauphin – 173

Total – 21

1A 170 and below

Berks

Kutztown – 166
Antietam – 127

Lancaster-Lebanon

Lebanon Catholic – 30

Mid Penn

Camp Hill – 160

York

York Catholic – 165
Fairfield – 129

Tri-Valley

**Greenwood – 167
**Co-Op Newport
Halifax – 127
Millersburg – 104
Lanc. Cntry Day – 70

Commonwealth-Christian

Lanc Co Chrstn – 61
Chrstn Schl of York – 42
WS Chrstn Acad – 41
Hbg Christian – 37
High Point – 37
Conestoga Chrstn – 36
Mt. Calvary Chrstn – 33
Lititz Christian – 32
DaySpring Chrstn – 24
New Covenant – 22
Hershey Chrstn – 19
Covenant – Chrstn – 14

Independent

Carson Long – 53
Hbg Academy – 37

Total -- 24

Schools Listed by League and Girls Enrollment

**4A – 441 and above
Berks**

Reading – 1593
Wilson – 673
**Exeter – 576
**Coop Antietam
Governor Mifflin – 469
Muhlenburg – 445
Daniel Boone - 443

Lancaster-Lebanon

J.P McCaskey -- 1138
Hempfield -- 820
Manheim Twp -- 643
Penn Manor -- 635
Cedar Crest – 561
Conestoga Valley -- 501
Warwick – 496
Elizabethtown – 473
Ephrata -- 469
Lebanon – 452

Mid-Penn

Cumberland Valley – 992
Chambersburg -- 805
Central Dauphin -- 617
Carlisle -- 593
Waynesboro – 502
CD East – 498
Cedar Cliff – 474
Mechanicsburg – 451

York

Dallastown -- 709
Central York – 689
Red Lion -- 548
New Oxford – 466
Southwestern -- 446

Independent

**York Country Day – 576
Co-Op York Vo Tech

Total: --30

3A 271 - 440

Berks

Twin Valley – 435
Conrad Weiser – 341
Fleetwood - 325
Berks Catholic -- 309

Lancaster-Lebanon

Solanco – 432
Cocalico – 399
Garden Spot – 399
Donegal – 366
Lampeter-Strasburg – 362
Manheim Central – 332
Elco – 271

Mid-Penn

Red Land – 438
Palmyra – 426
Hershey – 423
Lower Dauphin - 413
Milton Hershey – 358
Northern – 356
Greencastle – 348
Big Spring – 345
Shippensburg – 337
East Pennsboro – 314
James Buchanan – 314
West Perry – 306
Bishop McDevitt – 289
Susquehanna Twp – 273

York

Northeastern – 398
Spring Grove – 379
Dover – 371
Susquehannock – 356
Gettysburg – 352
West York – 318
York Suburban – 316
Kennard Dale – 289

Total – 33

2A 173 – 270

Berks

Hamburg – 256
Schuylkill Valley – 253
Wyomissing – 251
Oley Valley – 203
Brandywine Hgts – 186
Kutztown – 183

Lancaster-Lebanon

Northern Lebanon – 265
Lancaster Catholic – 258
Lanc Mennonite – 219
Pequea Valley – 200
Anville-Cleona – 180

Mid Penn

Boiling Springs – 242
Trinity – 215
Middletown - 210

York

Eastern York – 240
Bermudian – 238
Littlestown – 237
Hanover – 194
Biglerville - 179
Delone Catholic – 177

Tri-Valley

**Susquenita – 245
Co-Op Newport

Total – 21

**1A 172 and below
Berks**

Tulpehocken – 169

Lancaster-Lebanon

Lebanon Catholic – 46

Mid Penn

Camp Hill – 138

York

York Catholic – 163
Fairfield – 147

Tri-Valley

Upper Dauphin – 131
Millersburg – 95
Lancaster Cntry Day – 91
Halifax – 86

Commonwealth-Christian

WS Chrstn Acad – 50
Lanc. Cnty Christian – 49
Christian Schl of York – 39
High Point – 35
Mt. Calvary Chrstn – 30
Hbg. Christian – 31
Covenant Christian – 20

Independent

Linden Hall – 90
Hbg Academy – 33

Total - 18



