

# 2020 - 2021 WPIAL JR HIGH BASEBALL SCHEDULE

May 26, 2020

First Practice Date ~ March 8, 2021  
First Scrimmage Date ~ March 13, 2021  
First Play Date ~ March 26, 2021

Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2  
Maximum Contests ~ 20

**A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach.** WPIAL junior high baseball competition begins on **Monday, March 29, 2021**. Athletic Directors and coaches must make all efforts to complete section as assigned. Please check your schedule carefully and notify the League Office at (412) 921-7181 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.
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 no afternoon contests 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 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. PIAA JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL -BASEBALL PITCHING RESTRICTION (6-2-6)**

<b><u>Total Number of Pitches Thrown</u></b>	<b><u>Required Days of Rest</u></b>
<b>61-75</b>	<b>4 calendar days</b>
<b>46-60</b>	<b>3 calendar days</b>
<b>31-45</b>	<b>2 calendar days</b>
<b>21-30</b>	<b>1 calendar day</b>
<b>1-20</b>	<b>No rest required</b>

No pitcher may throw more than 75 pitches in a calendar day. A pitcher reaching the maximum pitch count for any level of rest during an at bat may continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat. The pitcher will be credited with the maximum number of pitches for that level. No pitcher may appear on more than 2 consecutive calendar days of competition.

A pitcher is limited to no more than 150 pitches in a Calendar Week (Sunday through Saturday). If a pitcher throws more than 75 pitches to complete an at-bat, that pitcher will be credited with 75 pitches for the appearance.

Team scorekeepers are requested to frequently confer with one another to confirm pitch counts (no less than once per inning). If a discrepancy occurs between the visiting and home pitch counts that cannot be resolved, the scorebook of the home team shall be the official book. A representative of each school MUST record pitch counts for their players on the PIAA verification form OR in MAXPREPS no later than 9:00am the day following the contest.

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 contest.

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.

## **JR HIGH BASEBALL ALIGNMENT – 29 TEAMS**

### **SECTION 1**

CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
CONNELLSVILLE  
FOX CHAPEL  
HEMPFIELD  
NORWIN  
PENN TRAFFORD  
PLUM

### **SECTION 2**

BUTLER  
MARS  
NORTH ALLEGHENY  
NORTH HILLS  
PINE RICHLAND  
SENECA VALLEY  
SHALER AREA

### **SECTION 3**

BALDWIN  
BELLE VERNON  
BROWNSVILLE  
CARMICHAELS  
LAUREL HIGHLANDS  
THOMAS JEFFERSON  
WEST MIFFLIN

### **SECTION 4**

BETHEL PARK  
CANON McMILLAN  
CHARTIERS VALLEY  
MOON  
MT. LEBANON  
PETERS TWP.  
SOUTH FAYETTE  
UPPER ST. CLAIR