

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJ: DISTRICT V SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL INFORMATION

DATE: March 2016 (2015-16 Season)

- 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 does 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 will be included in the District V Playoffs.
 - C. The top 4 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 will be included in the District V Playoffs.
 - D. AAA schools will compete in the District V-VI-VIII Tournament.
 - E. The PIAA has 4 classifications for ranking purposes. (A, AA, AAA, AAAA)

III. Important Dates

7-Mar	Baseball/Softball	1st Legal Practice Date
24-Mar	Baseball/Softball	1 st Regular Season Contest Date
21-May	Softball/Baseball	District Cutoff
23-May	Class A Girls	Play In (if needed)
25-May	Class A Girls	1 st Round
31-May	Class A Girls	Semifinals
2-Jun	Class A Girls	Championship
26-May	Class AA Girls	Play In or Semifinals
1-Jun	Class AA Girls	Semifinals or Championship
3-Jun	Class AA Girls	Championship if needed
23-May	Class A Boys	Play In (if needed)
25-May	Class A Boys	1 st Round
27-May	Class A Boys	Semifinals
1-Jun	Class A Boys	Championship
	Class AA Boys	In District 6 Tournament
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4-Jun	Class A & AA	District Deadline
6-Jun	Class A & AA	First Round State
9-Jun	Class A & AA	State Quarterfinals
13-Jun	Class A & AA	State Semifinals
16-Jun	Softball State Championship	Penn State University
16-Jun	Baseball State Championship	Penn State University

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 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. The following play-in scenarios will exist if more than eight teams qualify for the playoffs:

- Teams will play on the play-in date to determine which team enters the playoff brackets.
- 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.

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 12 games is the minimum number to be played to qualify for the playoffs.
- B. Please e-mail, fax, or mail a copy of **this form** to the District V Statisticians **prior** to 1st legal playing date.

Please send the schedule on the original form located on District V website, not a printed copy of your schedule!

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

Tournament Directors

Softball: Brian Thompson, Berlin Brothersvalley High School, 1025 Main Street, Berlin, PA 15530. Fax 814.267.6060, Office Phone 814.267.4622, Cell Phone 814.701.5674 email bthompson@bbsd.com

Baseball: George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge Middle School, , 3281 Valley Road , Fishertown, PA 15539. Fax 814-839-9137, Phone 814-839-4195x2501, email gknisely@crsd.k12.pa.us

C. Turn in dates by athletic directors no later than 9:00 am to the statistician are as follows:

1. Monday April 11
2. Monday April 18
3. Monday April 25
4. Monday May 2
5. Monday May 9 daily until district cutoff

*e-mail is the preferred method for the ratings

D. DISTRICT V TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND STATISTICIANS

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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.

1st 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.

2nd 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.

In years that District V hosts a class AA Tournament, there may be a 3, 4, or 5 team bracket. The District 5 AA Baseball Schools will compete in the District 6 Tournament for 2014-15 and 2015-16. The District 5 AA Softball schools will compete in a in a District 5/District 8 Regional Tournament in 2014-15 & 2015-16.

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 team’s bench/bullpen prior to pre-game practice.

XIII. Ticket Prices for Playoffs:

1st Round thru Semifinals	Student - \$3.00
	Adult - \$5.00

Championship Game	Student - \$3.00
	Adult - \$6.00

XIV. Number of Teams advancing to state playoffs

Refer to <http://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/Handbook%20-%20Section%20III%20-%20Rules%20and%20Regulations.pdf> Page 43 for current information. Softball Class “A” 5-1 and 5-2 will both advance to the PIAA Inter District Tournament in 2014-15 and 2015-16. Baseball Class “A” 5-1 and 5-2 will both advance to the PIAA Inter District Tournament in 2015-16 only. Softball Class “AA”, one team will advance from the District V/District VIII Regional Tournament in 2014-15 and 2015-16. Baseball Class “AA” will compete in the District VI Tournament in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

XV. Game Balls – Baseball (Rawlings R1PIAA), Softball (Rawlings-Worth PX22R4L-PIAA) Game balls will be provided by District V.

XVI. Umpires - Assigned by the District V Committee

XVII. Playoff Times - All games will begin at 4:30 or 7:00 unless a time change is approved by the District Chairperson.

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