



2018 PIAA District III M&T Bank Softball Championships

Below please find entry information, tournament regulations, dates and times for the 2018 PIAA District III Softball Tournament.

Playing dates are set and will not be changed unless there is a conflict with graduation. If you anticipate a conflict with graduation, please notify Softball Chairman Steph Deibler (484-955-1476) immediately of that possibility.

District III will have three (3) entries in the PIAA 6A tournament, five (5) entries in the 5A tournament, three (3) entries in 4A tournament, two (2) entries in the 3A tournament, one (1) entry in the 2A tournament and one (1) entry in the 1A tournament. The State Tournament will begin on Monday, June 4, 2018.

REGULATIONS

1. The National Federation (NFHS) rules with the fifteen (3 innings) and ten (5 innings) run rules will be in effect. In the case of a suspended game due to inclement weather, NFHS rules will be utilized.
2. Only PIAA-approved umpires assigned by the softball chairman or her appointee will be used for tournament games.
3. **BRACKETS** Bracket sizes have been set based on the number of teams in each classification. Brackets will be filled and teams will be seeded based on the District III-approved power ranking system. The following contains information about each classification:

Class 6A Bracket – 10 team bracket with games played on May 22, 24, 29 & 31. Higher seed hosts games on May 22 and 24. All other games at neutral sites.

Class 5A Bracket – 16 team bracket with games played on May 22, 24, 29 & 31. Higher seed hosts games on May 22. All other games at neutral sites.

Class 4A Bracket - 10 team bracket with games played on May 22, 24, 29 & 31. Higher seed hosts games on May 22 and 24. All other games at neutral sites.

Class 3A Bracket – 6 team bracket with games played on May 22, 24 & 29. Higher seed hosts games on May 22 and 24. Championship game at neutral site.

Class 2A Bracket – 4 team bracket with games on May 24 and 29. Higher seed hosts games on May 24. Championship game at neutral site.

Class 1A Bracket – 2 team bracket with championship game at a neutral site on May 29.

In all classifications, a minimum of 10 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non-PIAA opponents will not be included in calculating the power rankings.

All regular-season games up to and including games played on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** must be included.





4. **APPLICATION** Softball will utilize the prescribed District III power-rating. Schools should report the result of each softball game played by 12:00 noon on the morning following the game using the online power-rating website. **The deadline for games to count in the power-rating is Wednesday, May 16, 2018.**
5. Any school that does not wish to participate in the District III softball tournament and would qualify via District III power-rating must opt out by the entry deadline of May 16. Failure to do so will result in all qualified teams being entered in the tournament. All schools that qualify for the tournament must complete and return a contact information sheet detailing end-of-year events and contact information for coaches and administrators. This form will be sent to all schools via the District III server.
6. **POWER RANKING** Power ranking will be tabulated according to the District III formula as explained on the District III website at <http://piaadistrict3.org/>.
7. **HOME/VISITOR** The higher seeded team will be the **home team** for the game and shall sit in the third base dugout. The lower seeded team will be the **visiting team** for the game and shall sit in the first base dugout.
8. **GAME TIME SCHEDULE** The time schedule for games will be as follows:
 - a. The higher seeded team will have the field for the first twenty-five (25) minutes of the hour for hitting and fielding.
 - b. The lower seeded team will have the field for the next twenty-five (25) minutes of the hour for hitting and fielding.
 - c. Ten (10) minutes before the game, the umpires will conduct the pre-game meeting and review ground rules.
 - d. Game #2 of a Double-Header – Depending on the length of the first game and the playing site, batting practice may or may not be permitted on the playing field (time schedule will be determined by the game manager). Regardless of time, both teams will be given a minimum of ten (10) minutes of warm-up time for infield practice.
9. **START TIMES** Start times of Double-Headers or Single Games will typically be **4:30 PM**. The second game of a Double-Header will start at **6:30 PM**. The softball chairman at her discretion may choose to alter the start times of any games based on field availability and school event accommodations.

The second game of a double-header will not start after 8:30 pm. If the first game of a double-header is not completed by 8:15 PM, the second game will not be started and will be rescheduled for the next day. The game manager can adjust the pre-game schedule (eliminate dragging and lining the field, etc.) to get the game started before 8:30 PM. If the only way to get a game started before 8:30 pm is to eliminate infield warm-up time for both teams, the game manager may exercise this option.

In games where the 8:30 pm curfew is not a factor, the game manager shall have the option of dragging and re-lining the field between games of a double-header. The higher seeded team will have the field for ten (10) minutes followed by ten (10) minutes of use by the lower seeded team prior to the start of the game.





10. **TICKETS** Admission will be charged at all tournament games. Ticket prices for games will be **\$6.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Students**. Inter-league passes will not be accepted for admission. Only white-colored District III Committee passes and Gold District III lifetime passes are valid for admission.
11. **SITE SELECTION** For games at neutral sites, every attempt will be made to assign games geographically central to both schools, while scheduling teams in the best facilities possible.
12. **COMPLIMENTARY ENTRIES** Schools will be provided with complimentary admission for five (5) individuals. Schools should utilize the DIII complimentary admission form for this purpose and send it to the game manager in advance of the contest.
13. **SOFTBALLS** The District III Committee will supply each site with a minimum of three (3) PIAA Official leather softballs for each neutral site game (Dudley/Spalding 43-147 Red Stitch).
14. **AWARDS** The District III championship team in each classification will receive a team trophy and 20 individual medals. The runner-up will receive 20 individual medals.
15. **SEVERE WEATHER** If severe inclement weather does not permit the District III softball tournament to finish by the PIAA state deadline, the top seeded teams remaining in the tournament will be sent to the state tournament. However, every effort will be made to finish the tournament in the time available.
16. **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.*
17. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!**





DISTRICT III SOFTBALL FIELD DIRECTIONS

CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL: Take exit 49 (High St. and PA-641) off Route 81. Proceed on PA-641 for approx. 2 miles. Turn right onto N. College St. Turn left onto W. Penn St. **Game Manager: George Null (717-240-6800)**

GARRETT PARK - Lancaster: Take I-81 toward South Harrisburg. Get on I-283 South at exit 46A toward the Harrisburg Airport and PA Turnpike. Stay on 283 East for approximately 28 miles. Get off at the Fruitville Pike exit. Stay straight onto Chester Road and then make a right onto the Fruitville Pike which become PA-72 and then PA-272 South. Stay on PA 272 South for 6 miles. Make a left onto West Penn Grant Road. Continue straight through the red light. Garrett Park is on your right. From 222, take the Oregon Pike exit and make a left onto PA 501 (Lititz Pike) which becomes 272 South. Stay on 272 South for 6 miles and then make left onto West Penn Grant Road. Garrett Field will be on your right. **Game Manager: Anthony Hall (717-598-5935)**

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE: Take Route 81 to the Ft. Indiantown Gap Exit (85). Take Route 934 toward Annville for approximately 7 miles. Travel down a hill with cemeteries on either side. Look for a pedestrian bridge and make a left before you go under the bridge to get to the parking for the softball field. **Game Manager: Stacey Hollinger (717-867-6891)** or **Game Manager: Nancy Sweger (717-567-3543)**

LYONS FIELD – FLEETWOOD: From Route 222 take Route 73 South (for a short distance). At first light, turn left onto Park Road (Fleetwood-Blandon Road). Stay on this road through Fleetwood into the Village of Lyons. The field is on the right at the Lyons Fire Company. **Game Manager: Tim Rhoads (484-256-7638)**

MANHEIM CENTRAL FIELD – MANHEIM: Route 72 S. into Manheim. At first traffic light turn left onto Gramby St. Go 3 blocks, turn left. Go one more block and turn right to the field. **Game Manager: George Derbyshire (717-665-2451)**

MANETAS PARK – Denver: 222 to exit for PA Turnpike. Follow signs for 272 North. Continue on 272 North for approximately 1 mile. Manetas Park is located behind the Park Place Diner. **Game Manager: Ashley Warner (610-698-5631)**

MESSIAH COLLEGE: Take US 15 south toward Gettysburg. Take the Lisburn Road exit and turn right. Follow Lisburn Road through the next traffic light and to the stop sign at the top of the hill. Continue straight on Lisburn and turn right onto Grantham Road at the bottom of the hill. Follow Grantham Road straight ahead to the stop sign at the main entrance to the College. **Game Manager: Seth Pehanich (717-503-1655)**

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY: Route 30 toward Lancaster. Get off the Rt. 741 Exit. Turn onto Rt. 741/Rohrerstown Rd. and follow it for 3 ½ miles. Turn right onto PA-999/Manor Ave. In ½ mile, turn left onto N. George St. The softball field is located behind Pucillo Gymnasium. **Game Manager: Jen Probst (717-805-4477)**





MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL: Route 222 toward Reading following signs for Route 12 East (Pricetown). Get on Route 12 East toward Pricetown. Take the 5th St. Highway Exit (Rt. 222 Business). Continue on the 5th St. Highway passing through 7 stop lights. Turn right onto Bellevue Ave. (Sheetz gas station on the right). Continue to the light and make a left onto Kutztown Road. Park in the CE Cole ES Parking lot to access the softball field. NO PARKING will be available in the middle school this year. **Game Manager: Tim Moyer** (610-921-8078)

SPRING GROVE HIGH SCHOOL – Take Route 30 to the intersection of Route 116. Turn on to Route 116 toward Spring Grove. Follow 116 approx. 4 miles to the traffic circle in the borough of Spring Grove. Take the first exit off the traffic circle onto Roth’s Church Rd. At the stoplight, turn left onto the campus. **Game Manager: Greg Wagner** (717-600-6188)

WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL – Take Route 222. Get off at Rothsville/Brownstown (772) into Lititz. At the traffic circle in downtown, make a left onto South Broad Street. The make a right onto Route 772/West Orange Street. The high school will be on your right hand side. **Game Manager: Ryan Landis** (717-225-4731 x7501)

YORK COLLEGE: Take Interstate 83 South to York. Get off at exit 15 - South George Street. Take South George Street South to the third traffic light and turn left onto Country Club Road (at Tom’s Exxon Station). The main college entrance is a short distance on the right. Address for the field is 980 S. Pershing Ave., York. **Game Manager: Jen Petteys** (717-815-1940)

