

**2019-2020**  
**Mid Penn Baseball Guidelines**

**Length of Contest**

- Regulation game is 7 innings

**Uniforms**

- The baseline coaches must either be a coach or a player. The coach and all players must be attired in uniform or team jacket. The Mid Penn Conference will abide by PIAA & NFHS rules.

**Schedules**

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

**Officials**

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

**Game Operations**

- Recommended starting time is 4:15 PM. The time may be changed by mutual consent.
- PIAA 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 thirty (30) minutes before game time for hitting and fielding practice. For example: 4:15 PM game time – visitors have field from 3:40 PM – 4:10 PM. 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.

**Divisional Champions**

- Divisional Champions will be determined by won/loss record.
- If a tie exists Co-champions will be recognized.

**All Star Selection Process**

- Coaches will select an All Star team for each division
- 1<sup>st</sup> team, 2<sup>nd</sup> team, honorable mention, player of the year, coach of the year.

**Postponement of Contests**

- All division games and cross over 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 on the following:

- prior to the completion of three (3) innings, each umpire should receive one half (1/2) fee for the contest
- Should a pitch be thrown in the fourth (4) inning, each umpire should receive a full fee for the contest
- 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
- 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 new media. Each home team is asked to contact the Harrisburg Patriot News/Pennlive and Carlisle Sentinel.

### **Mid Penn Conference Championship**

- The Conference will sponsor an end of the year tournament. The four Division Champions will meet in the semi-finals and the winners will meet to determine a Mid Penn Champion.(Northern York High School) In the event there is a co-champion in the division, the division representative will be determined from head to head competition and then power rating. The playoffs will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A 4:00 game will be held at Northern and Mechanicsburg and then the winners will play at 7:00 at Northern.

- The match ups will be as follows:
  - 2019
  - Capital vs Colonial
  - Commonwealth vs Keystone
  - 2020
  - Capital vs Commonwealth
  - Keystone vs Colonial

A coin toss will determine the home team.

- The Sports Chairperson/Committee will develop the playoff format (dates, sites, etc.) prior to start of the season.
  - Note: 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 Championship must be completed by the Thursday prior to the District III Playoffs, absent the pig tail games.
- Twenty (20) medals will be awarded to the champion and runner up
- The conference will pay all expenses and receive all profits.

The All Star Meeting will take place on May 16th at 10:00 am in the Northern High School Cafeteria. We will select one first team and one second team.