

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJ: DISTRICT V BASEBALL INFORMATION

DATE: 2016-2017 Season

- I. It is that time of year again for the submission of our baseball 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 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. The winner will play Westinghouse (District 8) in a sub-regional Championship with the winner entering the state playoffs.
 - D. AAA schools will compete in the District V-VIII-IX Tournament. The top 4 rated schools will compete in a Class AAA Sub-Regional Tournament. Teams that have a .500 record or better on the day of the district cutoff will be included in the playoffs.
 - E. AAAA (4A) schools will compete in the District VI playoffs.
 - F. The PIAA has 6 Classifications for ranking purposes. (A, AA, AAA, 4A, 5A 6A)

III. Important Dates

March 6, 2017	PIAA Baseball	1st Legal Practice Date
March 24, 2017	PIAA Baseball	1 st Regular Season Contest Date
May 6, 2017	District 5 Baseball	Deadline to Opt Out of Playoffs
May 20, 2017	District 5 Baseball	District Cutoff
May 22, 2017	District 5 Class "A" Baseball	Play In (if needed)
May 24, 2017	District 5 Class "A" Baseball	1 st Round
May 30, 2017	District 5 Class "A" Baseball	Semifinals
June 1, 2017	District 5 Class "A" Baseball	Championship
May 22, 2017	District 5 Class "AA" Baseball	Play In (if needed)
May 23, 2017	District 5 Class "AA" Baseball	Semifinals
May 25, 2017	District 5 Class "AA" Baseball	Championship
May 30, 2017	District 5 & 8 Class "AA" Baseball	Championship
May 23, 2017	District 5-8-9 "AAA" Baseball	Play In or Semifinals
May 26, 2017	District 5-8-9 "AAA" Baseball	Semifinals or Championship
May 31, 2017	District 5-8-9 "AAA" Baseball	Championship (If Necessary)
June 3, 2017	All Classes	District Deadline
June 5, 2017	All Classes	PIAA First Round
June 8, 2017	All Classes	PIAA Quarterfinals
June 12, 2017	All Classes	PIAA Semifinals
June 15 and 16, 2017	All Classes	PIAA Championships @ Penn State

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 6 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 7 points
 2. 2 points awarded for a win over a Class AA school, total 8 points
 3. 3 points awarded for a win over a Class AAA school, total 9 points
 4. 4 points awarded for a win over a Class AAAA school, total 10 points
 5. 5 points awarded for a win over a Class AAAAA school, total 11 points.
 6. 6 points awarded for a win over a Class AAAAAA school, total 12 points.
- C. No points are awarded for a loss regardless of PIAA Classification
- D. Victories over non-PIAA opponents shall be worth the lowest point total of 5.
- E. Victories over out of state opponents will receive the same bonus points from that sport's PIAA classification system. The Principal and/or Athletic Director will secure in writing from the out of state opponents the current enrollment of males and females eligible to participate from grades 10-12 in the year in which the contest will be held. District 5 schools shall list the enrollment beside the opponent's name on the District 5 Rating Sheet.
- F. Rankings are based on all school schedules that are turned into the District V Baseball statistician by the first legal playing date for the season and no games added after the season begins may be counted
- G. Ranking is in order of total points accumulated divided by the number of games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibition games
- H. 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.
- The Tie Breaker System does not apply for teams finishing with an identical ranking that are required to play a play in game. Teams with identical rankings in a play in scenario will play at a neutral site.

VII. School Hosting Status

- Fannett-Metal has the same hosting status as any other District V school
- In AA, District 5 and 8 have equal hosting Status. The championship game will be held at a neutral site within the district that holds the highest seed.
- In AAA, Districts 5, 8, and 9 all have equal hosting status. The championship game will be at a neutral site within the district that holds the highest seed.

VIII. Baseball Schedule Form

- A. Complete the 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! This should be completed using Microsoft Excel.

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

Tournament Directors

Baseball: George A. Knisely, Chestnut Ridge Middle School, 3281 Valley Road, Fishertown, PA 15539. Fax 814-839-9137, Office Phone 814-839-4195 Ext. 2501, Cell Phone 814-935-9109
email: gknisely@crlions.org

- C. Turn in dates by athletic directors no later than 9:00a.m. to the statistician are as follows:
 - 1. Monday, April 10
 - 2. Monday, April 17
 - 3. Monday, April 24
 - 4. Monday, May 1
 - 5. Monday, May 8
 - 6. Monday, May 15 daily until district cutoff

***e-mail is the preferred method for the ratings**

D. DISTRICT V TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND STATISTICIANS
GEORGE A. KNISELY –BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND STATISTICIAN
Results should be 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 the Class AA Tournament, there will be a 4 team bracket.

- 1. Each top ranked team will host a semifinal 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.
- 3. The winner plays Westinghouse (District 8) to determine the team to enter the state playoffs.

Four team bracket:

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

Three team bracket:

- a. 1 plays the winner of 2/3

In the Class AAA Tournament, there will be a 4 team bracket unless all 5 teams qualify with a .500 or better record. Two District 5 teams will be included with District 8 AAA representative Perry Traditional Academy and District 9 representatives Karns City High School and Moniteau High School.

- 1. Each top ranked team will host a semifinal game. In the event of a 5 team bracket, there will be a play in game between the #4 and #5 ranked teams.

Five team bracket:

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

Four team bracket:

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

The District 5 AAAA team will enter a four-team playoff with District 6.

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

Baseball Class “A” 5-1 and 5-2 will both advance to the PIAA Inter District Tournament in 2016-17 and 2017-18. Baseball Class “AA”, one team will advance from the District V/District VIII Regional Tournament in 2016-17 and 2017-18. Baseball Class “AAA” one team will advance from the District V-VIII-IX Regional Tournament in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

XV. Game Balls –Baseball (Rawlings- RIPIAA) 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.