



DISTRICT III M&T BANK BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

REGULATIONS

I. National Federation Baseball Rules for 2017 will be in effect.

- A. The fifteen and ten run rules will be in effect.
- B. Rule 4-2-1, 4-2-2, 4-2-3, and 4-2-4 will govern abbreviated games.

II. Baseballs will be provided by District III for neutral site games.

III. Game Managers

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| A. Rich Leathery - Dover | B. Steve Sweigert – Ephrata |
| C. Mike Craig – Hampden Township | D. Scott Govern - Hershey |
| E. Roger Czerwinski- Manheim Twp | F. Pat Tulley – Gov. Mifflin |
| G. David Yavoich- Northern Lebanon | H. Allen McCloud – Reading George Field |
| I. Branden Lippy - Lampeter-Stras. | J. Greg Wagner – Spring Grove |
| K. Gerry Schwille – Northern | L. Tory Harvey – Dallastown |
| M. Tim Moyer – Muhlenberg | N. John Guisepppe – Twin Valley |
| O. Arnie Fritzius – Red Lion | |

IV. Home Team Determination:

The higher seeded team will be the home team for each game throughout the tournament.





V. Time schedules (may be adjusted to meet individual field demands.)

A. Game One of a Double Header

The first game of an evening double header (or a single game) that begins at 4:30 PM will use the following time schedule:

3:30 - 3:55 PM - Home team batting and fielding practice.

3:55 - 4:20 PM - Visiting team batting and fielding practice.

4:20 PM - Ground rules meeting, starting line-ups, National Anthem, etc.

The first game of an evening double header (or single game) that begins at 4:00 PM will use the following time schedule:

3:00 – 3:25 PM – Home team batting and fielding practice.

3:25 – 3:50 PM – Visiting team batting and fielding practice.

3:50 PM – Ground rules meeting, starting line-ups, National Anthem, etc.

B. Game Two of a Double Header

The second game of a double header will not start after 8:30 PM. If the first game of the double header is not over by 8:15 PM the second game will not be started and will be played the next day. The site manager can adjust the pre-game schedule (eliminate the teams warming up on the field / dragging and lining the field) to get the game started before 8:30 PM.

In games that the 8:30 curfew is not a factor the site manager shall have the option of dragging and re-lining the field between games of a double-header. Following the conclusion of the first game, the home team will use the field for 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes use of the field by the visiting team. The field shall be cleared 5 minutes prior to game time for a ground rules meeting.

- C.** If only a single game is scheduled, the starting time may be adjusted with the consent of both schools, the site manager, and the Baseball Chairman. Otherwise, the guidelines established for the first game of a double-header will be followed.

VI. Umpires

- A.** Umpires will be assigned by and paid by District III.

- B.** Three (3) umpires will be used for all games with the exception of the championship games and state qualifying games when four (4) will be used.



VII. Official scorer will be appointed by the game manager.

VIII. Dugouts

- A. The higher seeded team will be the home team and will sit in the third base dugout. The lower seeded team will be the visiting team and will sit in the first base dugout. This will be consistent throughout the tournament.

IX. Admission and Tickets:

- A. A maximum of 24 team personnel will be admitted to the field without tickets. This number includes players, coaches, managers, etc.
- B. Each school can forward the game manager five names for complimentary admission to the games.
- C. Ticket prices for all rounds are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. There will be no pre-sale of tickets. The only passes accepted are a white District III pass and a gold Lifetime District III pass.

X. Trophies and Medals:

- A. A team trophy and 20 individual medals will be presented to the championship team in each classification.
- B. Twenty (20) individual medals will be presented to the runner up team in each classification.

XI. State Tournament Qualifiers





- A. Two (2) teams in Class 1A
One (1) team in Class 2A
Two (2) teams in Class 3A
Three (3) teams in Class 4A
Four (4) teams in Class 5A
Three (3) teams in Class 6A

- B. 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 District III approved power rating system. The last day for games to count for the District III Power Rating is Wednesday May 17, 2017.

- C. The first round of play in the State Tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017.

XII 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.

New Pitching Rule for 2016-2017 begins on the next page



XIII Pitching Rule – New!

Total Number of Pitches Thrown	Required Days of Rest
76-100	3 calendar days
51-75	2 calendar days
26-50	1 calendar day
1-25	No rest required

Notes:

- If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count permitted in a calendar day during an at bat, that pitcher will be permitted to continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat.
- No pitcher may appear in more than two consecutive days of competition.
- The maximum pitch limitation is 200 pitches in a Calendar Week. If a pitcher is permitted to throw more than 100 pitches to complete an at-bat, that pitcher will be credited with 100 pitches for the appearance;
- Scorekeepers are requested to frequently confer with one another to confirm pitch counts (no less than once per inning). If a discrepancy occurs between the visiting and home pitch counts that cannot be resolved, the scorebook of the home team shall be the official book; and
- A representative of each school must record pitch counts for their players in MaxPreps no later the team's next regularly scheduled contest. Note: PIAA recommends using Game Changer, as it is a free app for Apple products and can be easily synched into MaxPreps.

