

# 2011-2012 WPIAL 7-8 GRADE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

May 17, 2011

First Practice Date ~ March 5, 2012  
First Scrimmage Date ~ March 10, 2012  
First Play Date ~ March 23, 2012

Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2  
Maximum Contests ~ 20

**A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach.** Athletic Directors and coaches must make all efforts to complete section play according to the schedule. Please check your schedule carefully and notify the League Office at (412) 921-7181 or (800) 297-9553 of any errors or omissions.

1. All WPIAL games must be played according to the \* National Federation Rulebook. There are differences between Federation Rules and other baseball organizations. You should know them.

\* **NOTE:** This requires games to be played on FULL SIZED fields.

2. The home team will furnish four new balls at the start of each contest.
3. Only PIAA baseball officials may officiate. The WPIAL recommends the use of two PIAA officials for each baseball game.
4. Please make sure that both teams and the umpires know the correct starting time. This should be established by the home team and made known to the visitors in plenty of time. It is recommended that all afternoon contests do not start **before 3:30 PM** unless the competing school principals agree.
5. All games must be played on scheduled days. By mutual agreement, schedule adjustments can be made to take advantage of fair weather.
6. **Coaches who elect to handle base line coaching duties or to confer with players and/or umpire must be dressed in the complete uniform that is worn by the players.** No other attire is permitted if the coach wishes to handle this responsibility. Players in uniform may also act as base line coaches.
7. Baseball coaches must be in the dugout or on the bench during a game with the following exceptions:
  - a. **Coaching in the coaching box when his team is at bat.**
  - b. **Executing a pitching or position change.**
  - c. **Attending to an injured player with the approval of the umpire.**

A warning will be given on the first violation; ejection will result on the second violation.

8. If rain or wet grounds prevent the playing of a game, the home team must notify the visiting team at least two hours before game time. **The home school principal must approve this postponement.**
9. **During all WPIAL competition, any game that is interrupted by bad weather prior to becoming a legal game will be resumed at that point on the next available playing date.**

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10. No protests based on play situations of official's decisions involving interpretation or judgment of plays will be considered. In no case will the results of a contest be overturned or the game replayed.
11. The principal may grant waivers for dual participation by team members (with teams outside of school). A letter must be submitted to the League Office announcing the waiver.
12. A player may pitch in a maximum of nine (9) innings in one (1) calendar day, but not more than fourteen (14) innings in any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **Delivery of one (1) pitch constitutes having pitched in any inning. If an inning is played in part on two (2) calendar days, delivery of one (1) pitch in that inning in each of those calendar days constitutes having pitched in two (2) innings. If he pitches in three (3) innings in one (1) calendar day, no rest is required; however, no player may pitch more than three (3) consecutive three-inning days. If he pitches three (3) consecutive three-inning days, he must have one (1) calendar day of rest. If he pitches four (4) or five (5) innings in one (1) calendar day, he must have two (2) calendar days of rest. If he pitches six (6) or more innings in one (1) calendar day, he must have three (3) calendar days of rest.**

**If a baseball player pitches more innings than are permitted under the "restriction", the school is using an ineligible player (pitcher) and shall forfeit the game.**

13. The Ten Run Rule and Fifteen Run Rule will be in effect for all WPIAL baseball games.
14. The designated hitter (DH) will be part of all games played in the WPIAL.

### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BASEBALL ALIGNMENT – 15 TEAMS

#### SECTION 1

Ambridge  
Deer Lakes  
Ingomar (NA)  
Marshall Middle (NA)  
New Castle  
Pine Richland  
West Allegheny

#### SECTION 2

Avonworth  
Carson Middle (NA)  
Elizabeth Forward  
Founders (McK)  
Fox Chapel  
North Hills  
Shaler  
Valley