



## 2024-25 MHSAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT Tournament Plan – Key Points of Review

- The MHSAA Tournament is conducted in four equal Divisions by enrollment. Baseball tournament games are conducted together at each tournament site.
- Teams are assigned to a District for first-round games.
- District winners advance to one of sixteen Regional Semifinals in each Division.
- Regional Semifinal winners advance to one of four Quarterfinal sites in each Division.
- In Districts with 5 or 6 teams, District First Round games are to be played, by default, on Tuesday, May 27. Games may be played on Thursday, May 22, Friday, May 23, or Saturday, May 24 if all schools participating (and the host school, if applicable) agree and each participating school submits an affirming statement to the host in writing. These statements must be included with brackets submitted to the MHSAA office following the district draw.
- District Semifinal and Final games are to be played, by default, on Saturday, May 31. Games may be played on Friday, May 30 if all participating schools agree and each participating school submits an affirming statement to the host in writing. These statements must be included with brackets submitted to the MHSAA office following the District draw.
- Regional Semifinal games are June 4, and Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals) are June 7.
- Each District manager shall conduct a random draw with notification to participating teams of the time and place of the draw. The host school may draw a bye.
- Earliest date for the district draw is April 1.
- A coin toss on-site prior to each game determines the home team.
- Managers hire officials from the MHSAA approved list for District games.
- The MHSAA committee will select and assign officials for all Regional Semifinal, Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals), Semifinal, and Finals games.
- Financial reports must be completed by tournament managers and submitted to the MHSAA within 30 days (and no later than July 1) of the tournament.
- The MHSAA Tournament rain suspension rule will apply at the District, Regional Semifinal and quarterfinal (including Regional Finals) level. **REVIEW THAT POLICY BEFORE MAKING ANY GAME DECISIONS DUE TO WEATHER.**
- The MHSAA 10- and 15-run rules apply in all tournament games.
- District and Regional Semifinal Managers should forward Eligibility lists and rosters of winning teams to the next-level tournament manager.



## BASEBALL TOURNAMENT MANAGER MANUAL (Alpha by topic, forms follow topics)

### 2024-2025 MHSAA District, Regional Semifinal & Quarterfinal (Including Regional Finals) Games

**ADMISSION/TICKETS** – Spectator ticket prices for all District games will be \$7. Regional Semifinal, Regional Final and Quarterfinal games will be \$9. All tickets will be digital and sold via GoFan. A mobile device is required. All admissions will be good for all games scheduled at that location for that day of the tournament.

**BANNERS/SIGNS** – Local tournament managers may approve school banners as long as they have appropriate language, are not inside the field, and do not obstruct spectator views or damage fences and facilities.

**BATTING PRACTICE** - No batting practice shall be taken on the infield of the game diamond prior to any tournament game. If the tournament host makes an adjacent diamond or batting cage available to one team, they must make it available to all teams.

**COACH UNIFORMS** – Adult coaches not attired in team uniforms (baseball pants and school color or issued top with school hat) are restricted to the dugout.

**CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS** – “Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.”

The language above appears in all National Federation sports rule books and reflects a strengthening of rules regarding the safety of athletes suspected of having a concussion. Previously, some sports rules required officials to remove from play any athlete who was “unconscious or apparently unconscious.” This language reflects an increasing focus on safety, given that the vast majority of concussions do not involve a loss of consciousness. This protocol is intended to provide the mechanics to follow during contests when an athlete sustains an apparent concussion.

1. The officials will have no role in determining concussion other than the obvious one where a player is either unconscious or apparently unconscious as is provided for under the current rule. Officials will merely point out to a coach that a player is apparently injured and advise that a healthcare provider should examine the player for an exact determination of the extent of the injury.

2. If it is confirmed by the school’s designated health care professional that the student did not sustain a concussion, the head coach may so advise the officials during an appropriate stoppage of play and the athlete may reenter the competition pursuant to the contest rules.

3. Otherwise, if competition continues while the athlete is withheld for an apparent concussion, that athlete may not be returned to competition that day but is subject to the return to play protocol.

- a. The clearance may not be on the same date on which the athlete was removed from play.
- b. Only an M.D., D.O., Physician’s Assistant or Nurse Practitioner may clear the individual to return to activity.
- c. The clearance must be in writing and must be unconditional. It is not sufficient that the M.D., D.O., Physician’s Assistant or Nurse Practitioner has approved the student to begin a return-to-play progression. The medical examiner must approve the student’s return to unrestricted activity.

- d. Individual schools, districts, and leagues may have more stringent requirements and protocols including but not limited to mandatory periods of inactivity, screening, and post-concussion testing prior to the written clearance for return to activity.

4. Following the contest, an Officials Report shall be filed with a removed player's school and the MHSAA if the situation was brought to the officials' attention.

5. Member schools are required to complete and submit the forms designated by the MHSAA to record and track head injury events in all levels of all sports. The Return to Competition Form is included in this document.

6. In cases where an assigned MHSAA tournament physician (MD/DO/PA/NP) is present, his or her decision to not allow an athlete to return to activity may not be overruled.

**DATES** –District First Round games (sometimes called “Pre-District”) shall be played on Tuesday, May 27 and played at the district host site by default. If the schools that draw into the District First Round games and the district host agree, those games may be played at the site of one of the participating schools.

All Semifinal and Final District games are to be played on Saturday, May 31. If all schools and the district host agree, Semifinal and Final games may be played on Friday, May 30. ***For games to be played on Friday, each participating school must submit an affirming statement to the host in writing. These statements must be included with brackets submitted to the MHSAA office following the district draw.*** Regional Semifinal games shall be played Wednesday, June 4. Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals) games shall be played Saturday, June 7 (no Friday option for Regional Final or Quarterfinal games). Tournament hosts may not play District Semifinal games one day and District Final games on the next day, nor Regional Final games on one day and the Quarterfinal game on another day – unless weather forces postponements or suspensions.

**DRAW PROCEDURES** – Each District site is to conduct a draw no sooner than April 1. All schools assigned to the district as listed on the MHSAA Web site shall be invited and represented at the draw meeting. Each District Manager is responsible for communicating the draw date, time, place, and procedures to the participating schools.

**REMINDER:** Regardless of the teams present, baseball District sites will participate in an open draw, which may result in the baseball and softball teams from the same school occupying different lines of the bracket. The two tournaments are considered separately in all aspects of classification, assignments, and draws. **NO COMMON DRAWS for baseball and softball are permitted.**

When a team withdraws from the District Tournament after the initial draw has taken place the following procedures will apply:

1. In a 4-team District, the bracket position of the team that withdraws is vacated, their opponent advances as a forfeit win, no re-draw is held.
2. In a 5- or 6-team district with District First Round games, if the team that withdraws did not receive a bye in the initial draw and is in the bracket position for a Tuesday game, the bracket position of the team that withdraws is vacated and their opponent advances as a forfeit win, no re-draw is held.
3. In a 5-team district with a District First Round game, if the team that withdraws received a bye into the semifinals in the initial draw which results in their opponent advancing directly to the District Final, then a re-draw of all remaining teams is conducted by the tournament manager.

**DUGOUTS** - The team on the **TOP LINE** of the bracket will occupy the **THIRD BASE DUGOUT**.

The team on the **BOTTOM LINE** of the bracket will occupy the **FIRST BASE DUGOUT**.

If the **HOST** school is playing, they may occupy their traditional dugout used during regular season play.

**FIELD PREPARATION/GROOMING** – All fields shall be groomed before each MHSAA tournament game. Grooming consists of dragging the infield, relining the infield foul lines and runner's lane, batter's boxes, catcher's box, coaches' boxes, and on-deck circles. The baseball pitcher's mound shall be raked, filled, and tamped. If a media well does not already exist, each diamond should have a designated media area for photographers.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, POLICIES** – Managers at all levels of the MHSAA Tournament are required to complete a financial report and submit it to the MHSAA within 30 days of their tournament (and before July 1). Financial reports will be available on the MHSAA Web when managers log in. All revenue and expenses are to be reported and accounted for. The forms will show the stipulated manager fees, host share of gate revenue, officials' fees, and other fixed expense amounts. All tournament financial reports are subject to MHSAA audit.

The MHSAA does not reimburse tournament hosts for hospitality costs, concession workers, parking attendants, or any FICA, retirement, or pension payments. There is no travel expense reimbursement for participating schools at the District, Regional Semifinal, or Quarterfinal level. Any unusual or unique expense items should be approved in advance through the MHSAA. All District games including the District First Round should be on the same report. If admission is not charged, only officials' expenses will be reimbursed.

**GAME BALLS** - The MHSAA will ship all game balls to each Tournament Site.

- The Rawlings R MICH-E1 baseball will be used for the 2025 Baseball Tournament.
- If additional game balls are needed, manager must use Rawlings baseballs.

**MANAGER COMMUNICATION** - District Managers shall forward the Master Eligibility List and Roster of the winning team and communicate results to the Regional Semifinal Manager, who will in turn forward the winner's materials and results to the Quarterfinal Manager. Quarterfinal Managers may forward materials to the MHSAA office.

Regional Semifinal Managers and Quarterfinal Managers should provide information (time schedule, location, etc.) to managers of previous levels to give to winning teams as they advance. Direct communication/information from managers to athletic directors of winning teams as they advance is advised through e-mail and/or FAX.

**HOME TEAM DESIGNATION** - A coin flip will be held to determine HOME and VISITING teams. The toss of the coin must be held on the day of competition and conducted BEFORE each school has the opportunity to take their infield practice time (approximately 30 minutes before game time). The toss of the coin shall be conducted in the presence of coaches by tournament management and/or its designated person. The HOME team will take infield practice first (maximum 10 minutes), followed by the visiting team (maximum 10 minutes).

**INJUNCTION/RESTRAINING ORDER** - Managers are reminded of the following statement adopted by the Representative Council and which is in effect for all MHSAA tournaments: "In the interest of fairness to all participants if an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet or game has begun, it shall be completed."

**LOCKER ROOM PRIVACY POLICY:** Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

**MEDIA/CREDENTIALS** – Media credentials for District, Regional Semifinal, and Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals) games are coordinated and issued by local tournament managers. Media requests for Semifinal and Final tournament games are handled by the MHSAA office. All requests for radio broadcasts or telecasts of any kind (internet, cable, etc.) should be referred to the MHSAA office for consideration and coordination.

**MEDIA AND STREAMING INFORMATION** – Any media outlet wishing to broadcast an MHSAA Tournament game on radio or cable or over-the-air television, or over the Internet in the form of audio, video, and streaming statistics in real-time, must make an application with the MHSAA in advance of the game to be broadcast, and the Tournament Manager must receive approval from the MHSAA Office before letting the outlet into the venue. Outlets broadcasting contests are responsible for making their own telephone and Internet access arrangements, but Tournament Managers may choose to make such access available as a courtesy. **See the link below for all information on media and streaming information.**

<https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Media/Media-Info-for-Schools.pdf>

**MERCHANDISING** - Only MHSAA-licensed vendors may sell merchandise with a protected MHSAA logo or tournament identification. Local school (non-MHSAA logo) merchandise may be sold.

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY POLICY** - Host school Tournament Managers should follow all local school District policies regarding medical emergencies for participating athletes, coaches, students, and adult spectators for competitions conducted in school facilities. It is advised that AED devices be readily available during tournament competitions. In addition:

1. Trainers are an allowed expense for the tournament host and are encouraged but not required.
2. If your school requires immediate and continuous attention, you are encouraged to bring your own certified athletic trainer (at your school's expense) to cover your team's needs and to also assist in the event if called upon. Your school's certified medical professional may not overrule certified medical professionals provided by tournament management.
3. All MHSAA concussion protocols will be followed.
4. MHSAA tornado watches and warnings shall be followed.
5. MHSAA policy on managing heat and humidity shall be followed.

**When MHSAA tournament contests are conducted at non-school facilities, plans should be developed for the following needs and/or circumstances:**

1. Student, coach, and spectator shelter for outdoor events
2. Host facility emergency equipment such as AEDs, fire escapes, etc.
3. Emergency communications, i.e., phone numbers and school administration contact.
4. Coordination with facility management regarding evacuation, first aid, and on-site responsibilities.
5. Medical transport or first responder contact procedures.
6. Proximity/directions of nearest medical facility.
7. If your school requires immediate and continuous attention at post season TEAM competitions, you are encouraged to bring your own certified athletic trainer (at your school's expense) to cover your team's needs and to also assist in the event if called upon. Your school's certified medical professional may not overrule certified medical professionals provided by tournament management.

***For all MHSAA tournaments conducted at either school or non-school facilities, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is required to be within visible distance of the event.***

**OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS** – Tournament managers will hire officials for all District games from the MHSAA-approved list of officials. District managers shall hire three umpires with each working two games. The MHSAA committee will assign officials for Regional Semifinal, Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals), and Semifinal and Final games. The District, Regional Semifinal, and Regional Final level games will use a two-umpire system. The four-umpire system will be used for Quarterfinal level games for baseball.

**OFFICIALS FEES** – District - \$100.00/game – Regional Semifinal - \$100.00/game – Regional Final and Quarterfinal - \$100.00/game.

Officials will be paid 40 cents/mile for round trip miles beginning with the 51<sup>st</sup> mile (50-mile deductible). For Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals) managers, the MHSAA will send e-mail confirmation of assigned officials, with managers to follow up with communication to the officials. Managers pay officials for District, Regional Semifinal and Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals) games and will be reimbursed by the MHSAA for these costs.

Assigners may be used to assist tournament managers, but managers are reminded that the MHSAA does not reimburse for assigner fees. Assigner fees (if paid out of the school share) may not be deducted from officials' game fees. Officials must receive the net game fee as stated above.

Managers are reminded to supply water for officials and provide security and/or escorts before, during and after games for officials.

**PITCH COUNT RECORDER** – The tournament manager must secure a Pitch Count Recorder for each game. If there is a discrepancy between the home and visiting teams as to any pitcher's pitch count during or after a game, the pitch count tabulated by the Pitch Count Recorder will be considered the official count.

**OPT OUT/ENTRY PROCEDURES/ELIGIBILITY LISTS** – Participating schools must submit a Master Eligibility list and roster to the host tournament manager by the Opt-Out due date of May 7, 2025. Materials submitted after the due date are

subject to a \$50 late fee paid to the host school. Changes or updates to the Master Eligibility may be made prior to the first date of the tournament for any school which is May 22, 2025 (Exception - late transfers as covered by Reg. I, Section 9-F). Clerical error eligibility list changes are allowed after the first date of the tournament as covered by Reg. II, Section 15, Interpretation #257.

**TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWALS** - Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the Opt-out Due Date for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights re determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in that sport. The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal from the school principal. If the reason is deemed unacceptable by MHSAA Staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

**PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES** – Baseball National Federation playing rules do not allow media photographers in a live ball area. Photographers – still and video – may be granted appropriate access to shoot if they are from an accredited media outlet, an MHSAA Licensed Photographer, or an individual identified by a school administrator to the Tournament Manager who is authorized to capture such content exclusively for the school's publication, promotional, educational or public relations uses. For outdoor team events, a school may have a maximum of two authorized representatives to capture still images and one to capture moving images. Otherwise, non-credentialed commercial/freelance photographers covering the event to sell those images should never be granted appropriate access to shoot at MHSAA Tournaments.

**PLAYING RULES & ADOPTIONS** – All National Federation playing rules will be used with the approved MHSAA adaptations. There are no protests in MHSAA Tournament games. All rules application disputes are to be decided on-site by game officials.

**Note- Also see Regulation/Suspended Game Rules procedures and Score Differential Rule**

**PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE** – Managers may allow participating teams to practice at their tournament site on days prior to the event but are under no obligation to do so. If one team is allowed to practice, all teams should be allowed to practice and be informed of the availability of practice.

**RAFFLES 50/50** - MHSAA tournament hosts can conduct 50-50 raffles provided the host site manager requests and receives the appropriate license from the State of Michigan.

<https://www.michigan.gov/cg/raffles>

### **REGULATION/SUSPENDED GAME (District, Regional & Quarterfinal (including Regional Finals) Games)**

These regulations and suspended game rules apply only to the District – Quarterfinal levels of the MHSAA Tournament. The games played at the state Semifinal and Final levels of the MHSAA Tournament will be suspended anytime they are called prior to completion. Regular season Regulation and Suspended Game Rules can be found in the Participating School Tournament Information (PSTI) document for Baseball.

### **Regulation Game**

For all MHSAA Tournament games, a regulation game consists of seven innings, unless:

- It is extended because the score is tied; or
- It is shortened because the home team does not need all, or only a portion, of its half of the seventh inning (or extra inning); or
- It is shortened because the score differential rules take effect; or
- It is shortened because the umpire calls the game.

If a game is called, it has become a regulation game if:

- Five full innings have been completed, or
- Four and a half innings have been completed, if the home team is ahead; or
- The home team scores one or more runs to tie the game in their half of the fifth inning.

## Suspended Games

A game shall become suspended (to be completed on a later date) if:

- It is called any time prior to becoming a regulation game; or
- It is called after becoming regulation and with the game tied; or
- It is called after becoming regulation and when the visiting team has scored one or more runs to take the lead in their half of the inning in which the game is called, and the home team has not scored enough runs to retake the lead in their half of the same inning.

**NOTE: There is no reverting back to the score of the previous completed inning in MHSAA Tournament games.**

A suspended game shall be resumed from the exact point of suspension. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game. The lineup and batting order of both teams shall be the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing substitution. The score, number of outs, visits to the pitcher, any ejections that occurred, and any runners on base or batter up to bat (or due up to bat) from the moment of suspension of the original game shall be in effect. Pitching limitations regarding days of rest also remain in effect.

**ROSTER LIMITS** – There are no roster limits for players in uniform in the team dugouts for baseball. Rosters may change from one game to the next, but all players in uniform that participate in competition must be on the Master Eligibility list.

**SCORE REPORTING** – Results of tournament games must be reported to the MHSAA. To submit online: Login to your MHSAA.com account and go to the MHSAA [ScoreCenter](#) page and submit your score. This can also be done from a mobile device. If you have any trouble, you can report scores to [results@mhsaa.com](mailto:results@mhsaa.com)

**SCORE DIFFERENTIAL (MERCY) RULE** – All tournament games will use the MHSAA score differential rule as stated in the MHSAA Handbook. A game will be terminated if one team leads by 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings. If the visiting team reaches a 15- or 10-run lead in their top half of the inning, the home team will be allowed to bat in its bottom half of the inning to reduce the differential. If the home team reaches a 15- or 10-run lead in their bottom half of the inning, the game is over the moment the respective differential is reached.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** – All school and MHSAA sportsmanship policies for players, coaches and spectators will be enforced and promoted.

**TIME SCHEDULES** – All games shall be played in order based on the bracket. District & Regional Finals games (of the Quarterfinal) may not be played simultaneously on adjacent diamonds without approval from the MHSAA. Host tournament manager determines start times and time schedule changes/adjustments.

- The second game shall begin approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the preceding game, additional time may be taken between the second semifinal and Final.
- No games may begin prior to 9:30 AM (weather exceptions)
- 30 Minutes Prior to Game Time: Field Prep & Coin Toss
- 20 Minutes Prior to Game Time: Home Team Infield Practice
- 10 Minutes Prior to Game Time: Visiting Team Infield Practice
- Ground Rules Meeting / Play Ball

**TROPHIES & MEDALS** – District and Regional Finals champion team receive a team trophy and 21 individual medals. There are no trophies or medals for teams that win Regional Semifinal or Quarterfinal games. Regional Final winners' trophies and medals will be awarded between the end of the final game. The ceremony is outlined in the PA script.

Managers should open trophy & medals shipments immediately when received and contact ESCO directly at 800-852-4266 if there is breakage or other problems with the shipment. Extra medals may be ordered. See extra medal link below.

<https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Administrators/medal%20form.pdf>

## (UAV) DRONE POLICY

For the purposes of the policy, the word “drone” applies to all Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. The policy is written for all MHSAA tournament contests, while local laws and policies control all regular season contests.



Drones are prohibited for all indoor tournament contests in all sports. For outdoor sports local, state, and federal laws govern the use of drones. Drones may never be flown over spectators, athletes, or the playing surface. All drones must stay outside of the “restraining line” or the normal footprint of the playing surface. This includes never flying over bleachers, press box, or anywhere that spectators sit or gather for a contest.

The operator of the drone must be registered with the FAA and follow local, state, and federal law when flying the drone. [https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/register\\_drone](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone)

Drones can never be used to scout opponents' games or practices. Facilities reserve the right to restrict drone use on their property. An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the MHSAA.

## WEATHER POLICIES

- EVERY ATTEMPT TO PLAY SHALL BE MADE AT EACH TOURNAMENT SITE!
- Postponed and/or suspended games must be scheduled as soon as weather permits on the same facility on the next available date.
- In the event the host field is unplayable, the game may be moved to a field that is playable.

## MHSAA Handbook Policies – Thunder & Lightning

When lightning is observed or thunder is heard, the contest must be suspended. The occurrence of lightning or thunder is not subject to interpretation or discussion -- *lightning is lightning; thunder is thunder*. When a contest is suspended, the home school administration shall attempt to arrange for the security of all participants. Contestants and support personnel shall be moved to appropriate indoor facilities. When lightning is observed or thunder is heard and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes. Spectators shall be advised of the action being taken to seek shelter. (Some hosts may be able to offer shelter to spectators but are not required to do so.)

## Tornado Policies

### 1. IF THERE IS A WATCH OR WARNING AT A TOURNAMENT SITE –

#### A. Watch or warning issued **at least three hours** prior to the event:

- i. If the local district policy closes the tournament facility, all participating teams must be called and informed of postponement with information pertaining to next playing date and time included in the call.
- ii. If the host district policy **does not** close the facility, all participating schools who have not called the host must be called to be sure all who are scheduled to play will be present. (The participating school's local policy must prevail).
  - a. If one team of a dual-type competition (i.e., Baseball Tournament) cannot be present by their policy, no contest will be held. The competition for that day/night must be rescheduled on the next possible day.
  - b. If the competition is multiple team type (i.e., Track, Tennis), the meet will be conducted as long as a reasonable number of teams (60%) can be present.

#### B. Watch or warn **less than three hours** before event:

- i. If the competing teams are enroute, no decision shall be made until both teams in a bracket have arrived or contact has been made, unless local policy forbids use of facility once the watch or warning has been issued.
- ii. If competing teams arrive, are on the premises, and local policy permits, play the contest when and if time permits.
- iii. If it is not possible that date, reschedule for next playable date.
- iv. Local policy will always prevail.

#### C. Watch or warning issued during contest:

- i. Suspend play.
- ii. Take necessary steps and precautions as directed by local policy.
- iii. Resume play at the point of suspension as soon as permitted. If not that day/night, then reschedule for the next possible date, not including Sunday.

### 2. IF THE WATCH OR WARNING IS IN AN AREA OF ONE OR MORE COMPETING SCHOOLS AND NOT AT A TOURNAMENT SITE:



- A. It shall be the competing school's responsibility to inform the tournament manager immediately.
- B. The decision as to play or not to play will be made by the Tournament Manager, based on the information presented and the type of sport event involved.
  - i. If one or more local policies do not permit travel or competition, the game, games, or tournament shall be postponed.
  - ii. If the scheduled competition is of a multiple-team nature (i.e., Track and Field), the competition may take place even though all teams are not able to be present (60% is suggested guideline).
  - iii. The rationale for No. 1 and No. 2 hinges on the fact that in No. 1, both teams of a dual-type competition must be present if a contest is to take place. No. 2 permits competition, even though all teams cannot be present.
- C. If one or more schools are on the road to the tournament site at the time of watch or warning, no decision shall be made until contact has been made with all concerned (An authorized person from the assigned schools).
- D. If one school arrives on site and the opponent cannot travel due to local policy, the game shall be postponed and rescheduled on the next possible date.

**YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY:** During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing, and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

**RETURN TO ACTIVITY AND POST CONCUSSION FORM:**

<https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Administrators/returntoplay.pdf>

**TOURNAMENT MEDICAL INCIDENT REPORT FORM:**

<https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Administrators/medical%20incident.pdf>

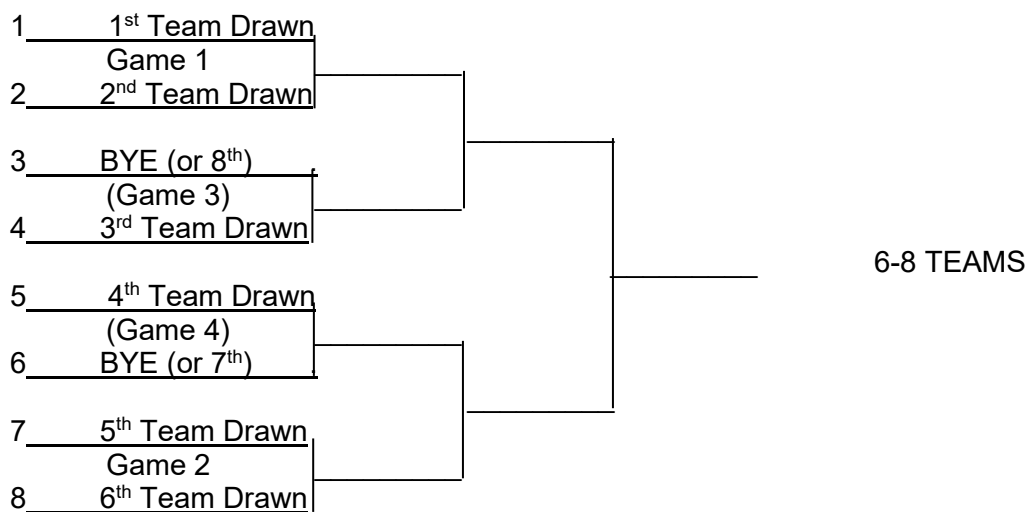
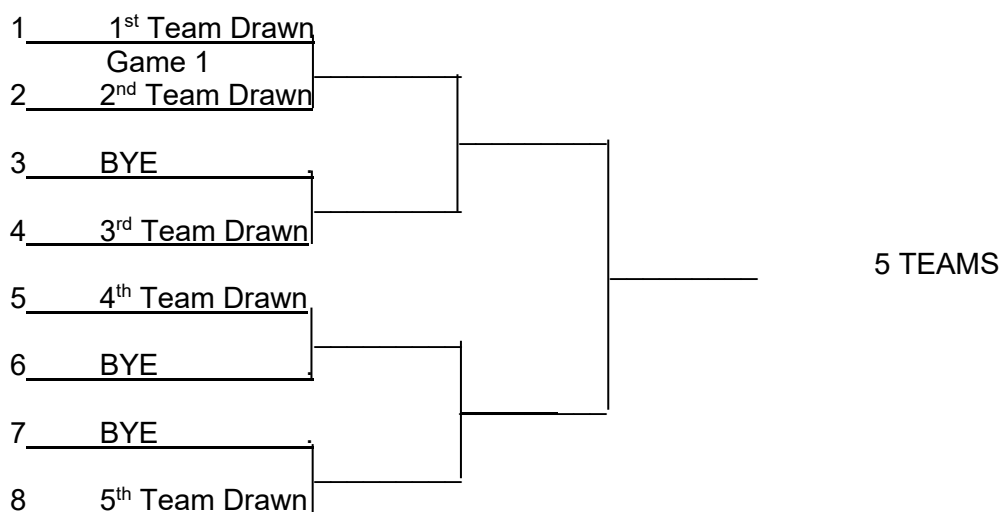
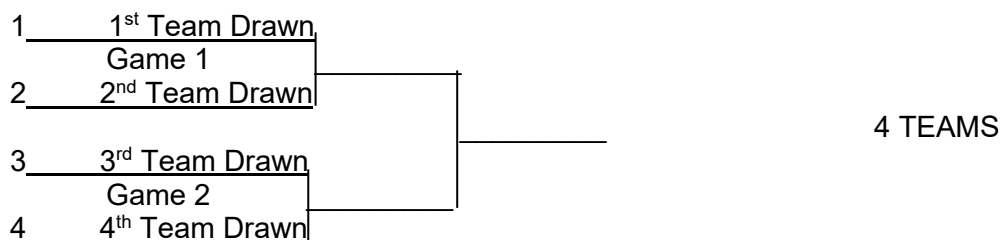
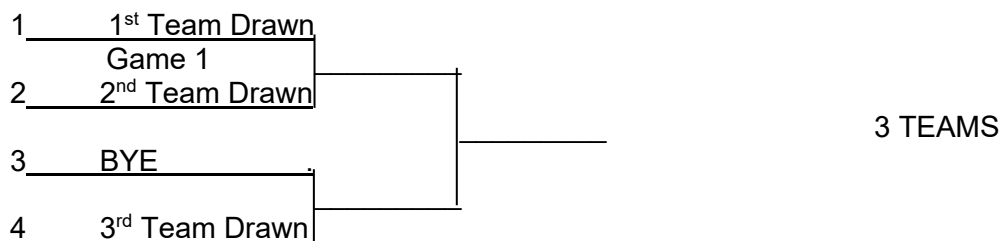
## DISTRICT DRAW - SAMPLE BRACKETS

Open Draw Format

TOP LINE: 3<sup>rd</sup> BASE DUGOUT – BOTTOM LINE OF BRACKET: 1<sup>st</sup> BASE DUGOUT

\*If the host team is playing, they may occupy their regular-season dugout regardless of bracket position

## BASEBALL



**SUSPENDED GAME INFORMATION FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER: \_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENSION OCCURRED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOP HALF \_\_\_\_\_ BOTTOM

HALF OF INNING \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF OUTS: 0 1 2 3

BATTER: \_\_\_\_\_ BALLS \_\_\_\_\_ STRIKES \_\_\_\_\_

<u>BASES OCCUPIED</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PLAYER'S NAME</u>
FIRST	_____	_____
SECOND	_____	_____
THIRD	_____	_____

HOME TEAM PLAYERS WITH EXHAUSTED GAME ELIGIBILITY:

\_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR TEAM PLAYERS WITH EXHAUSTED GAME ELIGIBILITY:

\_\_\_\_\_

PITCHERS USED AND OUTS CREDITED TO POINT OF SUSPENSION (Include current pitcher)

HOME TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PLATE UMPIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

BASE UMPIRE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

RESCHEDULE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

TOURNAMENT MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
2024-25 DISTRICT **BASEBALL** TOURNAMENTS

BA-11

Schedule of District Tournament Games (Results of Draw)  
**(Drawings to be made April 1- May 1)**

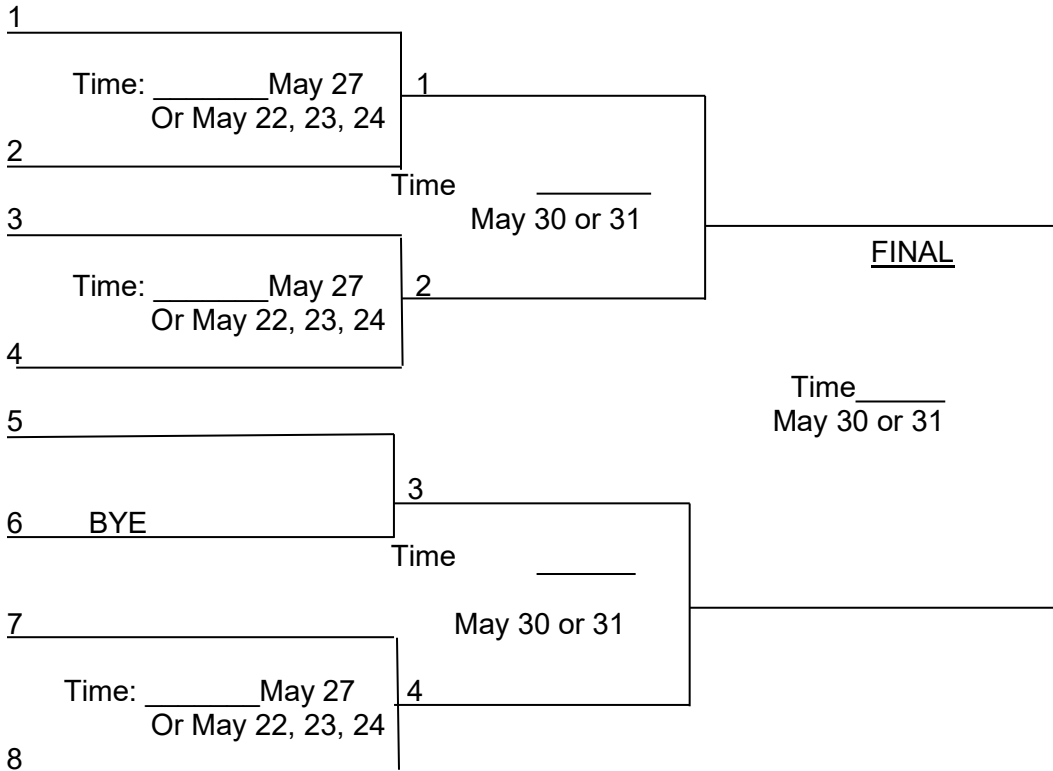
District No.

NOTE: Tournament Managers fill out IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRAWING and return as directed.

HOST SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. District First Round games which will not be played on the default date (May 27) must be agreed upon by the two participating teams (and the host, if played at the host site). District Semifinal and Final games which will not be played on the default date (May 31) must be agreed upon by all participating schools. All agreements must be in writing and included in the draw forms sent to the MHSAA by the District host.
2. Consult bracket samples to determine the bracket to be followed.
3. Place names of all participating schools in a container. **Host teams may draw byes.**
4. Draw names one by one and place on designated line (if a school is hosting both baseball and softball, these draws MUST be conducted separately even if all the same schools are in both Districts).
5. Top line shall occupy the 3rd base dugout (host school may use their traditional dugout if playing).
6. **Home team is determined by coin flip for each game.**



*Please circle contest dates on the bracket to indicate game date. Brackets that do not include game dates will be input in the MHSAA system using the default dates (May 27 and 31).*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tournament Manager)

NOTE: Please SCAN and EMAIL immediately after completing the draw to [tricia@mhsaa.com](mailto:tricia@mhsaa.com) and no later than May 1.



MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Schedule of 2024-25 Quarterfinal **BASEBALL** Tournament Games  
Due by MAY 1

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Regional No.

## QUARTERFINAL - BASEBALL

HOST SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

### HOME TEAM DESIGNATION/ORDER OF PLAY

The home team shall be determined by coin flip. The top line of the bracket shall occupy the 3rd base dugout for the Baseball Regional Tournament.

**Regional Semifinal bracket positions should be listed in the following order:**

**Lowest vs Second Lowest and Highest vs. Second Highest.**

*Example: Regional Semifinal 3 vs. Regional Semifinal 1, Regional Semifinal 4 vs. Regional Semifinal 2*

**It is recommended Regional Final games be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., followed by the Quarterfinal game tentatively scheduled at 3 p.m.**

Regional Semifinal #

GAME ONE

Time \_\_\_\_\_

June 7

Regional Semifinal #

Quarterfinal

Time \_\_\_\_\_

June 7

Regional Semifinal #

GAME TWO

Time \_\_\_\_\_

June 7

Regional Semifinal #

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Tournament Manager)

NOTE: Please SCAN and EMAIL to [tricia@mhsaa.com](mailto:tricia@mhsaa.com) by May 1.



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East Lansing, Michigan 48823

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## FINAL TOURNAMENT COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Each manager of a MHSAA Baseball Tournament is entitled to two complimentary tickets for the Final Tournaments at Michigan State University. Please complete the lower portion of this memo and return it to our office prior to May 13, 2025. Complimentary tickets will be sent prior to the Finals.

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a Host Tournament Manager.

### Baseball Finals

9:00 a.m. - Division 3  
11:30 a.m. - Division 2  
2:30 p.m. - Division 1  
5:00 p.m. - Division 4

### Softball Finals

10:00 p.m. - Division 2  
12:30 p.m. - Division 1  
3:00 p.m. - Division 4  
5:30 p.m. - Division 3

## FINAL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 14, 2025  
Michigan State University

----- CUT ON DOTTED LINE -----

(Detach and return to MHSAA)

DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

QUARTERFINAL # \_\_\_\_\_

**BA/SB**

PLEASE SEND TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS  
TO THE FINAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS  
(A ticket allows admission to all divisions)

MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION:**  
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