

Central District Baseball Seeding Meeting

Virtual – 2022

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Make sure your contact information on MYOHSAA is correct;
- Each team will provide 4 balls (Rawlings R100) per game through the District semi-finals;
- Baseballs will be reimbursed at the All-District voting meeting at Dublin Coffman in May;
- The team pass list is located on the Central District website – you need it for Sectional and District games;
- Brackets can be found on the Central District website;
- Seeding information will be distributed prior to the meeting on Sunday, May 8;
- If any school is having transportation issues, the game time can be changed to accommodate those schools. Those schools affected need to contact their opponent, Mark Aprile (614 - 257 - 9944) and Mark Spicer (614 - 481 - 3131) regarding the change. All changes needed to be made in Arbiter will be done by the CDAB. Local schools - coaches, AD's and secretaries are not to make any changes in Arbiter. All other games start at 5:00 pm;
- Umpires for all games will be paid by the CDAB. Once the assignments have been made, your Athletic Administrator will be notified;
- If your field is not located at your school and you are hosting a game, please make sure you let us know so we can make the necessary adjustments to the schedule;
- If we have bad weather and the home field is unplayable, the game will be moved to the visitor's site should their field be playable. If neither field is

playable, the Tournament Director will determine where the game will be played if a field is available. If the game cannot be played, it will be rescheduled for the next day. We need all decisions made by 2:00 pm to allow time for buses to be scheduled and umpires to be notified;

- Should your game be suspended for weather or darkness, it will be scheduled for completion the next day;
- The home team's scorebook will be the official book;
- The winning team is required to call the score into the following:
 - Mark Aprile: (614) 257-9944
 - Jay Smith: (614) 403-1505
 - Dispatch: (614) 461-5235
- Cost for Sectional and District game is \$8.00 pre-sale, \$10.00 on game day (game day ticket pricing starts 3 hours before game time);
- All tickets will be sold online.

II. SECTIONALS/DISTRICTS

- All games will be played on the home field of the better seeded team for all Sectional and District Semi-final games;
- District Finals will be assigned to one of the following fields once the District finalist have been determined:
 - Beavers Field in Lancaster
 - Grove City
 - Mt. Vernon Nazarene
 - Olentangy Liberty
 - Olentangy Orange
 - Upper Arlington

- The team pass list for Sectional and District games will include a maximum of 28:
 - Twenty-two players in uniform
 - All coaches must be in uniform
 - Six additional essential game personnel (i.e. ball boy, trainer, scorekeeper, coaches);
- Dugouts will be assigned by the home team;
- Rain dates, if needed for the Sectional, will be Friday, May 20 and Saturday , May 21 if needed;
- Batting practice is permitted prior to all OHSAA tournament games but is not mandatory on the game field. If the visiting team wants to hit at the site, they are required to contact the home school. There is a hitting schedule available if needed;
- Scout Passes - A Coach may request two scouting passes to attend a game of a future opponent. The Coach's request should include the division, date, teams playing and site. Pass requests should be submitted to Laura Vermilya - lvermilya@ohsaa.org.
- Division IV will have 2 District Champions again this year.

III. SEEDING MEETING

- Seeding Process
 - There shall be a two point differential between the first and second seeds (i.e. if there are 20 teams, the first seed will receive 20 points, second seed will receive 18 points);
 - There shall be a one point differential between all subsequent seeds;
 - A schools point total shall be calculated by dropping the highest and lowest vote they have received;

- A school shall not vote for themselves;
 - If a school fails to vote, their second highest vote will also be dropped from their point total
- **If two or more teams are tied for a seeded spot**, the school that received the most individual votes, at or above the tied position shall receive the higher seed.
 - If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken by a coin toss. The school to call the toss will be the first one to appear in an alphabetical listing of the schools without the use of the respective city name unless the city name is part of the official school name. Selection will go from A - Z in even numbered years; Z - A in odd number years.
- **Passing on bracket placement:** The number of schools advancing to the District tournament may pass. All others must place themselves on the bracket when their seed is called (I.e. if 8 teams are advancing to the District tournament, seeds 1 through 8 may pass; teams with a seed greater than 8 must go on the bracket when called).
 - For 2022: DI seeds 1 - 16 may pass, seeds 17 and greater must place themselves on the bracket when called;
 - For 2022: DII, DIII and DIV seeds 1 - 8 may pass, seeds 9 and greater must place themselves on the bracket when called.
- **Teams absent from the draw:** If a school fails to have a representative present at the drawing and seeding meeting the Manager/Site Manager shall use the following procedure:
 - For teams in the top half of the seeded teams (one more than half if an odd number of teams), the school absent will be placed on the bracket after the #1 seed is given the opportunity to place themselves on the bracket. If #1 selects a line, the absent school will be placed on

the furthest line, excluding a bye line, in the other half of the bracket from #1 seed. If the #1 seed passes, the absent school will be placed on the first non-bye line;

- o If more than one team is absent in the top half of the seeded teams, schools will be placed, in order of seed, as far apart as possible after #1 has their choice;
- o For teams in the bottom half of the seeded teams, the school absent will be placed on the bracket after all other teams have selected their bracket placement;
- o If more than one team is absent in the bottom half of the seeded teams, the schools will be placed, in the order of the seed, after all other schools have selected their bracket placement.

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