

2015-2016 PIAA District III M&T Bank Softball Championship

Below please find entry information, tournament regulations, dates and times for the 2016 PIAA District III M&T Bank Softball Championship. Playing dates are set and will not be changed unless there is a conflict with graduation. The four tournament rounds will be held on Tuesday, May 24, Thursday, May 26, Tuesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 2. If you anticipate a conflict with graduation, please notify me immediately of that possibility. District III will have four (4) entries in the PIAA AAAA tournament, three (3) entries in the PIAA State Tournament in AAA, two (2) entries in AA and one (1) entry in A. The State Tournament will begin on Monday, June 6, 2016.

REGULATIONS

1. The National Federation (NFHS) rules with the fifteen (3 innings) and ten (5 innings) run rules will be in effect. In the case of a suspended game due to inclement weather, NFHS rules will be utilized.
2. Only PIAA-approved umpires assigned by the softball chairman or her appointee will be used for tournament games.
3. **BRACKETS** Bracket sizes have been set based on the number of teams in each classification. Brackets will be filled and teams will be seeded based on the District III-approved power-rating. A 16-team bracket will be used for AAAA and AAA, a 10-team bracket will be used for AA and a 4-team bracket will be used for A.

AAAA and AAA – Tournament will start on Tuesday, May 24 and finish on Thursday, June 2.

AA Bracket – There will be two games held on Tuesday, May 24 with the tournament concluding on Thursday, June 2.

A Bracket – Tournament will start with the semi-finals on Thursday, May 26 and will conclude on Tuesday, May 31.

In all classifications, a minimum of 10 games must be played against PIAA opponents. Games against non-PIAA opponents will not be included in calculating the OWWP.

All regular-season games up to and including games played on **Wednesday, May 18, 2016** must be included.

4. **SITE LOCATIONS** The first round for all tournament games in the AAAA, AAA and AA bracket that are scheduled on Tuesday, May 24 will be held at the site of the higher seeded team. In the A and AA bracket, the higher seeded team will host the first round games scheduled on Thursday, May 26. For all other dates and rounds, games will be played at neutral sites as determined by the Softball Chair.
5. **APPLICATION** Softball will utilize the prescribed District III power-rating. Schools should report the result of each softball game played by 12:00 noon on the morning following the game using the online power-rating website. The deadline for games to count in the power-rating is **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**. Any school that does not wish to participate in the District III softball tournament and would qualify via District III power-rating must opt out by the entry deadline of May 18. Failure to do so will result in all qualified teams being entered in the tournament. All schools that qualify for the tournament must complete and return a contact information sheet detailing end-of-year events and contact information for coaches and administrators. This form will be sent to all schools via the District III server.
6. **POWER-RATING** Power-rating will be tabulated according to the District III formula as explained on the District III website at <http://piaadistrict3.org/>.
7. **HOME/VISITOR** The higher seeded team will be the **home team** for the game and shall sit in the third base dugout. The lower seeded team will be the **visiting team** for the game and shall sit in the first base dugout.



8. **GAME TIME SCHEDULE** The time schedule for games will be as follows:
- The higher seeded team will have the field for the first twenty-five (25) minutes of the hour for hitting and fielding.
 - The lower seeded team will have the field for the next twenty-five (25) minutes of the hour for hitting and fielding.
 - Ten (10) minutes before the game, the umpires will conduct the pre-game meeting and review ground rules.
 - Game #2 of a Double-Header – Depending on the length of the first game and the playing site, batting practice may or may not be permitted on the playing field (time schedule will be determined by the game manager). Regardless of time, both teams will be given a minimum of ten (10) minutes of warm-up time for infield practice.
9. **START TIMES** Start times of Double-Headers or Single Games will typically be **4:30 PM**. The second game of a Double-Header will start at **6:30 PM**. The softball chairman at her discretion may choose to alter the start times of any games based on field availability and school event accommodations.

The second game of a double-header will not start after 8:30 pm. If the first game of a double-header is not completed by 8:15 PM, the second game will not be started and will be rescheduled for the next day. The game manager can adjust the pre-game schedule (eliminate dragging and lining the field, etc.) to get the game started before 8:30 PM. If the only way to get a game started before 8:30 pm is to eliminate infield warm-up time for both teams, the game manager may exercise this option.

In games where the 8:30 PM curfew is not a factor, the game manager shall have the option of dragging and re-lining the field between games of a double-header. The higher seeded team will have the field for ten (10) minutes followed by ten (10) minutes of use by the lower seeded team prior to the start of the game.

10. **TICKETS** Admission will be charged at all tournament games. Ticket prices for games will be **\$6.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Students**. Grey inter-league passes will not be accepted for admission. Only green-colored District III Committee passes and Gold District III lifetime passes are valid for admission.
11. **COMPLIMENTARY ENTRIES** Schools will be provided with complimentary admission for five (5) individuals. Schools should utilize the DIII complimentary admission form for this purpose and send it to the game manager in advance of the contest.
12. **SOFTBALLS** The District III Committee will supply each site with a minimum of three (3) PIAA Official leather softballs for each game (Rawlings/Worth PX22R4L-PIAA).
13. **AWARDS** The District III championship team in each classification will receive a team trophy and 20 individual medals. The runner-up will receive 20 individual medals. There will be no awards given to the third and fourth place teams in AAAA and AAA; however, the third place teams will advance to the state tournament.
14. **SEVERE WEATHER** If severe inclement weather does not permit the District III softball tournament to finish by the PIAA state deadline, the top seeded teams remaining in the tournament will be sent to the state tournament. However, every effort will be made to finish the tournament in the time available.
15. **SCHOOL CONFLICT STATEMENT** The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflicts with school graduation, baccalaureate and state or federal testing. For all other school conflicts such as dances, homecoming, banquets, et. al., the District III Committee will only alter times if facilities and game workers are available and all schools involved mutually agree to the time adjustment.
16. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!**



CLASSIFICATIONS OF DISTRICT III SOFTBALL TEAMS

DISTRICT III A SOFTBALL TEAMS – 8 TEAMS

4 Team Bracket

Antietam
Greenwood
Millersburg

Camp Hill
Halifax
Newport

Columbia
Lebanon Catholic

DISTRICT III AA SOFTBALL TEAMS – 19 TEAMS

10 Team Bracket

Annville-Cleona
Brandywine Heights
Hanover
Lancaster Mennonite
Steelton Highspire
Tulpehocken
York Catholic

Bermudian Springs
Delone Catholic
Kutztown
Oley Valley
Susquenita
Upper Dauphin

Biglerville
Fairfield
Lancaster Catholic
Pequea Valley
Trinity
Wyomissing

DISTRICT III AAA SOFTBALL TEAMS– 33 Teams

16 Team Bracket

Berks Catholic
Boiling Springs
Dover
Eastern York
Gettysburg
James Buchanan
Littlestown
Milton Hershey
Northern York
Susquehanna Twp.
West Perry

Big Spring
Conrad Weiser
East Pennsboro
Fleetwood
Greencastle Antrim
Kennard Dale
Manheim Central
Northeastern
Schuylkill Valley
Susquehannock
West York

Bishop McDevitt
Donegal
Eastern Lebanon County (ELCO)
Garden Spot
Hamburg
Lampeter Strasburg
Middletown
Northern Lebanon
Spring Grove
Twin Valley
York Suburban

DISTRICT III AAAA SOFTBALL TEAMS – 38 Teams

16 Team Bracket

Carlisle
Central Dauphin
Chambersburg
Cumberland Valley
Elizabethtown
Governor Mifflin
Hershey
Lower Dauphin
Muhlenberg
Penn Manor
Red Lion
South Western
Wilson

Cedar Cliff
Central Dauphin East
Cocalico
Dallastown
Ephrata
Harrisburg
JP McCaskey
Manheim Township
New Oxford
Reading
Shippensburg
Warwick
York Vo-Tech

Cedar Crest
Central York
Conestoga Valley
Daniel Boone
Exeter
Hempfield
Lebanon
Mechanicsburg
Palmyra
Red Land
Solanco
Waynesboro



DISTRICT III SOFTBALL FIELD DIRECTIONS

CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL: Take exit 49 (High St. and PA-641) off Route 81. Proceed on PA-641 for approx. 2 miles. Turn right onto N. College St. Turn left onto W. Penn St. **Game Manager: George Null** (717-240-6800)

CREEKVIEW PARK - Mechanicsburg: Take I-81 and get off at Route 581. Turn left onto Creekview Road. Proceed 1.2 miles to the traffic light. Continue straight to the park entrance on the right. **Game Manager: Mike Craig** (717-506-3679)

ELIZABETHTOWN PARK : Follow Route 283 West to Elizabethtown/Rheems exit. At stop sign, turn left and follow to traffic light. Turn right onto Route 230. Follow Route 230 to College Avenue. Turn right onto College Avenue. Continue to Mt. Joy Street, and turn left. Varsity field is 2 blocks on the right. **Game Manager: Linda Ahearn** (717-367-1533 ext. 41119)

GARRETT PARK - Lancaster: Take I-81 toward South Harrisburg. Get on I-283 South at exit 46A toward the Harrisburg Airport and PA Turnpike. Stay on 283 East for approximately 28 miles. Get off at the Fruitville Pike exit. Stay straight onto Chester Road and then make a right onto the Fruitville Pike which become PA-72 and then PA-272 South. Stay on PA 272 South for 6 miles. Make a left onto West Penn Grant Road. Continue straight through the red light. Garrett Park is on your right. From 222, take the Oregon Pike exit and make a left onto PA 501 (Lititz Pike) which becomes 272 South. Stay on 272 South for 6 miles and then make left onto West Penn Grant Road. Garrett Field will be on your right. **Game Manager: Branden Lippey** (717-669-1988)

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE: Take Route 81 to the Ft. Indiantown Gap Exit (85). Take Route 934 toward Annville for approximately 7 miles. Travel down a hill with cemeteries on either side. Look for a pedestrian bridge and make a left before you go under the bridge to get to the parking for the softball field. **Game Manager: Stacey Hollinger** (717-867-6891) or **Game Manager: Nancy Sweger** (717-567-3543)

LYONS FIELD – FLEETWOOD: From Route 222 take Route 73 South (for a short distance). At first light, turn left onto Park Road (Fleetwood-Blandon Road). Stay on this road through Fleetwood into the Village of Lyons. The field is on the right at the Lyons Fire Company. **Game Manager: Tim Rhoads** (484-256-7638)

MANHEIM CENTRAL FIELD – MANHEIM: Route 72 S. into Manheim. At first traffic light turn left onto Gramby St. Go 3 blocks, turn left. Go one more block and turn right to the field. **Game Manager: George Derbyshire** (717-665-2451)

MANETAS PARK – Denver: 222 to exit for PA Turnpike. Follow signs for 272 North. Continue on 272 North for approximately 1 mile. Manetas Park is located behind the Park Place Diner. **Game Manager: Ashley Warner** (610-698-5631)

MESSIAH COLLEGE: Take US 15 south toward Gettysburg. Take the Lisburn Road exit and turn right. Follow Lisburn Road through the next traffic light and to the stop sign at the top of the hill. Continue straight on Lisburn and turn right onto Grantham Road at the bottom of the hill. Follow Grantham Road straight ahead to the stop sign at the main entrance to the College. **Game Manager: Ryan Hartman** (717-802-2770)

YORK COLLEGE : Take Interstate 83 South to York. Get off at exit 15 - South George Street. Take South George Street South to the third traffic light and turn left onto Country Club Road (at Tom's Exxon Station). The main college entrance is a short distance on the right. Address for the field is 980 S. Pershing Ave., York. **Game Manager: Jen Petteys** (717-815-1940)

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY: Route 30 toward Lancaster. Get off the Rt. 741 Exit. Turn onto Rt. 741/Rohrerstown Rd. and follow it for 3 ½ miles. Turn right onto PA-999/Manor Ave. In ½ mile, turn left onto N. George St. The softball field is located behind Pucillo Gymnasium. **Game Manager: TBW**

MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL: Route 222 toward Reading following signs for Route 12 East (Pricetown). Get on Route 12 East toward Pricetown. Take the 5th St. Highway Exit (Rt. 222 Business). Continue on the 5th St. Highway passing through 7 stop lights. Turn right onto Bellevue Ave. (Sheetz gas station on the right). Continue to the light and make a left onto Kutztown Road. Park in the CE Cole ES Parking lot to access the softball field. NO PARKING will be available in the middle school this year. **Game Manager: Tim Moyer** (610-921-8078)

NEW OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Take I-83 to the Route 30 West exit. Follow Route 30 West to the circle in New Oxford. Take the circle ¼ way around and exit onto Carlisle Street. Travel 2 blocks and turn right onto Berlin Road. The high school will be on your left. **Game Manager: Ken Shafer** (717-624-2157)

SPRING GROVE HIGH SCHOOL – Take Route 30 to the intersection of Route 116. Turn on to Route 116 toward Spring Grove. Follow 116 approx. 4 miles to the traffic circle in the borough of Spring Grove. Take the first exit off the traffic circle onto Roth's Church Rd. At the stoplight, turn left onto the campus. **Game Manager: Greg Wagner** (717-225-4731 x7501)

