

2008 DISTRICT IX BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

TO: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches

FROM: Tony Flint, District IX Baseball Chairman

DATE: May 5, 2008

RE: 2008 District IX Baseball Championships

Information on this year's baseball tournaments:

- 1. There are four classes.**
- 2. District IX will qualify 3 teams into the state playoffs in Class A.
A consolation game will be played to determine the 9-3 team.**
- 3. Schools should make all possible attempts not to schedule events that may possibly impact the play dates. Please make note of any commencement activities.**

Teams and Classifications

AAAA School: Dubois-will play in District 10 Tournament

AAA Schools: Punxsutawney, Bradford, Clearfield, St. Marys

**AA Schools: Brookville, Moniteau, Karns City, Cranberry,
Redbank Valley, Brockway**

**A Schools: Curwensville, Kane, Clarion-Limestone,
Elk County Catholic, Ridgway, Keystone,
Cameron County, Smethport, Port Allegany
Clarion, Coudersport, Otto-Eldred, Northern Potter,
Johnsonburg, Dubois Central Catholic,
North Clarion, Oswayo Valley, West Forest,
Venango Catholic, Union, A-C Valley**

The packet contains information and paperwork for entering the District IX Baseball Tournament. The tournament is open to any District IX P.I.A.A. school. Please check the application for the required submission date and time.

Eligibility	Open Tournament
Entry Deadline	<p>You can fax or e-mail your entries. E-mails will be confirmed.</p> <p><u><i>Deadline is Tuesday, May 13 @ Noon</i></u> Tony Flint Port Allegany High School</p> <p>School Phone (814) 642-2596 ext. 230 Fax Number (814) 642-9574 E-mail tflint@pasedu.org</p> <p>Please call if you have a question or a concern.</p>
Entry Forms	Found on the D-9 website piaad9.org or in your e-mail at the address provided.
Communications	All communications will be between the District IX Baseball Chairman and the principal or athletic director. <u>No coaches should be involved in the communications.</u>
Game Sites	<p>The higher seeded team will be the home team.</p> <p>In classes AAA and AA, all games except the finals will be played on the home field of the higher seeded team.</p> <p>In class A, the semi-finals, finals and 3rd place game will be played on neutral fields.</p>
School Personnel	Principals or their designee should be present at all Game sites.
Game Officials	P.I.A.A. registered umpires will be assigned to each game.
Game Manager	The District IX Baseball Committee will assign a game manager for each game.
Pre-game Meeting	Game managers will hold a meeting 15 minutes before the game with the officials, coaches, and administrators
Rules	All current P.I.A.A. rules are in effect including the pitching rule.

Cancellation	In consultation with the game manager, site manager, and the school administration from the participating schools, the decision on a postponement will be made. The game will be rescheduled for the following day. The decision will be made as soon as possible to prevent unnecessary travel.
Tournament Dates	The tournament will start the week of May 19, 2008.
Game Balls	The District IX Committee will provide game balls on a limited basis. Host schools need to be prepared to provide baseballs for each contest.
Awards	Individual plaques, for the district champion and runner up, will be presented at the Championship game in each class.
Radio Fees	Radio fees for District IX baseball games will be \$25.00 Radio stations should contact home schools to make arrangements.
Seeding	All seeding will be done by the power rating system with games through <u>Monday, May 12</u> counting 2 points for playing an AAAA school 1.5 points for playing an AAA school 1 point for playing an AA school .5 points for playing an A school and 5 Points are awarded for each victory Any ties will be broken by: 1. Overall Record Using Winning Percentages 2. Head to Head Competition 3. Coin Flip
Admission	<u>Admission will be charged at all games.</u> Games prior to the finals will be \$3.00 and \$1.00 Admission at the finals will be \$5.00 and \$2.00 Complimentary District IX Passes will be accepted Host schools will be responsible for this process