

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJ: 2009 DISTRICT V SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL INFORMATION

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2009

- I. It is that time of year again for the submission of our baseball/softball schedules for ranking purposes. If we all work together and each of us do our part, rankings should be out to schools in a very timely fashion.
- II. District V Softball/Baseball Rating system
  - A. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
  - B. The top 8 rated schools will compete in the Class A District V Tournament. Teams that have a .500 record or better the day of the district cutoff – May 16, 2009, will be included in the District V Playoffs.
  - C. The top 3 rated schools will compete in the Class AA District V Tournament. Teams that have a .500 record or better the day of the district cutoff- May 16, 2009 will be included in the District V Playoffs.
  - D. The PIAA has 4 classifications for ranking purposes. ( A, AA, AAA, AAAA)

III. Important Dates

May 16	Class A	District Cutoff
May 16	Class AA	District Cutoff
May 20	Class A Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
May 20	Class AA Boys	Play In or Semifinals
May 21	Class A Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
May 21	Class AA Girls	Play In or Semifinals
May 26	Class A Girls	Semifinals
May 26	Class AA Boys	Semifinals or Championship
May 27	Class A Boys	Semifinals
May 27	Class AA Girls	Semifinals or Championship
May 28	Class A Girls	Championship
May 28	Class AA Boys	Championship if needed
May 29	Class A Boys	Championship
May 29	Class AA Girls	Championship if needed
May 30	Class A & AA	District Deadline
June 1	Class A & AA	First Round State
June 4	Class A & AA	State Quarterfinals
June 8	Class A & AA	State Semifinals
June 12	Softball State Championship	Shippensburg University
June 12	A Baseball State Championship	Blair County Ballpark, Altoona
June 12	AA Baseball State Championship	Blair County Ballpark, Altoona

All play-off dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstances. In such an event the next day will become the make up date.

IV. Point System

- A. A team receives 4 points for a win
- B. Bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
  - 1. 1 point awarded for a win over a class A school, total 5 points
  - 2. 2 points awarded for a win over a class AA school, total 6 points
  - 3. 3 points awarded for a win over a class AAA school, total 7 points
  - 4. 4 points awarded for a win over a class AAAA school, total 8 points
- C. No points are awarded for a loss regardless of PIAA classification
- D. Victories over non-PIAA or out of state opponents shall be worth the lowest point total of 5
- E. Rankings are based on all school schedules that are turned into the District V Softball/Baseball statistician by the first legal playing date for the season (March 21) and no games added after the season begins may be counted.
- F. Ranking is in order of total points accumulated divided by the number of games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibition games
- G. Forfeiture of contests will be governed by PIAA rules

V. Tie Breaker System for Ranking Only

- A. Head to Head victor, if the teams played each other
- B. Winning percentage versus all common opponents in all games played (regardless of the number of times two schools play each other)
- C. Bonus Points as calculated by wins by defeated opponents divided by games played.
- D. Winning percentage calculated by wins divided by games played. Ties count as half.
- E. Greatest number of wins, excluding tournaments
- F. Coin toss at site convenient to both schools

VI. Tie Breaker System for Rank of 8th Place

- A. Playoff game at a neutral site

VII. Fannett-Metal has the same hosting status as any other District V school.

VIII. Softball/Baseball Schedule Form

- A. Complete the Softball and Baseball schedule form with information concerning your school. Note that 14 games is the minimum number to be played to qualify for the playoffs.
- B. Please FAX or mail a copy of **this form** to the District V Statisticians **prior** to 1st legal playing date (March 20)

**Please send the schedule on the original enclosed form, not a printed copy of your schedule!**

The original report and all updates are to be sent to:

Tournament Directors

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McConnellsburg, PA 17233. Fax 717-485-0175 Phone 717-484-3195 ext.226

[tbeatty@tiu11.org](mailto:tbeatty@tiu11.org)

Baseball: George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge High School, 2588 Quaker Valley Road,  
New Paris, PA 15554. Fax 814-839-0018 Phone 814-839-4195 Ext.3333

[gknisely@crsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:gknisely@crsd.k12.pa.us)

Softball Statistician

Brown Cutchall, Forbes Road High School, 159 Red Bird Drive, Waterfall, PA 16689

Fax 814-685-3159 Phone 814-685-3866 Ext 122, bcutchall@yahoo.com

C. Turn in Dates by coaches and athletic directors to the appropriate statistician are as follows:

1. Monday April 13
2. Monday April 20
3. Monday April 27
4. Monday May 4
5. Monday May 11
6. Daily until cutoff

D. DISTRICT V TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND STATISTICIANS

TODD BEATTY –SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

BROWN CUTCHALL- SOFTBALL STATISTICIAN

GEORGE KNISELY-BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND STATISTICIAN

Results should be faxed or e-mailed on dates listed above.

Schools not reporting will appear at the bottom of the rankings.

IX. To be eligible for the playoffs all teams must have their league schedule complete by the district cutoff date. Any scheduling difficulties should be referred to the Tournament Director.

X. The four highest ranked teams in class A will get home site advantage and will be the home team, Thereafter, the highest ranked teams will be the designated home team.

1<sup>st</sup> Round - #1 Team vs. #8 Team  
Class A #2 Team vs. # 7 Team  
#3 Team vs. # 6 Team  
# 4 Team vs. # 5 Team

After the first round all games will be played on a neutral site with the highest ranked team as the home team.

2<sup>nd</sup> Round - 1/8 winner plays 4/5 winner  
2/7 winner plays 3/6 winner

The championship game will be played on a neutral site. The highest ranked team is the home team.

\*The following scenario will exist if more than eight teams qualify for the playoffs.

- If nine teams qualify, team #9 would play team #8 at team #8's home field. The winner of that game would move to the #8 spot on the bracket.
- If ten teams qualify, team #7 would play team #10 at team #7's home field and team #8 would play team #9 at team #8's home field. The winners would enter the regular bracket.
- Baseball games would be played on Tuesday, May 19 with the rain date being Wednesday, May 20. The regular tournament begins Thursday, May 21 for A Boys. Softball games would be played on Monday, May 18 with the rain date being Tuesday, May 19. The regular tournament begins Wednesday, May 20 for A Girls.

In class AA there may be a 3,4, or 5 team bracket.

1. Each top ranked team will host at least one home game, except in the event of a three team bracket then the championship game will be hosted on a neutral field.
2. All other games will be played at a neutral site.

Five Team Bracket:

- a. 4 plays 5
- b. 1 plays the 4/5 winner, 2 plays 3

Four team bracket:

- a. 4 plays 1
- b. 3 plays 2

Three team bracket:

- a. 1 plays the winner of 2/3

XI. Pre-game Practice

A. The home team or “designated” home team shall have the field first.  
For a 4:30 start the home team shall have the field from 3:25 until 3:55

B. The visiting team or “designated” visiting team shall have the field second.  
For a 4:30 start the visitors shall have the field from 3:55 until 4:25

XII. Designation of Bench or Dugout - The Site game manager shall designate the location of each teams bench/bullpen prior to pre-game practice.

XIII. Ticket Prices for Playoffs:

1st Round thru Semifinals	Student - \$2.00
	Adult - \$4.00

Championship Game	Student - \$3.00
	Adult - \$5.00

XIV. Number of Teams advancing to state playoffs

Class “A” Girls – 2    Class “AA” Girls-1  
Class “A” Boys – 1    Class “AA” Boys-1

XV. Game Balls – Provided by District V Committee

XVI. Umpires - Assigned by the District V Committee

XVII. Playoff Times - All games will begin at 4:30 unless a time change is approved by the District Chairperson.

XVIII. District V rankings will be mailed to the media by the District V Statisticians.