

DISTRICT III BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

2012

REGULATIONS

- I. National Federation Baseball Rules for 2012 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.

- III. Game Managers
 - A. Rich Leathery - Dover.
 - B. Tommy Long – Ephrata.
 - C. Mike Craig – Hampden Township
 - D. Sam Elias - Hershey.
 - E. Kevin Raquet - Manheim Township.
 - F. Pat Tulley – Gov. Mifflin.
 - G. Rob Snyder - Northern Lebanon.
 - H. Alan McCloud – Reading George Field.
 - I. Branden Lippy - Lampeter-Stras.
 - J. Scott Govern – Boiling Springs
 - K. Gerry Schwille – Northern
 - L. Tory Harvey – Dallastown
 - M. Kerry Ciatto – Muhlenberg
 - N. John Guiseppe – Twin Valley

- 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 final game and consolation game when four (4) will be used.

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

VIII. Dug Outs

- 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. This is a change from previous years.

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. Five (5) complimentary tickets will be allowed for each school. Each school may mark five (5) of their own tickets to use as "complimentary tickets". Only the first ten tickets from each school will be honored at the gate for each game.
- C. Ticket prices for all rounds are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. There will be no pre-sale of tickets.

X. Trophies and Medals:

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

XI. State Tournament:

- A. Two (2) teams from District III will advance to the PIAA State Tournament in the “A” classification and **one (1) team in “AA” classification**. Three (3) teams from District III will advance to the PIAA State Tournament in the “AAA” and “AAAA” classifications.
- 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. **All teams in the tournament are required to file an Application by 5:00 pm on Saturday May 12, 2012.**
- C. The first round of play in the State Tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2012.