

OVAC BASEBALL FORMAT

Effective 2020 - 2021

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2021 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:

Friday, May 7, 2021
Toronto High School, OH
5:00PM; 7:30PM +

Saturday, May 8, 2021
I-470 Ballfields, Wheeling, WV
11:00AM; 1:30PM; 4:00PM +

+ Games to be determined by Commissioner depending on proms, weather, field conditions

FUTURE DATES:

2022:

April 29, 2022
April 30, 2022

2023:

April 28, 2023
April 29, 2023

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting for all baseball coaches on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021**. (In the event of snow cancellation, the meeting will be on Sunday, February 21, 2021). **The meeting will be held at Belmont College 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: Fort Frye (home team) is playing Shenandoah (visitors). Fort Frye cancels the game for whatever reason. Shenandoah is allowed to play a game on that date, but Shenandoah 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 28, 2021.**

6. **SEMI-FINALS:** The semi-finals of the playoffs will be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2021, 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] **Any change must be by mutual agreement of BOTH coaches. SCHOOLS MUST FOLLOW PITCH COUNT RULES AS WRITTEN BY THEIR STATE ASSOCIATION. AN OFFICIAL BOOK WILL BE KEPT TO RECORD ALL PITCH COUNTS AND WILL SUPERCEDE ANY RECORDS KEPT BY OPPOSING TEAMS.**

7. REPORTING SCORES:

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 Martins Ferry 5 Union Local 2

GAMES REPORTED AFTER MIDNIGHT ON THE CUTOFF DATE (April 28, 2021) 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 2021 season:

Steve Wojcik, Commissioner	304.218.1797
Bill Beattie, Director	740.632.4144
Perry West, Director Emeritus	304.479.3437
Dirk DeCoy, Ex. Director	740.310.3115
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Matt Carnahan, Cameron	304.639.8486
Tom Sliva, St. Clairsville	740.310.4010
Steve Myers, Wheeling Park	304.650.0945

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 semi-final and final championship games. No other passes will be honored.

10. TEAM AWARDS #

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

B. 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.

**# PLEASE SEE
"FORMATS, RATINGS,
BASEBALL," #5
for requirements for eligibility.**

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 14, 2021.

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 Director 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

-Squad not at full strength

14. The Conference has the right to grant forfeits **if it deems necessary** and award any points to the offended school. **This pertains only to Conference games.** 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.

2020-2021

Schedule Changes Due: March 26, 2021
Cutoff Date: April 28, 2021
Semifinals: May 1, 2021
Championships: May 7, 2021
May 8, 2021
Online Voting: May 9, 2021
Player Showcase @ West Liberty University:
June 15, 2021 (tentative)
Player Showcase @ Franciscan University: June
17, 2021 (tentative)
**(Alternate site for Showcase is I-470 Complex,
date TBD)**

All-Star Game: June 21, 2021
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 22, 2021

2021-2022

Schedule Changes Due: March 16, 2022
Cutoff Date: April 20, 2022
Semifinals: April 23, 2022
Championships: April 29, 2022
April 30, 2022
Online Voting: May 1, 2022
Player Showcase @ West Liberty University: May
31, 2022
Player Showcase @ Franciscan University: June
2, 2022

All-Star Game: June 6, 2022
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 7, 2022

2022-2023

Schedule Changes Due: March 15, 2023
Cutoff Date: April 19, 2023
Semifinals: April 22, 2023
Championships: April 28, 2023
April 29, 2023
Online Voting: April 30, 2023
Player Showcase @ West Liberty University: May
30, 2023
Player Showcase @ Franciscan University: June
1, 2023
All-Star Game: June 5, 2023
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 6, 2023