

OVAC BASEBALL FORMAT

Effective 2011-2012

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2012 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Vaccaro Field, Steubenville, OH

Friday, April 27, 2012

Class 1A: 5:00PM
Class 2A: 7:30PM

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Class 3A: 11:00AM
Class 4A: 1:30PM
Class 5A: 4:00PM

FUTURE DATES:

2013:

May 3, 2013: 2A, 3A
May 4, 2013: 4A, 5A, 1A

2014:

May 2, 2014: 3A, 4A
May 3, 2014: 5A, 1A, 2A

2015:

May 1, 2015: 4A, 5A
May 2, 2015: 1A, 2A, 3A

2016:

April 29, 2016: 5A, 1A
April 30, 2016: 2A, 3A, 4A

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be no mandatory meeting for baseball. All necessary materials will be e-mailed to the head coaches the **first Monday of February**. 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. **SCHEDULES ARE DUE TO THE COMMISSIONER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20, 2012.**

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.

3. Each team is assigned a rating based on their classification:

Class A: 30 points (1-158)*

Class AA: 40 points (159-226)

Class AAA: 50 points (227-367)

Class AAAA: 60 points (368-521)

Class AAAAA: 70 points (522 +)

*NOTE: Enrollment of non-Conference schools is to be based on total number of males and females in grades 10, 11, and 12 for that school year.

4. Non-Conference schools will be assigned first level point values based on enrollment figures corresponding with the above OVAC classifications.

5. All schools scheduled for that season will count for First Level Points.

6. **BONUS POINTS:** TWO (2) Bonus Points will be awarded for all wins by defeated OVAC opponents. NO BONUS POINTS will be awarded for any wins by defeated non-Conference schools.

7. To be eligible for the playoffs, six (6) games must be played with Conference opponents before the established cutoff date (April 18).

8. Once the first and second level points are determined, the total points accumulated by the school will be divided by the games played. The four (4) teams with the highest average at the cutoff date (April 18) will advance for tournament play.

9. If any team plays an opponent on its regular season schedule more than two (2) times, only the first two games played will count in the OVAC standings or toward minimum OVAC game requirements.

10. **REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION:** A regular season champion by class will be awarded in each sport to the team that has the highest average at their cutoff date (April 18). That team must be eligible for playoffs to be named regular season champion.

11. **Section 7 of the OVAC Constitution**
- Any scheduled regular season contest which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances as determined by the Executive Board (such as failure of a team to arrive, strike, school closing) shall not be included in won-lost statistics. The parties affected by this event will have their accumulative points divided by one less game. Questions and appeals regarding this can be sent to the Executive Board for their review.

12. Ties shall be regarded as no contest but will count in the number of games played toward the minimum number of Conference opponents required. [NOTE: All contests must meet the official game standard.]

13. **SCHEDULE CHANGES:** The last date for schedule changes shall be determined by the earliest start date of either State association for that sport (March 14).

Should the schedule be changed after the first game/match is played, the game/match changed will not count toward the cumulative points or minimum OVAC game/match requirements.

Any exceptions to this must be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary. A decision will be made by the Executive Secretary, the Commissioner, and Executive Board, if deemed necessary. That decision will be final. (An example of

this might be the flooding experienced during the '05 season).

Any change prior to the first game/match must be given to the Commissioner, IN WRITING, or it will not count in the standings.

14. All coaches are reminded of the State limits for the number of games played. **Ohio:** 27 games in 23 days; **West Virginia:** 32 games total, excluding state tournament play.

15. The championship cutoff date is **Wednesday, April 18, 2012.**

16. **SEMI-FINALS:** The semi-finals of the playoffs will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2012**, at sites to be announced. The following semi-final sites have been established by the committee for the 2012 season:

Class 1A: Bishop Donahue

Class 2A: Toronto

Class 3A: Bridgeport

Class 4A: Union Local

Class 5A: John Marshall

Games will be played at 11:00AM and 2:00PM.

[NOTE: In case of inclement weather, all semi-final games must be played BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON APRIL 27/28, 2012. A **RAIN DATE** is set for Monday, April 23, 2012.]

Should the semifinal games not be completed before Thursday, April 26, the top two teams will advance to the semi-finals.

17. **TIEBREAKER:** A tiebreaker will be used in breaking ties for the top four (4) positions only. The decision of the committee with regard to the final tiebreaker determination will be final. The tiebreaker will be based on the final standings at the cutoff date.

In the event of a tie for the final season standings, the following tie-breakers will be used:

● head-to-head meetings;

● best record against common opponents.

● best point average against common opponents.

● total bonus points earned

● flip of the coin. This will be done by the committee, and, if possible, with both head

coaches present. First alphabetically listed school is heads; second school is tails.

Should three or more teams tie for one of the top four spots, the above tiebreakers will be used. Once a school is eliminated, then we will begin again with the first tiebreaker.

18. TOURNAMENTS: At the cutoff date (April 18), the four teams in each class with the highest averages will compete in a championship tournament.

In the semi-final round, the #1 seed will play the #4 seed, while the #2 seed will play the #3 seed.

The winners of the semi-finals will then compete for the Conference championship.

Should the semi-finals not be able to be contested due to weather problems, strikes, closings, or any other reason by the date assigned, the #1 and #2 seeds will advance to the championship.*

Should the #3 and or #4 seed play and win their semi-final match, they will advance to the championship round.

Should the finals not be able to be contested due to weather problems, strikes, closings, or any other reason, the highest remaining seed will be named the champion.*

Schools **MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to see that these games are completed when scheduled. This includes changing their regular schedule, playing boys'/girls' doubleheaders, going to the other school's venue, locating a neutral playing site, etc.

***NOTE:** The tournament committee reserves the right to review the circumstances of the situation and determine which teams will advance to the championships or be named champion.

The committee will consist of the tournament director for that sport, the Executive Secretary, and the OVAC President. Should any of these three be affected by the decision, the OVAC Past President and/or Vice-President shall replace them.

19. REPORTING SCORES: The home team must report the scores to Rick DeLuca, Conference statistician, at his home number or through e-mail. Games which are postponed due to poor weather should also be reported.

SCHOOLS MUST DO A BETTER JOB OF REPORTING THE SCORES. PLEASE, IF NOTHING ELSE, APPOINT A COACH/PLAYER TO CALL IN THE SCORE AFTER EACH GAME.

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20. BASEBALL COMMITTEE: The following individuals will serve on the OVAC baseball committee for the 2012 season:

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21. Once schedules are submitted, no games may be moved forward or backward. Schedules are frozen after Wednesday, March 14, 2012. No changes or additions are permitted after this date. Any change after March 14 will not count in the OVAC standings. Games can be added, but will not count in the standings. You are permitted to make-up games that have been postponed on open dates and/or times on the original master schedule.

NOTE: Any game that is moved forward/backward after the schedule is frozen will not count in the won/loss record or toward the six (6) game total. However, the game will be used to divide your total for the average, therefore BOTH teams will be penalized.

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: University (home team) is playing John Marshall (visitors). University cancels the game for whatever reason. John Marshall is allowed to play a game on that date, but University IS NOT.

22. 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.

23. TEAM AWARDS

A. The regular-season champion in each class will be presented a plaque. **(MUST PLAY A SIX (6) GAME CONFERENCE SCHEDULE BEFORE THE CUTOFF DATE TO BE ELIGIBLE.)** The regular season champion will be determined by games played THROUGH April 18, 2012.

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

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

24. 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.

25. 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 March 14, 2012.

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

26. 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

27. 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.

28. In both States of our Conference, forfeits are not recognized as wins if the games were never started. Therefore, no points can be awarded. However, the team which forfeited will lose its playoff eligibility for the current season and the following season.

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FUTURE BASEBALL DATES

2011-2012

Schedule Changes Due: March 14, 2012
Cutoff Date: April 18, 2012
Semifinals: April 21, 2012
Semifinals Rain Date: April 23, 2012, or as soon as possible the following week
Regular Season Champion Determined: April 27, 2012
Championships: April 27, 2012 [1A, 2A]
April 28, 2012 [3A, 4A, 5A]
Coaches' Selection Meeting: April 29, 2012
Player Showcase: May 29, 2012
All-Star Game: June 4, 2012
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 5, 2012

2012-2013

Schedule Changes Due: March 13, 2013
Cutoff Date: April 24, 2013
Semifinals: April 27, 2013
Semifinals Rain Date: April 29, 2013, or as soon as possible the following week
Regular Season Champion Determined: May 3, 2013
Championships: May 3, 2013 [2A, 3A]
May 4, 2013 [4A, 5A, 1A]
Coaches' Selection Meeting: May 5, 2013
Player Showcase: June 4, 2013
All-Star Game: June 10, 2013
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 11, 2013

2013-2014

Schedule Changes Due: March 19, 2014
Cutoff Date: April 23, 2014
Semifinals: April 26, 2014
Semifinals Rain Date: April 28, 2014, or as soon as possible the following week
Regular Season Champion Determined: May 2, 2014
Championships: May 2, 2014 [3A, 4A]
May 3, 2014 [5A, 1A, 2A]
Coaches' Selection Meeting: May 4, 2014
Player Showcase: June 3, 2014
All-Star Game: June 9, 2014
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 10, 2014

2014-2015

Schedule Changes Due: March 18, 2015
Cutoff Date: April 22, 2015
Semifinals: April 25, 2015
Semifinals Rain Date: April 27, 2015
Regular Season Champion Determined: April 22, 2015
Championships: May 1, 2015 [4A, 5A]
May 2, 2015 [1A, 2A, 3A]
Coaches' Selection Meeting: May 3, 2015
Player Showcase: June 2, 2015
All-Star Game: June 8, 2015
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 9, 2015

2015-2016

Schedule Changes Due: March 16, 2016
Cutoff Date: April 20, 2016
Semifinals: April 23, 2016
Semifinals Rain Date: April 25, 2016
Regular Season Champion Determined: April 20, 2016
Championships: April 29, 2016 [5A, 1A]
April 30, 2016 [2A, 3A, 4A]
Coaches' Selection Meeting: May 1, 2016
Player Showcase: May 31, 2016
All-Star Game: June 6, 2016
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 7, 2016

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

SCHOOLS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2012 CHAMPIONSHIP:

Class 1A: All schools eligible
Class 2A: All schools eligible
Class 3A: All schools eligible
Class 4A: All schools eligible
Class 5A: All schools eligible