

TO: DISTRICT TEN BASEBALL SCHOOLS
FROM: Harry Rafle, Baseball Tournament Director
RE: 2009 DISTRICT TEN BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
DATE: February 4, 2009

Attached please find information relative to the 2009 District Ten; A, AA, and AAA Baseball Tournament. The tournament will consist of a 6-team bracket for the “A” classification; 6-team bracket for the “AA” classification; a 6 team bracket for the “AAA” classification.

The design of this tournament is based on Regional championship representation and at-large participation. We will be hosting games at a variety of sites including, Slippery Rock University, Allegheny College, Ainsworth 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 **Saturday, May 16th** are required to send rosters electronically to (HorDRafle@coaxpa.com) , and eligibility to the Tournament Director the first play date. Please send rosters in a word format. 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 16th**. If data driven decisions cannot be made then play-in games will be used to fill the bracket positions.

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 in this year's championships.

CLASSIFICATIONS & REGIONS

REGION 1

(A)

JAMESTOWN
KENNEDY
WEST MIDDLESEX
ROCKY GROVE

(AA)

MERCER
REYNOLDS
HICKORY
SHARPSVILLE
WILMINGTON

REGION 2

(A)

COCHRANTON
CONNEAUT LAKE
CONNEAUT VALLEY
LAKEVIEW
LINESVILLE
UNION CITY

(AA)

CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS
MAPLEWOOD
SAEGERTOWN

REGION 3

(A)

MERCYHURST
VILLA MARIA

(AA)

FAIRVIEW
GIRARD
IROQUOIS
NORTHWESTERN

REGION 4

(A)

EISENHOWER
YOUNGSVILLE

(AA)

FRANKLIN
NORTH EAST
SENECA
TITUSVILLE

REGION 5

(AAA)

COMMODORE PERRY
GROVE CITY
SHARON
MEADVILLE
OIL CITY

REGION 6

(AAA)

WARREN
CORY
FORT LeBOEUF
CENERAL McLANE
HARBORCREEK

REGION 7

(AAA)

CATHEDRAL PREP
CENTRAL
EAST
STRONG VINCENT

(AAAA)

McDOWELL *

* McDowell is included in a sub-region alignment with District 9 and District 6. McDowell can qualify for the State Tournament if they win the three team sub-region bracket.

DISTRICT 10 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT POLICY

Regional champions will automatically qualify.

The highest- ranking team of the same classification within a region automatically qualifies provided there are two or more teams of the same classification.

A single classification team within a region can qualify if they win the region, or if they are selected as an At – Large team.

All other team entry into the District Ten Tournament shall qualify on an At – Large basis.

At – Large berths:

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

Consideration of the following criteria will be utilized in the assessment of the At-Large entries. This list is not given 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.
5. Head to head play between teams under consideration if they have played each other.
6. Won/loss record against common opponents.
7. 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.

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.

FURTHER, a Member School **accepts** the fact that the DISTRICT TEN CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, AND OR THE DISTRICT TEN COMMITTEE reserve the right to make changes in the Management, Schedules, Sites, Dates, Times, and the Operations of Championships when, in their judgment, it becomes necessary.

PIAA BASEBALL
PITCHING RESTRICTION
(6 - 1 - 6)

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, DELIVERY OF ONE (1) PITCH IN THAT INNING IN EACH OF THOSE CALENDAR DAYS CONSTITUTES HAVING PITCHED IN TWO (2) INNINGS.

IF HE PITCHES IN THREE (3) INNINGS OR LESS IN ONE (1) CALENDAR DAY, NO REST IS REQUIRED; HOWEVER, NO PLAYER MAY PITCH MORE THAN THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE THREE-INNING DAYS. IF HE PITCHES THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE THREE-INNING DAYS, 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.

2009 "A" CLASSIFICATION

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**SUGGESTED TIMELINE:
2009 Baseball Tournament**

TUESDAY, MAY 19th

SITE A 1 AA, 1A, 1AAA
SITE B 1AA, 1A, 1AAA
(Sites and times to be determined)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

SITE A 1 A, 1 AA, 1AAA
SITE B 1 A, 1 AA, 1 AAA
(Sites and times to be determined)

MONDAY, MAY 25

SITE A A CHAMPIONSHIP
 AA CHAMPIONSHIP
 AAA CHAMPIONSHIP
(Site and times to be determined)

MONDAY, JUNE 1 1ST STATE PLAY DATE