

## **PLAYOFF FORMAT**

1. COACHES ASSIGN MANAGERS TO RETRIEVE FOUL BALLS
2. Home Team from behind the plate and 1st base side of the field. Visiting Team from behind the plate and 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of the field.
3. After each game, dugouts and areas around the dugouts are to be cleaned of all cups, paper, etc. As guests it will be the responsibility of the coaching staff to leave the dugouts clean of trash.

## **DISTRICT RULES**

1. All teams come dressed to play.
2. Home team will be the official scorebook.
3. The official pitch counter must be identified to both head coaches and the crew chief prior to the start of the contest.
4. As per PIAA Policies and Procedures, District One will provide an official Baseball pitch counter for District One playoff contests when possible. It is recommended that this position be filled by the District One Baseball Assignor using a current PIAA Official. In the event the position cannot be filled by a PIAA Official, the Baseball Chairman, the District One office, and the host school will work to fill the position with a qualified adult. Pay scale for this position will be established using the District One Official's Pay sheet formula.
5. Each team's head coach or his designee will be required to sign the official pitch counter's sheet for his team at the conclusion of the contest. If there is a discrepancy in pitch counts, the official pitch counter's sheet will be the official record for the game. Signing off on the sheet signifies that the team agrees with the official pitch count as recorded on the sheet.
6. Teams may use multiple coaches ONLY if they are in uniform "according to PIAA Rule".
7. No team is to take fielding practice before the designated time.
8. If a batting cage is available at the game site, each team will be provided a minimum of 15 minutes in the cage. There will be no batting practice on the field.
9. There will be NO district all-star team selected by our Committee.
10. Each team will bring six balls. Only the following balls will be accepted: Spalding 41-100HS.
11. PIAA and National Federation rules will be used and followed by the officials.
12. Protests are not allowed.
13. Roster cards in triplicate are to be presented to the umpires with substitute's names and numbers on back. Playing Numbers must be on the cards.
14. Team personnel only will be allowed in the dugout. Sports writers are not permitted in the dugout or on the field. Photographers may not be allowed on the field or in the dugout.

15. No personal comments shall be directed at officials, opposing coaches or players. Such action shall lead to forfeiture of the game.
16. Decisions on postponements due to inclement weather will rest with the game supervisor and officials. A decision will be made by 2:00 P.M. It will be the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM TRAVELING TO CALL THE SITE BEFORE THEY LEAVE.
17. All Games prior to Final Round will be played at Site of higher seeded team; Finals and the 5<sup>th</sup>-place Final will be played at neutral sites whenever possible.
18. In all rounds of the 6A, 5A, 4A, 2A, and 1A playoffs played at neutral sites, the team with the higher seed will be the home team and sit on the 1st base side of the field and take fielding practice first. The team with the lower seed will be the visitors and sit on the 3rd base side of the field and take fielding practice last. The 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 4<sup>th</sup> place 6A seeding game will be played at the site of the higher seeded team, with the higher seeded team being the home team.
19. In the fifth place playback games the four teams will be bracketed 1-4, according to original District seeds. The highest seeded team will play the fourth highest seed, at the higher seeded team's field, with the higher seeded team being the home team. The second highest seeded team will play the third highest seeded team, at the higher seeded team's field, with the higher seeded team being the home team. The winners of these games will advance to the fifth place final. In the fifth place final the team with the higher seed will sit on the 1st base side and be the home team.
20. Pre-Game Format: Home Team - Fielding Practice 40 minutes before start of game for 15 minutes. Visiting Team - Fielding Practice 25 minutes before start of game for 15 minutes. Home plate conference 10 minutes before start of game.

**If you have any questions, please contact your League Committee Representative.**

**Note: No Warm-Up Throwing or Pepper Games in the Infield.**

### **GAME SUPERVISOR**

Home Team Athletic Director or Designee will be the Game Supervisor.

### **GAME LOCATIONS**

1. All games prior to the Final round will be played at the site of the top seeded team. Finals and 5<sup>th</sup>-place Final will be played at neutral sites.
2. Umpires will be assigned by the District Committee.
3. Game Supervisor is responsible for:
  - Preparation of field
  - Contact visiting school with directions and/or postponements due to rain.
4. Postponed games must be rescheduled the next day. If game cannot be played on the original site as scheduled, the following stipulation will prevail:
  - First Choice- Home Field site
  - Second Choice – An acceptable field in the League- If home field site is not playable.
  - Third Choice – District Chairman will designate a field.

5. Collect 6 balls from each team – Rawlings R100 (R1PIAA).
6. Ground Rules – National Federation
7. No Admission Will be Charged
8. Winning team will call Steve Mescanti (610-608-6105), Scholastic Score Service (1-800-756-4570) and local newspapers.
9. POSTPONED – OR SUSPENDED GAMES call Steve Mescanti at 610-608-6105.
10. A legal game is 4 ½ or 5 Innings. You do not have to have completed 7 innings to have a legal game. A game called because of rain or darkness which is less than a legal game or tied after 5 innings will be a suspended game. The game will be completed on the next playable day from the point at which the game was suspended.
11. Protests will not be allowed. Any rule conflicts will be settled by game Umpires.
12. District Playoff dates are 5/20, 5/21, 5/22, 5/23, 5/24, 5/28, 5/29, 5/30 all 2019

**NUMBER OF TEAMS QUALIFYING TO STATE TOURNAMENT**

6A – 5, 5A – 4, 4A – 1, 2A – 1, 1A - 1

**DATES OF STATE TOURNAMENT**

JUNE 3, 6, 10, 13, 14, 2019

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