

OVAC BASEBALL FORMAT

Effective 2017 - 2018

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2018 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:

Friday, April 27, 2018

I-470 Ballfields, Wheeling, WV
Class 2A: 5:00PM
Class 3A: 7:30PM

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Vaccaro Field, Steubenville, OH
Class 4A: 11:00AM
Class 5A: 1:30PM
Class 1A: 4:00PM

FUTURE DATES:

2019:

April 26, 2019: 3A, 4A
April 27, 2019: 5A, 1A, 2A

2020:

April 24, 2020: 4A, 5A
April 25, 2020: 1A, 2A, 3A

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting for all baseball coaches on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018**. (In the event of snow cancellation, the meeting will be on Sunday, February 25, 2018). The meeting will be held at The Linsly School beginning at 1:00PM. Every school must have their coach or an appointed representative in attendance. **Failure to do so will result in an \$100.00 fine as well as attending a make-up meeting.**

It is IMPERATIVE that all coaches see that their e-mails are correct on the website and that they have established user names and passwords.

EACH SCHOOL IS TO BRING 25 COPIES OF THEIR SCHEDULE TO THE MEETING. YOUR SCHEDULE MUST HAVE WRITTEN ON IT THE DATE OF YOUR SCHOOL PROM.

1. There will be an OVAC champion in each class.

2. Determination of a champion will be by the power rating system, with a playoff between the top four (4) teams in each division. **(SEE RATING FORMAT)**

3. SCHEDULE CHANGES:

If the game on the master schedule is played, a make-up game may be played on the same day. **If the game on the master schedule is not played, a make-up game may not be played on the same day by the team that cancels.**

Should you play on the same day you cancel, you will be ineligible for the OVAC playoffs for BOTH the current season and the following season.

EXAMPLE: Martins Ferry (home team) is playing Edison (visitors). Martins Ferry cancels the game for whatever reason. Edison is allowed to play a game on that date, but Martins Ferry IS NOT.

4. All coaches are reminded of the State limits for the number of games played. **Ohio:** 27 games; **West Virginia:** 32 games total, excluding state tournament play.

5. The championship cutoff date is **Wednesday, April 18, 2018.**

6. **SEMI-FINALS:** The semi-finals of the playoffs will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the field of the higher seed (#1, #2).** While this is a semi-final game, the host team is responsible for all arrangements (officials, field prep, etc.). The host team will retain all profits and incur all losses. It is recommended that the host school charge OVAC rates.

[NOTE: In case of inclement weather, all semi-final games must be played **BEFORE THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Should any of the semifinal games not be completed before their respective championship, the top two seeded teams will advance to the finals.

Both semi-finals games and championship games are considered regular season contests and, as such, follow the rules of the state where they are played. [Example: courtesy runner]

7. REPORTING SCORES:

Due to the increased number of schools failing to report scores to the Conference statisticians, the following procedure will be implemented starting with the 2015-2016 school year.

A coach, or their appointed representative, is required to report the score of their game, **win or lose**, home or away, to the number listed below. **It is recommended that this be done immediately after each game.**

The responsibility for reporting scores belongs to **EVERY school, EVERY game.**

TEXT NUMBER

1.740.279.1999

SAMPLE TEXT MESSAGES

Baseball River 5 Magnolia 2

GAMES REPORTED AFTER MIDNIGHT ON THE CUTOFF DATE (April 18) WILL NOT COUNT IN THE STANDINGS.

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8. **BASEBALL COMMITTEE:** The following individuals will serve on the OVAC baseball committee for the 2018 season:

Steve Wojcik, Commissioner	304.218.1797
Perry West, Director	304.479.3437
Tom Rataiczak, Ex. Secretary	740.391.2930
Rick DeLuca, Statistician	740.632.8808

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Jay Cartwright, Linsly	304.281.0148
Fred Heatherington, Steubenville	740.264.9984
Tom Sliva, St. Clairsville	740.310.4010
Eric James, Cameron	304.780.5054

9. It is recommended that schools use contracts to confirm their baseball schedules.

TICKET PRICES FOR ALL PLAYOFF GAMES

Adults: \$6.00
Students: \$4.00

OVAC passes are good for all championship playoff games, including semifinals.

10. TEAM AWARDS

A. The regular-season champion in each class will be presented a plaque. **(MUST PLAY A CONFERENCE SCHEDULE BEFORE THE CUTOFF DATE TO BE ELIGIBLE.)** The regular season champion will be determined by games played THROUGH April 18, 2018.

B. The playoff champion in each class will be presented a championship trophy.

C. The play-off runner-up in each class will be presented a plaque.

11. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

A. There will be an OVAC baseball Coach-of-the-Year Award selected from a vote of all head coaches.

B. There will be a Player-of-the-Year Award in each of the five classes selected from a vote of all head coaches.

C. These award winners will be recognized at the George Kovalick Classic.

12. Scrimmage games may be played during the regular season. However, it must be by mutual agreement of both coaches and it must be indicated on BOTH schedules when submitted on February 18, 2018.

NOTE: West Virginia schools cannot scrimmage once you play your first game.

13. Scheduled games MUST BE PLAYED. If any problem arises other than poor weather conditions, the game cannot be postponed until a ruling has been made by the Baseball Commissioner, baseball director, and the Executive Secretary of the OVAC. Any violation of this rule will cost a school its playoff eligibility for the current season and the following season.

***Nonvalid reasons for changing/canceling a scheduled game:**

-Track meet/sporting event

-Field trips

-Tests (ACT/SAT) It is recommended that schools change their starting times to accommodate the test.

-Banquets

-Plays

-Concerts

-Proms/After-Proms

14. The Conference has the right to grant forfeits if it deems necessary and award any points to the offended school. The team which forfeited will lose its playoff eligibility for the current season and the following season.

15. It is the sole responsibility of the **HOME TEAM** to make a decision on whether or not a game will be played. The home team must make that decision prior to the departure of the visiting team. Any deviation from this must be reported to the baseball commissioner and baseball director **immediately** or it will result in the school being ineligible for the playoffs.

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FUTURE BASEBALL DATES

NOTE: DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD STATE ASSOCIATIONS ALTER THEIR CALENDARS.

2017-2018

Schedule Changes Due: March 14, 2018
Cutoff Date: April 18, 2018
Regular Season Champion Determined:
April 18, 2018
Semifinals: April 21, 2018
Championships: April 27, 2018 [2A, 3A]
April 28, 2018 [4A, 5A, 1A]
Online Voting: April 29, 2018
Player Showcase: May 29, 2018
All-Star Game: June 4, 2018
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 5, 2018

2018-2019

Schedule Changes Due: March 13, 2019
Cutoff Date: April 17, 2019
Regular Season Champion Determined:
April 17, 2019
Semifinals: April 20, 2019
Championships: April 26, 2019 [3A, 4A]
April 27, 2019 [5A, 1A, 2A]
Online Voting: April 28, 2019
Player Showcase: May 21, 2019
All-Star Game: May 28, 2019
All-Star Game Rain Date: May 29, 2019

2019-2020

Schedule Changes Due: March 1, 2020
Cutoff Date: April 15, 2020
Regular Season Champion Determined:
April 15, 2020
Semifinals: April 18, 2020
Championships: April 24, 2020 [4A, 5A]
April 25, 2019 [1A, 2A, 3A]
Online Voting: April 26, 2020
Player Showcase: May 26, 2020
All-Star Game: June 8, 2020
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 9, 2020