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TO: High School Principals & Athletic DirectorsFR: Chuck Gojmerac, Baseball Chairman

RE: PIAA District VI Baseball Tournament

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A. <u>GENERAL</u>

District VI will conduct a closed, single elimination tournament for Class 1A thru 6A teams. The Champion and runner-up of the 1A, 2A and 3A classes will represent District VI in the state playoffs. The Champion from Class 4A will represent District VI in the state playoffs. Class 5A and 6A comprise a sub-regional in which the champion will garner the state playoff slot.

In Class 2A, the runner-up will participate in a sub-regional with the District III and District IX runners-up. In Class 5A, District VI forms a sub-regional with Brashear (8) and DuBois (9).

In Class 5A, Brashear and DuBois have opted to play through District VI for the state playoff spot.

In Class 6A, District VI forms a sub-regional with Erie (10) and McDowell (10).

In Class 6A, the District VI champion will play the District X champion at Mount Aloysius.

B. ENTRY

Each school is responsible to update their scores and win/loss record on the District VI website:

- 1. Top 8 teams from Class 1A, 2A and 3A qualify.
- 2. Top 4 teams from Class 4A, 5A and 6A qualify.
- 3. Rankings to be determined based on the PIAA District VI website as of 9am on May 17th 2022.

C. ENTRY FEE

A school, which has qualified for the playoffs, shall mail the \$100 entry fee payable to PIAA District VI to the Baseball Chairman on/or before Friday, May 22, 2022.

D. <u>SEEDING</u>

The approved District VI power ranking website will be utilized. Schools with identical Power Ratings will be seeded by head to head games, then by game percentage won, then by a coin flip.

E. PLAYING FIELD

Games, except for the finals which are scheduled for People's Natural Gas Field (Blair County Ball Park), will be played on the baseball field of the opponent that has the higher Power Rating.

F. HOME TEAM

The team with the higher Power Rating shall be the **home** team and **host** the game.

G. BRACKETS AND PLAYING DATES

Brackets will be posted at www.piaad6.org. Playing dates for all classes are:

Thursday, May 19 th	Class 1A, 2A & 3A Quarterfinals
Monday, May 23 rd	Class 4A, 5A & 6A Semi-Finals
Tuesday, May 24 th	Class 1A, 2A & 3A Semi-Finals
Friday, May 27 th	Class 4A, 5A & 6A Finals *
Saturday, May 28 th	Class 1A, 2A & 3A Finals *
Wednesday, June 1 st	Class 2A Sub-Regional @ Mount Aloysius
Thursday, June 2 nd	Class 6A Sub-Regional @ Mount Aloysius
Monday, June 7 th	PIAA first round games

It is the intent of the District 6 Committee to follow this schedule, but we understand that weather and other factors such as graduation and conflicting dates with the softball tournament MAY necessitate flexibility.

* Flex dates (in case of inclement weather or graduation/baccalaureate/prom conflicts) for the District Championships at PNG field are Thursday, May 26th, Sunday, May 29th and Monday, May 30th. Again, please note that this is our tentative plan, but any of the above listed dates are in play for any of the classifications based on school conflicts and/or weather.

H. GAME TIME

The time schedule is as follows. Schedule days and times are subject to change.

<u>School Fields</u> Higher Power Rating Lower Power Rating Game	2:50 - 3:20 3:20 - 3:50 4:00		
<u>PNG Field</u>	<u>1 pm games</u>	4 pm games	7 pm games
Higher Power Rating	1:20 – 1:35	3:20 - 3:35	6:20 – 6:35
Lower Power Rating	1:35 – 1:50	3:35 - 3:50	6:35 – 6:50
Game	1:00pm	4:00 pm	7:00 pm

Note:

Field practice times are listed above. At PNG field for the finals, infield practice will take place at a designated location in the outfield. Prior to game time, there shall be no spikes used in the infield and all field practice time must occur in the outfield. Additionally, please stay off the foul lines during warm ups. Teams are responsible for providing their own water while at PNG Field.

MLB is currently not allowing any non-affiliated players use of MLB cages before, during or after competitions at an affiliated MLB stadium. If a team wishes to have batting practice in cages, Lakemont Park (which is adjacent to PNG Field) will be made available to teams. Please contact _______ of Lakemont Park at 814-_____ to secure your time.

District VI reserves the right to change game times, dates and location due to weather, field availability and school end-of-year schedule issues.

I. POSTPONED GAME

A game which is postponed shall be played the next day – except on a Sunday. With mutual consent of both teams, Sunday may be used. The only exception will be if a school has graduation or another event approved by the Baseball Chairman.

J. <u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

- 1. The school with the higher Power Rating will provide a game manager, the playing field (except for final game), at least six (6) new baseballs, ball chasers, and the official scorekeeper. **NOTE:** The District VI Committee will provide the baseballs for the championship games.
- 2. District VI will hire and pay the umpires. Three umpires will be assigned for all play-off games except the Championship game, which will have four umpires. Other financial obligations (game manager, security, scorebook, scoreboard, trainer, etc.) are the responsibility of the host site. District VI does not pay member schools a host fee for games played.
- 3. District VI will award a trophy and 25 individual medals to the champion of each classification.
- 4. District VI will secure and pay rental fees for Peoples' Natural Gas Field.
- 5. The home team Athletic Director, Game Manager or Head Coach will report the game score to the Tournament Director the day of the game. <u>Call or text 814-241-2626.</u>
- 6. Schools will keep their local media informed.
- 7. Except for the final game, the host school will make the following phone calls when a game has to be postponed.

(A) Opponents; (B) Umpire contact Person; (C) Chairman; (D) News Media

K. ADMISSION PRICES & COVID RESTRICTIONS

- 1. Host schools shall not charge admission for any home games prior to the District VI championship game at PNG Field.
- 2. District VI will utilize Hometown Tickets for the Championship Games at PNG Field.
- 3. Adult ticket price is \$6.00 (plus applicable convenience fees).
- 4. Student ticket price is \$6.00 (plus applicable convenience fees).
- 5. Children not yet enrolled in school are admitted free.
- 6. If deemed necessary, Altoona Curve Baseball and/or District VI may institute COVID-19 restrictions if mandated.