



2007 BASEBALL FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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Mr. William N. Gaine, Jr.
Deputy Director

2007 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT												
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS										
Season Schedule & Commitment Form Due:	Received on or before: April 15 Subject to \$200 fine for late forms.	Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website										
Tournament Entry Form Due:	Received on or before Wednesday, May 23 Subject to \$300 fine for late filing.											
Cut-Off Date:	South, North, Central & West Monday, May 28 (night games are permitted)	North Mr. James Gillis										
Seedings:	North, South & Central at the MIAA Office Tuesday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m. West at Northampton HS Wednesday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m.	South Mr. Don Fredericks Central & State Mr. Robert McNamara										
Preliminary Rounds and First Round Games Will Start no earlier than:	North, South, Central Thursday, May 31 West Friday, June 1	West Mr. Thomas Ford										
Quarter Finals:	June 4 & 5	~OFFICIAL ASSIGNERS~ North Mr. Harland Robbins										
Semi-Finals:	June 6 & 7											
Sectional Finals:	June 9	Central Mr. Paul H. King										
State Semi-Finals:	June 13 <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Division</th> <th>Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Emass Div. I & III</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emass Div. II</td> <td>North</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C/WMass Div. II</td> <td>West</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C/WMass Div. I & III</td> <td>Central</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Division	Location	Emass Div. I & III	South	Emass Div. II	North	C/WMass Div. II	West	C/WMass Div. I & III	Central	West Mr. Joseph Dahrourge
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Emass Div. II	North											
C/WMass Div. II	West											
C/WMass Div. I & III	Central											
State Finals:	June 16 Division I, II and III LeLacheur Park, Lowell											

The following forms must be submitted:

Form	Deadline:
Season Schedule & Commitment Form	Thursday, April 15
Tournament Entry Form	Wednesday, May 23
Tournament Roster	Wednesday, May 23
MIAA Sectional Baseball Tournament "Officials Recommended Form" (Optional)	Wednesday, May 23
Facility Requirements Form	Wednesday, May 23
Tournament Compliance Form	Wednesday, May 23
Tournament Code of Conduct Form	Wednesday, May 23
Team Sportsmanship Nomination Form	Tuesday, May 29

MIAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

1. CLASSIFICATION BY SECTION

Schools have been assigned by divisions based upon a 4-year alignment (2006-2009). Each section (North, South, Central, West) will be divided into three divisions.

Please refer to the MIAA website for alignment information (www.miaa.net)

2. GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

A. Officials

Umpires - to be assigned by the Tournament Commissioner of Umpires. Two umpires for Sectional Quarter final. Three umpires for Sectional and Semi-finals. Umpire fees for preliminary and Quarter final games are to be paid by the home team.

State semi-final and final games - three umpires will be assigned.

After the teams arrive at the field, the plate umpire will decide if the game is to be postponed because of weather. He will notify the Commissioner of Umpires of the appropriate section if the decision is not to play.

B. SITE SELECTION, HOME TEAM, PLAYING FIELD, SELECTION OF BENCH

Preliminary and Quarter Final Rounds - The higher seeded team shall be the home team and select playing field and bench. If the higher seeded team, prior to the sectional semi-final games, has an unacceptable home site, it may choose one alternate site as determined by the Tournament Director. If a suitable alternate site cannot be immediately procured, the game will be played at the site of the lower seed team, provided that site is acceptable to the Tournament Director. If that site is not acceptable, the Director shall select a neutral site for the game.

Semi-finals and Finals - Tournament Directors will assign fields. Higher seeded team in sectional semi-final and final games has choice of being home team or bench. Semi-final and final games must be scheduled at a neutral site if at all possible. An effort will be made to schedule the same division on the same day if possible.

Teams playing in semi-final and final games shall not take batting practice at game site on day of game. Teams designated as home team shall take infield first.

For games prior to sectional semi-final games, schools who mutually agree to and have received the approval of the Tournament Director may schedule a night game.

Any team in the sectional and state semi-finals and finals may be scheduled for a night game by the Tournament Director.

Preliminary and Quarter Final Games - Games played during school days shall start at 4:00 P.M. unless schools and Tournament Director mutually agree to an earlier or later starting time.

Semi-final Games and Final Games - Starting times will be decided by the Tournament Director. The Director will notify coaches and the media of starting times.

At State Semi-Final and Final Games a coin flip will determine the higher seeded team.

- C. BASEBALLS - The only baseballs that can be used for Tournament games are those approved by individual MIAA member leagues.

The home team shall provide the game balls for each game through the sectional quarter final. From the Sectional Semi-Finals on Diamond 2007 baseballs will be provided.

- D. POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE OF WEATHER - All games prior to sectional semi-finals, the home teams will decide three hours before game time if the game is to be postponed to the following day. For sectional and state semi-finals and finals, the Site Director will notify the teams involved, newspapers, and the Commissioner of Umpires three hours before game time if the game is postponed. Postponed games are to be played the following day, unless the teams involved mutually agree to play on Sunday. Once the teams arrive at the field the plate umpire will make the decision, and if the game is postponed, will notify the Commissioner of Umpires immediately who will in turn notify the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will inform newspapers.

- E. ADJUSTMENTS OF DATES, LOCATION OF GAMES - Schools with special functions which conflict with the tournament may **request** through the Principal to the Tournament Director the opportunity for a scheduling adjustment. In all cases graduation conflicts will be honored. With respect to special functions Tournament Directors will attempt to adhere to the schedule date while assessing the extenuating circumstances presented. All requests cannot be satisfied, however, all will be addressed sensitively and fairly. Playing date changes, or change of playing locations must be requested and confirmed **immediately** with the Tournament Director who will notify the Commissioner of Umpires and schools involved.

- F. TIES, SUSPENDED AND/OR OFFICIAL GAMES

1. Games played prior to Sectional Finals

- a. All games played that are official (games played through 4 1/2 or 5 innings) which are stopped by the umpire-in chief are completed games, if not tied. If tied, the game will be resumed at the point of stoppage.
- b. All games played that are not official which are stopped by the umpire-in-chief are suspended games and will be resumed at the point of stoppage.

2. Game played from Sectional Finals through State Finals

- a. All games played which are stopped by the umpire-in-chief, regardless of innings played or score, will be resumed at the point of stoppage. These games must complete 8 1/2 or 9 innings in Division I and 6 1/2 or 7 innings in Division II and III.

- G. PLAYING RULES - RULES are those of the latest Sporting News Official Rules of Baseball with the following MIAA modification:

1. All games in Division II and III are scheduled for 7 innings. Division I games are scheduled for 9 innings. *In WMass Division I will play 7 innings in the Sectional Tournament *only*.
2. Batting helmets of the full protection type, including double ear flaps and visor, must be worn while at bat or on bases.
3. Catcher MUST wear full crown protective helmet.
4. Adult coaches *may* coach at first and third bases.
 - a. Any coach who chooses to do so must be in full baseball uniform.
 - b. An adult coach approved by the school's administration must remain on the team bench at all times.
5. MIAA will allow bat (BESR Certified) of choice for the 2007 baseball tournament.

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6. A designated hitter can be used for any player. (see 2-I)
 7. When coach goes to pitcher's mound twice in one inning the pitcher must be removed from pitching duties for the rest of the game. He may remain in the game at another position.
 8. The NCAA sliding rule will be in effect for all tournament games.
 9. Re-entry of Players is Not allowed except in WMass through the Sectional Finals. The National Federation re-entry rule will be followed: Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, including a player who was the designated hitter, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. A starting pitcher who is replaced in the top of the first inning while his team is at bat shall be governed by the rules covering pitching substitutions.
 10. The "Strike Two" Rule will be included for Tournament Play

H. The MIAA has adopted the following **NCAA Play-Slide Rule**: The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of *all* players. This is a safety as well as an interference rule. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

1. On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground *before the base* and in a direct line between the two bases. *It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended.*
Exception: A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. *Interference shall not be called.*
 - (a.) "On the ground" means either a head-first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground *before the base.*
 - (b.) "Directly into a base" means the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.
2. Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall not be called if the runner *makes a legal slide directly to the base and in the baseline extended.*
A.R. -If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a "pop-up" slide, this contact is legal.
3. Actions by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:
 - (a) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of a fielder (with or without contact).
 - (b) The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder;
 - (c) The runner's raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position;
 - (d) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg;
 - (e) The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

PENALTY for 3A -3E

1. With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner (s) shall advance.
 2. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner (s) shall advance.
 3. If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.
- A.R.** If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made, and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases.

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- I. SEEDING - The position of teams is determined by the percentage method, i.e. total number of games won divided by total number of games played, give the percentage rating. ***Ties will be broken by lottery or coin flip.*** Exception: When teams are tied in the tournament seeding and the preliminary or projected first game opponent is from the same league the seeding committee will break the tie by precluding that round game when possible. (A bye is considered a game) In the West, the Walker System will be used for seeding purposes.
- J. DESIGNATED HITTER RULE FOR PITCHER AND DEFENSIVE PLAYER - A hitter may be designated to bat for any players and all substitutes for that player in any game without otherwise affecting the status of the players in the game. A designated hitter for a player must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the lineup cards presented to the umpire before the game.

It is not mandatory that a team designate a hitter for a player but failure to do so before a game precludes the use of the designated hitter in that game.

Pinch hitters for the designated hitter may be used. Any substitute hitter for the designated hitter becomes the designated hitter. A replaced designated hitter shall not re-enter the game in any capacity.

The designated hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the player he had been hitting for must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, then the coach must designate their spots in the batting order. Once a designated hitter assumes a defensive position, the move shall terminate the designated hitter rule for the remainder of the game. A substitute for the designated hitter need not be announced until it is the designated hitter's turn to bat.

A runner may be substituted for the designated hitter and the runner assumes the role of the designated hitter. A designated hitter may not pinch run.

A designated hitter is locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting order and rotation of the designated hitter.

Once the player for whom the designated hitter has been hitting enters the game offensively either as a pinch hitter or pinch runner, this move will terminate the designated hitter rule for the remainder of the game. In the case of the defensive substitution, if a defensive substitution is made for the player whom the designated hitter is hitting for, he may play only defense. However, once in the game, he could pinch hit for the designated hitter thus termination of the designated hitter rule occurs for the remainder of the game. If a player pinch hits for the designated hitter and takes the place of the player for whom the designated hitter has been hitting, this move will terminate the designated hitter for the remainder of the game.

If the designated hitter enter the game defensively for a player other than the defensive player the designated hitter had been hitting for, the designated hitter will maintain the same position in the batting order and the defensive player who the designated hitter had been hitting for will assume the position in the batting order of the player who leaves the game. Once the designated hitter enters the game, the use of the DH is ended. No DH after the game has begun.

- K. State level play at the semi-finals and finals will have a flip of the coin called by the site director. The winner of the flip has the choice of home or away or which dugout their team will have. The other coach makes his call accordingly.
- L. Medical Coverage: A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be provided/compensated by the Host School in tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will provide for this coverage at MIAA designated neutral sites.



Baseball Team Sportsmanship Award

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to one school in every sport. The MIAA Team Sportsmanship Award will be presented at the State Championships on June 16th.

We would like to encourage you to nominate a baseball team for consideration by the MIAA Baseball Committee for recognition at the MIAA Baseball Championships. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Criteria to include: Teamwork, Fair play/respect for opponents, Ethics and Citizenship. Self nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Team Baseball Sportsmanship Award:

School: _____ Division: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____ School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Coach: _____ Home Phone: _____

Captain(s) names: _____

Number of Games Played _____

Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!

Your Name _____ Signature _____

Position _____ School _____

Date _____ Phone _____

Send to: MIAA, Attn: Baseball Committee
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 29, 2007