

DISTRICT III BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
2011

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DISTRICT III

TO: All District III Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Patrick J. Tulley
Chairman, District III Baseball

DATE: April 7, 2011

RE: District III Baseball Tournament - 2011

Entry and participation in the District III playoffs, which qualifies teams for the State Tournament, is voluntary. Entry of a team into the District III Tournament signifies that the member school accepts the regulations and bracketing information that follow. Furthermore, a member school accepts that the baseball chairman reserves the right to make changes in the management and operation of the tournament if, in his judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.

Please note the District III Tournament will be seeded according to the approved District III Power Rating. The number of teams qualifying in each classification is as follows:

Class "A" - 10 teams – tournament will begin on Monday May 23, 2011.

Class "AA" - 10 teams – tournament will begin on Monday May 23, 2011

Class "AAA" - 20 teams – tournament will begin on Friday May 20, 2011

Class "AAAA" - 20 teams – tournament will begin on Friday May 20, 2011

There will be four (4) preliminary games held in AAA and AAA on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the higher seeded team's home field. Game times will be 4:30 PM. There will be no rental fee charged for the facility; however, District III will pay the cost of umpires and game help. The home team shall provide a minimum of six (6) new NFHS-approved game balls (Wilson A1010BPENN) to the umpire prior to the start of the game. Schools should make their best effort to sell tickets at each site (schools should use their own tickets for this purpose) to help off-set the cost of these games. If the higher seed's field is not available or doesn't meet PIAA or NFHS regulations, it is the responsibility of the host school to secure an acceptable facility and have the facility approved by the baseball chair. The winning team will be placed in the bracket where the higher seeded team would be located; however the team will keep its original seed.

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Schools that desire to participate must forward the application form that is included in this packet. **The last playing date for games to count is Saturday May 14 and the application form must be received, no later than 5:00 pm on Saturday May 14, 2011** to the baseball chairman, Patrick Tulley, Governor Mifflin High School. **You must email to ptulley@gmsd.k12.pa.us**. In all classifications, a minimum of 10 games must be played against PIAA opponents.

All preliminary games in class AAA and AAAA (# 17 will play at #16, #18 will play at #15, #19 will play at #14 and #20 will play #14) will be played on Friday May 20 at the higher seeds home field.

The only exception to the schedule of dates and playing times as per the attached bracketing information will be for conflicts with commencement exercises. If your team becomes part of the tournament, it will be your school's responsibility to notify the District baseball chairman promptly if a conflict exists. You may call the chairman at 610-775-9456 if you have additional questions pertaining to this year's tournament.

STATE QUALIFIERS

Three (3) AAAA teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

Three (3) AAA teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

Two (2) AA teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

Two (2) A teams from District III will enter the State Tournament.

If, because of inclement weather, the tournament cannot be completed by the district deadline, co-champions will be declared and teams will be seeded into the state tournament on the basis of the approved District III power rating.

Best wishes for a successful baseball season.