

P.I.A.A. DISTRICT IX SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches

From: Bill Vassallo, District IX Softball Chairman

May 4, 2011

Re: 2011 District IX Softball Championships

The following are in effect for this year's softball tournaments.

(1) There are four classes.

(2) The District Softball committee will use the attached power ratings to seed the teams.

Teams and Classifications

AAAA School: Dubois-will play in the District 6 / 9 tournament.

AAA Schools Bradford, Clearfield, Punxsutawney, and St. Marys will play and the winner will play the District 6 winner.

AA Schools Brookville, Moniteau, Karns City, Cranberry, Kane, Redbank Valley.

A Schools A-C Valley, Austin, Brockway, Cameron County, Clarion, Clarion Limestone, Coudersport, Curwensville, Dubois Central Catholic, East Forest, Elk County Catholic, Johnsonburg, Keystone, Northern Potter, Oswayo Valley, Otto Eldred, Port Allegany, Ridgway, Sheffield, Smethport, Venango Catholic, West Forest.

***** This packet contains information, rules and necessary paperwork for entering the District IX Softball 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.**

Copies should be made for Principals, Athletic Directors And Coaches because this information contains the answers to many of the questions that they may ask.

Helpful Information

Tournament Type	Three classes- AAA AA A
Eligibility	Open tournament
Entries	<p>All entry forms must be in the tournament director's hands by <u>WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH at NOON.</u> <u>Absolutely no entries will be accepted after the above date and time. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THAT AND THEN RECORDS UPDATED. IF YOUR TEAM IS NOT ENTERING, PLEASE NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE</u> You can mail, fax or e-mail your entries. All entries will be confirmed. The entry must contain your assigned pin number. *****<u>PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE ARE COUNTING ALL GAMES PLAYED THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 21ST *****</u> TO COUNT ALL GAMES IN THE SEEDINGS, YOU MUST EMAIL, FAX OR CALL ME WITH RESULTS FOR GAMES PLAYED FROM WED 5/19 THRU SAT. 5/21 IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH GAME.</p> <p>Bill Vassallo, AD Punxsutawney High School 500 North Findley Street Punxsutawney, PA 15767 School Phone (814)-938-5151 Ext. 1550 or 1552 Home Phone (814) 938-2266 Cell Phone (814) 590-2597 Fax Number (814) 938-7612 E-mail: wvassallo@punxsy.k12.pa.us The above contacts make me available at anytime. Please call if you have a question or a concern.</p>
Entry Forms	They can be found on the D-9 website piaad9.org or in your e-mail at the addresses provided.
Communications	All communications will be between the District IX Softball Chairman and the school's Principal or Athletic Director. No coaches should enter into any communications.

Game Sites	All games will be played in District IX. The higher seeded team will be the home team. In classes AAA and AA all games except the finals will be played at the home field of the higher seeded team. In class A the semi-finals and finals and will be played on neutral fields.
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 Softball Committee will assign a game manager for each game. Game manager forms will be provided.
Pre-game meeting	The game manager will hold a meeting 15 minutes before the game with the officials, coaches, administrators, and AD's.
Rules	All current P.I.A.A. rules are in effect.
Cancellation	The tournament director in consultation with the game manager, site manager, and the school administration from the participating schools will make the decision on a postponement. The game should be rescheduled for the following day. The decision should be made as soon as possible to prevent unnecessary travel.
Tournament Dates	The tournament will start the week of MAY 23, 2011. Schedules will be sent out when all entries are known.
Game Ball	Game balls will be provided by the P.I.A.A.
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 softball games are \$50 for all. Radio station should contact home schools to make arrangements.

Seeding

All seeding will be done by the power rating system.

It awards: 2 points for playing a AAAA school

1.5 points for playing a AAA school

1 point for playing a AA school

.5 points for playing a A school and

5 points are awarded for each victory.

Any ties will be broken by

(1) Percentage of overall record.

(2) Head to head competition

(3) Coin flip

Admission

There will be an admission charge for all games

(1) The charge for all games will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

(2) District passes will be accepted