

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJ: DISTRICT V BASEBALL INFORMATION

DATE: 2025-2026 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.
****Please note: Pitch Counts need to be entered no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) the day following a competition.**

II. District V Baseball Rating System

| A | AA | AAA | AAAA |
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| Berlin | Chestnut Ridge | Bedford | Somerset |
| Fannett Metal High School | Conemaugh Township | | |
| Forbes Road | Everett | D8- Carrick | |
| Meyersdale | McConnellsburg | | |
| Northern Bedford | North Star | | |
| Rockwood | Tussey Mountain | | |
| Shanksville | Windber Area | | |
| Southern Fulton | | | |
| Turkeyfoot Valley | | | |

- A. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
- B. The top 6-rated schools will compete in the Class A District V Tournament. Teams that have a .500 record or better on the day of the district cutoff will be included in the District V Playoffs.
- C. The top 5-rated schools will compete in the Class AA District V Tournament. Teams that have a .500 record or better on the day of the district cutoff will be included in the District V Playoffs. Champions from D5 and D8 will compete to determine a D5-8 Sub-Regional Champion.
- 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. The PIAA has 6 Classifications for ranking purposes. (A, AA, AAA, 4A, 5A 6A)

III. Important Dates

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| March 2 | PIAA Baseball | 1st Legal Practice Date |
| March 13 | PIAA Baseball | 1 st Regular Season Contest Date |
| April 27 | District 5 Baseball | Deadline to Opt Out of Playoffs |
| May 16 | District 5 Baseball | District Cutoff |
| May 17 | District 5 Baseball | Playoff Seeding Meeting at CRHS 1:00 p.m. |
| May 18 | District 5 Class "A" Baseball | Play In (if needed) |
| May 19 | District 5 Class "A" Baseball | 1 st Round |
| May 22 | District 5 Class "A" Baseball | Semifinals |
| May 27 | District 5 Class "A" Baseball | Championship |
| May 19 | District 5 Class "AA" Baseball | Play In (if needed) |
| May 22 | District 5 Class "AA" Baseball | Semifinals |
| May 26 | District 5 Class "AA" Baseball | D5 Championship |
| May 22 | District 5-8 "AAA" Baseball | D5-8 Semi-Finals @ Pittsburgh |

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| May 25 | District 5-8-9 "AAA" Baseball | Championship @ D5/D8 |
| May 25 | District 5-9 "AAAA" Baseball | Championship @ Showers Field |
| May 29 | All Classes | District Deadline |
| June 1 | All Classes | PIAA First Round |
| June 4 | All Classes | PIAA Quarterfinals |
| June 8 | All Classes | PIAA Semifinals |
| June 11 and 12 | 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 makeup 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, for a 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 6.
- 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

The **Forfeit Policy** can be found at <http://district5.piaa.org/DISTRICT%205%20FORMS/index.html> on page 11 of the Handbook.

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.~~ edited 5/6/26
- E. Greatest number of wins, excluding tournaments
- F. Coin toss at a 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 to teams finishing with an identical ranking that are required to play a playoff 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 AAA, Districts 5 and 9 have equal hosting status. The championship game will be at a neutral site within the district on a rotational basis (2025 in District 9 and 2026 in District 5).
- VIII. Baseball Schedule Form
- Complete the Baseball schedule form with information concerning your school. Note that 12 games are the minimum number to be played to qualify for the playoffs. The maximum is 20.
 - Please e-mail a copy of [this form](#) to the District V Statisticians **prior** to 1st legal playing date of March 13, 2026. **This should be completed using Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets.**

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

Tournament Directors

Baseball: Eric Zeznanski, email: ezeznanski@crlions.org

- Turn-in dates by athletic directors, no later than 9:00a.m., to the statistician are as follows:
 - Monday, April 6
 - Monday, April 13
 - Monday, April 20
 - Monday, April 27
 - Monday, May 4
 - Monday, May 11, daily until district cutoff
- D. DISTRICT V TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND STATISTICIANS
ERIC ZEZNANSKI –BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND STATISTICIAN
Results should be emailed on the 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. **Every effort to reschedule postponed or suspended games shall be made; regardless of the number of games per week. Suspended game(s) that are not completed will be considered no contest** --added 5/6/26
- 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.

The first round and semi-final round, all games will be played at the highest-ranked team site as the home team.

The championship game will be played at a neutral site, which will be determined. The highest-ranked team is the home team.

In the Class AA Tournament, there will be a 4 team bracket.

- Each top-ranked team will host a semifinal game; all other games will be played at a site to be determined.

The D5 AA Champion will play the D8 Champion, Westinghouse, to determine a D5-8 Sub-Regional Champion.

In the Class AAA Tournament, there will be a Championship Game between the District 5 Champion and the District 9 Champion to determine the District 5-8-9 Sub-Regional Champion. The District 5 teams will be included with District 8 representative Perry Academy and District 9 representative Brookville and Punxsutawney Area High School.

In the Class AAAA Tournament, Somerset will host the playoff game for the 2025 season. In 2026, the District 9 champion will have hosting rights.

XI. Pre-game Practice

- 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 before pre-game practice.

XIII. Ticket Prices for Playoffs:

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| 1st Round through Semifinals | Student - \$TBD |
| | Adult - \$TBD |

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| Championship Game | Student - \$TBD |
| | Adult - \$TBD |

XIV. Number of Teams advancing to state playoffs

Only the district champion in each classification will advance to the PIAA Inter-District Tournament in 2025 and 2026. In Class “AA”, one team will advance from the District V-VIII Regional Tournament to the PIAA Inter-District Tournament in 2025 and 2026.

Baseball Class “AAA”, one team will advance from the District V-VIII-IX Regional Tournament in 2025 and 2026

XV. Game Balls –Baseball (Spalding 41- 100HS) Game balls will be provided by District V.

XVI. Umpires - Assigned by the District V Committee

XVII. Each host team must supply an official, paid pitch counter to oversee each team’s pitch counter During playoff games.

XVIII. 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.