

2015-2016 PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BANK BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO: All District III Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Patrick J. Tulley
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DATE: March 2, 2016

RE: District III Baseball Tournament - 2016

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 Rating. The number of teams qualifying in each classification is as follows:

Class "A" - 8 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 23, 2016**

Class "AA" - 10 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 23, 2016**

Class "AAA" - 16 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 23, 2016**

Class "AAAA" - 16 teams – tournament will begin on **Monday May 23, 2016**

All games scheduled on Monday May 23, 2016 and the AA games played on Thursday May 26 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.



2016 DISTRICT III M&T BANK BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

A

Monday May 23	Quarter-finals (at higher seeds home site)
Thursday May 26	Semi-finals (at neutral site)
Thursday June 2	Championship at PeoplesBank Park (York) or First Energy Stadium (Reading)

AA

Monday May 23	First round (at higher seeds home site)
Thursday May 26	Quarter-finals (at higher seeds home site)
Tuesday May 31	Semi-finals (at neutral site)
Thursday June 2	Championship at PeoplesBank Park (York) or First Energy Stadium (Reading)

AAA and AAAA

Monday May 23	First round (at higher seeds home site)
Thursday May 26	Quarter-finals (at neutral site)
Tuesday May 31	Semi-finals (at neutral site)
Thursday June 2	Championship at PeoplesBank Park (York) or First Energy Stadium (Reading), state qualifier/seeding game at neutral site

The last playing date for games to count for the power rating is Wednesday May 18, 2016. 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

Three (3) AAAA teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

Four (4) AAA teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

Two (2) AA teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

One (1) A team 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.

