

Bethlehem Hilltop League

39th Annual Pinto World Series

Dear Mountaineer Baseball Association Pinto Members:

The Bethlehem Hilltop League cordially invites each of your organizations' Pinto Division teams to the *39th Annual Bethlehem Pinto World Series*, a great area tradition. We hope to see all teams represented at this year's Pinto World Series, which serves the Mountaineer Baseball Association as its unsanctioned Pinto Division Championship Tournament.

The information, which follows, outlines the general format of the tournament, as well as qualifications for entry.

Dates of Play: Play is scheduled to begin on **Sat. June 24th and could continue until Sun. June 30th.** Every team should play on the first Saturday and Sunday. To avoid work conflicts for busy parents and coaches, weekday evening games will try to be scheduled for at 5:30 pm and 6:45 pm. If for any reason play is extended into the Fourth of July weekend the tournament will be postponed and restart the following Monday, no games will be played July 3rd, 4th or 5th.

Tournament Format: There will be two (2) double-elimination tournament fields – Division I (*The Championship Bracket*) and Division II (*The Future Champions Bracket*). The Division I tournament winner is declared the 2021 Pinto Division Overall Tournament Champion.

First, second, and third place teams in each 2022 MBA Pinto Division standings are automatically placed in the Division I Tournament field. Teams at the bottom levels of each MBA Pinto Division standings in 2022 MBA Pinto regular season play will be automatically placed in the Division II Tournament at the Tournament's discretion. The number of teams in each tournament depends on the overall records and number of participants. If the regular season records make seeding the two tournaments difficult, the Tournament reserves the right to hold a play-in round for those teams on the bubble of the Division I tournament.

This is a 10-player batting-order tournament. Each team maintains a 10-player batting order *at all times*. However, each player on the roster must still play six (6) consecutive outs in the field and one at-bat (with a good faith rule in place) *or a forfeit is declared*. It is each team's responsibility to always report lineup changes/substitutions to the official scorekeeper on the forms that will be provided.

2022 MBA regular-seasons Pinto rosters are the rosters for all teams. Organizations may not, under any circumstance, laterally move players between MBA Pinto teams. However, teams may move Shetland level players up within their organization ONLY to fill roster spots left vacated by unavailable Pinto players. Once the regular-season Pinto player becomes available for play, the Shetland player must be removed from the active tournament roster.

Games that are suspended are restarted from the point where the game left off. Games that are called after the losing team has had 12 outs at bat (after 3 ½ innings for away

team or 4 innings for home team) are considered completed games, with the exception of championship and/or trophy games which will be played to completion.

Games shall be six innings in duration. No inning shall begin after **1 Hour, 15 Minutes**. Except for, if game is tied at the end of six innings, it shall go into extra innings until a winner is declared.

There will be a 10-run rule after 4 innings, any team ahead by 10 or more runs after the trailing teams at bat in the 4th inning or later will be declared winner of said game.

2022 MBA Pinto Rules are employed except as amended herein and/or at the Manager's Meeting rules review. Comprehensive tournament-specific rules will be provided at the Manager's Meeting. Any rules issues may be discussed at that time and put up to a vote at the Tournament's discretion.

Seeding: Seeding in each tournament will still be primarily based upon regular season records during 2021 MBA regular season play.

Tiebreakers will be in the following order: (1) head-to-head record in regular season MBA games; (2) number of runs given up; and (3) coin flip at coaches meeting.

Since MBA regular season records and scores are critical to seeding this tournament, please ensure that all of your records and scores are accurately reported to the MBA for placement on the website (baseball.gkt.com) by the day before the Manager's Meeting. The game results and team records posted on the website are the only official statistics used for Pinto World Series seeding. Unreported games are treated as losses for the purposes of seeding for both teams. Regular season games left unplayed (or played the day of the manager's meeting or after) are treated as losses for both teams for the purposes of seeding. A strong team with unreported wins may, in the discretion of the Tournament, be placed in the Division I tournament if the Tournament believes it is in the best interests of the Division II tournament.

The team with the higher seed is the home team for all games, including the championship games, even if the higher-seeded team is playing out of the loser's bracket. This rewards regular season performance.

Teams automatically placed in the Division II Tournament due to 2022 regular season record will occupy the lowest seeds in the Division II Tournament and will be seeded from worst record upwards, with similar tie breakers employed.

Play-in round rules will be available at the Manager's Meeting if a play-in round is utilized.

Locations: Division I (*Championship Bracket*) Tournament games will be played at **Bopp Field** and Division II (*Future Champions Bracket*) Tournament games will be played at **Bethlehem Community Park** (which will be modified for Pinto play), both located in Bethlehem, WV.

Division II team parents and fans are encouraged to use outfield seating beyond the temporary outfield fence at Community Field. Please feel free to bring pop-up canopies, but please do not leave them at the field when your team is not playing.

Cost: \$200.00 (Per Team). This fee must be paid by the Manager's Meeting. Please make all checks payable to "Bethlehem Hilltop League" and please designate the team name(s) on the check's memo line. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Hilltop League, c/o Ryan Kempkens, President, P.O. Box 6863, Bethlehem, WV 26003. Online payment can also be made at <https://bethlehembaseballwv.com/sites/BethlehemBaseball/home>

If your team will be participating, please register on our website <https://bethlehembaseballwv.com/sites/BethlehemBaseball/home>.

Mandatory Manager's Meeting: Will be held at Bethlehem Community Park on **Friday, June 23rd, at 7:00 PM** at one of the park shelters (which will be determined based upon availability). **(Someone representing your team MUST ATTEND)**. Bring a copy of your tournament roster to the meeting.

Awards: Championship rings will be awarded to the 1st place team in Division I Championship Division, also medals for 2nd and 3rd place in Division I. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Division II.

For More information:

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