

DISTRICT TEN
SOFTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2009



**TOM JAKUBOWSKI, CAA
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

To: District 10 Softball Schools
From: Tom Jakubowski, CAA, Tournament Director
Re: 2009 District 10 Softball Tournament
Date: 10th March, 2009

Attached is information regarding the 2009 District 10 A, AA, AAA, and AAAA Softball Tournament. There will be six teams in the A bracket, five teams in the AA Bracket, five teams in the AAA Bracket, and two teams in the AAAA bracket plus a possible state play-in game with DuBois.

The Tournament will begin Tuesday, May 19th, 2009. The first two rounds will be played at either Allegheny College or Behrend College. The finals for A, AA, AAA, and the AAAA state play-in game will be played at Behrend.

The District 10 Committee continues to waive entrance fees for all PIAA District 10 Tournaments. However, eligibility sheets and team rosters must be sent to the tournament director. Schools anticipating entrance into the softball tournament as of May 4th **must** send eligibility sheets and rosters – **in numerical order** – to the tournament director. With your cooperation, we plan on providing a tournament program. Additionally, the PIAA has established a contractual agreement with “Dudley” and will provide (PIAA) Softballs for the tournament.

An admission fee of \$4.00 for all tickets will be charged in the preliminary rounds and \$5.00 for all tickets will be charged for the finals. Tickets are valid for all games played that day. All principals and athletic directors are to notify their respective spectators.

Two umpires will be used for all preliminary games. Four umpires will be used for all championship games. All coaches are to return their Umpire Recommendation form by May 4th to the Tournament Director.

In the event of rain, games will be played on the next available day. If a game is called (ended) by the umpire before it is a regulation game, the game will be treated as a suspended game. The suspended game will be resumed the next playable day and it must be continued from the point of suspension with the line up and batting order of each team the same as the line up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to rules of the game.

Should a conflict develop concerning the scheduling of your game, please notify the tournament director immediately. It will be resolved if possible, however, if a resolution is not possible, all scheduled dates and times will be followed.

Both Behrend College and Allegheny College have made their baseball fields available for pre-game practices. Please remember the usual pre-game schedule will be adhered to (time permitting). The home team will get 10 minutes on the infield, followed by ten minutes for the visiting team, followed by a meeting at home plate with the game officials.

District 10 marketing items – t-shirts and shorts – will be available at all games, however, each school has the opportunity to pre-order through the attached form. **The marketing items include colored T-shirts for \$10.00 and mesh shorts for \$15.00.**

Additionally, all participating schools should notify the print and electronic media in their area concerning the tournament details and schedule. Should you have any questions concerning the 2009 District 10 Softball Tournament please contact:

Tom Jakubowski, CAA
District 10 Softball Tournament Director
1404 Oakmont Avenue
Erie, Pennsylvania 16505

Phone Numbers:

Home: 814-835-1261

Work: 814-871-7311

Cell: 814-450-0678

E-Mail:

Jakubows001 @Gannon.edu

PIAA District 10 Softball Marketing Items

Colored T-Shirts @\$10.00 each

Medium _____

Large _____

Extra Large _____

Total _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Mesh Shorts @\$15.00 each

Medium _____

Large _____

Extra Large _____

Total _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Total order (checks payable to PIAA District 10) \$ _____

Coach _____

School _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Return to: Tom Jakubowski, CAA 1404 Oakmont Avenue Erie, PA 16505

IF INTERESTED – return by May 12th, 2009

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 EVENTS. Entry and Participation by Member Schools in those Tournaments sponsored by District Ten are totally voluntary. ENTRY of a Team or Individual Competitor by any Member School into a Tournament signifies that the member school **accepts** the conditions and provisions that are inherent with the Tournament rules, regulations, and guidelines. FURTHER, a Member School **accepts** the fact that the **DISTRICT 10 CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, AND THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE** reserve the right to make changes in the Management, Schedule, Sites, Dates, Times, and the Operations of Championships when, in their judgment, it becomes necessary.

District 10 Softball 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 teams entry into the District 10 Tournament shall qualify on an at-large bases.

At-Large Berths

- All other teams exclusive of automatic qualification (non-regional champions, and tied regional champions who were eliminated as an automatic qualifier by the tie-breaking) will be grouped together and considered for the at-large positions.
- Consideration of the following criteria will be utilized in the assessment process: (not listed in order of importance nor are they intended to be mutually exclusive, nor are they necessarily equal in weight in any given situation)
 - Overall record in respective Region
 - Position in respective league standing.
 - Number of teams of the same classification in region in relation to the number of similar classified teams in other regions.
 - Number of teams in the region of a higher or lower classification that may negatively impact or unduly enhance league record.

Note: In that instance where two or more teams from the same Region are tied in Region Play and are being considered for playoff positions fewer than the number of tied teams the following is followed:

A. Head to Head among tied teams. If a tie still persists, B. Record against similar classified teams in that region. If a tie still persists, C: overall record.

If more than 2 teams are tied and one team is qualified through the above and another position in the playoffs is available then return to A. Head to Head tie- breaker and begin the process over for the remaining tied teams.

If no determination is made after consideration of the items above then the following criteria may be utilized in the assessment process: (these items are not listed in order of importance nor are they intended to be mutually exclusive, nor are they necessarily equal in weight in any given situation)

- Head to head play between teams under consideration if they have played each other
- Won/loss record against common opponents
- League and/or Regional Balance
- Overall season record
- Non-Region won-loss record against teams of similar classification

Note: In no case will a team of who finishes below another team of the same classification in the same region be chosen above that team.

All questions of entry will fall to the interpretation of the District 10 Committee or their designate.

Enrollment Classification District 10 Softball 2009

A Classification 1-165

Region 1:

(101) Kennedy Catholic
(112) Farrell
(155) Reynolds
(163) Sharpsville
(156) West Middlesex
(72) Commodore Perry
(106) Rocky Grove

Region 2:

(118) Cochranon
(112) Conneaut Lake
(100) Conneaut Valley
(149) Linesville
(147) Saegertown
(160) Cambridge Springs
(163) Union City

Region 3:

(164) Iroquois

Region 4:

(129) Eisenhower
(125) Youngsville

There will be a six-team bracket, with the top A team in regions 1,2, and 4 receiving an automatic bid and three at-large teams.

AA Classification 166-285

Region 1:

(177) Mercer
(192) Wilmington
(277) Sharon

Region 2:

(175) Lakeview
(183) Maplewood

Region 3:

(230) Fairview
(255) Girard
(266) Harbor Creek
(238) Northwestern
(197) Villa Maria

Region 4:

(264) Fort LeBoeuf
(255) North East
(219) Seneca

There will be a five-team bracket with four automatic bids going to the top team in each region. The remaining team will be at-large.

AAA Classification 286-468

Region 5:

(319) Oil City
(313) Franklin
(287) Hickory
(355) Meadville
(309) Jamestown (Co-op With Greenville)
(322) Grove City
(295) Slippery Rock
(305) Titusville

Region 6:

(324) Warren
(290) General McLane
(413) East
(424) Central Tech
(315) Corry
(287) Mercyhurst Prep

There will be a five-team bracket, with two automatic bids going to the top team in Regions 5 and 6. The remaining three teams will be at-large selections.

AAAA Classification 469 and Up

Region 6:

(955) McDowell
(500) Strong Vincent

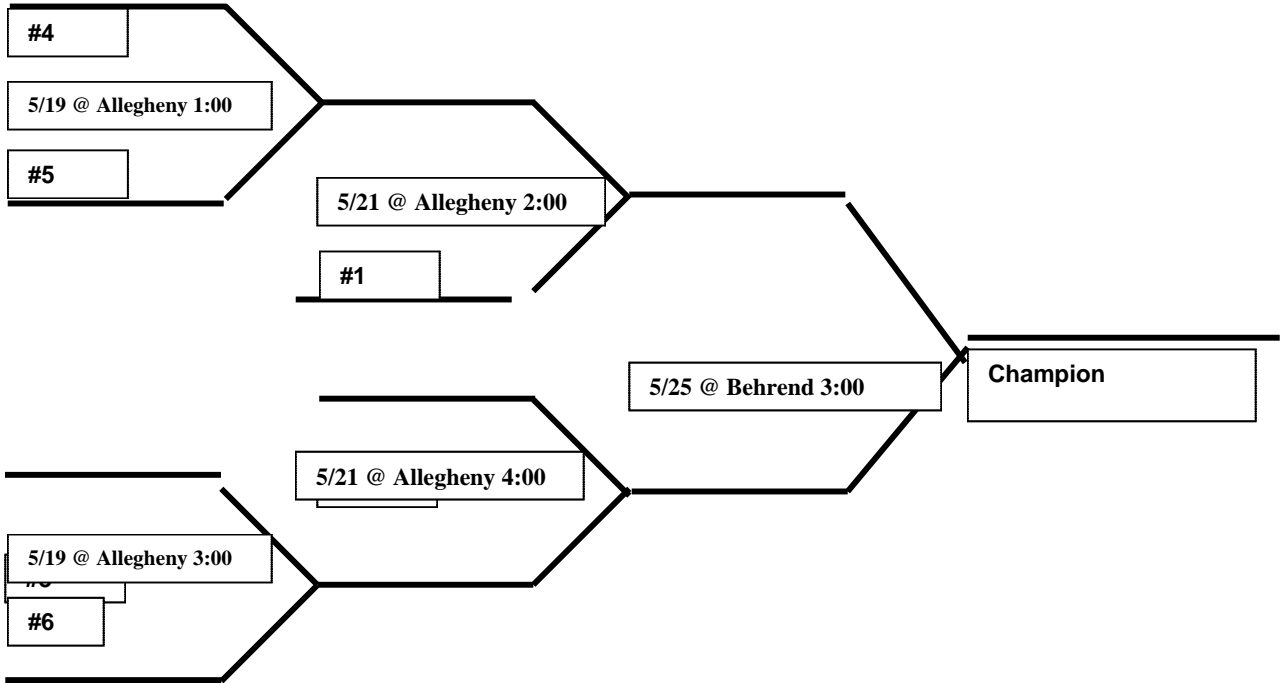
District 9:

DuBois

The AAAA bracket will be made up of the top two teams in Region 6 playing for the District 10 Championship. The winner will play the District 9 representative, DuBois High School, provided they qualify for the spot.

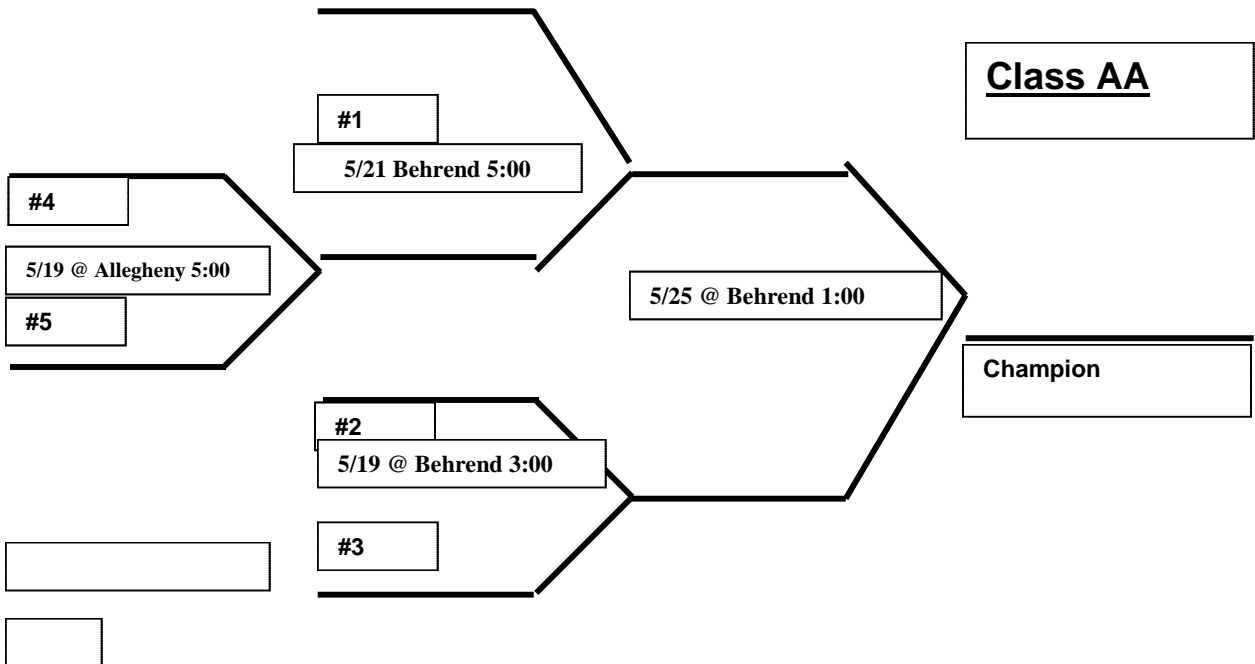
District 10 Softball Brackets

Class A



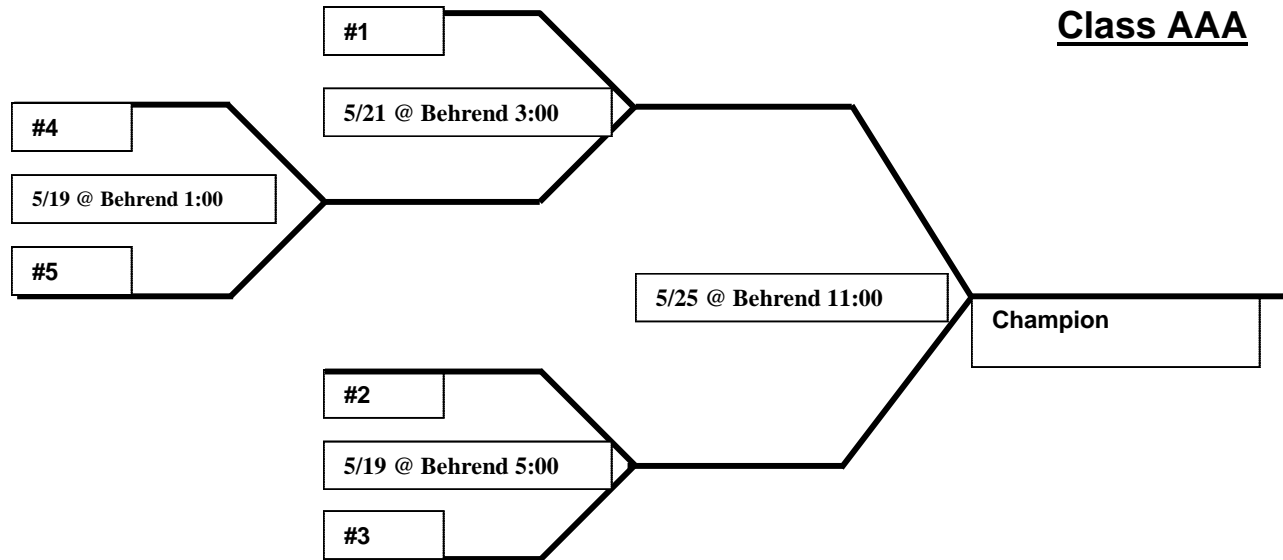
1. The home team will be determined by a coin flip upon arrival at game site.
2. Ten minutes per team infield practice allotted – home team first.
3. First team arriving will get choice of bench.

Class AA



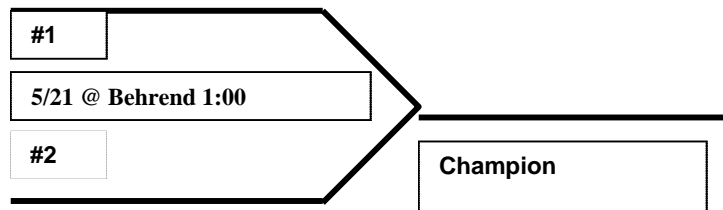
District 10 Softball Brackets

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2. Ten minutes per team infield practice allotted – home team first.
3. First team arriving will get choice of bench.



Class AAAA

1. The home team will be determined by a coin flip upon arrival at game site.
2. Ten minutes per team infield practice allotted – home team first.
3. First team arriving will get choice of bench.



Winner vs Dubois May 26th at Brockway High School

PIAA District 10 Softball 2009

Please submit a list of umpires for consideration whom you feel would exemplify the caliber of officiating necessary for a District 10 Championship. List in order of preference as a numerical rating will be established.

Name of Official

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

School Submitting:

Return to: Tom Jakubowski, CAA
1404 Oakmont Avenue
Erie, Pennsylvania 16505

Return by: May, 4th, 2009



Sportsmanship - from A to Z

A ccept and abide by the decisions of the Contest officials.

B e a good host to opponents and treat them as guests.

C ooperate with the coach, players and cheerleaders in trying to promote good sportsmanship

D o unto others as you would have them do unto you.

E ncourage your players to play hard and fair.

F ollow the rules of the Contest at all times.

G ood sportsmanship is the "Golden Rule".

H old assemblies before a Contest to encourage students to display proper conduct.

I ntervene to let others know that ethnic, disability and sexist jokes, racial or religious slurs, taunting, trash talk, and intimidating behavior will not be tolerated at events sponsored at your school.

J udgment calls on the part of officials are not subject to question or discussion

K now, understand and appreciate the rules of the Contest.

L ose without excuses; win without boasting.

M odel language and behavior that is non-biased and is inclusive of individuals regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, sex or disability.

N ever criticize players or coaches for the loss of the game.

O pposing coaches, participants, cheerleaders and fans must be respected at all times.

P rovide opportunities for informing student and adult spectators of their responsibility to uphold the standards of sportsmanship.

Q uestioning of an official's call or making negative comments about an official is unacceptable behavior.

R ecognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play.

S hake hands with opponents prior to the Contest and wish them good luck.

T each sportsmanship and demand that your players be good sports.

U se cheerleaders, pep groups, and other student leaders to help develop a sportsmanship program at your school.

V ictory celebrations and unscheduled game rallies should not be permitted at events sponsored at your school.

W ork cooperatively with officials and other Contest personnel for an efficient Contest.

eX ercise self-control and be a good example for players and spectators

Y elling, booing or heckling an official's decision is unacceptable behavior.

Z ero in on sportsmanship - it's priority NUMBER ONE!