

BASEBALL PLAYOFF FORMAT

1. Admission

- Admission for **Bi-District** and **Regional** games shall be determined by the participating teams.
 - Admission for **State Semi-Finals** and **State Finals** shall be determined by TAPPS.
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2. Baseball Playoff Structure

2.1 Bi-District

- Bi-District games shall be a **single-game playoff**.

2.2 Area and Regional Rounds

- Area and Regional rounds shall be played as a **best two-out-of-three series**.

Exceptions

A different format may be used under the following conditions:

1. Mandated by TAPPS
 2. Mutually agreed upon by both coaches
 3. A **single-game playoff** is allowed if both coaches agree
 4. If coaches cannot agree on format, a **coin flip** shall determine the format
 5. If required due to weather or other conditions preventing completion before the TAPPS deadline
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3. State Rounds

- **State Semi-Finals and Championship (Finals)** hosted by TAPPS shall be **single-game elimination**.
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SERIES FORMAT (Two-Out-of-Three)

4. Order of Play

1. **Day 1** – Game 1 and Game 2
 2. **Day 2** – Game 3 (if necessary)
 - If weather prevents completion of a three-game series, the **winner of Game 1** shall be declared the winner.
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5. Batting Order / Home Team Designation

5.1 Home and Away Format

- Game 1 – Home Team
- Game 2 – Visiting Team
- Game 3 – Determined by coin flip

5.2 Neutral Site Format

- Game 1 – Coin flip winner
 - Game 2 – Coin flip loser
 - Game 3 – Coin flip winner's choice
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6. Pitch Count

- All pitch count rules remain in effect.
 - If a game is suspended or ruled a **no contest**, all pitches thrown prior to termination **shall count** toward pitch count limits.
 - Tournament pitch count rules apply **only if games are played on consecutive days**.
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FINAL NOTE

- **STATE SEMIFINALS AND FINALS SHALL BE SINGLE-GAME ELIMINATION.**