

2017 Tournament Information

To: District 10 Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches

From: Michael Piddington, Soccer Tournament Director

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DISTRICT 10 SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Soccer Tournament Dates:
October 21st - November 3rd, 2017**

**Teams who wish to opt out of the playoffs
must do so by Friday, October 14th, 2017**

**POLICY STATEMENT
FOR MEMBER SCHOOLS
WITH CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO
PIAA DISTRICT TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Philosophy Preamble and Conditions of Entry

The District 10 member school Principals and Athletic Directors have a long established tradition and past practice of promoting a broad based and inclusive district wide guiding philosophy for selection of participating sports teams and individuals within the structure and format of all post - season tournament competition that has repeatedly been recognized and approved through their elected and appointed members of the District 10 Committee.

The guiding philosophy is to establish representative tournament participation to all Regions of DISTRICT 10.

All qualifying entries are invitations and as such can be rejected or revoked by a member school or the District Committee for the health, safety and welfare of the student/team participants including disciplinary sanctions.

DISTRICT 10 POLICY STATEMENT

(THIS STATEMENT IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS WITH REGARD TO CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO ALL PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS)

PIAA District 10 Member Schools are not required to enter a Team into P.I.A.A. DISTRICT 10 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS. Entry and Participation by Member Schools in those tournaments sponsored by District 10 is totally voluntary. ENTRY of a Team or Individual Competitor by any Member School into a Tournament signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are inherent with the Tournament rules, regulations, and guidelines.

FURTHER, a Member School accepts the fact that the DISTRICT 10 CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, AND THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE reserves the right to make changes in the Management, Schedule, Sites, Dates, Times, and the Operations of Championships when, in their judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.

DISTRICT 10 SOCCER TOURNAMENT.

Boys Class A

8 Team Bracket With three (3) byes
4 From Region 1
1 From Region 3

Boys Class AA

16 Team Bracket With one (1) bye
5 From Region 2
4 From Region 3
5 From Region 4

Boys Class AAA

16 Team Bracket With six (6) byes
4 From Region 5
5 From Region 6
1 From Region 7

Boys Class AAAA

2 Team Bracket
2 From Region 7
Sub-region with District 6

Girls Class A

16 Team Bracket With seven (7) byes
5 From Region 1
4 From Region 3

Girls Class AA

16 Team Bracket With one (1) bye
5 From Region 2
2 From Region 3
7 From Region 4
2 From Region 5

Girls Class AAA With three (3) byes

8 Team Bracket
3 From Region 5
2 From Region 6

Girls Class AAAA

2 Team Bracket
2 From Region 7
Sub-region with District 6

For any game in the round of 16, the team on the top of the bracket will play at home.

Team Sports Bracketing Rules (applies to Football, Girls Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Softball, & Baseball)

- Team listed on top of the pairing is the designated home team for the purpose of uniform color only
- Bracket Pairings are done with a Modified Regional Crossover Scheduling

1. Break all region ties to determine a definitive order of finish. (See District 10 Tiebreaker in Handbook)
2. Determine the top four seeded teams and place in bracket.
#1, 2, 3 and 4 seeds must come from Region Champions and 2nd place teams
3. A region's top two teams cannot be bracketed in the same half of the brackets. The top two teams from the same region can only meet in the finals.
4. Cross bracket where possible so no two teams from the same region play in the opening round.
Seed #1 paired against lowest eligible team in Region standing from another Region except where #1 receives bye.
Seed #2 paired against next eligible team in Region standing from another Region except where #2 receives bye.
Continue in a similar manner until brackets are complete. To determine the lowest ranking team from another Region when there are 3 or more regions in play utilize the District 10 Ranking Index. Example: Region 2, 4 and 5 are all AA soccer teams. The Region 2 champion is the number one seed. The last qualifying teams in region 4 and 5 are compared using the District 10 Ranking Index. The lowest in the ranking of those two teams is paired against the number 1 seed.
5. In no case will a team who finishes below another team of the same classification in the same region be bracketed above that team.
6. The bracket position for teams that opt out will be left blank.
7. In the event a qualifying school opts out of the playoffs the remaining team in the pairing will have a bye.
8. Failure to complete and submit the District 10 Ranking Index online form by the deadlines indicated may result in team being placed in a lower seeding position or be totally eliminated from the tournament. Schools that play out of state teams must call that school to get enrollment for grades 10, 11 and 12 and CONVERT to a PIAA Classification.

* Utilize as a tool the District 10 Ranking Index

Reporting of Scores for the round of 16.

A Hosting school representative, following the completion of the game, must text the score to **724-301-6798**.

Sites:

1. In the round of 16 the team at the top of the pairing may host the game.** or in some cases the top four seeded teams may host double headers.**
2. The games in the round of 16 are District playoff games.
3. Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals will be at a neutral place, except for volleyball. Neutral is defined as a place that is not a home site to participating teams.
4. Seeding may not play a major role in the determination of the game sites in the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals.
5. Schools may opt out of hosting in the round of 16 by notifying the Tournament Director by the DATE indicated in the Tournament Packet. In the event a school opts out of hosting the remaining team in the pairing will be given the opportunity to host.

**** For round of 16, Games at a home school site for Softball, Baseball, Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball:**

All expenses (Officials fees) will be incurred by home school and admission charge is optional. Charge may not exceed the District 10 playoff rate.

****May not apply to all sports.**

Host schools shall minimize costs associated with hosting.

Additional Site Selection Factors for Quarter, Semi and Final Rounds:

- Availability of Game Sites
- Past Experience and Practice
- Seating capacity
- Intention to play games as part of double headers (or more)
- Quality of facility
- Rental charges and other related costs
- Bracketing of teams will not be a criterion for selection of game sites

State Qualifying Teams:

Boys A	Sub Region with 8-1	Girls A	1 Qualifier
Boys AA	2 Qualifiers	Girls AA	2 Qualifiers
Boys AAA	1 Qualifier	Girls AAA	1 Qualifier
Boys AAAA	Sub Region with 6-1	Girls AAAA	Sub Region with 6-1

Tentative District 10 Playoff Schedule

A and AA Girls Round of 16 – Saturday, October 21st, 2017

AA and AAA Boys Round of 16 – Monday, October 23rd, 2017
A Boys Quarter Finals – Monday, October 23rd, 2017

A/AA/AAA Girls Quarter Finals – Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

AA/AAA Boys Quarter Finals – Wednesday, October 25th, 2017
A Boys Semi Finals – Wednesday, October 25th, 2017

A/AA/AAA Girls Semi Finals – Monday, October 30th, 2017

AA/AAA Boys Semi Finals – Tuesday, October 31st, 2017
A/AAAA Boys Finals – Tuesday, October 31st, 2017

A/AA/AAA/AAAA Girls Finals – Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

AA/AAA Boys Finals – Thursday, November 2nd, 2017
A Boys sub-region vs 8-1 - Thursday, November 2nd, 2017

AAAA Boys and Girls sub-region - TBD

PIAA DISTRICT 10 OPT-OUT OF PLAYOFFS DECLARATION

Soccer: email form to mpiddington@mercer.k12.pa.us

(This form must be completed and submitted by Friday, October 14th, 2017.)

School: _____

Sport: _____

BOYS _____ GIRLS _____ (Check One)

SCHOOL SPORT CLASSIFICATION: _____

We, the undersigned, are requesting the ""OPT-OUT"" provision for our school. We understand there is the possibility we could make the play-offs. We further understand that by submitting this form, we forfeit the right to participate in the District 10 Championship playoffs for the sport indicated above.

Principal

Date

Athletic Director

Date

Head Coach

Date

PIAA DISTRICT 10 OPT-OUT HOSTING GAME

Soccer: email form to mpiddington@mercer.k12.pa.us

(This form must be completed and submitted by Friday, October 14th, 2017.)

School: _____

Sport: _____

BOYS _____ GIRLS _____ (Check One)

SCHOOL SPORT CLASSIFICATION: _____

We, the undersigned, are requesting the "OPT-OUT" for our school to possibly host a game in the round of 16. We understand that by submitting this form, we forfeit the right to host a playoff game in the District 10 Championship playoffs for the sport indicated above.

Principal

Date

Athletic Director

Date

Head Coach

Date

DISTRICT 10 BOYS' SOCCER REGIONS (2017 – 2018)

Number of Teams			
5	1A	1 – 170	
14	2A	171 – 282	
13	3A	283 – 467	
1	4A	468 AND ABOVE	

Region 1		Region 5	
Kennedy Catholic	1A	Bradford	3A
Mercer	1A	Warren	3A
West Middlesex	1A	Saegertown**	3A
Wilmington	1A	Ft. LeBoeuf	3A
		General McLane	3A
Region 2		Region 6	
Sharon	2A	Grove City	3A
Hickory	2A	Meadville**	3A
Slippery Rock	2A	Franklin**	3A
Sharpsville	2A	Oil City**	3A
Commodore Perry**	2A	Conneaut	3A
Region 3		Region 7	
Fairview	2A	Cathedral Prep	3A
Mercyhurst Prep	2A	Erie	4A
Iroquois	1A	McDowell	4A
Seneca	2A		
Girard	2A	Region 1 plays Region 2 teams once	
Conneaut (OH)	2A	Region 3 plays Region 4 teams once	
		Region 5 plays 4 matches w/ Region 6 & 7	
		Region 6 plays 4 matches w/ Region 5 & 7	
Region 4			
Titusville	2A		
Corry	2A	** Indicated Co-Op Agreement	
Eisenhower**	2A		
Harbor Creek	2A		
North East	2A		

DISTRICT 10 GIRLS' SOCCER REGIONS (2017 – 2018)

Number of Teams			
9	1A	1 – 172	
17	2A	173 – 270	
6	3A	271 – 440	
1	4A	441 AND ABOVE	

Region 1			Region 4	
Kennedy Catholic	1A		Fairview	2A
Mercer	1A		North East	2A
Wilmington	1A		Ft. LeBoeuf	2A
West Middlesex	1A		Girard	2A
Greenville	1A		Harbor Creek	2A
			Strong Vincent	2A
			Mercyhurst Prep	2A
			General McLane	2A
Region 2			Region 5	
Sharon	2A		Corry	2A
Grove City	2A		Titusville	2A
Hickory	2A		Bradford	3A
Sharpsville	2A		Oil City**	3A
Slippery Rock	2A		Warren**	3A
Conneaut (OH)	2A			
Region 3			Region 6	
Seneca	1A		Villa Maria	3A
Eisenhower	1A		Meadville	3A
Iroquois	1A		Erie	4A
Maplewood	1A		McDowell	4A
Cambridge Springs	2A			
Conneaut	2A		Region 5 plays 2 matches w/ Region 6	
			** Indicated Co-Op Agreement	
Region 1 plays 2 matches w/ Region 2				

PIAA District 10 Soccer
Tournament Regulations and Information for Qualifying Teams
(Please make copies and route to Principal, Athletic Director, & Head Coach)

- **Sites:** The District 10 Soccer Tournament Director will designate game sites and times for tournament games.
- **Officials:** The District 10 Officials representative will assign game officials.
- **Uniform Color Designation:** For this purpose only the team at the top of bracket is designated the home team and will wear **WHITE** colored jerseys. The team at the bottom of the bracket will wear **DARK** colored jerseys.
- **Designation of Locker Room Facilities, Bench, and Spectator Seating:** The Contest Manager shall designate the location of each Team's locker room facilities, team bench, and fan seating.
- A total of 20 players, coaches, managers, etc. will be admitted at the gate. Bus drivers will be admitted.
- **Required Information:** Each team will provide the Game Manager **one hour before game time** (1) Five copies of the team roster listed in numerical order with positions; season record, coaches names, school nickname, colors and copies of starting line-ups and (2) any other information that may be helpful to the game announcer and media.
- **Locker Rooms:** Game management will make provisions, where possible, to have locker rooms locked during games. Team coaches should arrange to take every precaution to protect equipment and valuables.
Game management is not responsible for lost articles.
- **The presence** and/or the use of balloons, banners, laser pointers, noisemakers, pom-poms (by spectators), shakers, signs, sirens, strips of material, towels, whistles, and/or portable listening devices (without earphones) are **PROHIBITED!** The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from their or the spectators from their school and community. Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirt and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests.
- **Tickets:** Beginning with round of eight: All tickets sold at the gate are \$5.00.
- **Broadcasting Fees and Policies:** No outlet will be given exclusive broadcasting rights. See the District 10 media policy at www.piaadistrict10.org for rates for **radio, television, video streaming, audio streaming and web publishing**. Outlets must receive permission in advance from District 10 to broadcast and make their own arrangements with the game site.
- **Tobacco Policy:** The PIAA Board of Directors policy prohibits the use of Tobacco products by participating and non-participating team personnel, including coaches, during any interscholastic athletic contest.
- **Bracket and schedule updates: Following each round updated bracket information will be available on the District 10 web site at www.piaadistrict10.org. Click the link to tournament info.**
- Each school must provide **two** ball girls/boys for each game they play.
- Each school must provide **e-mail team rosters (in the provide format)** to Mr. Michael Piddington by **October 3, 2017** to help facilitate the production of a tournament program.
- District 10 **Marketing Items** will be available for contestants at all contest (except round of 16), as long as supplies last.
- Should a conflict develop concerning the scheduling of your game, please notify the Tournament Director **immediately**. It will be resolved **if possible**: however, if a solution is not possible, all scheduled dates and times **will be followed**.

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