



MPSSAA BASEBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - May 22/23, 2020

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. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Baseball Rule Book will be followed.
- 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 required for use during region AND state tournament games is the Wilson A1010BPROSST. It is highly recommended that this same ball be used during the regular season as well.
- 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.
 - 5. The National Federation 10-run rule is mandatory for all games.

2020 BASEBALL TIME LINE

	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar. 20 ..First play date		
May 4Last play date for seeding consideration	May 7Region Quarterfinals	May 15Quarterfinals
May 5Tournament Seeding	May 9Region Semifinals	May 19Semifinals
May 6Last play date	May 12Region Finals	May 22/23Finals (RD-25)
May 13Application deadline for tournament qualifiers		June 20Reimbursement request due

6. The MPSSAA will use the National Federation suggested speed-up 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. The pitching limitations rule is in continuous effect between the regular season and playoffs.
 - b. All contests, including suspended games, shall use current pitching limitations.
 - c. 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.
 - d. The calendar rest begins on the day following the date on which the game began or a resumed game began regardless of the conclusion time of the game.
 - e. The pitch count is based on pitches thrown for strikes (including all foul balls); balls; balls in play and outs.
 - f. A pitcher at any level who reaches the daily pitch maximum limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.
 - g. Warm-up pitches allowed before each inning, warm up pitches allowed by the umpire in case of injury or game delay, and plays attempted against the batter-runner or any runner at first, second or third base do not count against the limit.
 - h. All NFHS Substitution and Pitching Rules must be followed.
 - i. The pitch count charts of both teams from prior contests are to be presented to the opposing coach BEFORE the game.
 - j. During the game, pitch counts will be recorded by an official Designated Pitch Count Recorder (DPCR) supplied by the home team. The visiting team has the option of providing an additional DPCR to sit with the official DCPR to assist in pitch count recording. Any discrepancy shall be settled by the DPCR and coaches without umpire involvement and that record shall be considered final.
 - k. The MPSSAA will supply a neutral DPCR for State Semifinal and State Championship contests.
 - l. At game's conclusion, the MPSSAA pitch count form will be signed by both head coaches or designated representatives.
 - m. Both schools have the responsibility to maintain every pitching chart form until the school season is complete.
 - n. Any discrepancy found during/after the game will be reported to the local school system for review.
 - o. A hard copy must be available upon Local School System or MPSSAA request at any point during and following the season.

DAILY LIMITATION

The limit on the number of pitches is based on the level of pitching. Specific rest periods are in place when a pitcher reaches a threshold of pitches delivered in a day. The rest periods required during the regular and postseason are listed in the table that follows.

MPSSAA PITCH COUNT LIMITS AND REQUIRED REST REQUIREMENTS

Grade	Daily Max (Pitches in Game)	Required Days Rest (Pitches)				
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
SENIOR	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
JUNIOR	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
SOPHOMORE	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
FRESHMAN	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+

II. REGION TOURNAMENT

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. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Region Final. The TEAM ENTRY FORM is available on the “Members” page of mpssaa.org.
3. Each region will conduct a 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 tournament seeding will take place Tuesday, May 5 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the State Committee Director. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> later that day.
 - a. Region directors will verify and submit to the State Committee Director by 9 p.m., May 4, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through that day.
 - b. All teams in each **region** will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship.
 - c. Teams with less than 14 varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of 14 games.
 - d. Ties among 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 to determine the order of seeding.
 - 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 teams in regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All **region** games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.

- b. All region championship games will be held at the home site of the school with the higher regular season winning percentage.
 - c. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 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 Semifinals and Finals.
- 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 a contest up until 7 p.m. Any changes to the start time must be approved by the region director and sport committee chair.
 3. Region games must be played on the dates provided in the timeline with inclement weather as the only exception.
 4. Guidelines for Region Games And Prom Dates
 - a. When one team has a prom on a Friday night, the game should be scheduled for no earlier than 2 PM on Saturday.
 - b. When the traveling team has a prom on a Saturday night, the game should be scheduled for 10 AM on Saturday. If the home team has the Saturday night prom, the game should be scheduled for no later than 12 Noon, but can be as early as 10 AM.
 - c. When one team has a prom on Friday night and the other team on Saturday night, the game should be scheduled for 12 Noon on Saturday.
- C. General Policies
 1. The home team will provide **Wilson A1010BPROSST** baseballs for their games.
 2. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6.
 3. A plaque and 25 individual certificates will be presented to the region champion.
 4. 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.
 5. The use of noisemakers and other distractions that disrupts the orderly progress of the game, (i.e., use of noisemakers coinciding with a pitch being delivered), are prohibited.
- 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. State Quarterfinals

1. The region champions from each classification shall advance to a State Quarterfinal round.
2. The eight region champions will be seeded 1-8 based on their regular season winning percentage used to seed each region. Ties among teams in the State Quarterfinals 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 to determine the order of seeding.
3. Unless a specific alternate plan has been approved, all State Quarterfinal games will be played at the site of the higher seed.
4. Schools hosting a State Quarterfinal game must be mindful of other school activities and provide appropriate travel time for any schools with students taking AP testing. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be contacted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
5. A three-person officiating crew from the association local to the higher seeded team will be assigned to the State Quarterfinal contest.
6. 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.

B. State Semifinals

1. The winners of the State Quarterfinal round shall advance to the State Semifinals.
 - a. The winners of the No. 1 versus No. 8 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 4 versus No. 5 seeded game.
 - b. The winners of the No. 2 versus No. 7 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 3 versus No. 6 seeded game.
2. Semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, May 19. Schedules and times will be set after teams have advanced out of the State Quarterfinals. Tentative locations for each classification are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TENTATIVE SITES</u>
May 19	1A	McCurdy Field
May 19	2A	Regency Stadium
May 19	3A	Joe Cannon Stadium
May 19	4A.....	Shirley Povich Field

C. State Championships

1. The winners of the State Semifinal round shall advance to the State Championships.
2. **2020 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.
3. *The home team* will sit on the third base side.
4. 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 \$8 to the Semifinals and \$10 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 Paul Fahrner 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. The use of noisemakers and other distractions that disrupts the orderly progress of the game, (i.e., use of noisemakers coinciding with a pitch being delivered), are prohibited.
7. Each coach advances to the State Semifinals and Finals must complete the Media Information Form (found at mpssaa.org's Baseball page) and bring 20 copies to the State Semifinals and Finals.

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

We are counting on the full cooperation of all to make our 46th annual Maryland State Baseball Tournament a most successful one.

MPSSAA Baseball Region Directors

Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A West	Sean Davis	Sherwood	301-924-3222	240-744-6069
4A North	Rich Hambor	Catonsville	443-809-0808	443-632-5525
4A South	Donald Cleveland	Laurel	301-497-2025, x84359	518-727-3944
4A East	Dave Klingel	South River	410-956-5600	443-995-7877
3A West	Phil Rhodes	Frederick	240-236-7185	240-215-5284
3A North	Tony Maggard	Patapsco	443-809-7060, x502	410-935-7573
3A South	Guy Smith, Jr.	Huntingtown	443-550-8810	301-922-3787
3A East	Casey Medairy	Hammond	410-313-7605	443-538-5565
2A West	Greg Blake	Damascus		301-367-0018
2A North	Dave Deutsch	Eastern Technical	443-809-0330	216-570-1449
2A South	Matthew Sillers	Oakland Mills	410-313-6945	443-832-7955
2A East	Tim Larrimore	North Harford	410-638-3699	410-652-2527
1A West	Fred Kreiger	Washington Co. (Retired)		301-730-6223
1A North	Todd Henning	ACCE	410-396-7907	585-278-3361
1A South	Tim McGlenn	Henry E. Lackey		607-425-0979
1A East	Todd Lampman	Snow Hill	410-632-5270	410-430-5677

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

<h3 style="margin: 0;">SEMIFINAL GAMES</h3> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">DATE: MAY 19 RAIN DATE - May 20</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">#1 (H) vs. #4 (V) 4 or 7 p.m. #2 (H) vs. #3 (V) 4 or 7 p.m.</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">Site</td> <td style="text-align: left;">Director(s)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4A Shirley Povich Field</td> <td>Sean Davis & Jeff Rabberman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3A Joe Cannon Stadium</td> <td>Tony Maggard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2A Regency Stadium</td> <td>Guy Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1A McCurdy Field</td> <td>Fred Kreiger, Roger Dawson, & Mike DeSimone</td> </tr> </table>	Site	Director(s)	4A Shirley Povich Field	Sean Davis & Jeff Rabberman	3A Joe Cannon Stadium	Tony Maggard	2A Regency Stadium	Guy Smith	1A McCurdy Field	Fred Kreiger, Roger Dawson, & Mike DeSimone	<h3 style="margin: 0;">FINAL GAMES - Ripken Stadium</h3> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">DATE: MAY 22 7:30 p.m.— Class 4A (RAIN DATE — May 23 at 10 a.m.)</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">DATE: MAY 23 1 p.m.— Class 1A 4 p.m.— Class 2A 7 p.m.— Class 3A</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">RAIN DATE: May 25 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.— TBA</p>
Site	Director(s)										
4A Shirley Povich Field	Sean Davis & Jeff Rabberman										
3A Joe Cannon Stadium	Tony Maggard										
2A Regency Stadium	Guy Smith										
1A McCurdy Field	Fred Kreiger, Roger Dawson, & Mike DeSimone										

PROJECTED MPSSAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DATES

2021 - May 28/29 2022 - May 27/28 2023 - May 26/27

STATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE				
			Office	Other
DIRECTOR	Jason Woodward	Sherwood	301-924-3230	301-693-2577
DISTRICT 1	Phil Rhodes	Frederick	240-236-7185	240-215-5284
DISTRICT 2	Sean Davis	Sherwood	301-924-3222	240-744-6069
DISTRICT 3	Donald Cleveland	Laurel	301-497-2025, x84359	518-727-3944
DISTRICT 4	Guy Smith, Jr.	Huntingtown	443-550-8810	301-922-3787
DISTRICT 5	Matthew Sillers	Oakland Mills	410-313-6945	443-832-7955
	Wayne Feuerherd	North County	410-222-6970	443-691-9790
DISTRICT 6	Jeff Markle	Parkville	443-809-5430	410-299-8691
DISTRICT 7	Tim Larrimore	North Harford	410-638-3699	410-652-2527
DISTRICT 8	Todd Lampman	Snow Hill	410-632-5284	410-430-5677
DISTRICT 9	Todd Henning	ACCE	410-396-7907	585-278-3361

RULES INTERPRETER

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Email addresses for committee members can be found on the Baseball page of mpssaa.org.

2020 ALIGNMENT FOR BASEBALL

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
REGION I		REGION I		REGION I		REGION I	
1. Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Howard	How
2. Winston Churchill	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. DuVal	PG	2. Arundel	AA
3. Albert Einstein	Mtg	3. Parkville	B Co	3. High Point	PG	3. Glen Burnie	AA
4. Walter Johnson	Mtg	4. Perry Hall	B Co	4. Laurel	PG	4. Meade	AA
5. Wheaton	Mtg	5. Mergenthaler Vo-Tech	Balt	5. Northwestern	PG	5. North County	AA
6. Walt Whitman	Mtg			6. Parkdale	PG	6. Old Mill	AA
7. Thomas Wootton	Mtg						
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Urbana	Fre	1. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	1. Bowie	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Clarksburg	Mtg	2. James Hubert Blake	Mtg	2. Charles H. Flowers	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Gaithersburg	Mtg	3. John F. Kennedy	Mtg	3. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	3. Severna Park	AA
4. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	4. Northwood	Mtg	4. Suitland	PG	4. South River	AA
5. Northwest	Mtg	5. Paint Branch	Mtg	5. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG	5. Leonardtown	StM
6. Quince Orchard	Mtg	6. Sherwood	Mtg				
		7. Springbrook	Mtg				
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
REGION I		REGION I		REGION I		REGION I	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. City College	Balt	1. Huntingtown	Cal	1. Manchester Valley	Car
2. Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre	2. Baltimore Polytechnic	Balt	2. Northern	Cal	2. Westminster	Car
3. Linganore	Fre	3. Franklin	B Co	3. North Point	Cha	3. Centennial	How
4. North Hagerstown	Was	4. Hereford	B Co	4. St. Charles	Cha	4. Marriotts Ridge	How
5. South Hagerstown	Was	5. Lansdowne	B Co	5. Chopticon	StM	5. Mount Hebron	How
6. Tuscarora	Fre	6. Towson	B Co	6. Great Mills	StM		
		7. Woodlawn	B Co				
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Dundalk	B Co	1. Chesapeake	AA	1. Atholton	How
2. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Northeast	AA	2. Hammond	How
3. Rockville	Mtg	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. Oxon Hill	PG	3. Long Reach	How
4. Watkins Mill	Mtg	4. Aberdeen	Hfd	4. Easton	Tal	4. Reservoir	How
		5. Bel Air	Hfd	5. James M. Bennett	Wic	5. River Hill	How
		6. Edgewood	Hfd	6. Stephen Decatur	Wor	6. Wilde Lake	How
		7. C. Milton Wright	Hfd				
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
REGION I		REGION I		REGION I		REGION I	
1. Century	Car	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Southern	AA	1. Elkton	Cec
2. Francis Scott Key	Car	2. Eastern Technical	B Co	2. Henry E. Lackey	Cha	2. North East	Cec
3. Liberty	Car	3. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	3. La Plata	Cha	3. Rising Sun	Cec
4. South Carroll	Car	4. New Town	B Co	4. Thomas Stone	Cha	4. Fallston	Hfd
5. Winters Mill	Car	5. Overlea	B Co	5. Westlake	Cha	5. Harford Technical	Hfd
6. Glenelg	How	6. Owings Mills	B Co			6. North Harford	Hfd
7. Oakland Mills	How	7. Randallstown	B Co				
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Middletown	Fre	1. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	1. Calvert	Cal	1. North Caroline	Cin
2. Oakdale	Fre	2. Digital Harbor	Balt	2. Patuxent	Cal	2. Kent Island	QA
3. Walkersville	Fre	3. Patterson	Balt	3. Crossland	PG	3. Queen Anne's	QA
4. Poolesville	Mtg	4. Southwestern	Balt	4. Frederick Douglass	PG	4. Parkside	Wic
5. Seneca Valley	Mtg	5. Chesapeake	B Co	5. Potomac	PG	5. Wicomico	Wic
6. Boonsboro	Was	6. Sparrows Point	B Co				
7. Williamsport	Was						
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
REGION I		REGION I		REGION I		REGION I	
1. Allegany	All	1. ACCE	Balt	1. Fairmont Heights	PG	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec
2. Fort Hill	All	2. Edmondson-Westside	Balt	2. Intnatl. School at Langley Pk.	PG	2. Perryville	Cec
3. Mountain Ridge	All	3. Forest Park	Balt	3. Internatl. School at Largo	PG	3. Havre de Grace	Hfd
4. Northern	G	4. Natl. Academy Found.	Balt	4. Largo	PG	4. Joppatowne	Hfd
5. Southern	G	5. Loch Raven	B Co	5. CMIT North	PG	5. Patterson Mill	Hfd
		6. Pikesville	B Co			6. Colonel Richardson	Cin
		7. Western STES	B Co			7. Kent County	K
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Brunswick	Fre	1. Coppin Academy	Balt	1. Maurice J. McDonough	Cha	1. Cambridge-SD	Dor
2. Catocin	Fre	2. Frederick Douglass	Balt	2. Central	PG	2. North Dorchester	Dor
3. Clear Spring	Was	3. Paul Laurence Dunbar	Balt	3. Friendly	PG	3. Crisfield	Som
4. Hancock	Was	4. Benjamin Franklin	Balt	4. Gwynn Park	PG	4. Washington	Som
5. Smithsburg	Was	5. Lake Clifton	Balt	5. Surrattsville	PG	5. St. Michaels	Tal
		6. Reginald Lewis	Balt			6. Mardela	Wic
		7. New Era Academy	Balt			7. Pocomoke	Wor
						8. Snow Hill	Wor