

2012 PIAA District III Softball Tournament

Please find entry information, tournament regulations, dates and times for the 2012 PIAA District III Softball Tournament. Playing dates are set and will not be changed unless there is a conflict with graduation. The tournament will begin with preliminary games in AAA and AAAA on Friday, May 18. The four tournament rounds will be held on Tuesday, May 22, Thursday, May 24, Tuesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 31. If you anticipate a conflict with graduation, please notify me immediately of that possibility. District III will have 3 representatives in the PIAA State Tournament in AAAA and AAA, 2 representatives in AA and 1 representative in A. The State Tournament will begin on Monday, June 4, 2012.

REGULATIONS

1. The National Federation rules with the fifteen (3 innings) and ten (5 innings) run rules will be in effect.
2. Only PIAA-approved umpires will be used who will be assigned by the softball chairman or her appointee.
3. **BRACKETS** Bracket sizes have been set based on the number of teams in each classification. Brackets will be filled and teams will be seeded based on the District III-approved power-rating

Class A – A four (4) team bracket will be used. The tournament will begin on Thursday, May 24. If less than 4 teams apply to enter the tournament, the A tournament bracket will be altered and may begin on Tuesday, May 29.

Class AA – A ten (10) team bracket will be used. The tournament will begin with initial games on Tuesday, May 22.

Class AAA – A twenty (20) team bracket will be used with 4 preliminary games scheduled for Friday, May 18. The first round of the tournament will begin on Tuesday, May 22.

Class AAAA – A twenty (20) team bracket will be used with 4 preliminary games scheduled for Friday, May 18. The first round of the tournament will begin on Tuesday, May 22.

In all classifications, a minimum of 11 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non-PIAA opponents will be included in the calculation of the power-rating but will not be weighted. These games will count as a 1 in the weighted win and/or loss values based on the result.

All regular-season games up to and including games played on **Saturday, May 12, 2012** must be included.

4. **APPLICATION** Softball will utilize the newly-established District III power-rating. Schools should report the result of each softball game played by 12:00 pm on the morning following the game. Schools wishing to enter the District III softball tournament must submit the tournament application form via e-mail no later than **Saturday, May 12, 2012 by 5:00 pm**. Any school that does not wish to participate in the District III tournament and would qualify via District III power-rating, must opt out by the entry deadline of May 12. Failure to do so will result in all qualified teams being entered in the tournament. All entries must be submitted **via e-mail** by the school's Athletic Director or Principal to Stephanie Deibler at sdeibler@schuylkillvalley.org. Once your application is received, you will receive an e-mail back as confirmation.
5. **POWER-RATING** Power-rating will be tabulated according to the District III formula as explained on the District III website at <http://piaadistrict3.org/>.
6. **PRELIMINARY GAMES** There will be four (4) preliminary games held in AAA and AAAA on Friday, May 18, 2012 at the higher seeded team's home field. Game times will be 4:30 PM. There will be no rental fee charged for the facility; however, District III will pay the cost of umpires and game help. The home team shall provide a minimum of three (3) new NFHS-approved game balls (Wilson A9011BSST – Optic Yellow preferred) to the umpire prior to the start of the game. Schools should make their best effort to sell tickets at each site (schools should use their own tickets for this purpose) to help off-set the cost of these games. If the higher seed's field is not available or doesn't meet PIAA or NFHS regulations, it is the responsibility of the host school to secure an acceptable facility and have the facility approved by the

softball chair. The winning team will be placed in the bracket where the higher seeded team would be located; however the team will keep its original seed.

7. **HOME/VISITOR** The higher seeded team will be the **home team** for the game and shall sit in the third base dugout. The lower seeded team will be the **visiting team** for the game and shall sit in the first base dugout.
8. **GAME TIME SCHEDULE** The time schedule for games will be as follows:
 - a. The higher seeded team will have the field for the first twenty-five (25) minutes of the hour for hitting and fielding.
 - b. The lower seeded team will have the field for the next twenty-five (25) minutes of the hour for hitting and fielding.
 - c. Ten (10) minutes before the game the umpires will conduct the pre-game meeting and review ground rules.
 - d. Game #2 of a Double-Header – Depending on the length of the first game and the playing site, batting practice may or may not be permitted on the playing field (time schedule will be determined by the game manager). Regardless of time, both teams will be given a minimum of ten (10) minutes of warm-up time for infield practice.
9. **START TIMES** Start times of Double-Headers or Single Games will be **4:30 PM**. The second game of a Double-Header will start at **6:30 PM**. The softball chairman at his/her discretion may choose to alter the start times of any games based on field availability and school event accommodations.

The second game of a double-header will not start after 8:30 pm. If the first game of a double-header is not completed by 8:15 PM, the second game will not be started and will be rescheduled for the next day. The game manager can adjust the pre-game schedule (eliminate dragging and lining the field, etc.) to get the game started before 8:30 PM. If the only way to get a game started before 8:30 pm is to eliminate infield warm-up time for both teams, the game manager may exercise this option.

In games where the 8:30 PM curfew is not a factor, the game manager shall have the option of dragging and re-lining the field between games of a double-header. The team on the bottom of the bracket will have the field for ten (10) minutes followed by ten (10) minutes of use by the team on the top half of the bracket prior to the start of the game.

10. **TICKETS** Admission will be charged at all tournament games. Ticket prices for games will be \$3.00 for Students and \$5.00 for Adults. Rust colored inter-league passes will not be accepted for admission. Only white-colored District III Committee passes and Gold District III lifetime passes are valid for admission.
11. **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS** Each school will be authorized to use five (5) complimentary tickets per school per game. Schools should utilize their own tickets for this purpose and write on the back: **COMP. DIST. III** and have the AD or principal initial the back.
12. **SOFTBALLS** The District III Committee will supply each site with a minimum of three (3) PIAA Official leather softballs for each game (Wilson A9011BSST – Optic Yellow) with the exception of the play-in games. Teams must supply their own balls for these games.
13. **AWARDS** The District III championship team in each classification will receive a team trophy and 20 individual medals. The runner-up will receive 20 individual medals. There will be no awards given to the third and fourth place teams in AAAA and AAA; however, the third place teams will advance to the state tournament.
14. **SEVERE WEATHER** If severe inclement weather does not permit the District III softball tournament to finish by the PIAA state deadline, the top seeded teams remaining in the tournament will be sent to the state tournament. However, every effort will be made to finish the tournament in the time available.

15. GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!

CLASSIFICATIONS OF DISTRICT III SOFTBALL TEAMS

DISTRICT III A SOFTBALL TEAMS – 5 TEAMS

4 Team Bracket

Antietam	Greenwood	
Lebanon Catholic	Millersburg	Steelton Highspire

DISTRICT III AA SOFTBALL TEAMS – 22 TEAMS

10 Team Bracket

Annville-Cleona	Berks Catholic	Bermudian Springs
Biglerville	Brandywine Heights	Camp Hill
Columbia	Delone Catholic	Fairfield
Halifax	Hanover	Kutztown
Lancaster Mennonite	Littlestown	Newport
Oley Valley	Pequea Valley	Schuylkill Valley
Tulpehocken	Upper Dauphin	Wyomissing
York Catholic		

DISTRICT III AAA SOFTBALL TEAMS– 35 Teams

20 Team Bracket

Big Spring	Bishop McDevitt	Boiling Springs
Conrad Weiser	Donegal	Dover
East Pennsboro	Eastern Lebanon County (ELCO)	Eastern York
Fleetwood	Garden Spot	Gettysburg
Greencastle Antrim	Hamburg	Hershey
James Buchanan	Kennard Dale	Lampeter Strasburg
Lancaster Catholic	Manheim Central	Middletown
Milton Hershey	Northeastern	Northern Lebanon
Northern York	Palmyra	Shippensburg
Susquehanna Twp.	Susquehannock	Susquenita
Trinity	Twin Valley	West Perry
West York	York Suburban	

DISTRICT III AAAA SOFTBALL TEAMS – 36 Teams

20 Team Bracket

Carlisle	Cedar Cliff	Cedar Crest
Central Dauphin	Central Dauphin East	Central York
Chambersburg	Cocalico	Conestoga Valley
Cumberland Valley	Dallastown	Daniel Boone
Elizabethtown	Ephrata	Exeter
Governor Mifflin	Harrisburg	Hempfield
Lebanon	Lower Dauphin	Manheim Township
McCaskey	Mechanicsburg	Muhlenberg
New Oxford	Penn Manor	Reading
Red Land	Red Lion	Solanco
South Western	Spring Grove	Warwick
Waynesboro	Wilson	York Vo-Tech

DISTRICT III SOFTBALL FIELD DIRECTIONS

BRIGHTBILL PARK – Harrisburg: Take Route 78 to 81. Take the Paxtonia Exit and turn left at the end of the exit. Stay in the right lane and bear right onto Route 22 West. Go to the 3rd traffic light (large shopping center with an Olive Garden) and go through the “U” shaped shopping center. Go to the back left corner of the shopping center where there will be an opening for the field. Parking is located in this area and the field is directly in front. (next to Friendship Community Center) **Game Manager: Nancy Sweger** (717-567-3543)

ELIZABETHTOWN : Follow Route 283 West to Elizabethtown/Rheems exit. At stop sign, turn left and follow to traffic light. Turn right onto Route 230. Follow Route 230 to College Avenue. Turn right onto College Avenue. Continue to Mt. Joy Street, and turn left. Varsity field is 2 blocks on the right. **Game Manager: Randy Umberger** (717-367-1533 ext. 41119)

HEISHMAN FIELD – NEWVILLE: Take exit #11 off Interstate 81 and head towards Newville (Route 233 North). Go straight at light crossing Route 11. The field is on the left next to Oak Flat Elementary School about one mile past the blinking red light. **Game Manager: Bob Baker** (717-776-2457)

LYONS FIELD – FLEETWOOD: From Route 222 take Route 73 South (for a short distance). At first light, turn left onto Park Road (Fleetwood-Blandon Road). Stay on this road through Fleetwood into the Village of Lyons. The field is on the right at the Lyons Fire Company. **Game Manager: Richard Flannery** (610-376-1978)

MANHEIM CENTRAL FIELD – MANHEIM: Route 72 S. into Manheim. At first traffic light turn left onto Gramby St. Go 3 blocks, turn left. Go one more block and turn right to the field. **Game Manager: George Derbyshire** (717-665-2451)

MEMORIAL PARK – YORK: Take Interstate 83 South to York. Get off at North George Street (Exit 10). Take George Street South 2.8 miles to Springettsbury Ave. where you make a left. Proceed ½ mile until the street ends. Turn right onto Edgar Street. Go one block and turn left at the stop sign onto Rockdale Ave. Go straight into the park. The stadium is on the right. **Game Manager: Karl Oswald** (717-252-1551)

GARRETT PARK - Lancaster: Take I-81 toward South Harrisburg. Get on I-283 South at exit 46A toward the Harrisburg Airport and PA Turnpike. Stay on 283 East for approximately 28 miles. Get off at the Fruitville Pike exit. Stay straight onto Chester Road and then make a right onto the Fruitville Pike which become PA-72 and then PA-272 South. Stay on PA 272 South for 6 miles. Make a left onto West Penn Grant Road. Continue straight through the red light. Garrett Park is on your right. From 222, take the Oregon Pike exit and make a left onto PA 501 (Lititz Pike) which becomes 272 South. Stay on 272 South for 6 miles and then make left onto West Penn Grant Road. Garrett Field will be on your right. **Game Manager: Dan Baughman** (717-808-2988)

MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL: Route 222 toward Reading following signs for Route 12 East (Pricetown). Get on Route 12 East toward Pricetown. Take the 5th St. Highway Exit (Rt. 222 Business). Continue on the 5th St. Highway passing through 7 stop lights. Turn right onto Bellevue Ave. (Sheetz gas station on the right). Continue to the light and make a left onto Kutztown Road. Park in the CE Cole ES Parking lot to access the softball field. NO PARKING will be available in the middle school this year. **Game Manager: Kerry Ciatto** (610-921-8078)

CREEKVIEW PARK - Mechanicsburg: Take I-81 and get off at Route 581. Turn left onto Creekview Road. Proceed 1.2 miles to the traffic light. Continue straight to the park entrance on the right. **Game Manager: Mike Craig** (717-506-3679)

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE: Take Route 81 to the Ft. Indiantown Gap Exit (85). Take Route 934 toward Annville for approximately 7 miles. Travel down a hill with cemeteries on either side. Look for a pedestrian bridge and make a left before you go under the bridge to get to the parking for the softball field. **Game Manager: Stacey Hollinger** (717-867-6891) or **Game Manager: Nancy Sweger** (717-567-3543)

NEW OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Take I-83 to the Route 30 West exit. Follow Route 30 West to the circle in New Oxford. Take the circle ¼ way around and exit onto Carlisle Street. Travel 2 blocks and turn right onto Berlin Road. The high school will be on your left. **Game Manager: Ken Shafer** (717-624-2157)

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY: Route 30 toward Lancaster. Get off the Rt. 741 Exit. Turn onto Rt. 741/Rohrerstown Rd. and follow it for 3 ½ miles. Turn right onto PA-999/Manor Ave. In ½ mile, turn left onto N. George St. The softball field is located behind Pucillo Gymnasium. **Game Manager: Kathy Cummings** (717-871-5503)

CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL: Take exit 49 (High St. and PA-641) off Route 81. Proceed on PA-641 for approx. 2 miles. Turn right onto N. College St. Turn left onto W. Penn St. **Game Manager: George Null** (717-240-6800)

SPRING GROVE HIGH SCHOOL – Take Route 30 to the intersection of Route 116. Turn on to Route 116 toward Spring Grove. Follow 116 approx. 4 miles to the traffic circle in the borough of Spring Grove. Take the first exit off the traffic circle onto Roth’s Church Rd. At the stoplight, turn left onto the campus. **Game Manager: Jake Slagle** (717-225-4731 x7501)