

PIAA DISTRICT XI SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Presented by St. Luke's University Health Network
2017

DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF SOFTBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pigtail games (All Classes) Monday May 22, 2017 - Site of higher seed

Quarterfinals (All Classes) Tuesday May 23, 2017 or Wednesday May 24, 2017 – Site of higher seeded team
[if no pigtail games are needed]

Semi-Finals (1A, 3A, 6A) Thursday, May 25 – Patriots' Park or sites in Sch. County, Lehigh Valley TBD
Semi-Finals (2A, 4A, 5A) Friday, May 26 – Patriots' Park or sites in Sch. County, Lehigh Valley TBD
[or 5/26/17 and 5/27/17]

Championship (ALL) Tuesday, May 30 – Patriots' Park or sites in Sch. County, Lehigh Valley TBD
(5A will be in D2 if they are higher seed.)

Rain date is the next day in every situation.

SUB REGIONAL FORMATS

DXI Power Ratings – no preferential seed

Higher seed is host district. {DISTRICT II GAMES ARE AT WILKES UNIVERSITY OR MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY}

CLASS A:

D2 Teams – 3 (Susquehanna, Forest City, MMI)

D11 Teams – 7 (Tri-Valley, Mahanoy, Williams Valley, Weatherly, NDES, Lincoln, Nativity)

Minimum 6 team bracket – 1 from D2, 4 from D11, 1 Wildcard

CLASS AAAAA:

D2 Teams – 5 (WWW, Wallenpaupack, Pittston, Abington Heights, North Pocono)

D11 Teams – 3 (Southern Lehigh, ES North, Pottsville)

Minimum 4 team bracket. 2 from D2, 1 from D11, 1 Wildcard

Games completed by **6:00 PM on May 20, 2017**, will be counted toward entrance into the District XI Softball Tournament.

Sites and times will be announced by **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2017**, for all classifications.

Preliminary games and quarter final games will be played at the home field of the top-seeded teams. (The top-seeded team is then responsible for managing the game as is done for any scheduled home game.) If the District X1 committee determines that the field of the home team is unsatisfactory; the District X1 committee will designate an alternate field to be used.

Since no tickets are sold, no expenses for field, game managers, etc., will be paid. **Umpires** will be paid by District XI for these games at the conclusion of the tournament.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE PERSON IN CHARGE OF TOURNAMENT:

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ELIGIBILITY FOR TOURNAMENT

A. District XI league champions will automatically qualify for District XI Softball Playoffs and will be seeded before the

other teams in their respective classifications. To be recognized, a league must include at least five District XI teams.

Note: Each league chairman shall inform the District Softball Chairman by 3:00 p.m. on May 20, 2017 which school has been declared the league champion.

- B. Teams that have won 50% or more of their league games, or 50% or more of their total scheduled games, will be eligible. Tie games will not count for tournament entrance, however, ties will be considered in establishing seeding (note: see "Seeding Method"). League Playoff games do not count
- C. Only games scheduled **prior** to the beginning of the Softball season will be considered.
- D. Teams must have played 9 games to be eligible for qualification.
- E. Minimum Qualification by Class:
 - A – 4 (1 to PIAA)
 - AA – 4 (1 to PIAA)
 - AAA – 6 (1 to PIAA)
 - AAAA – 6 (1 to PIAA)
 - AAAAA – 3 (1 to PIAA)
 - AAAAAA – 8(2 to PIAA)

METHOD OF SEEDING:

- A. The District XI Power Rating System will be used to seed teams with teams earning preferential seed going to the top of the seeds. NO preferential seed in Sub-regional classes
- B. Seeding will be based on the entire regular season schedule. League play-offs and scrimmages are not to be included.
- C. Current standings and results will be available season-long on the District XI website under the Softball link.
- D. League champions will be top seeded. They will be seeded according to the rating system noted above. Then the remaining eligible teams will be seeded also according to the same system.

FINANCES: Reimbursement and expenses will be paid in accordance with District XI Policy.

ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS:

- A. Officials will be assigned by the District XI Female Officials Representative.
- B. Officials will be paid by the District at the conclusion of the tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT:

PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let all contests reflect mutual respect. Coaches will certify prior to the contest that teams are legally equipped according to the rules of that contest.

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS: As determined by District XI Softball Chairperson.

TICKET PRICES:

All Rounds: Students/Senior Citizens - \$3.00 Adults - \$ 6.00

AWARDS PRESENTED FOR EACH SPORT:

Championship Trophy for each classification Champion
25 gold and silver medals will be awarded in each class

PLEASE NOTE:

Each school is responsible to provide for their own trainer. The **top seeded team** will be the home team, regardless of their position in the bracket. Seeding is only recognized for sites on the first and second rounds of play. For the semifinal and final games, the sites are chosen by the District Committee and consideration is given for TV coverage in selecting the sites.

CUT-OFF NUMBER OF 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A

Reference should be made to the 2016-2017 PIAA Handbook for softball classifications status of member schools.

OFFICIAL BALL: All Participants in the tournament must use the **Rawlings yellow optic softball**

DATES AND LOCATION OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

First Round June 5, 2017

Quarterfinals June 8, 2017

Semifinals June 12, 2017

Finals June 15 **and** 16, 2017 (Nittany Lion Field, Penn State University)

*Please email the dates of your Prom, Graduation and other end of year activities to rdry@battlinminers.com.
Time change will be considered for Prom, Graduation and other academic activities.*

