

59th Annual Bergen County HS Baseball Tournament

April, 2017

Dear Athletic Director,

Please accept this as notification to apply for an opportunity to compete in the 2017 Bergen County Baseball Tournament. Your completed and submitted application implies that your school agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the tournament as set up by the tournament committee. It is further agreed that all National Federation Rules and Regulations with NJSIAA options be followed.

Enclosed are the necessary forms that are to be completed and returned no later than Monday, May 8th, 2017. A \$100 entry fee payable to the BCCA is due with the entry form. Checks will be returned to schools not selected. **Checks should be forwarded to Bob Carcich Tournament Director 105 Ackerman Ave. Emerson, NJ 07630. Completed applications and rosters must be faxed to Jim McConville at 201-871-1197 or emailed to Jim at Franjimmcc@aol.com.**

Enter the results of the first 18 games played up to and including Sunday, May 7th. If you have played more than 18 games prior to May 7th list only the first 18. Please enter and submit your roster in numerical order and complete all requested columns.

The committee will convene Monday evening, May 8th, at 7:30 PM at Demarest HS to select the field for the 2017 tournament. 24 teams will be selected. The top 8 seeds receive byes.

Upon completion of the process, the committee will begin notifying the Athletic Director or Head Coach of those schools selected to participate. The field will also be posted on the Varsity Aces website upon finalization. (<http://blog.northjersey.com/varsityaces/>)

The selection process is as follows:

1. Schools with a .650 winning percentage with a minimum of 18 games played will gain entry into the tournament.
2. All other schools that have applied for the tournament will be reviewed by the selection committee for entry into the tournament. The criteria the committee will use for consideration includes an

OVERALL PERFORMANCE RATIO (OPR) determined by taking 5 factors into consideration (won-loss record, strength of schedule, power point formula, winning percentage vs teams you have beaten, residual point %).

3. Schools that have not submitted a completed application form, entry fee or voucher, including a completed roster will not be eligible for entry into the tournament.

4. Once the field has been selected, the committee will seed the teams. The criteria for seeding includes but is not limited to a. OPR and b. League Standings.
5. Upon completion of the initial seeding process, the matchups will be reviewed to insure that no school plays its first game against a team from its own division/league, as requested by the BCCA.
6. In the event that conflicts as defined in paragraph 4 or 5 exist, the committee reserves the right to adjust the seeds. All efforts will be made to maintain the integrity of the higher seeds in the tournament when adjustments are made.

The **First Round** gamed will be played on **Wednesday, May 10th, 2017** . Rain Date Thursday, May 11th. The higher seeded team will host the game and be the home team. Should the higher seeded team be unable to host the game, the lower seed will be designated the host school but the higher seeded team will be the “home” team and bat second. **HOST TEAM PAYS FOR OFFICIALS IN ROUND ONE.**

The **Round of 16** will be played on **Saturday, May 13th, 2017**. The sites and times for the games are :

Emerson HS	10 am, 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm
Demarest HS	10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm
Lyndhurst Rec	11:30 am, 2:00 pm

In the event of inclement weather the Round of 16 will be played on Sunday, May 14th, 2017.

The **Quarterfinals** will be played on **Saturday, May 20th, 2017**. Rain Date- Sunday May 21st, 2017. The sites and times for these games are

Emerson HS	11:00 am, 1:30 pm
Demarest HS	12 noon, 2:30 pm

The **Semifinals** will be played on **Saturday, May 27th, 2017**. The site and times for these games are

Demarest HS	11:00 am, 1:30 pm
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In the event of inclement weather the Semifinals will be played on **Sunday, May 28th, 2017**.

The Championship Game will be played on Sunday, May 28th at Demarest HS at 2:00 pm. In the event of inclement weather the championship game will be played on Monday, May 29th at Demarest.

Playing Rules and Format

The 2017 BERGEN COUNTY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT is a single elimination championship event. Once the brackets have been set, there will be no re-seeding of the tournament.

1. In each game of the tournament, the higher seeded team will be designated the home team and will occupy the first base dugout. In the event a team is playing on its home field, they will have their choice of dugout.
2. The higher seeded team will wear its home (white/light) jerseys, the lower seeded team will wear its away (color/dark) jerseys. In the event a team does not have home/away jerseys, it is the responsibility of that team to notify its opponent and make sure the opponent wears the opposite color.
3. There will be no batting practice at the tournament sites.
4. Participating teams will be allowed I/O practice prior to the scheduled game not to exceed 10 minutes.
5. Umpiring crews will be assigned by the tournament committee in conjunction with the tournament assignor. All umpire fees will be paid for by the tournament.
6. Baseballs for the Round of 16, 8, Semifinals and Finals will be paid for by the tournament. The home team will provide baseballs for Round 1 games and pay officials.
7. Every tournament game will be played to its conclusion as designated by National Federation and NJSIAA rules.
 - a. The 10 run, 5-inning mercy rule will be in effect. Any team leading by 10 or more runs after the losing team has batted in at least 5 full innings will be declared the winner.
 - b. In the event a game is halted by inclement weather, darkness or other circumstances that cause play to be postponed prior to its completion, the game will be suspended and will resume at the first available opportunity from the point in the game where the suspension took place.
8. All protests will be handled at the time of their occurrence. The decision of the designated committee member on site will be final.
9. The use of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited and will result in dismissal from the tournament.
10. T-shirts may be purchased at the tournament sites. None will be sold prior to the tournament.

Forms will be returned if not filled out correctly as per instructions.

_____ High School

Record of 1st 18 games only.

DATE	OPPONENT	WE	THEY	WON	LOST

Won _____ Lost _____ Tied _____ % _____

Head Coach _____

Cell Phone _____ email _____

Please indicate any conflicts you have between 5/10 and 5/28. We will try to make every effort to work around graduations, however, no exceptions will be made for proms, school trips, etc..

Applications may be faxed to Jim Mc Conville at 201-871-1197 or emailed to Jim at Franjimmcc@aol.com. Please do this immediately once your 1st 18 games have been played.

Selection committee will meet on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 PM at Demarest HS. Committee members include Bob Carcich, Tournament Chairman, Greg Butler BCCA Liaison, Brandon Flanagan, Tim Byron and Mike Rooney from the Big North, Pete Crandall, Mike Carcich and Joe Gambardella from the NJIC.

Team Roster

_____ **HS** _____ **Varsity Coach**

UNIFORM NUMBER	Name	Grade	Position(s)

ASST. Coach _____

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