

P.I.A.A. DISTRICT IX SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches

From: Jerry Linsenbigler, District IX Softball Chairman

May 1, 2009

Re: 2009 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 6-9-10 tournament.
AAA Schools	Punxsutawney, Bradford, Clearfield will play and the winner will play the District 6 winner.
AA Schools	Brookville, Moniteau, Karns City, Cranberry, Kane, St.Marys
A Schools	A-C Valley, Austin, Curwensville, Brockway, Clarion-Limestone, Elk County Catholic, East Forest, Port Allegany, Redbank Valley, Ridgway, Keystone, Cameron County, Smethport, Clarion, Coudersport, Otto-Eldred, Northern Potter, Johnsonburg, Dubois Central Catholic, Sheffield, Oswayo Valley, West Forest, Venago Catholic

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>MAY 13TH at NOON. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after the above date and time.</u> <u>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.</p> <p>Jerry Linsenbigler,AD Curwensville Area High School 650 Beech Street Curwensville, PA 16833 School Phone (814)236-0680 Home Phone (814) 765-9055 Cell Phone (814) 761-1217 Fax Number (814) 236-1103 E-mail glinsenbigler@curwensville.org</p> <p>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 Principals or Athletic Directors. 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 play 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 ADS.

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 18, 2009. 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

All

Radio fees for District IX softball games will be \$ 250

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 is 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 except the finals will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for students

(2) The charge for the finals will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

(3) District passes will be accepted