

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

District III M&T Bank Soccer Championships

2015-2016

Conditions of Entry into District III Championship

Entry and participation in the 2015-2016 PIAA District III M&T Bank Soccer Championships is voluntary. Entry of a team signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described below. Furthermore, a member school accepts the fact that the soccer chairman reserves the right to make changes in the management and operation of the championships if, in his judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.

General Instructions

The cutoff date for games to count in the power rankings is **Wednesday, October 21, 2015**. Games played on that date will count. No League Playoff games count in the power rankings.

Girls' Fall Soccer

There will be three classes in girls' soccer for 2015. Schools with a female enrollment of 213 or lower are **A**, 214-393 are **AA** and 394 and above are **AAA**. Class A will have a 12 team bracket (25 schools). Class AA will have an 18 team bracket (36 schools). Class AAA will have a 20 team bracket (41 schools). A minimum of 9 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non PIAA opponents will not count. **The teams will be seeded using the District III power ranking system.**

Boys' Fall Soccer

There will be three classes in boys' soccer for 2015. Schools with a male enrollment of 213 or lower are **A**, 214-401 are **AA** and 402 and above are **AAA**. Class A will have a 12 team bracket (31 schools). Class AA will have an 18 team bracket (36 schools). Class AAA will have a 20 team bracket (45 schools). A minimum of 9 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non PIAA opponents will not count. **The teams will be seeded using the District III power ranking system.**

Teams that plan on entering the tournament must inform the Soccer Chairman via e-mail of their intention to participate in the tournament. **An entry form is not required this year.** If you have questions, concerns or problems, phone 717-737-6608 or 717-215-3136 (cell), or e-mail aisopi@aol.com.



Playing Dates

Play-in games for AAA Boys, AA Boys, AAA Girls and AA Girls will be played on Friday or Saturday, October 23 or 24, 2015.

First round games for A Girls, AA Girls, and AA Boys will play on Monday, October 26, 2015.

First Round Games for A Boys, AAA Boys and AAA Girls will play on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

Second Round Games for A Girls, AA Girls and AA Boys will play on Thursday, October 29, 2015.

Second Round Games for A Boys, AAA Boys and AAA Girls will play on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Semifinals for A Girls, AA Girls and AA Boys will play on Monday, November 2, 2015.

Semifinals for A Boys, AAA Boys and AAA Girls will play on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Championships: A Girls, AA Boys will play Thursday, November 5, 2015.

Championships: AA Girls, A Boys, AAA Girls, AAA Boys will play Saturday, November 7, 2015.

We will attempt to play all games on the scheduled dates. In case of inclement weather, the game manager and soccer chairman will make the final decision to play or postpone the games.

School Conflict Statement

The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflict 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.

Consolation Games

Third Place Games for A Boys, AA Girls, and AA Boys will be played on Saturday, November 7, 2015. There will not be a Third Place Game in AAA Girls or AAA Boys. The Third Place Team will be the team that loses to the eventual Champion.



State Tournament Entries

District III will send the following number of teams to States:

A Girls	2	A Boys	3
AA Girls	3	AA Boys	3
AAA Girls	4	AAA Boys	4

The State Tournament Playing dates are November 10, 14, 17, 20, 21, 2015.

Game Supervision/Pre-Game Meeting

The principal or designee **MUST** identify him/herself to the game manager on the field thirty(30) minutes prior to the start of the game and is required to participate in the pre-game meeting conducted by the game manager 10 minutes prior to game time. He/she must remain within the team or spectator area during the game, and report to the playing area after the game, remaining until the teams have left the playing area.

Play-in Games (Pig Tails) and First Round Sites

If there are more than 16 teams in AA and AAA who enter the tournament, then #17 will play #16; #18 will play #15, #19 will play #14, and #20 will play #13, etc.

All preliminary round games and first round games will be played at the home of the better seeded teams. In A Boys and A Girls the teams that have a bye in the first round will host a game in the second round. There is no rental fee charged for the facility. Officials and game help will be paid by the District. **If a hosting site is not available, or the site cannot charge admission, or doesn't meet regulations, the school is responsible to secure an acceptable site and notify the Soccer Chairman.** Final decisions will be the responsibility of the Soccer Chairman. Afternoon games should begin at 4:00 and evening games at 7:00 pm. In subsequent rounds, we will **attempt** to play games at neutral sites that are available and geographically convenient for teams involved. Game managers at hosting sites will be in contact with teams playing at their site to confirm details.

Officials

District III is required to use the double dual system. There will be three (3) officials, each having a whistle and rotating positions each third of the game. Officials will be a neutral crew, all from the same chapter and assigned by the chapter assigner under the direction of the soccer chairman.

Mercy Rule

When one team gains a seven (7) goal differential over its opponent, the clock will continue to run after goals.



Tie Games

National Federation Soccer Rules will be used. In all games, tie games will be decided by the following method:

1. Two (2) fifteen (15) minute “sudden victory” overtime periods
2. Penalty kicks

Home Team and Game Balls

Throughout the tournament the home team is the one appearing on the top half of the bracket, regardless of the seed. They will wear white uniforms. It is the visiting team's responsibility to be in contact with the home team to make sure that the uniforms are different. The home team will provide the game balls for the play-in (pig tails) and first round games. District III will provide the game balls for subsequent rounds. Each school is responsible to provide two (2) ball persons to run the sidelines.

Lightning Policy

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play.
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d. No game should be restarted after 90 minutes past the scheduled ending time of the game. (Examples: For a 4 p.m. game, the latest time for a restart is 7 p.m. For a 7 p.m. game, the latest time for a restart is 10 p.m.)
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

Team Personnel and Cheerleaders

Twenty-eight (28) persons including players, coaches and other non-playing personnel will be admitted, **as a group**, without a ticket. Cheerleaders, in uniform, and accompanied by their advisor will be admitted free. Each school will receive five complimentary tickets. The form to be completed and returned to the Game Manager can be found on the District III web site.

Banners and Noise Makers

Hand-held signs are not permitted at District III events. Stationary banners and signs with sportsmanlike messages are permitted with the approval of the game manager.



Crowd Control

The principal, along with the game manager and event security, is responsible for crowd control as it pertains to members of his/her school and other spectators from his/her school community.

Ticket Prices

Ticket prices for all rounds of the tournament are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. The only passes accepted are a green District III pass and a gold Lifetime District III pass.

Radio, Television and Webcasting Fees

See the District III Website for details.



Schools Listed by League and Boys Enrollment

AAA 402 and above

Berks

Reading -- 2138
Wilson -- 766
Exeter -- 565
Governor Mifflin -- 540
Muhlenberg -- 487
Daniel Boone -- 450
Twin Valley--411

Lancaster-Lebanon

J.P McCaskey -- 1275
Hempfield -- 961
Manheim Township -- 748
Penn Manor -- 712
Cedar Crest -- 633
**Warwick -- 629
**Co-Op Veritas
Conestoga Valley -- 577
Lebanon -- 507
Ephrata -- 505
Elizabethtown -- 489
Solanco -- 484
Garden Spot -- 462
Cocalico -- 407
Manheim Central--402

Mid-Penn

Chambersburg -- 1118
Cumberland Valley -- 1038
Harrisburg -- 833
Central Dauphin -- 829
CD East -- 662
Carlisle -- 590
Cedar Cliff -- 548
Waynesboro -- 501
Lower Dauphin -- 499
Mechanicsburg -- 489
Hershey -- 486
Red Land -- 454
Northern -- 439
Shippensburg -- 419
Greencastle Antrim--413

York

Red Lion -- 807
Dallastown -- 694
Central York -- 673
Southwestern -- 499
New Oxford -- 490
Spring Grove -- 436
Northeastern--429
Dover--409

Independent

York Country Day -- 588*
Co-Op York Vo Tech
Total: --45

AA 214 to 401

Berks

Conrad Weiser -- 357
Fleetwood -- 356
Hamburg -- 297
Wyomissing -- 276
Berks Catholic -- 267
Oley Valley -- 250
Schuylkill Valley -- 237
Brandywine Heights -- 221

Lancaster-Lebanon

Lampeter-Strasburg--401
Donegal -- 351
Elco -- 340
Northern Lebanon -- 330
Pequea Valley -- 251
Lancaster Catholic -- 233
Annville-Cleona -- 221
Lancaster Mennonite -- 218

Mid-Penn

Palmyra -- 397
James Buchanan -- 365
Big Spring -- 358
Susquehanna Twp -- 344
West Perry -- 357
East Pennsboro -- 350
Milton Hershey -- 337
Bishop McDevitt -- 303
Middletown -- 300
Boiling Springs -- 268

York

West York--367
Gettysburg--358
York Suburban -- 356
Susquehannock -- 347
Kennard-Dale -- 336
Eastern York -- 306
Littlestown -- 281
Bermudian -- 286
Biglerville-- 215
Total:35

Tri-Valley

Susquenita -- 222

Total: 36

A 213 or lower

Berks

Tulpehocken--196
Kutztown--182
Antietam -- 126

Commonwealth Christian

Lanc County Christian -- 55
Mount Calvary Christian - 40
West Shore Christian Acad-- 37
Christian Sch. of York -- 34
Conestoga Christian -- 34
High Point Baptist -- 34
Harrisburg Christian -- 29
Day Spring Christian -- 28
Lititz Christian -- 24
New Covenant Chr -- 22
Hershey Christian -- 22
Covenant Chr Acad -- 19
Berks Christian -- 15

Lancaster-Lebanon

Lebanon Catholic -- 39

Mid-Penn

Trinity -- 201
Camp Hill -- 151

Tri-Valley

Greenwood* -- 179
*Co-Op Newport
Upper Dauphin -- 172
Halifax -- 123
Millersburg -- 117
Lancaster Country Day -- 73

York

Hanover -- 201
Delone Catholic -- 166
Fairfield -- 162
York Catholic -- 151

Independents

I-Lead Charter-- 138
Carson Long -- 50
Harrisburg Academy -- 30
Total: 31

* Co-op arrangement



Schools Listed by League and Girls Enrollment

AAA 394 and above

Berks

Reading -- 1909
Wilson -- 680
Exeter -- 657 (Co-op w/Antietam)
Governor Mifflin -- 486
Daniel Boone -- 483
Muhlenberg -- 446

Lancaster-Lebanon

J.P McCaskey -- 1215
Hempfield -- 895
Penn Manor -- 694
Manheim Township -- 677
Cedar Crest -- 591
Warwick -- 556 (Co-op w/Veritas)

Conestoga Valley -- 500

Elizabethtown -- 510

Ephrata -- 502

Lebanon -- 490

Solanco -- 483

Cocalico -- 468

Garden Spot -- 429

Lampeter-Strasburg -- 401

Mid-Penn

Chambersburg -- 1107

Cumberland Valley -- 1012

Central Dauphin -- 682

Carlisle -- 653

CD East -- 624

Waynesboro -- 527

Cedar Cliff -- 513

Red Land -- 477

Lower Dauphin -- 471

Mechanicsburg -- 464

Hershey -- 449

Palmyra -- 449

Shippensburg -- 447

York

Dallastown -- 701

Red Lion -- 680

Central York -- 663

New Oxford -- 507

Southwestern -- 456

Spring Grove -- 444

Dover -- 399

Independent

York Country Day -- 739*

Total: 41

AA 214 to 393

Berks

Twin Valley -- 391
Conrad Weiser -- 364
Fleetwood -- 363
Berks Catholic -- 278
Hamburg -- 265
Schuylkill Valley -- 253
Oley Valley -- 228
Brandywine Heights -- 227

Lancaster-Lebanon

Manheim Central -- 393

Donegal -- 358

Elco -- 289

Northern Lebanon -- 248

Pequea Valley -- 237

Lancaster Catholic -- 232

Lancaster Mennonite -- 226

Mid-Penn

Greencastle Antrim -- 379

Milton Hershey -- 365

West Perry -- 361

Big Spring -- 358

Northern -- 358

James Buchanan -- 336

East Pennsboro -- 330

Susquehanna Twp -- 323

Middletown -- 293

Bishop McDevitt -- 273

Boiling Springs -- 264

York

Northeastern -- 387

Gettysburg -- 371

Susquehannock -- 366

West York -- 360

York Suburban -- 355

Kennard-Dale -- 338

Eastern York -- 282

Littlestown -- 252

Bermudian -- 242

Tri-Valley

Susquenita -- 234

Total: 36

A 213 or lower

Berks

Wyomissing -- 213

Tulpehocken -- 195

Kutztown -- 186

Commonwealth Christian

Lanc County Christian -- 61

West Shore Christian Acad. -- 39

Christian Sch. of York -- 30

Harrisburg Christian -- 29

Hershey Christian -- 29

High Point Baptist -- 29

Mount Calvary Christian -- 27

Lancaster-Lebanon

Annville-Cleona -- 207

Lebanon Catholic -- 30

Mid-Penn

Trinity -- 190

Camp Hill -- 142

Tri-Valley

Upper Dauphin -- 156

Halifax -- 117

Millersburg -- 101

Lancaster Country Day -- 92

York

Biglerville -- 210

Hanover -- 200

Delone Catholic -- 183

York Catholic -- 161

Fairfield -- 157

Independents

Linden Hall -- 127

Harrisburg Academy -- 32

Total: 25

***Co-op Arrangement**

