

Mid Penn Conference Softball Guidelines

Length of Contest

- 7 innings

Uniforms

- The baseline coaches must either be a coach or a player. The Coach must be in school colors and all players must be attired in uniform or team jacket. Mid Penn Conference will abide by P.I.A.A. rules.

Schedules

- The sports chairperson will provide schedules for a two year cycle.
- Junior Varsity games will follow the same game operations as Varsity games.

Officials

- The Mid Penn Assigner will assign two umpires for both the Varsity and Junior Varsity games (minimum of two).

Game Operations

- Recommended starting time is 4:15 p.m. The time may be changed by mutual consent.
- P.I.A.A. substitute rule will be followed.
- The home team scorebook will be designated as the official book.
- The visiting team will have the use of the field for thirty (30) minutes before game time for hitting and fielding practice.
 - Ex. 4:15 p.m. game time – visitors have the field from 3:40 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.
- Field must be cleared five (5) minutes prior to game time for pre-game instructions and ground rules.
- It is the responsibility of the home team to provide a pre-game schedule for their opponent. Please be aware of travel concerns and dismissal times. The order may be changed by mutual consent.

Divisional Champions

- Divisional Champions will be determined by win/loss record.
- In case of a tie head to head competition will be used as the first criteria. If a tie still exists then Power Rating will be used to break the tie.

All Star Selection Process

- Coaches will select an All Star team for each division.

Postponement of Contests

- All divisional games scheduled by the Chairman must be rescheduled in order of postponement on the first available date. Saturdays will be considered an available playing date.

Suspended Contests

- Should a contest be suspended due to inclement weather or darkness the umpire fees should be the following:
 - A. Prior to the completion of three (3) innings, each umpire should receive one half (1/2) fee for the contest.
 - B. Should a pitch be thrown in the fourth (4) inning, each umpire should receive a full fee for the contest.
 - C. If three (3) or less innings are required to complete a suspended contest, each umpire should receive one half (1/2) fee for the completion of the suspended contest.
 - D. If four (4) innings or more are required to complete a suspended contest, each umpire should receive a full fee for the completion of the suspended contest.

Reporting Games to Media

- Home team should report scores to the news media. Each Home team is asked to contact the Harrisburg Patriot News.

Mid Penn Conference Championship

- The Conference will sponsor an end of season tournament.
- The four Division Champions will meet in the semi-finals and the winners will meet to determine a Mid Penn Champion.
- The match ups will be as follows:
 - A. Even numbered years – (Ex. 2014-2015)
 - Capital vs Keystone
 - Colonial vs Commonwealth

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B. Odd numbered years – (Ex. 2015-2016)

Capital vs Commonwealth

Colonial vs Keystone

- A coin toss will determine the home team.
- The Sports Chairperson/Committee will develop the playoff format (dates, sites, etc.) prior to the start of the season when possible.
- The Mid Penn Conference Championship must be played to allow all teams participating ample rest time prior to the District III Playoffs. Should inclement weather become a factor, the Mid Penn Championships must be completed by the Thursday prior to the District III Playoffs.
- Twenty (20) medals will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-up teams.
- The Conference will pay off expenses and receive all profits.

Determining Entries into the District III Tournament

- The District III power rating formula will determine who will be eligible for the tournament.