

# WBA Modified Double-Elimination Tournament

## Summary

### What Stays the Same

- 32 playoff teams based on league records
- Single elimination in the first round
- Seeding process

### What Would Change

- 7 total playoff sites (including finals) instead of 5
- The addition of a WBA All-Star Game. Each league would be responsible for sending 6 players.

## Why Does This Proposal Make Sense?

### Financial Sense

In 2010, total bids for playoff sites were \$6400 (\$2000 for finals, \$1100) for regions. Adding two playoff sites, with a \$1000 minimum bid, would increase revenue to a minimum of \$8000. The WBA would be able to take a lower % of the cut, and put more share money back into the hands of WBA teams.

For hosts, the same number of games or more will be played at each site as in previous years, which will increase concessions sales:

- Each regional still includes eight teams, and eight games are played rather than the current six.
- Semifinal sites include eight teams, and will play six games, similar to our current regionals.
- The finals will include six teams, and play seven (possibly eight) games, including the WBA All-Star game.

### Baseball Sense

Adding a double elimination component to our tournament would help to produce more reliable and valid results. We would keep the single-elimination first round out of necessity (a full double elimination tournament would take 5 weeks), and then shift to more reliable double elimination after that.

An expanded tournament would allow for a richer playoff baseball experience for everyone involved.

### Marketing Sense

A longer playoff format allows for greater exposure for the WBA across the state. Teams' playoff experiences, for half our entrants, last longer than one weekend, allowing for great local newspaper coverage. An expanded WBA playoffs gives the tournament more credibility in our younger players, who we need to inspire to carry on the legacy and sustainability of the WBA in the future.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What About League Tournaments?

Here is a proposed WBA schedule for 2012:

Seeding meeting: Thursday, July 27 (\*In 2009 it was held Tuesday, July 28)  
July 29-July 31: League Tournaments (if held)  
August 3 – August 5: WBA Regionals  
August 10 – August 12: WBA Semifinals  
August 17 – August 19: WBA Finals

\*August 24 – August 26: 35+ State Tournament

### FAQ: Does double-elimination favor teams with more pitching?

In short, any tournament format favors teams with more pitching. But if you compare this tournament format to our current format, a team with two very good starting pitchers has a better shot at the WBA championship than previously. With only two wins per weekend to advance, including at the Finals, teams with two hot pitchers can realistically make a run at the WBA crown. The current bracket heavily favors teams in the WBA championship game with a third very good pitcher.

# 2012 WBA Playoff Bracket

## Regional Weekend, Aug. 3-5 \*Round 1 – Single Elimination

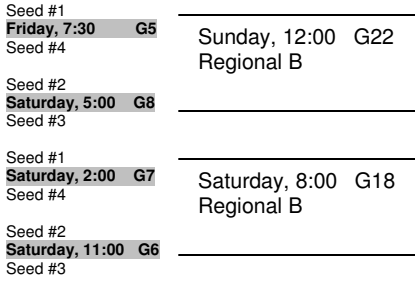
## Semifinal Weekend, Aug. 10-12

## WBA State Finals, Aug. 17-19

**REGIONAL HOST A**



**REGIONAL HOST B**



**REGIONAL HOST C**



**REGIONAL HOST D**



Friday 7:30 G29  
Semifinal Host E

Saturday 8:00 G37  
Semifinal Host E

Saturday 11:00 G31  
Semifinal Host E

Saturday  
2:00 G44  
WBA Finals

Friday 7:30 G30  
Semifinal Host F

Saturday 8:00 G38  
Semifinal Host F

Saturday 11:00 G32  
Semifinal Host F

\*Saturday 5:00 p.m. G45  
WBA All-Star Game  
\*Each league responsible for  
sending 5-6 players, including 2-3  
pitchers, 1-2 infielders, 1-2  
outfielders, and one catcher.  
\*Managed by two team managers  
from Finals Host team

East Team  
Chippewa Rivers  
Great Northern  
Dairyland  
Independent North\*\*

West Team  
St. Croix Valley  
Mississippi Valley  
Upper 13  
Independent South\*\*

\*\*This would rotate based on who  
was hosting WBA Finals

Sunday  
1:00 G47  
WBA Finals

WBA  
Championship

(If Necessary)  
Sunday  
4:00 G48

LOSER OF G44

Saturday  
8:00 G46  
WBA Finals

LOSER OF G29

Saturday 2:00 G33  
Semifinal Host E

LOSER OF G37

Friday  
7:30 G41  
WBA Finals

Sunday  
12:00 G39  
Semifinal  
Host E

Saturday  
11:00 G43  
WBA Finals

LOSER OF G31

Saturday 5:00 G35  
Semifinal Host E

LOSER OF G17

Sunday, 3:00 G25

LOSER OF G21

LOSER OF G18

Sunday, 3:00 G26

LOSER OF G22

LOSER OF G30

Saturday 2:00 G34  
Semifinal Host F

LOSER OF G38

Saturday  
8:00am G42  
WBA Finals

Sunday  
12:00 G40  
Semifinal  
Host F

LOSER OF G32

Saturday 5:00 G36  
Semifinal Host F

LOSER OF G20

Sunday, 3:00 G28

LOSER OF G24

**REGIONAL A**

**REGIONAL B**

**REGIONAL C**

**REGIONAL D**

## Complete List of Games and Times

### Regional Sites A-D, August 3-5 (7 total games):

*\*Friday night and Saturday morning games times can be exchanged to accommodate a #2 or #3 seeded regional host team to play Friday night.*

*\*Semifinal host E should be placed at either regional A or regional B, semifinal host F should be placed at either regional C or regional D.*

*\*Home team determined by high seed, or coin flip in case of an equal seed*

#### **Games 1, 5, 9, 13: Friday, 7:30 p.m.**

Seed #1 vs. Seed #4, (Losers eliminated)

#### **Games 2, 6, 10, 14: Saturday, 11:00 a.m.**

Seed #2 vs. Seed #3, (Losers eliminated)

#### **Games 3, 7, 11, 15: Saturday, 2:00 p.m.**

Seed #1 vs. Seed #4, (Losers eliminated)

#### **Games 4, 8, 12, 16: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.**

Seed #2 vs. Seed #3, (Losers eliminated)

#### **Games 17, 18, 19, 20: Saturday, 8:00 p.m.**

Winners of G2, G6, G10, G14 vs. Winners of G3, G7, G11, G15

#### **Games 21, 22, 23, 24: Sunday, 12:00 p.m.**

Winners of G1, G5, G9, G13 vs. Winners of G4, G8, G12, G16

#### **Games 25, 26, 27, 28: Sunday, 3:00 p.m.**

Losers of G17, G18, G19, G20 vs. Losers of G21, G22, G23, G24 (Losers eliminated)

### Semifinal Sites E-F, August 10-12 (7 total games):

*\*Home team determined by high seed, or coin flip in case of an equal seed*

#### **Games 29, 30: Friday, 7:30 p.m.**

Winners of G17, G19 vs. Winners of G21, G23

#### **Games 31, 32: Saturday, 11:00 a.m.**

Winners of G18, G20 vs. Winners of G22, G24

#### **Games 33, 34: Saturday, 2:00 p.m.**

Winners of G25, G27 vs. Losers of G29, G30 (Losers eliminated)

#### **Games 35, 36: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.**

Winners of G27, G28 vs. Losers of G31, G32 (Losers eliminated)

#### **Games 37, 38: Saturday, 8:00 p.m.**

Winners of G29, G30 vs. Winners of G31, G32

#### **Games 39, 40: Sunday, 12:00 p.m.**

Winners of G33, G34 vs. Winners of G35, G36 (Losers eliminated)

#### **Games 41, 42: Sunday, 3:00 p.m.**

Winner of G39, G40 vs. Loser of G37, G38 (Loser eliminated)

### WBA State Finals, August 17-19 (7 or 8 total games):

*\*Home team determined by coin flip*

#### **Game 41: Friday, 7:30 p.m.**

Winner of G39 vs. Loser of G37 (Loser Eliminated)

#### **Game 42: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (or a second game Friday night?)**

Winner of G40 vs. Loser of G38 (Loser Eliminated)

#### **Game 43: Saturday, 11:00 a.m.**

Winner of G41 vs. Winner of G42 (Loser eliminated)

#### **Game 44: Saturday, 2:00 p.m.**

Winner of G37 vs. Winner of G38

#### **Game 45: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.**

WBA State All-Star Game \*Home team determined by host affiliation

#### **Game 46: Saturday, 8:00 p.m.**

Winner of G43 vs. Loser of G44 (Loser eliminated)

#### **Game 47: Sunday, 1:00 p.m., WBA Championship Game**

Winner of G44 vs. Winner of G45

#### **Game 48: Sunday, 4:00 p.m., WBA Championship If Necessary Game**

*\*If Winner of G46 beats Winner of G44 in G47*