



**PIAA  
DISTRICT III**

TO: All District III Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Patrick J. Tulley  
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DATE: March 2, 2017

RE: District III Baseball Tournament - 2017

Entry and participation in the District III playoffs, which qualifies teams for the State Tournament, is voluntary. Entry of a team into the District III Tournament signifies that the member school accepts the regulations and bracketing information that follow. Furthermore, a member school accepts that the baseball chairman reserves the right to make changes in the management and operation of the tournament if, in his judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.

Please note the District III Tournament will be seeded according to the approved District III Power Ranking. The number of teams qualifying in each classification is as follows:

**Class "A"** - 6 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 22, 2017**

**Class "2A"** - 4 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 22, 2017**

**Class "3A"** - 6 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 22, 2017**

**Class "4A"** - 10 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 22, 2017**

**Class "5A"** - 14 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 22, 2017**

**Class "6A"** - 10 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 22, 2017**

**All first round and quarter-final round games will be played at the higher seeds 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 six (6) new NFHS-approved game balls (Rawlings RIPIAA) 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 District III, PIAA or NFHS regulations, it is the responsibility of the host school to secure an acceptable facility and have the facility approved by the baseball chair.

**All semi-final, championship and state qualifying games will be played at neutral sites.**





**1A (6 team bracket)**

Monday May 22 Quarter-finals (at higher seeds' home site)  
Thursday May 25 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Tuesday May 30 Championship (at neutral site)

**2A (4 team bracket)**

Monday May 22 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday May 25 Championship (at neutral site)

**3A (6 team bracket)**

Monday May 22 Quarter-finals (at higher seeds' home site)  
Thursday May 25 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Tuesday May 30 Championship (at neutral site)

**4A (10 team bracket)**

Monday May 22 First round (at higher seeds' home site)  
Thursday May 25 Quarter-finals (at higher seeds' home site)  
Tuesday May 30 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday June 1 Championship and State qualifier (at neutral site)

**5A (14 team bracket)**

Monday May 22 First round (at higher seeds' home site)  
Thursday May 25 Quarter-finals (at higher seeds' home site)  
Tuesday May 30 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday June 1 Championship and State qualifier (at neutral site)

**6A (10 team bracket)**

Monday May 22 First round (at higher seeds' home site)  
Thursday May 25 Quarter-finals (at higher seeds' home site)  
Tuesday May 30 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday June 1 Championship and State qualifier (at neutral site)

**The last playing date for games to count for the power rating is Wednesday May 17, 2017. A minimum of 10 games must be played against PIAA opponents.**





### **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.**

If your team becomes part of the tournament, it will be your school's responsibility to notify the District baseball chairman promptly if a conflict exists. You may call the chairman at 610-775-9456 if you have additional questions pertaining to this year's tournament.

### **STATE QUALIFIERS**

- 1A – Two (2) teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.
- 2A – One (1) team from District III will enter the State Tournament.
- 3A – Two (2) teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.
- 4A – Three (3) teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.
- 5A – Four (4) teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.
- 6A – Three (3) teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

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 approved District III power rating.

Best wishes for a successful baseball season.

