

TO: DISTRICT TEN BASEBALL SCHOOLS
FROM: Harry Raffle, Baseball Tournament Director
RE: 2008 DISTRICT TEN BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
DATE: April 2, 2008

Attached please find information relative to the 2008 District Ten; “A”, “AA”, “AAA”, and “AAAA” Baseball Tournament. The tournament will consist of a 4-team bracket for the “A” classification; 6-team bracket for the “AA” classification; a 6 team bracket for the “AAA” classification; and a 2-team bracket for the “AAAA” classification.

The design of this tournament is based on Regional championship representation and at-large participation. Serious consideration was given to the single entry into the State Tournament in each classification. We will be hosting games at a variety of sites including Jerry Uht Park, Slippery Rock University, Allegheny College, or alternate sites to be determined.

The District Ten Committee continues to waive the entrance fee for participating teams’, however; eligibility sheets and team rosters are required upon entrance to this event. Schools anticipating entrance into the Tournament as of **Friday, May 16th** are asked to send rosters electronically to the District Ten collection site, and eligibility to the Tournament Director. WILSON Baseball Company will supply Baseballs (A 1010) for this year’s event. WILSON will also award the winning teams in each classification incentive items to be determined. Please be advised that tickets throughout the Tournament are priced as follows: **\$4.00** for all first round games, and **\$5.00** for the Championships. It shall be the responsibility of the Principal and/or Athletic Directors to notify their respective student bodies.

Tournament brackets will be filled based on the available data received by the close of the last play date, **Saturday, May 17th**

I would ask that you carefully review the attached packet. Best wishes for a great season and I will be looking forward to seeing you at this year’s championships.

PIAA, DISTRICT TEN TOURNAMENT POLICY **STATEMENT**

(THIS STATEMENT IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS WITH REGARD TO CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO ALL PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS)

PIAA, District Ten Member Schools' are not required to enter a team into PIAA DISTRICT TEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS. Entry and Participation by Member Schools' in those Tournaments sponsored by District Ten is totally voluntary, if they qualify. ENTRY of a team by any Member School into a Tournament signifies that the member school **accepts** the conditions and provisions that are inherent with Tournament rules, regulations, and guidelines.

DISTRICT 10 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT POLICY

Regional champions will qualify. Other automatic qualifiers: top-placing team in mixed classification regions where two or more teams of the same classification exit, none of which are region champions.

At – Large berths:

All other teams exclusive of automatic qualification will be grouped together, and considered for the at-large positions.

Consideration of the following criteria will be utilized in the assessment process: (1 through 4 are not listed in the order of importance nor are they intended to be mutually exclusive)

1. Overall record in respective Region
2. Overall season record
3. Position in respective region standing
4. Number of teams of similar classification in region and number of teams of a higher classification that may impact league record

If no determination is clear after consideration of the above then:

1. Head to head play between teams under consideration if they have Played each other
2. Won/loss record against common opponents
3. Regional balance

If an entry cannot be determined with the stated criteria then a Play-In game will determine entry into the Tournament.

The .500 rule will apply to all potential entries.

All questions of entry will fall to the interpretation of the District Ten Committee, or their designate.

A CLASSIFICATION

REGION 1 WEST MIDDLESEX
KENNEDY CATHOLIC
JAMESTOWN

REGION 2 COCHRANTON
CONNEAUT VALLEY
LINESVILLE
UNION CITY

REGION 3 VILLA MARIA
IROQUOIS
MERCYHURST PREP
YOUNGSVILLE

(11)

AA CLASSIFICATION

REGION 1 REYNOLDS
MERCER
WILMINGTON
SHARPSVILLE
SHARON

REGION 2 CONNEAUT LAKE
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS
SAEGERTOWN
MAPLEWOOD
LAKEVIEW

REGION 3 GIRARD
FAIRVIEW
EISENHOWER
NORTH EAST
FORT LeBOEUF
NORTHWESTERN
SENECA

(17)

AAA CLASSIFICATION

REGION 4 HICKORY
GROVE CITY
SLIPPERY ROCK
COMMODORE PERRY
FRANKLIN
OIL CITY
TITUSVILLE
MEADVILLE

REGION 5 HARBORCREEK
STRONG VINCENT
WARREN
CORRY
EAST
GENERAL McLANE

(14)

AAAA CLASSIFICATION

McDOWELL
CENTRAL
CATHEDRAL PREP

PIAA BASEBALL PITCHING RESTRICTION

A PLAYER MAY PITCH IN A MAXIMUM OF NINE (9) INNINGS IN ONE (1) CALENDAR DAY, BUT NOT MORE THAN FOURTEEN (14) INNINGS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK. (SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY) DELIVERY OF ONE (1) PITCH CONSTITUTES HAVING PITCHED IN AN INNING. IF AN INNING IS PLAYED IN PART ON TWO (2) CALENDAR DAYS THIS CONSTITUTES HAVING PITCHED IN TWO (2) INNINGS. IF HE PITCHES IN LESS THAN THREE (3) INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR DAY, **NO** REST IS REQUIRED. IF HE PITCHES IN THREE (3) INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR DAY HE MUST HAVE **ONE (1)** CALENDAR DAY OF REST. IF HE PITCHES IN FOUR (4) OR FIVE (5) INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR DAY HE MUST HAVE **TWO (2)** CALENDAR DAYS OF REST. IF HE PITCHES IN SIX (6) OR MORE INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR DAY, HE MUST HAVE **THREE (3)** CALENDAR DAYS OF REST.

If a baseball player pitches more innings than are permitted under the “**Pitching Restriction Rule**” the school is using an ineligible player (PITCHER) and shall forfeit the game. Violations of this restriction subject the school to other penalties under Article XII of the PIAA by-laws. As in the case with all PIAA rules and regulations, it is the responsibility of the **PRINCIPAL** to make sure the Baseball Coach and players comply with this PIAA baseball – pitching rule.

2008 “AAAA” BRACKET

(REG CHAMP)

(AT-LARGE)

The Regional Champion will occupy the top of the bracket.

The AT-Large position will be filled with the team with the next best Regional record.

A Play-In game will determine the At-Large entry if the existing criteria cannot determine an entry.

The District Ten Champion will play the District Nine representative* for the bracket position in the State Baseball Tournament.

* District Nine can elect to opt out of this game if their record is not .500 or better, or if the School Administration deems this not to be in the best interest of the students or School District.

2008 “AAA” CLASSIFICATION

(AT-LARGE #1)

(AT-LARGE #4)

REGION CHAMP*

REGION CHAMP*

(AT-LARGE#2)

(AT-LARGE #3)

Bracket positions will be assigned as follows:

The Regional Champion with the best Regional record will occupy the **BYE** at the top of the bracket.
The Regional Champion with the next best Regional record will occupy the **BYE** at the bottom of the bracket.

If a tie for the best Regional record exist, then bracket position will be determined by criteria and input from the District Ten Committee and or it's designate.

At-Large positions will be seated by criteria.

2008 "AA" CLASSIFICATION

(AT-LARGE #1)

(AT-LARGE #3)

REG. CHAMP*

REG. CHAMP*

REG. CHAMP*

(AT-LARGE #2)

Bracket positions will be assigned as follows:

The Regional Champion with the best Regional record will occupy the bottom of the second round bracket, in the top of the top half of the total bracket.

The Regional Champion with the next best Regional record will occupy the top of the second round bracket, in the bottom half of the total bracket.

The Regional Champion with the third best Regional record will occupy the top of the bottom bracket position in the 1st round, and play At-Large number 2 as determined by criteria.

The top of the 1st round bracket will be filled with At-Large number 1 playing At-Large number 3 as determined by criteria.

If a tie exist with the records of Regional Champions, teams will be seated by criteria as determined by the District Ten Committee or it's designate.

Play-In games will be used where necessary to determine At-Large entry if existing criteria cannot determine an entry.

2008 "A" CLASSIFICATION

(REG. CHAMP *)

(AT-LARGE)

(REG. CHAMP *)

(REG. CHAMP *)

Bracket positions will be assigned as follows:

The Regional Champion with the best Regional record will occupy the top of the bracket.*

The Regional Champion with the next best Regional record will occupy the top of the bottom bracket.

The 3rd Regional Champion will occupy the bottom, of the bracket position as determined by criteria.

The top of the 1st round bracket will be filled with an At-Large team playing the Regional Champion with the best overall record.

If a tie exist with either Regional Champions, or At – Large, teams will be seated by criteria as determined by the District Ten Committee or it's designate.

Play-in games will be used where necessary to determine At-Large entry if existing criteria cannot determine an entry.

TIMELINE

MONDAY, MAY 19 TH	PLAY-IN IF NECESSARY
TUESDAY, MAY 20 TH	RAIN DATE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 ST	2 – AA GAMES 2 – AAA GAMES
THURSDAY, MAY 22 ND	2 – A GAMES
FRIDAY, MAY 23 RD	AAAA FINALS
SATURDAY, MAY 24 TH	4 GAMES - 2 AA - 2 AAA
MONDAY, MAY 26 TH	3 GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 TH	DISTRICT 9 / DISTRICT 10 AAAA PLAY-IN (IF NECESSARY)

**DISTRICT TEN BASEBALL
2008**

**PLEASE EMAIL THE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MY
EMAIL AT HOME IS HorDRafle@coaxpa.com**

Please list the significant dates, if any, that might interfere with this tournament.
ie: PROM, SENIOR CLASS DAY, FINAL EXAMS, GRADUATION. We will
make every attempt to schedule your game to eliminate a conflict, only where and
when possible. If a change cannot be made we will adhere to the printed format.

SCHOOL

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please list the following information

HEAD COACH _____ **Phone (H)** _____

***CELL** _____

COACHES EMAIL _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CELL: _____