



March 27, 2024

Dear Athletic Director:

The District IV Baseball and Softball playoffs for the spring, 2024 season will use the same power ranking system as the fall and winter sport seasons, to determine the seeds for the respective tournaments. Athletic Directors will have to enter their complete schedules into the Gimp Software, then by 12:00 noon the following day, enter the results of each game into the system. We have enclosed a copy of the rules as developed by the District IV Committee for the post season.

Any questions that you may have regarding the tournaments or the rules/regulations can be directed to Sean McCann at Williamsport Area High School or Curt Chilson at Muncy High School.

Baseball Deadline for Games will be: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Softball Deadline for Games will be: Saturday, May 18, 2024

- Due to the facility schedule at Bowman Field, baseball play-offs will start on Saturday, May 18th
- Softball playoffs will begin the week of May 20, 2024

Please make sure all coaches are made aware of all rules and regulations, especially the baseball pitch count rules.

Thank you for your help and support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sean McCann, Baseball Chairman
District IV Committee

Curt Chilson, Softball Chairman
District IV Committee

DISTRICT IV BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PLAY-OFFS RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. There shall be Six (6) classes of competition open to all member schools in good standing in the PIAA, based on the power ranking system. To qualify for the tournament, a minimum of 11 games must be played for the season through the deadline (5/15/24-Baseball & 5/18/24 Softball). All games played through the respective deadlines will count toward seeding and qualifying for the playoffs.
2. Only PIAA approved officials will be used as umpires in all games. The Officials' Representatives of the District IV Committee shall assign the umpires for all games. There will be two umpires for preliminary and quarter-final games and four umpires for semi-final and final games. (District IV will pay for all officials.)
3. The admission price to the semi-final and final games will be \$6.00 per person/plus service fees through Home-Town ticketing. There will be no charge for preliminary games. Preliminary and Quarterfinal round games will be played on the home field of the higher seeded team.
 - The fields for the District Semi-Final and Championship games for softball shall be the Moser Complex in Watsonstown and/or the Elm Park Complex in Williamsport.
 - The fields for the District Semi-Final games for baseball will be determined based on feasibility and logistics with the teams and dates for the games. The Championship games will be scheduled at Bowman Field in Williamsport.
4. (A) Game managers will be assigned to each game and have overall responsibility for the game.
(B) The Baseball and Softball Chairperson of District IV will have complete charge of the championship games.
5. The District Committee will be responsible for all finances in the baseball and softball Tournaments.
6. The seeding for the District IV baseball and softball tournaments will be done by the District IV power ranking system as adopted in August 2018 by the committee. The tiebreaker process is as listed in the District IV Power Rating information as approved by the District IV Committee. The lowest .500 team in each classification and all teams listed above that team in the power rankings will qualify for the district tournaments in both baseball and softball for each classification.
 - A) If only one team in a classification qualifies with a .500 winning percentage, the 2nd ranked team in that classification will qualify for the Championship game in that classification regardless of record.
7. The higher seeded team for baseball and softball will always be the home team.
8. Dates and Times for playoff tournament games will be determined by the number of teams qualifying in each classification.
9. Balls used for baseball play-off games will be provided by Spalding. The make of the baseball is Spalding Pro NFHS. Balls used for softball championship games are Spalding-Thunder Heat and will be provided by District IV.
10. In order to keep the loss of balls to a minimum, each school should bring two (2) ball chasers to the semifinal and final games to help with the process.

11. State play-off dates are June 3-14, 2024. **Baseball Finals will be held at the Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, Pennsylvania State University on Thursday & Friday, June 13-14, 2024. Softball Finals will be held at Beard Field-Nittany Lion Softball Park, Pennsylvania State University on Thursday & Friday, June 13-14, 2024.**

12. **District IV baseball will have;** one-A team, two-AA teams, one-AAA team and one-4A team advance to the PIAA State Tournament. Teams in 5A & 6A will combine with District II for a Sub-Regional Tournament held in District II.

District IV softball will have; one-A team, two-AA teams, two-AAA teams and one-4A team advance to the PIAA State Tournament. Teams in 5A & 6A will combine with District II for a Sub-Regional Tournament held in District II.

13. The following are the PIAA classifications by schools.

Baseball:

- 6A: Williamsport
5A: Selinsgrove & Shikellamy
AAAA: Athens, Columbia Montour Vo-Tech, Danville, Jersey Shore, Lewisburg, Midd-West, Mifflinburg, Milton, Montoursville and Shamokin. (10 teams)
AAA: Bloomsburg, Central Columbia, Hughesville, Loyalsock, Mount Carmel, North-Penn Mansfield, Towanda, Warrior Run and Wellsboro. (9 teams)
AA: Canton, East Juniata, Line Mountain, Montgomery, Muncy, Northwest Area, Sayre, South Williamsport, Southern Columbia, Troy, Williamson and Wyalusing Valley. (12 teams)
A: Benton, Bucktail, Cowanesque Valley, Millville, Northeast Bradford, St. John Neumann Regional Academy, Sugar Valley Rural Charter School and Sullivan County. (8 teams)

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Softball:

- 6A: Williamsport
5A: Shikellamy
AAAA: Danville, Jersey Shore, Lewisburg, Milton, Montoursville, Selinsgrove and Shamokin. (7 teams)
AAA: Athens, Bloomsburg, Central Columbia, Columbia Montour Vo-Tech, Hughesville, Loyalsock, Midd-West, Mifflinburg, North Penn-Liberty, Our Lady of Lourdes, Towanda, Warrior Run and Wellsboro. (13 teams)
AA: Cowanesque Valley, East Juniata, Line Mountain, Muncy, Northeast Bradford, Northwest Area, Sayre, South Williamsport, Southern Columbia, Troy, Williamson and Wyalusing Valley. (12 teams)
A: Benton, Bucktail, Canton, Galeton, Millville, Montgomery, St. John Neumann Regional Academy, Sugar Valley Rural Charter School and Sullivan County. (9 teams)

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