

# OVAC BASEBALL FORMAT

## Effective 2020 - 2021

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### 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

Vaccaro Field, Steubenville, OH  
5:00PM; 7:30PM +

**Saturday, May 1, 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 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:** 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 21, 2021.**

6. **SEMI-FINALS:** The semi-finals of the playoffs will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 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 21, 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**

### **2020-2021**

Schedule Changes Due: March 17, 2021  
Cutoff Date: April 21, 2021  
Semifinals: April 24, 2021  
Championships: April 30, 2021  
May 1, 2021  
Online Voting: May 2, 2021  
Player Showcase @ West Liberty University: June 1, 2021  
Player Showcase @ Franciscan University: June 3, 2021  
All-Star Game: June 7, 2021  
All-Star Game Rain Date: June 8, 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

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

### **ALTERED SEASON DISCLAIMER:**

It is the Conference's intention to conduct OVAC Championships that may be impacted by possible implications from pandemics and/or other non-baseball related situations such as but not limited to institutional strikes and/or statewide employee strikes. In these types of cases, the Conference's intentions are to conduct OVAC (STATE) CHAMPIONSHIPS in lieu of full-fledged "OVAC CHAMPIONSHIPS". Simply put, if all Conference teams from one state are unable to play, we still want to conduct a championship with the teams from the state that are able to play.

As of the loss of 2020 spring sports in the OVAC as a result of COVID-19, the OVAC has made accommodations in the event that a similar event may cause the cancellation of spring sports in only Ohio or West Virginia, but not both.

Prior to each season, the Baseball Committee shall approve a state-side only championship based on enrollment and the current standings at the official cutoff date for the sport. The reconfigured divisions will be determined prior to the season and only divulged and used as determined by the Baseball Committee, Baseball Commissioner and Baseball Tournament Director. Keep in mind that this championship format will only be used in approved circumstances and that all other rules described in this format will remain the same.

NOTE: In the event that a private school in either state and that is a qualifying OVAC member will be permitted to participate in the neighboring state's championship only if, the school is not affiliated with or restricted by that state's rulings and only if satisfied by any legal determination.