



## 2017-2018 PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BANK BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**TO:** All District III Principals and Athletic Directors

**FROM:** Patrick J. Tulley  
Chairman, District III Baseball

**DATE:** March 5, 2018

**RE:** District III Baseball Tournament - 2018

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:

<b><u>Class "A"</u></b>	6 teams – tournament will begin on <b>Monday May 21, 2018</b>
<b><u>Class "2A"</u></b>	4 teams – tournament will begin on <b>Monday May 21, 2018</b>
<b><u>Class "3A"</u></b>	6 teams – tournament will begin on <b>Monday May 21, 2018</b>
<b><u>Class "4A"</u></b>	10 teams – tournament will begin on <b>Monday May 21, 2018</b>
<b><u>Class "5A"</u></b>	14 teams – tournament will begin on <b>Monday May 21, 2018</b>
<b><u>Class "6A"</u></b>	10 teams – tournament will begin on <b>Monday May 21, 2018</b>

**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 (Spalding 41-100HS will be used at all neutral site games and in the PIAA playoffs) 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.**





## 2017-2018 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

### **1A (6 team bracket)**

Monday May 21 Quarter-finals (at higher seed home site)  
Thursday May 24 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Tuesday May 29 Championship (at neutral site)

### **2A (4 team bracket)**

Monday May 21 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday May 24 Championship (at neutral site)

### **3A (6 team bracket)**

Monday May 21 Quarter-finals (at higher seed home site)  
Thursday May 24 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Tuesday May 29 Championship (at neutral site)

### **4A (10 team bracket)**

Monday May 21 First round (at higher seed home site)  
Thursday May 24 Quarter-finals (at higher seed home site)  
Tuesday May 29 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday May 31 Championship and State qualifier (at neutral site)

### **5A (14 team bracket)**

Monday May 21 First round (at higher seed home site)  
Thursday May 24 Quarter-finals (at higher seed home site)  
Tuesday May 29 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday May 31 Championship and State qualifier (at neutral site)

### **6A (10 team bracket)**

Monday May 21 First round (at higher seed home site)  
Thursday May 24 Quarter-finals (at higher seed home site)  
Tuesday May 29 Semi-finals (at neutral site)  
Thursday May 31 Championship and State qualifier (at neutral site)

### **Power Ranking Deadline**

**The last playing date for games to count for the power ranking is Wednesday May 16, 2018.** 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.

## **2017-2018 PIAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIERS**

- 1A** – Two (2) teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.
- 2A** – One (1) teams 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.

