

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
GIRLS' SOFTBALL BY-LAWS
(Revised 5/22/09)

1. Rules:

- A. The National Federation Rule Book (as adopted by PIAA) governs.
- B. All members of the conference shall be governed by rules and interpretations adopted by the P.I.A.A.

2. Levels of Competition:

- A. Girls Varsity
- B. Girls Junior Varsity

3. Contest Rules:

- A. Junior Varsity games will start at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Varsity games will start at 4:00 p.m.

4. Warm-ups:

- A. Pre-game Warm-up Times: 3:00-3:30- home team
- B. Pre-game Warm-up Times: 3:30-4:00- visiting team
- C. C. Games scheduled other than 4:00 will follow the same routine with time adjustments.
- D.

5. Special Events

- A. The opposing school should be contacted at least one day in advance of the scheduled special event.

6. Uniforms

- A. Home teams will wear light jerseys. Away teams will wear dark jerseys.

7. Ball

- A. The softball used shall be a Rawlings, yellow optic high seams, 375 lbs. maximum compression.
- B. The home team shall provide a minimum of three (3) new balls to start each game.

8. Bench/Sideline Protocol

- A. Seating on the players' bench shall be limited to authorized personnel.
- B. The coaching staff is personally responsible for the conduct of his or her players at home and away contests.

9. Postponement

- A. Postponement of games is up to the home team.
- B. The home team is responsible to notify all parties involved.
- C. The rescheduling of a game must be by mutual consent of the teams involved on the next available playing date, including Saturdays.

10. Officials

- A. In the event that the correct number of officials are not present, the game can proceed only if there is a **mutual agreement** between both schools.

11. End of season meeting:

- A. The meeting must be held at least one week prior to the date of the championship game.
- B. Coaches must attend any meeting called by the sport chairman and must complete any forms requested. Forms include All Star nominations, officials' ratings, etc.
- C. Each team **MUST** be represented by the head coach or the head coach's designee (to be approved by the school's athletic director or principal). If a school is not represented a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the school.
- D. Coaches will nominate their own players. They shall nominate players by position but no more than one pitcher, one catcher, one first baseman, one second baseman, one third baseman, one shortstop, three outfielders, one designated player and one utility player. Coaches shall only choose those players to nominate who are deserving of all-star consideration. League statistics only shall be included. A player may be nominated for more than one position but may not be selected to more than one position. A DP must have played in at least half of their team's league games as a DP in order to be nominated.
- E. Coaches will vote for one player at each position **but not their own players(s)**. Coaches will vote for three infielders, one pitcher, one catcher, three outfielders, a utility player and a designated player. The leading vote getters at each position will be selected as First Team All League. The second highest vote getter will be named Second Team All League. Any player named on two ballots and not selected will receive Honorable Mention. When selecting All Stars, coaches will use 5-3-1 point scale, with 5 being the coaches' top choice.
- F. "Most Valuable Player" voting:
 - a. The night of the meeting, coaches may nominate one of their own players to be considered for the "Most Valuable Player" Award.
 - b. Voting occurs at that meeting.
 - c. **Coaches can NOT vote for their own players.**
 - d. In case of a tie, coaches will re-vote once, voting for one of the athletes that were tied during the initial vote (coaches cannot vote for their own players).
 - e. If a tie still occurs after the second vote, "Co-MVPs" will be named.
 - f. A plaque will be awarded to the MVP(s).

12. Playoffs/Championship:

- A. Format
 - a. Semi-Finals - Game A - Second Place Team vs. Third Place Team

- b. Semi-Finals - Game B - First Place Team vs. Fourth Place Team
- c. Finals - Winner of Game A vs. Winner of Game B.

- B. Tie-breaker procedures for playoff positions:
 - a. Head to head competition
 - b. Record against common opponents
 - c. District XI Rating
 - d. Overall Record
 - e. Least amt. of runs allowed in head-to-head games (the teams tied)
 - f. Least amt. of runs allowed vs. common opponents
 - g. Least amt. of runs allowed in league play

C. Each coach of the playoff teams shall submit a list of five preferred officials to the league school in charge of softball. The final decision on officials will rest with the league and then be given to the league assignor.

D. For each playoff game the home team will be the higher seeded team.

13. Reporting Game Results:

A. The home team will report game results to the following media:

The Morning Call
 1-800-999-5625
 (610) 820-6558
 Fax: (610) 820-8654

Pocono Record
 1-800-756-4237
 (570) 421-3000
 Fax: (570) 421-6284

The Express Times
 1-800-360-3601
 (610) 258-7171
 Fax: (610) 258-7130

Times News of Lehighton
 1-800-443-0377
 (610) 377-2051
 Fax: (610) 826-9608

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