



MPSSAA BASEBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - May 28/29, 2010
Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Baseball tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Baseball Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Baseball Bulletin.
- C. *Eligibility rules for all participants are defined* in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current Handbook.
- D. *General regulations for all state tournaments* are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. The official state baseball is the Rawlings R100-MD.
- F. Playing rules for regular season, region, and state tournament
 - 1. National Federation rules will be used.
 - 2. A regular season regulation game is seven innings (turns at bat) for each team unless shortened as in Rule 4-2-2 or unless extra innings are necessary to break a tie score.
 - a. **By state adoption, all games that are tied or not considered a complete game will be a suspended game. A suspended game will be continued from the point of interruption unless the game is declared complete by mutual agreement between the two schools.**
 - b. **Any inning started must be completed to be considered a complete game. No innings will be reverted back to the previous inning to be considered a complete game.**
 - 3. All region and state tournament games will be a minimum of seven innings unless the 10-run rule applies.
 - 4. All games, including doubleheaders, must be scheduled for seven innings.

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2010 BASEBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar 22....First play date		
May 11....Last play date for seeding consideration	May 14First Round (Rain date - May 15)	May 25Semifinals (RD-26)
May 12....Draw for tournament bracket positions	May 17Quarterfinals (RD-18)	May 28/29Finals (RD-31)
May 13....Last play date	May 19Semifinals (RD-20)	
May 18....Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	May 21Finals (RD-22)	Jun 20Reimbursement request due

5. The National Federation 10-run rule is mandatory for all games.
6. The MPSSAA will use the National Federation suggested speedup rules for courtesy runners.
7. **Intentional walks:** An intentional walk may be given by the defensive team by having their catcher or coach request such from the umpire. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball-and-strike count.
8. Pitching limitations (penalty for violation— forfeit game in which illegal pitcher was used):
 - a. A pitcher may pitch in a maximum of 14 innings in any seven calendar-day period and a maximum of 10 innings within a three calendar-day period. **(If a pitcher throws at least one pitch or attempts a play as a pitcher in an inning, it counts as one full inning against his limitation of innings.)**
 - b. It is the responsibility of the coach to have all pitchers, with their pitching limitations, listed on the lineup cards presented to the umpire and opposing coach at the beginning of the game.
 - c. The pitching limitations rule is in continuous effect between the regular season and playoffs.
 - d. When a suspended game is made up, the pitching limitations in effect at the time of suspension apply. *In addition, current pitching limitations apply at the time of the makeup.*

II. REGION TOURNAMENT

Region	Director	School	Office	Home
4A WestJason WoodwardGaithersburg.....	301-840-4747301-693-2577
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2A NorthTy WhittakerEastern Tech410-887-0190410-303-6957
2A SouthMatt Cooke (Gwynn Park)Arrowhead Elem.301-499-7071301-932-8721
2A EastBrian HollamonParkside410-677-5144443-359-1027
1A WestFred KreigerNorth Hagerstown301-766-8238301-416-7314
1A NorthJonathan WynnSparrows Point410-887-7524443-418-7791
1A SouthDamon BomarForest Park410-396-0456410-679-0167
1A EastScott MilliganKent County410-778-4540410-810-2977

Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the baseball page of mpssaa.org.

A. Tournament Organization

1. Every school is automatically entered into the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
2. **NO ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED UNTIL THE QUARTERFINALS ARE OVER.**
 - a. **ONLY TEAMS THAT WIN REGION QUARTERFINALS ARE TO SUBMIT ONLINE ENTRIES. Entries must be received in the MPSSAA office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 18 (day after the quarterfinals).**
 - b. **The mailed photo must be postmarked no later than May 18.**

- c. THE ONLINE ENTRY METHOD MUST BE USED. The complete directions for submitting rosters and photos will be found on pages 6-7 in Section I of this publication.**
3. Each region will conduct a 16-line single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
 4. Responsibilities of region director
 - a. Notify schools as to their bracket position, site of upcoming contest, and starting time.
 - b. Schedule the local officials board that services the designated home team.
 - c. Inform the state committee director and MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.
 5. The draw for bracket positions will take place on Wednesday, May 12, in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> that day.
 - a. A team must have completed a minimum of 14 regular season games by the draw date to be seeded in the top four positions in the region tournament.
 - b. Region directors will verify and submit the official win-loss records of all teams to the state committee no later than 8 p.m. on May 11.
 - c. The top four teams in each region will be seeded 1-4 as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional holiday tournament and any city, county, or conference championship. Ties among the top four teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used.
 - d. The remaining teams in each region will be placed on the bracket by a blind draw.
 - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position, (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
 6. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, ALL REGION GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE SITE OF THE HIGHER SEED throughout the tournament. The option to conduct region contests at neutral or central sites remain.
 - a. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - b. The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than that of the higher-placed team. This may be done upon the written request of the region director, with the approval by a two-thirds representative vote of the athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region. This request must be received prior to APRIL 10.
 7. Postponed/suspended region games may be required by the State Baseball Committee to be made up as part of a doubleheader.
 8. The head coach of each region winner must complete the Media Information Form found on the baseball page of MPSSAA.org and bring 20 copies each to the state semifinal and final.
- B. Playing Rules**
1. All region games will be a minimum of seven innings unless the 10-run rule applies.

2. The starting time for weekday contests will be 4 p.m. and the starting time for Saturday contests will be 1 p.m. unless, due to extenuating circumstances, both schools agree to modify the starting time. **Schools with lights may start contest up until 7 p.m. Any changes to the start time must be approved by the regional director and sport committee chair.**
3. Regional games must be played on the dates provided in the timeline with inclement weather as the only exception.

C. General Policies

1. The home team will provide the approved baseballs for their games.
2. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$5.
3. A plaque and 25 individual certificates will be presented to the region champion.
4. Each coach who wins a region championship and advances to state play must complete the media information form (found at mpssaa.org's baseball page) and bring 20 copies to the state semifinal contest.
5. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.

D. Officials

1. Two MPSSAA-certified officials will be assigned to each game.
2. More than two umpires may be assigned if this is consistent with the normal and ordinary practice of the home team during the regular season; however, the MPSSAA will pay for only two officials.

III. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. **2010 finals site:** Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen. Directions from I-95 North: Exit 85 (MD Rte. 85 toward Aberdeen/Churchville). Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Turn left on MD-22 W/Aberdeen Trwy/Churchville Rd.) MD-22 W/Aberdeen Trwy/Churchville Rd. becomes MD-22/Churchville Rd. Turn right onto Long Drive.
2. Format and schedule
 - a. **2010 semifinal pairings:** East (#1) vs. North (#4) and West (#2) vs. South (#3).
 - b. *The home team* will sit on the third base side.
 - c. Each team will have a 20-minute warm-up period prior to the game starting time. Each team may use the 20-minute warm-up in any way it may choose **following the host stadium's guidelines (example: no live batting practice on field at Ripken Stadium). The baseball committee will determine the order in which each team takes the field for warm-ups.**

B. Playing Rules

Semifinal and final games must complete a minimum of seven innings unless the 10-run rule applies.

C. General Policies

1. The MPSSAA will provide one dozen baseballs for each game.
2. Individuals 7 years and older will be charged an admission of \$6 to the semifinals and \$8 to the finals at Ripken Stadium.

3. Complimentary passes given out by MPSSAA will be honored when presented with proper identification, such as a valid driver's license and will admit the bearer only.
4. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. The championship team and finalist team will each be awarded a team plaque and 25 individual awards.
5. **The State Baseball Committee will recognize the school which displays the best overall sportsmanship while participating in the baseball state tournament. The sportsmanship award will be presented to the principal of the school achieving the best overall sportsmanship of coaches, players and spectators at the completion of the tournament.**
6. Noisemakers and other distractions, (i.e., sirens, whistles, horns, bells, etc.), are prohibited.

D. Officials

Three MPSSAA-certified officials will be assigned to each game.

We are counting on the full cooperation of all to make our 36th annual Maryland State Baseball Tournament a most successful one.

SEMIFINAL GAMES			
MAY 25		RAIN DATE - May 26	
4A University of Maryland	Jason Woodward	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V) #2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	4 or 7 p.m. 4 or 7 p.m.
3A Joe Cannon Stadium	Tony Maggard	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V) #2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	4 or 7 p.m. 4 or 7 p.m.
2A Arundel	Arundel HS Staff & Baseball Committee	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V) #2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	4 or 7 p.m. 4 or 7 p.m.
1A McCurdy Field	Fred Kreiger, Roger Dawson and/or Mike Desimone	#1 (H) vs. #4 (V) #2 (H) vs. #3 (V)	4 or 7 p.m. 4 or 7 p.m.

FINAL GAMES - Ripken Stadium		
MAY 28	MAY 29	RAIN DATE: May 31
7:30 p.m.— Class 4A (RAIN DATE — May 25 at 10 a.m.)	1 p.m.— Class 1A 4 p.m.— Class 2A 7 p.m.— Class 3A	10 a.m.— TBA 1 p.m.— TBA 4:00 p.m.— TBA 7 p.m.— TBA

PROJECTED MPSSAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DATES

2011 - May 27/28 2012 - May 25/26

2013 - May 24/25

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